



**Special Needs Older Rabbits Sanctuary**

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## **SNORS ANNUAL REPORT STATEMENT 2023/24**

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## Section 1: Charity Commission Reporting Requirements

Special Needs Older Rabbits Sanctuary is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Charities are required to prepare and return the following information annually to the Charity Commission: -

- Trustees Annual Report – prepared by Trustees
- Receipts and Payments Accounts – prepared by Trustees
- A Statement of Assets and Liabilities – prepared by Trustees
- An Audit or Independent Examination of the Accounts

## Section 2: Trustees Annual Report 2032/24

### Charitable Objectives

For the public benefit to relieve the suffering and distress of older and special needs rabbits in need of special care and attention by reason of sickness, neglect and mistreatment and in particular to provide an end of life sanctuary for the reception, care and treatment of such animals and to educate the public in their care throughout England and Wales.

### Main Activities/ Objectives

The Charity was formed in April 2015 and registered with the Charity Commission in August 2015.

- To give end of life love, care and companionship to rabbits in need of an experienced home environment which would otherwise not be re-homeable
- Only re-home from reputable rescues (we are unable to take rabbits from the general public)
- Ensure rabbits are given appropriate and prompt medical treatment by a qualified veterinarian
- Not to allow suffering and ensure that once our rabbits have no quality of life, with veterinary agreement, we will have them humanely put to sleep
- Only take in rabbits where space and funds allow
- Actively fundraise to cover our veterinary costs
- Communicate the rabbit welfare message via our Facebook posts
- Provide advice and support to the general public on rabbit welfare matters
- To be open and transparent in what we do
- To enjoy, love and respect the rabbits in our care

All the Trustees declare and respond to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

### Achievements

In its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the charity has had an increase in its income of around £6k, and its expenditure remained the same which was good news for SNORS.

We received grants from three sources. Two from Animal Friends Insurance and two from Animal Protection Trust. We also received a grant from Paypal Giving Fund for taking part in One Tap Big Impact campaign. Our grants total was over £13k. This enabled the charity to make some important decisions regarding investing for its future.

We received incredible support from the public again this year, however, due to the ongoing financial crisis we experienced a significant drop in income of around £4k, which is considerable. This is definitely a worry for SNORS going forwards and we will need to manage our funds carefully in the future.

This income stability for the charity enabled it to make some medium term investments, moving £20k to charity savings accounts where interest rates were higher than the Building Fund savings account, so as to make best use of its financial resources. The Trustees acknowledged that these funds are likely to be needed for charities veterinary and running costs in the future. So, the long term Building Fund goal of premises for the charity have been put on permanent hold, as its not foreseeable in the current climate.

We have continued to provide support to members of the public who require advice on their own rabbits with special needs, this is taking more of our time, but proving extremely rewarding.

Trustees

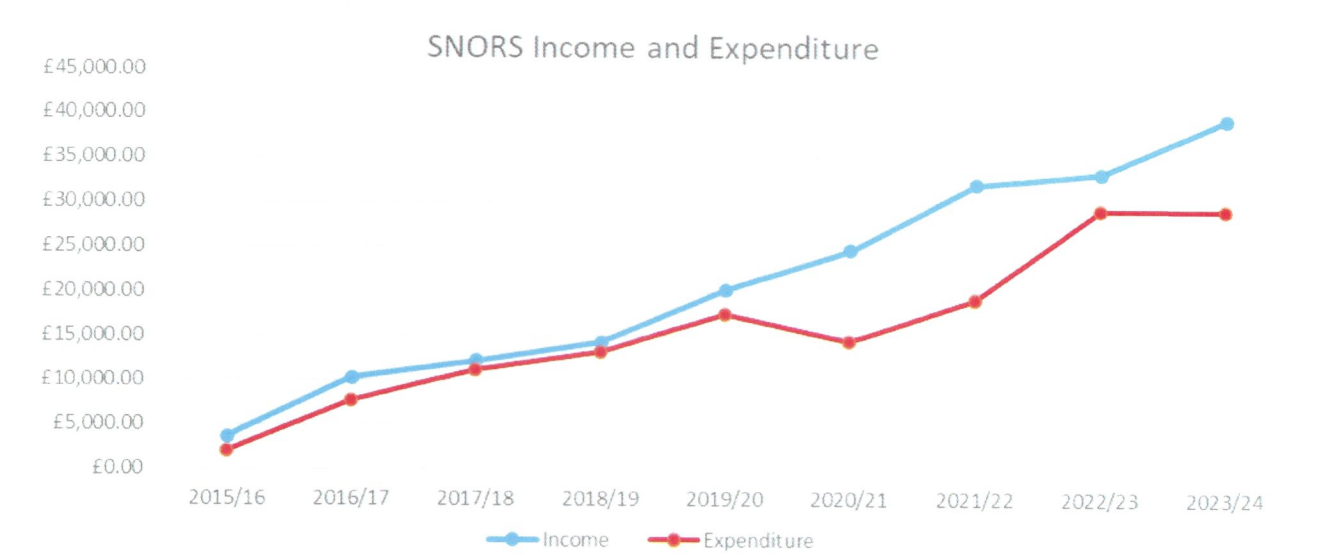
There was no change to Trustees this financial period.

