

Charity registration number: 1157554

Racehorse Relief

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chief Executive Officer

Mrs Jo Massey

Trustees

Mr Paul Massey

Ms Emma Staton

Mrs Jo Massey

Ms Jennifer Opie (Resigned 18th September 2024)

Charity Registration Number

1157554

Independent Examiner

Bickerstaff & Co Chartered Accountants

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of racehorses that are neglected and unwanted and in particular to rehabilitate, retrain and, where appropriate, rehome such animals. To educate the public in matters pertaining to the wellbeing and correct management of former racehorses. The organisation was setup to help people who have acquired an ex-racehorse but are unable to care for it appropriately. This is usually because they have insufficient skill, insufficient ability or insufficient funds. These people can benefit from our charity either from our support and education or, where that is not possible, we can take the horse from the owner, rehabilitate the horse and loan it to a new home.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Supporting Ex-Racehorse Owners: We provide expert support and advice to struggling ex-racehorse owners online and by telephone. On our website, we encourage people to get in touch if they are having problems. Typically, we are contacted by approximately two owners per month.

Rehabilitating and Retraining Ex-Racehorses: Ex-racehorses come to us with a variety of problems, both physical and behavioural. The care of these horses takes the majority of our resources. The main limiting factor regarding capacity is the people required to care for the horses. Currently, we manage the workload with one Trustee (Jo Massey) working full time on a voluntary basis and two FTE yard staff. Another Trustee (Emma Staton) is a professional equine chiropractor. Emma is responsible for evaluating the horses when they first come in and their ongoing progress through their physical rehabilitation.

Rehoming Ex-Racehorses: After successful rehabilitation of the ex-racehorses, the charity looks for suitable new loan homes. Seven horses were rehomed during 2023. We were unable to take any new horses in for retraining during 2023 due to the lack of funding. During 2023, two horses were euthanised.

Fundraising disclosures

The primary source of income comes from donations from original owners who hand their horses to us for rehabilitation; or from loan homes who take on the rehabilitated horses. Donations are also received from the charity's trustees. We ran a successful crowdfunding campaign and received support from the Persula Foundation. The premises that the charity currently rents has an excess number of stables, so these are rented as liverys to provide additional income.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed according to the Constitution dated 15th February 2014.

The Members of the CIO are individuals, corporate bodies, or representatives of Organisations that are not incorporated; who undertake to act in good faith to further the purposes of the CIO. The affairs of the CIO are managed by the Charity Trustees. There must be at least three and not more than twelve Trustees. The Members or Trustees may appoint new Trustees at any time provided that new Trustees appointed by Trustees must retire (and may be re-appointed) at the next AGM.

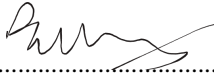
Organisational structure

Decisions are made by simple majority of votes at a meeting of Trustees or by resolution made in writing or in electronic form and agreed by all Trustees.

Day to day management of the Charity's affairs and line management of staff is delegated to the Chief Officer and Trustee, Mrs Jo Massey.

31 / 10 / 2024

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Paul Massey
Trustee



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Mrs Jo Massey
Chief Executive Officer and Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities 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 charity 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:

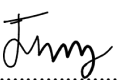
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 / 10 / 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Paul Massey
Trustee



Mrs Jo Massey
Chief Executive Officer and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Racehorse Relief

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Racehorse Relief 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 Racehorse Relief's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Racehorse Relief as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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Laura Rogers
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Date: 31 / 10 / 2024
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		191,057	182,387
Charitable activities		36,977	25,323
Total income		228,034	207,710
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		(181,260)	(219,367)
Total expenditure		(181,260)	(219,367)
Net movement in funds		46,774	(11,657)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(39,515)	(27,858)
Total funds carried forward	13	7,259	(39,515)

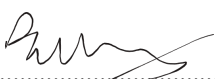
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 13.


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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	357,838	394,739
Current assets			
Debtors	6	9,148	1,579
Cash at bank and in hand		3,343	5,770
		12,491	7,349
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(57,522)	(28,732)
Net current assets		(45,031)	(21,383)
Total assets less current liabilities		312,807	373,356
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(305,548)	(412,871)
Net assets		7,259	(39,515)
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		7,259	(39,515)
Total funds		7,259	(39,515)

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31 / 10./2024..... and signed on their behalf by:



 Mr Paul Massey
 Trustee



 Mrs Jo Massey
 Chief Executive Officer and Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Racehorse Relief meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Donated services and facilities

Where services or facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this benefit is included in the financial statements at its fair value unless its fair value cannot be reliably measured, then at the cost to the donor or the resale value of goods that are to be sold.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Going Concern

At the end of the year, the charity's net assets were in a deficit position. There is a loan owing to the trustees held within long term liabilities. The Trustees have given assurance that they will not seek repayment of the loan until the charity is in a position where they have rebuilt the reserves.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities. are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

3 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Other fees to examiners		
The examining of accounts of any associate of the charity	-	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

4 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	459,684	16,429	40,320	516,433
Additions	192	-	-	192
At 31 December 2023	459,876	16,429	40,320	516,625
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	77,294	15,228	29,172	121,694
Charge for the year	30,658	861	5,574	37,093
At 31 December 2023	107,952	16,089	34,746	158,787
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	351,924	340	5,574	357,838
At 31 December 2022	382,390	1,201	11,148	394,739

6 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	7,472	229
VAT grant repayable	1,676	1,350
	9,148	1,579

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	26,022	16,103
Wages	16,586	5,730
PAYE & NIC	13,614	6,161
Other creditors	1,300	738
	57,522	28,732

8 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other loans	305,548	412,871






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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Appeals and donations	69,840	57,387
Donated use of facilities	121,217	125,000
	<u>191,057</u>	<u>182,387</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Membership	1,340	960
Rehoming Fees	11,500	9,000
Livery Income	24,137	15,363
	<u>36,977</u>	<u>25,323</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Direct costs - Equestrian	(54,604)	(78,472)
Subcontract labour	(2,115)	(3,334)
Wages & salaries	(70,296)	(78,796)
Rent	(7,500)	(9,000)
Light and heat	(669)	-
Property repairs & maintenance	(2,464)	(3,490)
Insurance	(2,082)	(327)
Motor expenses	(1,572)	(2,111)
Advertising	(867)	(175)
Printing, Postage and Stationery	(251)	(147)
Depreciation of motor vehicles	(5,574)	(8,064)
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	(861)	(4,107)
Depreciation of leasehold property	(30,658)	(30,646)
Charitable donations	(1,170)	-
Accountancy fees	(368)	(378)
Independent examiner's fee	-	-
Bank charges	(209)	(319)
	<u>(181,260)</u>	<u>(219,367)</u>




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