



**Charity Registration Number: 1168059**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022**

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE**



## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Charity name: Blue Acre Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre  
(referred to as Blue Acre in this document)

Charity registration number: 1168059

Charity location address: Ham Island, Ham Lane, Old Windsor,  
Berkshire SL4 2JT

Charity business address: 12 Priory Way, Datchet  
Berkshire SL3 9JQ

### **Trustees**

Caron North	Appointed January 2016
Bob Regan	Appointed January 2016
Veanne Filkins	Appointed November 2016

### **Fundraising Manager:**

Sue Turner	Appointed April 2017
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### **Treasurer:**

Sue Turner	Appointed January 2017
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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022 (revised financial period)**

The trustees have prepared and present their report and accounts for the period of January – December 2022.

#### **Objectives**

The charity's objectives, as set out on the Charities Commission website are:

- o To rescue abused, abandoned and neglected horses, administering care and medical treatment as required. Work towards their rehabilitation and rehoming where appropriate.
- o For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention through abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- o To provide and maintain suitable facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.
- o To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which need care and attention through reasons of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- o To educate the public and raise awareness in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals through abuse, wilful negligence or simply lack of knowledge.

To fulfil these objectives Blue Acre operates on 42 acres, accommodating and caring for elderly; abused, neglected and abandoned animals, mainly horses and ponies. We operate with a small team of volunteers none of whom are paid.

#### **Overview**

Blue Acre has existed as a horse rescue operation since 2002 but has had Registered Charity status since April 2016.

The charity rescues mistreated, neglected or abandoned animals to the extent they can be cared for responsibly on the land we have available. We are usually alerted to potential cases by the general public and follow all legal guidelines under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 with regard to recovering animals and often work with the RSPCA and Police services regarding potential rescues. Our ultimate aim is to rehabilitate rescues through step by step training and we assess each animal's situation over many months before trying to find them loving, permanent homes wherever possible given the potential or limitations of each one.

**HOWEVER**, it must be clearly understood that the majority of rehoming requests we receive are for ready made riding horses. Because we don't accept horses that are simply unwanted or those that haven't met the requirements of their buyers, the majority of our rescues are difficult to rehome for riding purposes due to age, long term physical issues (which often require ongoing medication) or unpredictable behaviour due to past trauma. In such cases, the charity will provide permanent care and sanctuary for them at the Rescue enhancing their quality of life

to its maximum potential until the end of their natural life. Should there come a time when this quality of life deteriorates then a decision to have the horse humanely euthanised is taken.

## **REHOMING PROCESS**

Every horse we rescue is given a wellness check by our vet and, once they have settled into life with our herd, we start a programme of working to earn their trust and bring them to a point where they can be safely led; groomed; pick their feet up willingly as a minimum. Once at this point we then start the process of assessing their suitability for riding, assuming they have no age or inhibiting physical injuries e.g. arthritis, preventing this. It is during this process we might identify mental issues, often due to previous trauma, which renders them as unsuitable or unsafe ridden prospects which limits their rehoming potential. In this case we evaluate their suitability as companion only horses.

Potential owners are invited to the farm to meet any suitable horses and are invited to handle and groom the animal or to ride if applicable. Following this a visit to the potential home is made to assess suitability of the new home and its facilities. If successful and all parties are in agreement a rehoming contract is signed detailing the purpose and any limitations on the use for each horse or pony. This document also states that the animal remains the property of our charity and cannot be sold under any circumstances, and if the current agreement can no longer be maintained, the horse is returned to Blue Acre Horse Rescue.

## **SPONSORSHIP SCHEME**

We are currently promoting this via our website and social media and it's proving popular. It gives people an opportunity to donate whilst sponsoring their chosen animal from our website <https://www.blueacrerescue.co.uk/sponsorship> helping towards their living costs in return for a "meet and greet"; certificate, relevant updates and the opportunity to spend time with their animal at the rescue by appointment. This is valuable revenue for us as it's regular and therefore helps with monthly budgeting.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Our volunteers fulfil a range of duties both at the farm and behind the scenes along with some who help at events and during street bucket collections on an "as needed" basis. During school breaks and at weekends we have some younger volunteers who work hard to help feed and clean the animals and their habitats. They also learn all aspects of horse management and many have become proficient riders which is key to the whole process of rehabilitating horses and ponies for rehoming.

We collaborate with the 'Ways into Work Scheme' helping disadvantaged young adults develop their skills for the future and have several young people from the scheme who attend the rescue on a regular basis as volunteers, learning about the animals and how to care for them. We have also hosted young people considering a career with animals on their work experience weeks, working closely with local schools and their pupils taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

We also welcome older volunteers, who may be retired but still active; or who work shifts and look for something worthwhile to do on their non work days.

## **CURRENT INTAKE/REHOME FIGURES**

During this financial year our intake and rehoming/euthanasia figures are as follows:

### **Intake:**

- A stallion found abandoned in a stable 3 weeks after the previous occupants vacated the stable yard. He was covered in his own faeces, had no water, food or bedding (we assume he had eaten this! We had to clip off most of his coat as it was too matted to brush through and, once he had settled in we asked for donations towards getting him gelded. This has been done and we are working to rehabilitate him. He's a gorgeous boy and we are sure he will be easily rehomed once we can ascertain whether he can be ridden or not.
- 4 month old foal abandoned on a piece of land with no water or food, his mother having been removed from the field.
- On Christmas Eve we received a call from the police to say 3 ponies were running loose on the M4 motorway which had to be closed to avoid injury to the animals or drivers. It took us 4 hours to eventually get them into our trailer. 2 of the mares turned out to be in foal so we are expecting some babies in the new year. These ponies were virtually feral so getting close enough to check them over has been difficult, let alone bringing them into the yard area to be cleaned and groomed. We have a lot of work to do with these three simply in order to be able to administer a basic care routine.

We have taken the hard decision to limit any new intake of horses to those who are truly in desperate need. We've had to turn down so many requests to take in more horses but we simply don't have the infrastructure; volunteers or grazing to support any more. The work involved in caring for so many horses over the winter period is phenomenal so we need to manage the resources we have in order to operate ethically and efficiently.

**Rehomed: 3**

**Euthanised: 4**

## **Activity and Achievements throughout 2022**

- February – a freak gust of wind blew the entire roof covering off of our yard area. This is the only covered hard standing we have and the place where we, the farrier and vets work with our residents. It's not feasible to work within our stables as we have no electricity so the lighting isn't good enough.  
Despite obtaining several quotes to replace the structure, our insurance company refused to pay what was being asked. Eventually a wonderful local builder offered to take a much reduced payment to rebuild the roof and its supporting structure. He has done a wonderful job and it's better and stronger than it's ever been.
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- Summer 2019 – supporters donated their services to run a virtual pony camp for 6 of our young volunteers (usually £50 per person). They took part in various tasks over a 4 week period which they captured on video and submitted for feedback. Lots of new skills were learned and confidence issues were addressed in confidence by independent coaches. The benefits of this have been evident by the progress of these youngsters and the ponies they worked with.

- We were given a free stand at Chertsey Agricultural Show in August 2019 to sell donated horse related items which helped to raised funds as well as our profile to the public on a face to face basis;
- Second broadcast on Swan Radio to update our local communities on events at the rescue and appeal for assistance where needed
- October 2019 we changed our bank account from HSBC to a Metro Bank Community Account giving us online banking facilities; no bank account charges and allowed us a fresh start without an overdraft. This has been a game changer as can be seen from our revenue increase from the last financial year.

### **Future Plans**

- o Build additional small paddocks to support ponies who suffer with laminitis, who require restricted grazing and as isolation paddocks for new arrivals.
- o Replace broken or rotting fence lines around the yard and divide the land to enable better management of grazing – this has been started thanks to a grant awarded.
- o Create a 50m round pen with fencing. This is a key item for us to help us work with horses in the early stages of their assessment training. It provides a safe, yet non invasive area to work on a 1:1 basis with new horses and is also used in later stages of any training programme.
- o Repair the roofing on the barn stable block – still to be achieved.
- o Repair old and rotting fencing around the farm
- o Replace fencing and buy new gate for our Summer Grazing to move the horses around the fields to allow areas to rest.
- o Create an additional covered area to enable us to work with more horses now that we have offers of more volunteers after the Covid restrictions are lifted. This is a large project needing a concrete base but would make a huge difference to how we operate, meaning we could engage with local schools and groups of people with additional needs, for whom interaction with animals has proven to be beneficial.
- o Find a way to get mains electricity directly to the farm area.

### **War Horse Memorial**

We continue to be one of the War Horse Memorial beneficiary charities however they have also felt the effects of Covid19 and their own events and sales of their purple poppies have been severely affected. <https://www.thewarhorsememorial.org/>

### **Financial Review**

The charity has increased its income this year which can be seen from the accounts submitted for the relevant period. This is an amazing result due to the Covid restrictions, under which all charities have suffered. For us, the situation has truly made us think of different ways to alert the public to our current predicament:

- raise our profile on social media by posting regular update
- find grant offerings online – particularly those offering emergency funding for animal charities
- use local press to highlight our situation

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 01 2019 to 30 June 2020

Below is the income statement for year ended 30 June 2020. Full accounts have been submitted and can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

	2019 £
Cost of Sales	(24,461)
<b>Gross Loss</b>	(24,461)
Administration expenses	(7,094)
Other operating income	35,004
<b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b>	3,449
Interest receivable and similar income	1
<b>Surplus/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	3,450
Tax on surplus/(loss) on ordinary activities	-
<b>Surplus/(loss) for the financial year</b>	<b>3,450</b> =====

**NOTE: we will be submitting a short year of accounts from 1 July to 31 December 2020 and from there on our financial year will be 1 January to 31 December annually.**

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**(COMPANY NO: 1168059 ENGLAND AND WALES)**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Directors**

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Ms Caron North  
Mr Bob Regan  
Ms Veanne Filkins

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Ms Caron North  
Director

Approved by the board on: 17 October 2023

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE  
PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS OF BLUE ACRE HORSE  
RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059 FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059 for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out on pages 5 - 7 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/membershandbook](https://www.icaew.com/membershandbook).

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with AAF 7/16 as detailed at [icaew.com/compilation](https://www.icaew.com/compilation).

Chartered Accountants

17 October 2023

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cost of sales	(30,647)	(38,509)
<b>Gross loss</b>	<u>(30,647)</u>	<u>(38,509)</u>
Administrative expenses	(22,629)	(16,825)
Other operating income	72,915	61,725
<b>Operating profit</b>	<u>19,639</u>	<u>6,391</u>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<u>19,639</u>	<u>6,391</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	<u><u>19,639</u></u>	<u><u>6,391</u></u>

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	18,808	1,807
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		13,439	10,801
<b>Net current assets</b>		13,439	10,801
<b>Net assets</b>		32,247	12,608
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account		32,247	12,608
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		32,247	12,608

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 17 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by

Ms Caron North  
Director

Company Registration No. 1168059

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**2 Compliance with accounting standards**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

**3 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

***Presentation currency***

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

***Tangible fixed assets and depreciation***

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Plant & machinery	20%
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**4 Tangible fixed assets**

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<b>Cost or valuation</b>	At cost
At 1 January 2022	4,014
Additions	22,255
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<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2022	2,207
Charge for the year	5,254
At 31 December 2022	7,461
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2022	18,808
At 31 December 2021	1,807

**5 Average number of employees**

During the year the average number of employees was 15 (2021: 15).

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
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Motor expenses	3,955	3,633
Light and heat	209	-
Bank charges	496	590
Insurance	-	137
Repairs and maintenance	11,268	9,601
Depreciation	5,254	803
Sundry expenses	40	168
Advertising and PR	1,369	1,243
Other legal and professional	38	650
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