

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

During the last year the charity has continued its emphasis on education and training, which has proven to be very successful within the local community. With the assistance of Newark and Sherwood District Council there has been a reduction in welfare cases.

The charity remains busy with calls and the welfare officers have been on call outs and providing advice and support where necessary.

Whilst the cost of living still bites, our Welfare officers anticipated more visits.

The charity still regularly receives donations of tack, rugs and saddles as well as financial contributions.

The charity continues its work in partnership with the Newark and Sherwood District Council to provide its officers with horse welfare advice and practical support. Although over the last year this has reduced somewhat due to the success of the practices put in place as a result of this partnership. The charity is considering if this could be rolled out to other local authorities.

Looking to the coming year we aim to continue and promote the charity through education and training. Whilst our accounts remain healthy we are stepping back on our fundraising events for a shortwhile and concentrating on ways to raise awareness of the charity through education.

Rose Wilson
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 four 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 2024**

We attended a very successful open day at an equestrian centre in September 2023 and in preparation of that event we did a training session with some of our rescue ponies which was very well received and attended.

'Boggle' attended the Southwell Ploughing Match at the end of September.

With having such a wet winter we saw a flurry of calls concerning horses standing in water logged fields. Our welfare officers checked the sites, whilst the fields were very wet the horses did have water and hay so no further action was required other than leaving notices where applicable

As anticipated with the costs of living crisis there were many enquiries about rehoming horses however regrettably we can only take 'welfare' cases due to the amount of livery spaces we have available.

In April 2024 we collected Velvet and she was rehomed in May, our welfare officers visited Velvet at the end of May and she has settled very well in her new home.

Our first ever rescue pony Shrimpy came back to us in March 2024 and he was rehomed, our welfare officers carried out a health check at the end of April and he was looking well.

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

4) **Funding**

We continue to receive donations regularly through our charity boxes/tins that are placed in local shops, we are continually grateful for the fundraising that people do and all donations of tack, equipment, rugs and raffle prizes.

5) **Conclusion**

The charity has had another positive year, we are in a healthy position financially and this has meant we can continue to concentrate on education and training

Our aim in the coming year is to continue with education, advice and support and maintain the public's awareness of the charity through attending events and being more active on social media platforms

Rose Wilson, BHS AI, Equine Assessor Level 3, UKCC Level 3,
Vosa Equine Transporter, First Aid

Senior Welfare Officer
Chair of the Trustees

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

Trustee

Judith Alcock, AAT

Trustee

Rachael Ashworth

Trustee

Date: 28/06/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

HELP FOR HORSES UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1164742

Set out on pages

1 AND 2

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's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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 no concerns and 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.

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

Signed:

N. Hopwood

Date:

23/06/2025

Name:

NICHOLAS HOPWOOD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
HELP FOR HORSES UK

Charity Number
1164742

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2023

To

31/08/2024

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	551	-	-	551	907
Charity Events	488	-	-	488	-
Bank Interest	66	-	-	66	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,105	-	-	1,105	907
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,105	-	-	1,105	907
A3 Payments					
Insurances	2,801	-	-	2,801	2,918
Professional Fees re website	331	-	-	331	288
Merchandise	140	-	-	140	-
Horse welfare and rescue	2,395	-	-	2,395	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,667	-	-	5,667	3,206
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,667	-	-	5,667	3,206
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,562	-	-	- 4,562	- 2,299
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,216	-	-	43,216	45,515
Cash funds this year end	38,654	-	-	38,654	43,216

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		38,654	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	38,654	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Gazebo	Unrestricted	1,464	70
	Horse Trailer	Unrestricted	4,200	1,600
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval