



## ANNUAL RETURN 2025

2025 saw different challenges for our organisation.

We had an upturn in the number of cubs found, more releases and more need for resources to maintain this vital conservation service. In the 2025 period, we had 37 cubs in and released 19 back into the wild (previous years cubs ready for release)

We have more volunteers and a much larger social media, TV and Radio presence than in 2024.

We were in September 2025, issued with a very unexpected “no fault section 21 eviction notice” from the landlords. This was naturally a huge shock and massive blow to our organisation given that we had 4 months to vacate our home on site and 6 months to vacate the otter rehabilitation centre. This was an uphill battle on paper as the centre took 4 years to build and get to how we needed it.

Thankfully one of our supporters bought and gifted to us a 4 acre plot of land not far from where we were operating from ... had this not of happened, then the rehabilitation centre would have closed. In October 2025, we started to dig the foundations for the enclosures and within 15 weeks, with huge thanks to our volunteer teams throughout UKWOT and a local contractor, within 15 weeks we had transformed the new site to hold brand new cubs rooms, training room, fish preparation building, solar shed with solar off grid installed, barn storage, new driveways, 27 outdoor enclosures, 1600 native trees planted to create wildlife woodlands, 40 fruit trees and a water treatment plant. The cost for this was covered by an incredible public response to our plea for help and this centre has cost in the region of £165,000 to create but its ours and its

paid for. It will also serve as a flagship rescue centre in the UK for a very special species.

This report is actually short due to our teams being fully committed to the building of the new centre.

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**2nd MAY 2024**

**MEADOW BROOK ACCOUNTANCY**

**1 DUKE STREET**

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### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

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Signed: Carole Bament

Date: 26 FEBRUARY 2025

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## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2nd MAY 2024

| RECEIPTS               | 2024<br>£ | 2023<br>£ |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Grants                 | -         | 3,500.00  |
| Donations & adoptions  | 68,785.59 | 62,018.01 |
| Sale of merchandise    | 9,030.01  | 6,063.01  |
| Gift aid               | 21,468.64 | 1,155.68  |
| Training               | 750.00    | 750.00    |
| Fundraiser             | -         | 550.00    |
| Bank interest received | 87.11     | 21.61     |

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### PAYMENTS

|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Purchases of merchandise (adjusted for stock) | 9,701.63  | 8,630.13  |
| Feed and bedding                              | 14,139.50 | 9,502.69  |
| Veterinary costs                              | 176.52    | 117.46    |
| Repairs & maintenance                         | 24,225.74 | 14,631.19 |
| Equipment hire                                | 400.00    | -         |
| Workwear                                      | 943.98    | 389.03    |
| Motor expenses                                | 14,133.30 | 6,167.44  |
| Public liability insurance                    | 306.38    | 528.99    |
| Advertising                                   | 6,528.05  | -         |
| Postage & stationery                          | 1,014.39  | 623.52    |
| Computer costs                                | 479.29    | 116.01    |
| Subscriptions & sundries                      | 4,134.87  | 971.88    |
| Professional fees                             | 2,188.00  | 231.00    |
| Water charges                                 | -         | 85.24     |
| Rent  | 1,510.00  | 500.00    |
| Light & heat                                  | 2,227.18  | 1,535.40  |
| Phone costs                                   | 328.97    | 185.84    |
| Donations                                     | 1,470.00  | 475.70    |
| Bank fees                                     | -         | 1.87      |

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Balance(s) brought forward (from previous year)

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| 40,777.65 | 11,412.73 |
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Balance(s) in hand at year-end

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# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## Assets

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|         | - L200 Truck               | purchased 10th January 2022  | 4,500.00  | 4,500.00  |
|         | - Freelander OT51 ERS      | purchased 18th May 2023      | 2,800.00  | -         |
|         | - Freelander OT58 ERS      | purchased 19th June 2023     | 3,995.00  | -         |
|         | - Nissan Crew Cab OT52 ERS | purchased 10th July 2023     | 6,375.00  | -         |
|         | - Machinery & equipment    | purchased in 2022/23         | 18,131.41 | 18,131.41 |
|         | - Machinery & equipment    | purchased in 2023/24         | 7,423.53  | -         |
| Current | - Stock of merchandise     |                              | 9,600.00  | 5,800.00  |
|         |                            |                              | 54,824.94 | 30,431.41 |

## Cash and Bank balances in hand

|      |                    |          |           |
|------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| Bank | - Business account | 259.69   | 846.24    |
|      | - Savings account  | 1,906.57 | 9,500.00  |
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