

Charity number: 1156954

**FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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# **FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN**

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

### **Trustees**

Mrs Jann Turner, Trustee  
Sharon Bell, Trustee (Appointed February 2025)  
Simon Haines, Trustee  
Lee Turner, Trustee  
Jane Nuttney (Resigned February 2025)

Charity registered number: 1156954

**Principal office: Riches Cottage, Stoke Tye, Stoke by Nayland CO6 4RP**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period of 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

### **1) Governing Document**

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by its constitution which was registered with the Charity Commission on 7 May 2014.

### **2) Method of appointment or election of trustees**

The management of the charitable incorporated organisation is the responsibility of the Trustees. Further trustees are appointed by the existing trustee body; there must be at least three trustees.

### **3) Financial review**

The following financial statements are French's Care Haven's charitable activities, and cover the period of activity from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. French's Care Haven's receipts and payments statement shows income of £52,903 expenditure of £53,842 for the period, resulting in a deficit of £939. This includes money held in a 100 Club account.

### **4) Financial management**

The finances have been managed by an external consultant, as the organisation seeks a permanent Treasurer. The organisation banks at Barclays.

### **5) Reserves**

The trustees have not set a formal target for reserves. This will be reviewed each year.

## **6) Risk Analysis**

The main risk is ensuring that sufficient funds are raised to keep the Care Haven going. The organisation has a lease with Mannings Farm Barn at Castlings Heath in Suffolk.

## **7) Funding**

At the moment, the Care Haven relies solely on donations from members of the public and sponsorship and money raised through giving, holding open days and attending events. During the year donations and sponsorship remained steady. The introduction of the 100 Club has in the past helped to generate more income. It should be noted that several of the prize winners donated their winnings back to the organisation. In 2024/5 income for the 100 Club dropped significantly in the year and the 100 Club was suspended. However, those people who had donated were happy for their donations to be carried forward in case the system was re-activated.

## **8) Objectives and Activities**

### **a. OBJECTS**

The objectives of the charitable incorporated organisation are:

- a) to relieve the suffering of animals, in particular but not exclusively horses, in need of care and attention by providing and maintaining a rescue home and giving appropriate care, protection, rehabilitation, sanctuary, treatment and security for animals that have suffered from maltreatment, neglect, abandonment, rescue or poor circumstances.
- b) To advance the education of people who own and care for animals and provide advice and information to the general public.
- c) to provide educational training for apprentices and those other people looking for employment. This may include people who suffer from a learning disability or people with mental health issues.

### **b. ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES**

The trustees arrange and attend events and hold open days to raise awareness of animal care and the changes needed to help stop the growing downward spiral of animal cruelty. The trustees provide information to the general public at events, open days and educational days, as well as working with local colleges, so that young people can come to French's Care Haven for training to gain knowledge, qualifications and work skills for future full-time employment.

## **9) Meeting the Principles of Public Benefit**

The organisation meets the principles of public benefit by rescuing animals (primarily horses) who would otherwise die or live in terrible conditions. It also provides training and volunteer opportunities for people who have difficulties in finding employment, either because of a learning disability, mental health issues or a lack of practical skills.

## **10) Achievements and Performance**

French's Care Farm has continued its primary objective of caring for animals, primarily horses and donkeys, who are either too old or sick to be cared for elsewhere. The level of care and attention needed by the animals increases

each year and the cost of living crisis has seen an increase in costs of animal feed and farrier costs, as well as the cost of reimbursing volunteer expenses, including travel costs and refreshments.

The Care Farm now has five large animal shelters, seven smaller shelters, 2 hay sheds, a large tool shed, one large metal container, one large feed, vet and rug wooden outbuilding and one first aid and meeting wooden outbuilding. These all require continued maintenance.

A number of university students from Essex University gained valuable work experience, as did a number of high school work experience pupils and Duke of Edinburgh young people. Many of them discovered the value of hard work and the importance of bonding with animals. The Farm also welcomed a number of home-schooled children.

The Care Farm also worked, free of charge, with individuals who suffered with complex needs and mental health problems, anxiety, depression and loneliness. For them the experience of working with animals helped to relieve many of their symptoms as caring for animals gave them a sense of fulfilment and helped build confidence and peace. A recent case study emphasises the importance of this work as in the letter, the young lady wrote;

*"I want to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible experience I've had working at French's Care Haven. When I joined French's, I was in a very dark and difficult place in my life. Being part of this community has helped me so much with my confidence, my physical and my mental health. I feel so fortunate to have spent time caring for such amazing animals, alongside such kind-hearted people. Every day that I spent at French's has taught me so much, not only about animal care, but also about patience, empathy and resilience. Being part of these animals' lives and watching them regain their trust, health and spirit has been both humbling and inspiring. I'm especially grateful for the support and warmth of the team. You welcomed me with open arms and made me feel part of the French's family. Thank you."*

During the year the Farm undertook a number of fundraising activities including an Open Day, a Quiz night, an Easter Egg Hunt, several meal nights, dog walks and a Christmas raffle.

