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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

Swan Support was founded as registered Charity # 1163624 in 2015 and has now been operational for over 8 years, during which time it has gone from strength to strength. The Charity is focused on the rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured swans within the Thames Valley and surrounding areas, led by Wendy Hermon and supported by a group of volunteers with many years' experience. We provide a 24-hour service to the public by prompt response to calls. We also rescue waterfowl as needed.

The charity has now moved to its permanent site at Bray, under a lease from Summerlease and building works are now under way to complete a purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility.

As the leading swan rescue charity in the area, we have responded to over 1500 calls and are increasingly being asked to cover a wider area of the South of England and attend challenging rescues, often involving the use of a canoe. We have seen a large increase in injuries from dog attacks as well as catapults and have been working with the police and other organisations to respond accordingly.

Swans with fishing tackle are usually dealt with in situ, others with more serious injuries are relocated to our treatment centre for rehabilitation. Approximately 90% are subsequently released back into the wild.

All of our work continues to be staffed by volunteers and we are solely funded by donations from the public and supporting organisations. We have noticed a decrease in donations as the economic situation has worsened. Veterinary support is provided by a local vet in Uxbridge.

In addition to our rescue work, the Charity continues to work with other rescue services such as the RSPCA, Highways Agency, Fire Brigade and the police to co-ordinate rescues. We have also provided training in the safe handling of swans who are displaced on motorways, rail tracks and such like. We offer educational talks to schools, institutions and other groups with the intention of raising awareness.

As in previous years we worked closely with the Royal Swan Marker, Worshipful Company of Vintners, Worshipful Company of Dyers and the Royal Swan Warden to assist with Swan Upping. We were also responsible for keeping the racing course at Henley Royal Regatta free from geese and swans during 6 days of racing.

Trustees as of 30th September 2023

Wendy Hermon

Pauline Thompson

Joanne de Nobriga

Afi Webber

Registered Charity No. 1163624
Address: Bray Lakes, Monkey Island Lane, Bray, SL6 2EB

SWAN SUPPORT - 1163624

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Boyett Mayes Limited
The Stables, Moneys Farm
Bottle Lane
Mattingley
Hampshire
RG27 8LJ

SWAN SUPPORT - 1163624
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOME:				
Donations	32,588		20,062	
Collections	473		537	
Giving - Online	12,495		14,609	
Charity Checkout	474		917	
Loans Received	2,000		-	
Project Account Income	17,939		15,051	
TOTAL INCOME		65,969		51,176
EXPENDITURE:				
Accommodation/Rental	7,220		4,833	
Vets fees, planning costs and cremations	803		1,696	
Feed	4,127		2,381	
Fuel	11,775		11,021	
Vehicle expenses	7,853		4,224	
New Vehicle	-		-	
Telephone	576		520	
Boat and equipment costs	1,460		1,244	
Marketing costs	906		4,670	
Office supplies	1,181		1,307	
Loan repayments	-		(300)	
Insurance	3,198		2,794	
Charity checkout fees	599		335	
Reimbursed expenses	7,405		5,462	
Capital Expenditure	34,315		-	
Training	1,662		-	
Other	302		1,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		83,381		41,188
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(17,413)		9,988
Balance at bank b/fwd		31,749		23,160
Reverse cost accruals b/fwd	-	142	-	1,541
Accruals c/fwd		745		142
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		14,939		31,749

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities (Note 1)	<u>745</u>		<u>142</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u><u>745</u></u>		<u><u>142</u></u>
ASSETS				
Cash at Bank Current Acc	14,765		16,698	
Cash at Bank Reserve Acc	<u>174</u>		<u>15,051</u>	
Total Cash		14,940		31,749
Total Assets		<u><u>14,195</u></u>		<u><u>31,607</u></u>

Approved by:

Trustee

Dated: _____

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

NOTE 1: ACCRUALS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Portakabin Rental	745	0
Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>142</u>
	<u><u>745</u></u>	<u><u>142</u></u>

Independent examiner's report to Swan Support

This report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the "Regulations") and s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act").

Respective responsibilities of the charity and examiner

As members of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

L Fincham

Date

23rd July 2024

Name

LISA FINCHAM (Mrs)

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