

Charity Registration Number - 1164595

Kent Wildlife Rescue Service

**Charity
Unaudited Financial Accounts
Year Ended
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Trustees Report for the year ended **31st March 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Kent Wildlife Rescue Service is a small charity registered with the Charity Commission in December 2015, registered number 1164595. The charity has continued to grow and is now entering its eighth year as a registered charity.

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

Trustees

The Trustees serving the charity during the period were:

- Lorraine St John
- Sara O'Bray
- Jan Hooper
- Julia (Twiggy) Hawes

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 with the ultimate aim of releasing back to the wild.

Care and treatment will include those animals found by the general

Public and which have either been brought to the centre directly or reported then rescued/collected by the trustees and volunteers. Assistance will be provided through general medical aid and care where appropriate or by referral to a vet.

This year the service continues to have been very busy. The range of animals received continues to be wide and varied. As well as the variety of species increasing, the area from which animals are rescued has also increased, mainly due to the closure of many other small rescue centres/organisations of the past year. The risk of avian flu continues into its second year and has therefore increased the numbers of birds being brought to the centre due to the restrictions being set at other centres and vets in particular. The centre therefore is constantly full with birds (so far none show signs of flu) and we work closely with the swan sanctuary in Shepperton for assistance with vet diagnoses, treatment and surgery from their on-site vet team.

KWRS continues to service the Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Kent Police from 7pm to 7am as the RSPCA withdrew overnight support. The RSPCA still cover daytime hours from 7am to 7pm. This is our third year of offering support and the charity receives a donation of £1500 yearly for this service. Some of the numerous calls received during this year have included 2 dogs, numerous numbers of birds, 2 deer, 40 sows, boars and piglets which were caught in a fire. All callouts have been successful interagency working. Further partnership working has been established with Fox Angels and the Fox foundation.

The largest expense of the Charity continues to be Veterinary bills. Our principal vet currently is Manor Vets in Chatham; however, we still use the Trintiy vet centre for our more exotic species. We continue to use Newnham court veterinary hospital for out of hours emergencies. The rising cost of petrol has always been problematic due to the large area covered, Kent is the second largest county in England, the charity has a large proportion of rescues coming in from the Thanet area which also involves significant mileage from the centre and therefore cost. We have therefore managed to secure fuel cover donation of 50% from SJL Logistics a Kent Haulage company which also helps them towards neutralisation of their own carbon footprint commitment.

Fundraising has continued to be difficult (due to the covid pandemic and restrictions). However, the charity has tried to recover from this with a gradual increase of events and fundraising opportunities in the second half of the year. Fundraising has continued to include supermarket collections, but this has been much reduced. The charity is in the early stages of developing a new opportunity for fundraising in auctioning donated goods. Dawn Elisia and a team of two volunteers are ready to go! This year swale councillors (approximately 20) were approached and granted donation of £4000 to the charity. Borden wildlife group have created another calendar for 2022 with sponsorship gained for its production-KWRS have benefitted from a donation raised by its sale.

The covid pandemic has continued to impact negatively on volunteer numbers even through restrictions have been slowly lifted, due to shielding and isolating. Volunteer numbers have still not recovered. The small group of volunteers currently running the service continue to work really hard in their dedication and care.

Raising awareness of the continued environmental pressures on wildlife is still a focus of the charity and we hope to increase our presentation and awareness talks now that most restrictions have been lifted.

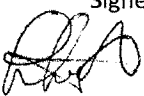
The charity now has four trustees (an increase of 100%).

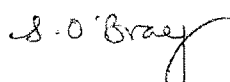
In 2022-2023, the Charity's committee members would like to –

- Increase volunteer rescuers across the county.
- Increase numbers of centre volunteers.
- Fundraising is continuously ongoing and the auctions will be fundraising priority for donations and to increase public awareness of the charity and its work.
- A computer database is being developed and hopefully will be ready for the next financial year.
- To work on the purpose-built animal hospital, there is now significant funds towards this however more is needed. There has been a difficulty securing reputable builders for quotes and to do the work.
- Grow income through grants and community funding- specifically the charity would like to explore charitable donations through councillors over the whole of Kent as currently we only approach swale. The base is situated swale however we cover the whole of Kent.
- Further develop social media and on-line fundraising
- Increase volunteer numbers and ensure the continuation of a stable trustee membership.
- Work on soft release pens for all wildlife in the process of releasing wildlife. We need to increase opportunity with the general public to work with us on the set up and location of the pens (which will be supplied by KWRS).

Signed on behalf of KWRS

Date:


LBT JOHN


SARA O'BRAV

10/01/2023

Financial Review

For the year ended 31st March 2022, income through donations was £46,407 (2021: £29,477) and expenditure was £37,444 (2021: £17,438). This resulted in £28,808 of unrestricted reserves (2021: £19,845) 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: Lorraine St John Sarah O'Bray

Trustee on behalf of the board of trustees

Dated: 31 January 2023

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of Kent Wildlife Rescue Service for the year ended 31 March 2022 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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31 January 2023

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<u>Receipts and Payments Account</u>		2022	2021
Income		£	£
Donations - Cash and Bank		46,407	28,255
Donations - Vet Bills		-	1,222
		46,407	29,477
Expenditure			
Animal Feed	(8,172)		(5,529)
Bank Charges	(197)		(61)
Accountancy	(180)		-
Medical Supplies	(1,077)		(266)
Sundry	(1,079)		(870)
Motor and Subsistence	(6,077)		(2,596)
Veterinary	(15,341)		(8,116)
Power	(4,309)		-
Postage	(469)		-
Event costs	<u>(543)</u>		-
		(37,444)	(17,438)
Net Surplus for period		8,963	12,039
Bank & Cash Account balances 31 March 2021		19,845	7,806
Bank & Cash Account balances 31 March 2022		28,808	19,845

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

Signed: Lorraine St John Sarah O'Bray

Trustee on behalf of the board of trustees.

Dated: 31 January 2023

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<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</u>	2022	2021
Assets	£	£
Bank & Cash Account balances	28,808	19,845
Van donated by Swan Sanctuary	5,000	5,000
Debtors	-	824

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.