The organisation is very grateful to the regular donors who continue to support the Farm and help with fundraising events, the 17 volunteers who give their time and energy to turn up and work so hard in looking after the animals, mucking out the shelters and undertaking routine maintenance tasks to ensure that the animals stay safe and healthy. In particular this year, the volunteer manager had had bouts of ill health involving some hospitalisation and this has put an extra strain on the volunteer support who come out in all weathers 365 days a year.

## **11) Future Plans.**

The trustees' aims in the 2025/26 financial year are:

- 1) To continue to provide care and attention to relieve the suffering of animals.

- 2) To continue to raise awareness, in particular to people who own and care for animals.
- 3) To continue to provide educational support for volunteers with anxiety and social confidence problems and those looking for employment.
- 4) Our prime goal is to own our own land, so we are not reliant on the good will of landowners. However, the search for a new space is challenging at the moment, as very few opportunities arise in the current difficult financial climate.
- 5) We have all the shelters we need and a tool room now. Our animals feed bills and vet bills along with the farrier, come to thousands of pounds a year, which can leave us struggling.

I would like to thank our regular donors and sponsors, without whom we would not survive, those who have provided one-off donations through Paypal and JustGiving and all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

## **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable incorporated organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ~ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ~ observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- ~ make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ~ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable incorporated organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable incorporated organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable incorporated organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

## Independent Examiner's Report

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

## FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2024/25	Total funds 2024/25	Total funds 2023/24
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Individual Donations	12666	12666	15103
Charity/group Donations	695		695
1326 Corporate Donations	27410	27410	
16032 Donations through PayPal etc		2218	2218
1369 Fundraising events	4840	4840	
3042 Others (Refunds etc)	54	54	
792 100 Club Transfer	540	540	
530 Income to 100 Club	270		270
1230 Gift Aid	4210	4210	6691
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>52903</b>	<b>52797</b>	
<b>46115</b>			
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Charitable Activities	52966	52966	48401
Shelter and fencing equipment	----	----	
579 Expenditure on 100 Club	876		876
1130			

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>53842</b>	<b>53842</b>
<b>50110</b>		
<b>NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>(939)</b>	<b>(939)</b>
<b>(3995)</b>		
Total funds brought forward	7228	7228 10553
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>6289</b>	<b>6289</b>
<b>6458</b>		

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024/25	2023/24
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand (main account)	6125	
6458		
Cash at bank and in hand (100 Club)	164	
770		
TOTAL	6289	
7228		
NET ASSETS FUNDS	6289	
7228 Unrestricted funds		6289
7228		
TOTAL FUNDS	6289	7228

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Mrs Jann Turner, Trustee

Date:

The notes on the following page form part of these financial statements.

## **FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **1. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2024/25	2023/24
Rent	600	600
Volunteer Travel Refunds & Food (1)	33725	23449
Hay/Straw	3732	4814
Feed	6670	4677
Farrier	3467	2360
Vets / Abbatoir	1069	4161



Horse / Equipment	92	-
Maintenance/Tools (3)	82	1602
Petrol / Oil /Car (2)	1784	3397
Office /Stationery / Snacks	286	1170
Insurance	1214	1952
Miscellaneous	30	219
Fundraising costs (e.g. food at events)	215	-
Sub Total	<b>52966</b>	<b>48401</b>
Shelters, doors, fencing etc	---	579
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52966</b>	<b>48980</b>
Expenditure on 100 Club (incl Transfer)	876	1130
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>53842</b>	<b>50110</b>

## 2) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023/24 - £ NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023/24 - £ NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023/24 £ NIL).

## 3) NOTES ON EXPENDITURE

(1) The rise in volunteer expenses was caused by a number of factors – an increase in the number of volunteers who could claim mileage, journeying to the farm at 45p a mile and an increase in the number of miles driven by four of the regular volunteers who lived in the Ipswich area. The move to a farm further away from Ipswich a few years ago resulted in longer journeys and more miles – the regular volunteers also put in several days to undertake further work in the absence of the Volunteer Manager. As most of the volunteers would put in shifts of six hours or over, the Volunteer Manager would also provide them with lunch. This year the Volunteer Manager had bouts of ill health, which meant that volunteers took on extra “shifts” to ensure that the animals were fed and looked after.

(2) The Petrol and car expenses relate to the mileage undertaken by the Volunteer Manager. The car is owned by the charity and the Volunteer Manager undertakes a large number of journeys from home where the car is kept overnight for security reasons as well as collecting supplies, feed, medicine, visits to schools etc.

(3) Maintenance costs of the site were minimal this year, compared to last year when a lot of fencing needed constant repair.