Financial Review

*Financial Performance* – The total income for 2023/24 was £39,842.64 including Savings account Interest and the expenditure was £29,155.17. The overall net balance being £10,687.47.

£20,000 of our funds has been transferred from the Building Fund to a higher rate savings account.

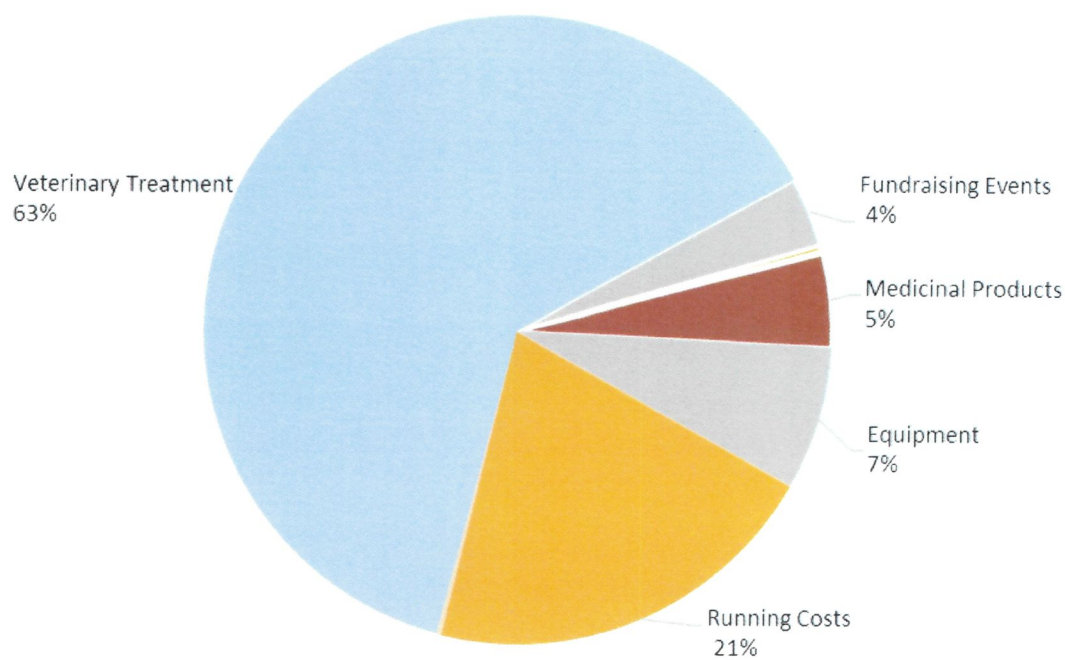
The charity’s overall net assets at the end of 2023/24 was £46,908.34\* (see breakdown below).



The charity was extremely fortunate to have a significant increase in funding from grants compared to previous years, accounting for over 35% of its income, however there was only 34% of its income in donations compared to 54% the previous year. This is concerning for the charity, as relying on grants is a huge risk.

The overall total costs incurred for veterinary treatment, medicinal products and equipment was 75% of total expenditure. Veterinary costs appear to have stabilised and are similar to the previous year.

2023/24 Expenditure by Category



<b>BREAKDOWN OF FINANCES 31/3/24</b>	
Current Account Balance	£ 16,638.06
Transfer to Building Fund Savings Account	£0
Building Fund Savings Account	£10,088.77 (£20k from account transferred to UTB see below). Includes interest of £290.92
Interest Accrued on Building Fund Savings	£10,181.51 (includes interest of £181.51)
UTB Savings Account 120 days' notice	£10,000.00
UTB Savings Account 2 year fixed rate	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS end of 2023/24</b>	<b>£46,908.34</b>

We are planning to use the remaining £587 restricted funds LUSH UK charity pot scheme on tarpaulin sheets for the outdoor runs, which, due to supplier difficulties, have yet to be purchased.

