

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

During the last year the charity has concentrated on education and training, one of the core aims of the charity which has evolved successfully since its commencement.

Whilst the charity did not take in many welfare horses over the last year, it was still busy with calls and call outs which thankfully required our welfare officers providing advice and guidance.

Our Welfare officers anticipated more visits due to coming winter and the cost of living crisis yet the prices of ponies and horses has not reduced so this has resulted in them not being passed around.

The charity still regularly receives donations of tack, rugs and saddles as well as financial contributions. Bubble and Squeak continue to progress in their respective riding schools which is a pleasure to see.

The charity 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. Our accounts are healthy and as we have not taken in as many horses we can concentrate our efforts to promote education and training.

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.
- Providing 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 pressure on local authorities and the police.

2) Structure, Governance and Management

a) Structure

The charity has four trustees and four 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 trustees, i.e. the Chairperson, Senior Welfare Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary may hold an office for a maximum of three terms, each term being for a period of three years.

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

d) Help for Horses UK Management Committee

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

The Management Committee meet regularly throughout the year.

The format of these meetings are to discuss raising awareness of the charity and its purpose, fundraising, training and education material, 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.

The four trustees have been in regular contact through email and telephone and Zoom meetings.

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

- General management, direction of the charity and its purpose, educational and training material and the use of social media.

3) **Achievements During Year Ended 31st August 2023**

We continued to undertake the BHS progressive tests which covers both riding and stable management and have also worked with a riding school to provide lectures on horse welfare for their pony stars programme

We saw our usual attendance at an equestrian centre as part of their summer camps and gave lectures on horse welfare, first aid, health and welfare of the pony, bandaging treating minor injuries and stable management, field management and poisonous plants

'Bubble' and 'Squeak' continue to thrive in the riding school and Bubble is on loan to a rider with lots of training in walk, trot, canter and some jumping.

With the hot summer we have seen several cases of horses not having enough water and we saw a case of a pony tethered which necessitated the involvement of Newark and Sherwood Council, by the time our welfare officers arrived at the scene the pony had been removed.

In July 2023 3 horses and a donkey had got loose, our welfare officers examined the horses as the donkey had been removed before their attendance, the horses looked well and no signs of distress their field had plenty of grass.

Our welfare officers attended a site following a call that the ponies were looking too thin, upon inspection both ponies were in good health but were just young.

4) Funding

We regularly receive donations from the general public through our charity boxes/tins that are placed in local shops.

We are fortunate that people continue to raise funds for our charity from car boot sales, raffles and tack sales. We also receive donations of tack, rugs and other equipment which is gratefully received by the charity.

5) Conclusion

The charity has had a positive year, whilst we are in a healthy position financially we have been able to concentrate on education and training so whilst fundraising and support from the public is still vitally important to the charity being able to continue, we know that the charity is in a good position to be able to take in any welfare cases if the need arises.

Our aim in the coming year is to continue with education, advice and support. Increase our social media presence by posting regularly and providing articles.



Janice Dixon, B. Vet. Med. M.R.C.V.S.

Chair of the Trustees



Rose Wilson, BHS AI, Equine Assessor Level 3, UKCC Level 3,

Vosa Equine Transporter, First Aid

Trustee and Senior Welfare Officer



Judith Alcock, AAT

Trustee

Rachael Ashworth

Trustee



Date:



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HELP FOR HORSES UK

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	907	-	-	907	3,226
Charity Events	-	-	-	-	919
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	907	-	-	907	4,145
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	907	-	-	907	4,145
A3 Payments					
Insurances	2,918	-	-	2,918	2,947
Professional Fees re website	288	-	-	288	540
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,206	-	-	3,206	3,487
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,206	-	-	3,206	3,487
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,299	-	-	- 2,299	658
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,515	-	-	45,515	44,857
Cash funds this year end	43,216	-	-	43,216	45,515

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		43,216	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,216	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Gazebo	Unrestricted	1,464	80
	Horse Trailer	Unrestricted	4,200	1,800
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

HELP FOR HORSES UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1164742

Set out on pages

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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

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:

05/02/2024

Name:

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(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.