## CHARITY ACCOUNTS 2024/25

## 12 MONTHS: APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

MONTH	DONATION REGULAR	CHARITY DONATION	CORPORATE DONATIONS	FUNDRAISING EVENTS	DONATION THROUGH PAY PAL/JUST GIVING	GIFT AID	OTHERS (REFUNDS ETC)	TOTAL
April	1055.00		2260.00	485.00		2297.20	66.96	6164.16
May	975.00	3.93	2150.00	323.73	53.58		52.01	3558.25
June	845.00		2150.00	588.85			302.26	3886.11
July	1607.73		2150.00	1513.78	30.61			5302.12
August	876.00		2150.00		61.62			3087.62
September	895.00		2150.00		11.00			3056.00
October	1830.00		2150.00	559.20				4539.20
November	962.00	41.29	2150.00	1442.70	45.73		50.00	4691.72
December	1375.00	650.00	2150.00	567.12			100.00	4842.12
January	680.00		2150.00		1627.64	1912.37		6370.01
February	885.00		3650.00		302.93			4837.93
March	680.00		2150.00	100.00	85.00		80.00	3095.00
TOTAL	12665.73	695.22	27410.00	5580.38	2218.11	4209.57	651.23	53430.24

## EXPENDITURE

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	50.00	583.35		160.00	630.00	179.04	3343.00	36.00			43.99			5025.38
Novem	50.00	304.88		405.00		120.01	2483.00					150.00		3512.89
Decem	50.00	345.89		297.00	652.50	40.00	3110.00					243.86		4739.25
January	50.00	674.16	431.45	405.00		130.08	2851.00							4541.69
Febr	50.00	496.85		108.00	390.00	348.64	3241.00			769.11				5403.60
March	50.00	740.13	90.12	297.00	345.00	40.01	2772.00					80.00		4414.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>6670.48</b>	<b>1068.99</b>	<b>3467.00</b>	<b>3731.50</b>	<b>1784.14</b>	<b>33725.36</b>	<b>82.00</b>	<b>92.41</b>	<b>1214.40</b>	<b>285.90</b>	<b>1041.12</b>		<b>53763.30</b>
<b>MONTH</b>		<b>INCOME</b>						<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>BALANCE on month</b>		<b>BANK BALANCE (End of month)</b>		
Bank Balance April 1												6457.92		
April		6164.16						4141.94		+ 2022.22		8480.14		
May		3558.25						4538.82		- 980.57		7499.57		
June		3886.11						4227.69		- 341.58		7157.99		
July		5302.12						4795.54		+ 506.58		7664.57		
August		3087.62						4009.28		- 921.66		6742.91		
September		3056.00						4412.96		- 1356.96		5385.95		
October		4539.20						5025.38		- 486.18		4899.77		
November		4691.72						3512.89		+ 1178.83		6078.60		
December		4842.12						4739.25		+ 102.87		6181.47		
January		6370.01						4541.69		+ 1828.32		8009.79		
February		4837.93						5403.60		- 565.67		7444.12		
March		3095.00						4414.26		- 1319.26		6124.86		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>53430.24</b>						<b>53763.30</b>		<b>- 333.06</b>		<b>- 333.06</b>		

**Bank Account April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**6457.92**

**Income**

**53430.24**

**March 31st 2025**

**6124.86**

**Expenditure 53763.30**

**BALANCE - 333.06**

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**100 Club Account April 1 24 770.00**  
**Transfer to main account June 2024 540.00**  
**Balance 230.00**  
**Income 2024/5 270.00**  
**605.78**  
**Expenditure 335.78**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 164.22**

**Income on 100 Club 270.00**  
**Expenditure 335.78 + £540 transfer 875.78**  
**Loss on 100 Club -**

**Total loss on the year: 333.06 (Main account) + 605.78 (100 club) = 938.84**

## **INCOME**

Regular donations 12665.73  
Charity Donations 695.22  
Corporate Donations 27410.00  
Fundraising Events 4840.38  
Paypal/Just Giving etc 2218.11  
100 Club Transfer 540.00 -  
Others 53.97  
Gift Aid 4209.57  
100 Club Income in 270.00

## **EXPENDITURE**

Rent 600.00  
Feed 6670.48  
Vet & Abbatoir 1068.99  
Farrier 3467.00  
Hay etc 3731.50  
Car 1784.14  
Volunteer Expenses 33725.36  
Maintenance 82.00  
Equipment 92.41  
Office / Stationary / Snacks etc 285.90

Fundraising costs	213.89-
Insurance	1214.40
Misc/Others	29.97
100 Club Expenditure (incl Transf)	875.78

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52902.98</b>	<b>53841.82</b>
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**Total loss on the year on the main account      £333.06**

**Loss on the 100 Club Account      £605.78      TOTAL LOSS ON THE YEAR 938.84**

Figures differ from previous pages because a number of figures included on the bank statements (eg refunds, floats for the events etc) have been excluded from the OTHERS column as they balance each other out in the income and expenditure columns). The £540 100 Club Transfer appears separately in the income column and this figure has been deducted from the Fundraising income column, as was £200 float which was not banked separately and identified as float. Thus, the fundraising income figure has been reduced by £740.

French's Care Haven  
Charity registration number: 1156954

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of French's Care Haven**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of French's Care Haven ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 18 December 2025