

Charity Registration Number - 1164595

Kent Wildlife Rescue Service

**Charity
Unaudited Financial Accounts
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Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

Kent Wildlife Rescue Service is a small charity registered with the Charity Commission in December 2015 as a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered number 1164595. The charity has continued to grow and is now entering its fifth year as a registered charity. As a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the trustees are the only voting members of the charity.

The principle office is 106 Victoria Street, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1YF

Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity during the period were:

- * Lorraine St. John
- * Sara O'Bray

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the charity is for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of wild animals in Kent in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain facilities for the rescue, reception, care and treatment of such animals.

Care and treatment will include those animals found by the trustees and by the general public, either brought to the centre directly or reported and collected by the trustees and volunteers. Assistance will be provided through general medical aid and care where appropriate or by referral to a Vet.

The Charity has continued to rescue many different species this year, still covering a larger area following closures of other local centres.

Raising awareness of the continued environmental pressure on wildlife is a large focus of the charity. Where Covid restrictions have allowed, talks and presentations have been carried out. More time has been dedicated to posting videos of animal rescues and releases on social media in order to raise awareness of what the charity has been achieving.

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Objectives and Activities (continued)

The rising cost of fuel has had an impact and a large proportion of rescues has been in the Thanet area. The Swan Sanctuary in Shepperton kindly donated one of their vehicles to us when they renewed their fleet.

The charity has taken over from the RSPCA in night service support to the Fire & Rescue service and further partnership working has been established with Fox Angels and Greenwich Wildlife Network.

Fundraising has been difficult due to Covid & restrictions that have been in place & has included supermarket collections and a calendar that was created by Borden Wildlife Group.

The new hospital project is ongoing in raising funds required, however the pandemic & restrictions together with shortfall in builders and supplies have brought plans to a temporary halt.

In 2022, the Charity's committee members would like to -

- * Continue work on the purpose built animal hospital
- * Grow income through grants and community funding
- * Further develop awareness through social media and on line fundraising
- * Increase Trustee and volunteer numbers
- * Investigate reasons as to the large increase in admittance of birds of prey to the hospital

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Financial Review

For the year ended 31st March 2021, income through donations was £29,477 (2020: £28,330) and expenditure was £17,438 (2020: £23,771). This resulted in £19,845 of unrestricted reserves (2020: £7,806) that were carried forward at the end of the year. The trustees are satisfied that the charity is on a sound footing and will be able to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

Risks Affecting the Charity

The main concerns of the Trustee's are that other organisations have been working on shorter hours or have closed completely which has increased our intake significantly. Also, the increased risk of avian flu has meant other centres have stopped taking rescued birds and the centre is constantly full.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by The Charity Commission in exercising their power and duties.

The trustees would like to thank all the donors for their support during the year and would also like to recognise the work of the volunteers under increasingly difficult conditions.

Signed: S. O'Bray

Name: SARA O'BRAV

Trustee on behalf of the board of trustees

Dated: 18/03/22

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KENT WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of Kent Wildlife Rescue Service for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 5 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 the seeking of 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 connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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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25 May 2022



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Receipts and Payments Account

	2021	2020
Income	£	£
Donations - Cash and Bank	28,255	26,705
Donations - Vet Bills	1,222	1,625
	29,477	28,330
 Expenditure		
Animal Feed	(5,529)	(7,394)
Bank Charges	(61)	(40)
Insurance	0	0
Medical Supplies	(266)	(339)
Sundry	(870)	(1,206)
Motor and Subsistence	(2,596)	(2,389)
Veterinary	(8,116)	(12,403)
	(17,438)	(23,771)
 Net Surplus for period	 12,039	 4,559
 Bank Current Account balances 31 March 2020	 7,806	 3,247
 Bank Current Account balances 31 March 2021	 19,845	 7,806

The above receipts and payments account was approved by the trustees.

Signed S. O'Bray

Name SARA O'BRAY

Trustee on behalf of the board of trustees.

Date 18/05/22

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<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</u>	2021	2020
Assets	£	£
Balance at bank	19,845	7,806
Van donated by Swan Sanctuary	5,000	0
Debtors	824	0

Notes to the accounts

- 1) The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.
- 2) The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations Regulations, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on the assets of the CIO.