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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

Swan Support was founded as registered Charity # 1163624 in 2015 and has now been operational for almost 9 years, during which time it has continued to develop its skillset and extend its reach. 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 multiple years' experience. We provide a 24-hour service to the public with prompt response to all calls.

The charity has now moved to its permanent site at Bray, under a lease from Summerleaze and during this year the site has begun its transformation into a purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility. Fundraising has been taking place focused on the new site with a project plan and a phased approach to the development. We have two indoor facilities, one containing pens for those swans and cygnets requiring specialist care and the other for administration purpose. The land has been cleared, fenced and prepared ready for outdoor pens and the next stage of the building works.

As the leading swan rescue charity in the area, the number of calls we receive from the public continues to increase and we have responded to somewhere in the region of 1750 calls in this year, each one of which is dealt with according to what is needed. Swans with fishing tackle are usually dealt with in situ, others with more serious injuries are relocated to our treatment centre for rehabilitation. Approximately 95% are subsequently released back into the wild.

Our remit now covers much of the South of England, as well as forays into other parts of the country. We are specialists in canoe rescues and are called upon by many other rescue organisations for support when dealing with challenging situations.

Attacks on swans continue to escalate, with injuries arising from dog attacks and in particular an increase in catapult incidents. To address this situation, we have raised awareness among the local councils and police forces and are meeting to discuss ways to collectively deal with the issues.

All of our work continues to be staffed by volunteers. We have been seeking out new volunteers to extend our reach and as part of our commitment to those volunteers we provide ongoing training and support.

We are solely funded by donations from the public and supporting organisations. The economic landscape continues to have an impact on donations, albeit that the charity does receive much support from members of the public. We participate in local events to augment our funding. We have incredible veterinary support, provided by a local vet in Uxbridge.

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In addition to our rescue work, the Charity has developed strong relationships with other rescue services such as the RSPCA, Highways Agency, Fire Brigades 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 to continue raising awareness about our work and how the public can make a difference.

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 2024

Wendy Hermon	Joanne de Nobriga
Pauline Thompson	Afi Webber

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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SWAN SUPPORT - 1163624
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME:				
Donations	36,028		32,588	
Collections	274		473	
Giving - Online	11,180		12,495	
Charity Checkout	2,367		474	
Loans Received	-		2,000	
Refund	3,000			
Project Account Income	2,970		17,939	
TOTAL INCOME		**55,819**		**65,969**
EXPENDITURE:				
Accomodation/Rental	2,093		7,220	
Vets fees, planning costs and cremations	5,510		803	
Feed	1,573		4,127	
Fuel	12,795		11,775	
Vehicle expenses	8,419		7,853	
New Vehicle	-		-	
Telephone	580		576	
Boat and equipment costs	3,612		1,460	
Marketing costs	2,080		906	
Office supplies	613		1,181	
Loan repayments	2,000		-	
Insurance	3,047		3,198	
Charity checkout fees	540		599	
Reimbursed expenses	9,631		7,405	
Capital Expenditure	1,216		34,315	
Training			1,662	
Other	178		302	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**53,889**		**83,381**
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		**1,930**		**(17,413)**
Balance at bank b/fwd		14,939		31,749
Reverse cost accruals b/fwd		- 745		- 142
Accruals c/fwd		-		745
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD		**16,124**		**14,939**
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024		2022	
	£	£	£	£
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities (Note 1)			745	
Total Liabilities		-		745
ASSETS				
Cash at Bank Current Acc	12,979		14,765	
Cash at Bank Reserve Acc	3,144		174	
Total Cash		16,124		14,940
Total Assets		**16,124**		**14,195**

Approved by:

Joanne de Nobrega

Trustee

Dated: 16/7/2025

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

NOTE 1: ACCRUALS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Portakabin Rental	0	745
Expenses	0	0
	0	745

Boyett Mayes Limited
Accountants, Taxation and
Business Advisers

Independent examiner's report to Swan Support

This report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2024, 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 ..... Date 8th July 2025

Name LISA FINCHAM (Mrs)

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