We received £1261.94 gift aid claim this financial year.

Reserves Policy –

Trustees monitor the charity's income and expenditure on a monthly basis enabling careful management of its finances by using the reserves policy. This ensures that there are sufficient reserves to continue to support the rabbits in the charity's care for the remainder of their lives.

The Trustees have agreed that £400 per rabbit will be held in reserve, we will keep this figure continuously in review. When charity funds drop near to its reserve the charity will take no additional rabbits into its care until the Trustees have reviewed its financial position. We believe this is required to maintain our high standard of care.

### **Section 3: Receipts and Payments Accounts**

The Trustees have agreed that SNORS will prepare its accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis. This is permitted under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 for small charities where the gross income does not exceed £250,000.

The accounts have been completed using the Charity Commission standard proforma spreadsheet (CC16a) which provides analysis of the incoming and outgoing cash for the year 2023/24.

The Trustees believe our accounts to be a true and fair representation of the charity's income and expenditure for the year 2023/24.





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<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Medicinal Products (VAT refund)	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Savings accounts	472	-	-	472	69
Members' Subscriptions - Sponsorship	5,011	-	-	5,011	4,347
Fundraising Events	4,542	-	-	4,542	4,236
Donations, Legacies, Unrestricted Grants	27,410	-	-	27,410	21,993
Animal Friends Insurance - Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Donated Goods	-	-	-	-	1,261
Easyfundraising/ Other Income	1,022	-	-	1,022	-
Gift Aid Claim	1,262	-	-	1,262	1,300
Running Costs	96	-	-	-	-
Medicinal Products	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment (refund)	28	-	-	28	134
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>39,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,843</b>	<b>33,340</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>39,843</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,843</b>	<b>33,340</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Charitable Activities - Veterinary Treatment	18,343	-	-	18,343	19,016
Cost of Charitable Activities - Medicinal Products	1,386	-	-	1,386	1,432
Running Costs - inc PO Box Annual Fee	6,008	-	-	6,008	5,209
Cost of Fundraising Events - postage	1,045	-	-	1,045	618
Cost of Charitable Activities - Equipment (see section B4)	2,174	-	-	2,174	2,429
Cost of Charitable Activities - Computer Software	30	-	-	30	31
Miscellaneous including Sale of Donated Goods, VAT sales	85	-	-	85	457
Cost of Sponsorship Activities	84	-	-	84	25
Animal Friends Insurance - Restricted	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£29,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,155</b>	<b>29,217</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,155</b>	<b>29,217</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,688</b>	<b>4,123</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>35,634</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,221</b>	<b>32,098</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>46,322</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,909</b>	<b>36,221</b>

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

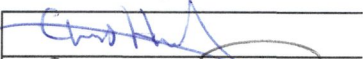

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account Bank Balance (split into restricted and unrestricted funds)	16,051	587	-
	Building Fund Savings Account (held in account which accrues interest providing 95 days notice given for withdrawal of funds). No restrictions on access.	10,089	-	-
	UTB Bank 120 notice savings account	10,182		
	UTB Bank 2 year fixed rate savings account	10,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>46,322</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>-</b>
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tumble Dryer			389
	Washing Machine			287
	Air Conditioning Unit			232
	Perspex sheets			150
	Posturpal covers x 3			149
	Hay Storage Unit			126
	Light Therapy Wand			113
	Clear Tarpaulins x 5			112
	Folding Puppy Pens x 2			83

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Chris Hamlin	24/01/2025
		Sharon Weaver	24/01/2025

Section 4: A Statement of Assets and Liabilites

Assets: Numerous items were purchased this financial year by the charity for its charitable purpose. Those purchased are listed below in full: -

