



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Charity name: Vetwork UK CIO

Charity registration number: 1165435

## Objectives and Activities

### Summary of purpose

The principal purpose of the charitable company, as set out in its memorandum and articles of association, is to provide veterinary and animal welfare assistance to poorer communities and to provide management and technical support to animal health and welfare practitioners, from community to professional level, via training, education and publications

### Summary of main activities

For Vetwork UK the year from April 2020 to March 2021 was dominated by two significant events:

Firstly the global Covid pandemic which impacted on activities in several ways including that no trustee meetings were held in person, all interaction was moved to online meetings and Jitsi was the platform of choice;

Secondly the recent separation from the LEGS project which meant that the work and direction that Vetwork takes has become much more open and flexible but likewise requires real debate and discussion regarding the path to follow particularly with increasing awareness of the global biodiversity loss and climate crisis, the place of livestock in our global future, the impacts of climate and societal change on other animal categories such as wildlife and companion animal care.

Due to these factors the year has seen a great deal of reorganisation of the charities objects and core funding which is ongoing.

Support to RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)/ BNHS (Bombay Natural History Society) / Birdlife International Vulture Rehabilitation work. Following from previous years, the Charity continued to monitor progress and support through small grants the vulture rehabilitation work in India undertaken by the Bombay Natural History Society and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds under the wider umbrella of Birdlife International.

The charity continued to review strategy and policy informed by, for example:

- \* scientifically validated reports on Climate Change, Global Biodiversity Loss, and the place of meat consumption in relation to these phenomena;
- \* OIE recognition of 'One Welfare';
- \* rapidly changing perspectives on global development.

Preliminary discussions around risk and risk management including dynamic risk assessment models.

### Public Benefit Statement

Vetwork UK provides a public benefit by:

- \* Promoting increased care of livestock for communities and families for whom livestock is a key livelihood resource. This is mainly through engagement with international development and focusing on marginalized and disadvantaged communities, and those affected by emergencies such as animal disease outbreaks, drought or flooding. Livestock play a crucial role in helping communities to build resilience to disasters and emergencies as they are often the social and financial assets that the poor draw upon in times of stress.
- \* Promote the benefits that animals can provide to their owners and the wider public such as the bond created between animals and people through daily care and companionship. Together with the international development work, this approach also provides a focus for improving animal welfare.
- \* Raising awareness of the need to conserve habitat for wild animals and take tangible steps towards protection and preserving such habitats

## Achievements and Performance

### Main achievements

- Contributed to achievements in vulture rehabilitation by RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)/ BNHS (Bombay Natural History Society) / Birdlife International.
- Rationalised on-line presence post-LEGS, for example re-claiming Flickr account.
- Re-connected with Craigmillar project and planned a re-survey of biodiversity once Covid permits in collaboration with Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust.
- Two articles published in Vet Times highlighting Vetwork UK thinking on re-imagining the veterinary profession.

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The trustees undertake a review of the charity's financial position when agreeing the accounts and the independent examiner's report at its AGM each year
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity holds unrestricted funds to cover periods where there will be no income. The unrestricted funds are used to cover administrative costs and to fund small projects that fit within its mandate. The charity holds no restricted funds.
Amount of reserves held	As at the 31st March 2021, the charity holds £23,088 as unrestricted funds

### Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Currently no income streams
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Rationalised banking arrangements, from two banks to current funds held only in Triodos Bank as the most ethical we could find

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Deed of trust and governing document
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

## Reference and Administrative details

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Registered charity number	1165435
Charity's principal address	<p>7 Elizabeth Close</p> <p>Reepham</p> <p>Norwich</p> <p>NR10 4JF</p>



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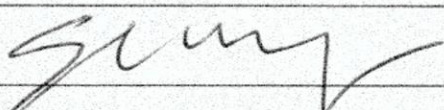
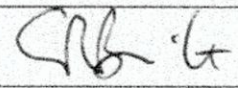
### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr S C Morgan			
2	S Blakeway			
3	A Briault			
4	S Arnott		Appointed January 2021	
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### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SARAH MORGAN	ALEX BRIAULT
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE AND CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	10/11/2021	10/11/2021



