

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Whilst the country still found itself in the grips of the pandemic and going in and out of lockdowns the Charity took this opportunity of continuing and building on the work undertaken in the last year and also changing our internal procedures with regard to meeting as a group and externally delivering and providing vital information to the public, horse owners and other professionals involved.

There has been a marked reduction in the call outs to rescue horses and whilst we remain positive that people are becoming more aware and more educated, we fear this may just be due to the current situation and that when the country comes out of lockdown and we get back to some normality we may see a rise in call outs.

Again as the lockdown and some restrictions continue into another year we have used this time productively in examining our methods and practices. Our main objectives have always been education and guidance and we have continued this theme over the last year.

The lifting of some of the restrictions has enabled us to continue our educational work and resume some visitations of our foster families. We have seen the return of some of our foster ponies as well this year

Help for Horses UK continues it's work in partnership with the Newark and Sherwood District Council to provide its officers with horse welfare advice and practical support.

For the coming year we aim to continue and promote our work and the Charity is aiming to provide more advice and educational support. Our theme in our last annual report was mental wellbeing and welfare of the owner as well as the horse. This has and will continue but over the coming months we are looking now to roll this out to the younger generation.

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Janice Dixon, B. Vet. Med. M.R.C.V.S.
Chair
Help for Horses UK

1) Help for Horses UK Objectives

Help for Horses UK was created and continues to:

- Promote humane behaviour towards horses by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security of those that are in need of care and attention. This includes maltreatment, ill health, poor circumstances, and responding to the growing crisis of abandoned horses.
- Provide horse welfare guidance, education and support to public bodies, horse owners, and the general public, to prevent cruelty and suffering of horses.
- Having in mind our strong commitment to public benefit, we work with local authority partners, the police, other public agencies, and local communities, to highlight and respond to the escalating crisis of abandoned horses, alive and dead, which cause considerable distress to the general public, and increase the pressure on local authorities and the police.

2) Structure, Governance and Management

a) Structure

The charity has four trustees and six committee members with voting rights.

b) Governance

The charity is governed by the charity's Constitution.

c) Management

There are four trustees comprising the Chair, two Senior Welfare Officers and Treasurer. The Chair and Senior Welfare Officer were the founders of the charity and there are six committee members from a variety of professions.

The charity's Constitution requires that the officers of the charity, i.e. the Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary may hold the office for a maximum of three terms, each term being for a period of three years.

All our Trustees and Committee Members are volunteers who either run their own businesses or work full time

d) Help for Horses UK Management Committee

There are ten volunteer members, comprising four Trustees (including the Senior Welfare Officer) two Welfare Officers, and another six members with voting rights.

The Management Committee meet regularly throughout the year.

The format of these meetings is to discuss social media, fundraising, future events and review of our protocol documentation as and when necessary

e) Meetings

Trustee Meetings

The four Trustees meet formally and informally to review work in progress and any current issues. They also consider the charity's future development, and how it can provide the best service possible. The informal meetings help to identify issues requiring discussion at formal trustees' meetings, also those for inclusion on Management Committee Meeting Agendas.

Under current conditions the four trustees have been in regular contact through email, telephone and Zoom meetings.

During the year, the trustees met to consider a number of issues:

- General management including, finance, the allocation of specific responsibilities, protocols for welfare visits and provision of education courses and workshops

3) Horses Rescued

Whilst we have not had any rescue horses this year one pony we had rehomed 'Cauliflower' has been returned to us but he has since been rehomed again to new foster home, where he has settled very well.

We have also taken back 'Bubble' & 'Squeak' and they remain with the Charity for the time being to assist in education.

4) Achievements During Year Ended 31st August 2021

The welfare officers have carried out a lot of home visits this year to touch base with our foster families to check on the ponies and the families and to give advice and support during their fostering.

We provided workshops on minor wounds and ailments and the treatments required, signs to look out for if a pony is in distress and what the Charity would term a 'welfare case'

We have also undertaken the BHS progressive tests which covers both riding and stable management skills.

In the summer the charity attended an equestrian centre and during their 5 day and 3 day camps there were lectures on horse welfare including information on the farrier, minor ailments, health and welfare of the pony, bandaging and how to treat minor injuries and stable management together with field management and poisonous plants

The charity continues to receive huge donations of riding wear, horse tack and equipment and these are sold on to raise funds for the charity.

5) Funding

We regularly receive donations from the general public through our charity boxes/tins that are placed in local shops together with auctions and selling cards and other merchandise.

All fundraising proceeds are earmarked for the care of the horses under our protection and to reimburse our Welfare Officers for livery costs and expenses as well as being able to host workshops

6) Conclusion

The Charity has evolved since its early years and although we remain relatively small we are proud that our reputation within the community is strong and more often than not we are the first port of call for any enquiries or concerns and this is due to the hard work of our members and volunteers in the promotion of our work

We have had to move with the times and some of our practices have changed such as our meetings our now conducted via Zoom

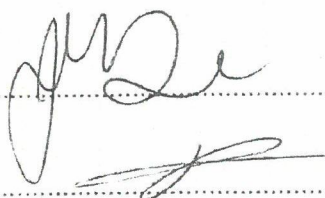
Our aim in the coming year is to continue with education, advice and support and we are looking now to develop courses for children.

The Charity remains grateful to all the donations and work done by the volunteers throughout the last year which leads me on to note that sadly we lost one of our founding Trustees, Patricia Dexter (Pat) who lost her battle with cancer.

Pat was a great friend to Trustees and the committee members and worked tirelessly for the Charity, in its inception she was instrumental getting the Charity registered, organising our meetings and drafting all our protocols, she was always at our fund raising events, donating some fantastic raffle prizes and raising a significant amount for the Charity.

She will be missed by us all. Her funeral was very well attended and even one of our ponies was there, which she would have loved.

Signatures



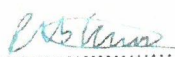
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Janice Dixon, B. Vet. Med. M.R.C.V.S.
Chair of the Trustees



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Rose Wilson, BHS AI, Equine Assessor Level 3, UKCC
Level 3, Vosa Equine Transporter, First Aid **Trustee**
and Senior Welfare Officer



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Judith Alcock, AAT
Trustee and Treasurer

Rachael Ashworth, BHS Accredited Stage 3 Coach,
Stage 4 Care **Trustee and Welfare**

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
HELP FOR HORSES UK

No (if any)
1164742

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2020	To	Period end date 31/08/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	6,215	-	-	6,215	2,809
Charity Events	510	-	-	510	1,971
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-
raffle	-	-	-	-	40
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,725	-	-	6,725	4,820
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,725	-	-	6,725	4,820
A3 Payments					
Insurances	535	-	-	535	2,408
Horse welfare / Rescue Costs	880	-	-	880	802
Event Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Printing & Promotional Items	-	-	-	-	732
Professional Fees re website	540	-	-	540	1,370
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	638
Horse Trailer	-	-	-	-	4,200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,955	-	-	1,955	10,150
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,955	-	-	1,955	10,150
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,770	-	-	4,770	5,330
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	40,087	-	-	40,087	45,417
Cash funds this year end	44,857	-	-	44,857	40,087

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		44,857	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,857	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Gazebo	Unrestricted	1,464	150
	Horse Trailer	Unrestricted	4,200	2,800
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		JUDITH R ALCOCK	23-6-22



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

HELP FOR HORSES UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1164742

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

N. Hopwood.

Date:

26/06/2022

Name:

NICHOLAS HOPWOOD

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.