AO	Tumble Dryer for drying rabbit bedding	£389.00
GOR PETS	Crate mats x 8	£216.00
PLASTIC SHEET	Perspex Sheets for Walls and Door	£150.30
PETLIFE INTERNATIONAL	Posturpal Covers x 3	£149.30
KETER UK	Outdoor Hay storage unit	£126.00
AMAZON	Incontinence sheets x 6	£85.37
AMAZON	Folding puppy pens x 2	£83.85
AMAZON	Cat tunnels x 4	£72.16
AMAZON	Incontinence sheets x 2	£59.96
AMAZON	Storage boxes for accounts x 3	£53.94
AMAZON	Waterproof mats x 2	£50.98
AMAZON	Hay pop up storage bags x 2	£45.98
EUROFIT DIRECT	Bar Latches for runs x 2	£41.75
AMAZON	Fold up play pens x 2	£39.95
DUNELM	Rugs and Mats	£39.00
IKEA LTD	Rugs and mats	£37.00
AMAZON	Mesh for gates	£36.20
AMAZON	Incontinence Sheets x 2	£36.04
IKEA LTD	Plastic Storage boxes	£36.00
AMAZON	Hay storage pop up bags x 2	£35.98
Izettle Merchant Services	Izettle device	£34.80
AMAZON	Herb drying Racks x 2	£31.98
AMAZON	Pet heat pad	£30.39
Ryman	Storage boxes for accounts x 3	£29.94
AMAZON	Electric heat mat	£29.74
AMAZON	Pop up hay storage bags x 3	£27.00



AMAZON	Pet hairdryer	£27.00
AMAZON	Fly zapper	£25.99
AMAZON	Cat tunnel	£25.19
Facebook Marketplace	Pet Carrier (used)	£25.00
AMAZON	Taupaulin	£18.99
AMAZON	Pet Camera	£18.09
AMAZON	Top and Tail bowl x 2	£16.98
AMAZON	Fly mesh for door screen	£14.99
AMAZON	Pet bowls	£11.96
AMAZON	Magnetic tape for fly screen	£10.79
HOME BARGAINS	Throws x 2	£7.98
AMAZON	Wipe Board	£2.75

For the purpose of Charity Commission reporting, an 'asset' is an item that is going to be used over multiple years - such as computers, printers, etc.

The top 9 currently most valuable 'assets' the charity holds have been included on the annual account spreadsheet (due to space on the form). Trustees amended the way assets will depreciate, they agreed that each year an asset will depreciate by 25% of its original value, giving assets a lifespan of 4 years.

*Liabilities:* The charity has no listed liabilities.

#### **Section 5: An Audit or Independent Examination of the Accounts**

This is required where the charity's gross income is over £25,000. As our income for the current financial year is at £39,842.64 (including interest earned on the Savings accounts) the Charity has fortunately been offered the services of Philip McGowan, who has independently examined the accounts. Philip is a Chartered Accountant who qualified in an audit and accountancy role, and has since worked in a number of roles in industry, including in the charitable sector.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Special Needs Older Rabbits Sanctuary

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any) 1163102

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

Signed:

*Philip McGowan*

Date: 23/01/2025

Name:

Philip McGowan

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Section 6: HMRC Income Tax and VAT

VAT - SNORS are not currently registered for VAT as our charitable turnover is less than £85,000.

Details below are from the Government website: -

- You must register for VAT if your [charity's VAT taxable turnover](#) (the total value of everything you sell that isn't exempt from VAT) is more than £85,000.'
- 'If everything you sell is [exempt from VAT](#), you do not have to register for VAT.'

Being registered with HMRC entitles the charity [to special VAT relief on certain products and services](#). We pay VAT at source at the on applicable products and services and take advantage of the zero rated VAT on medicinal products and medical and scientific equipment, by providing applicable suppliers with a 'declaration' confirming that we are eligible for VAT relief.

From the Government website: -

'Charities do not pay tax on [most types of income](#) as long as they use the money for [charitable purposes](#).

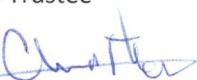
The small proportion of our activities which could be classed as 'charitable trading' is less than 1% of the charity's overall income. We believe this falls under paragraphs 13-15 of the small scale non charitable trading exemption, whereby the charity's annual trading turnover is less than £8,000 or 25% of its total income resources.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-detailed-guidance-notes/annex-iv-trading-and-business-activities-basic-principles#exemption-for-small-scale-non-charitable-trading>

SNORS sponsorship scheme currently operates within an exemption as no minimum payment is requested and there is no significant benefit provided in return for sponsorship.

We believe SNORS income is exempt from Income Tax.

SNORS carries forward total net assets of £46,908.34 which has accrued with full compliance of the current tax and VAT systems.

Declared as correct on behalf of the Trustees:-	Declared as correct on behalf of the Trustees:-
Name: Chris Hamlin	Name: Sharon Weaver
Dated: 24/1/25	Dated: 24/1/25
SNORS Trustee 	SNORS Trustee & Secretary 