



**Charity Registration Number: 1168059**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2024**

**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 2024**

The trustees have prepared and present their report and accounts for the period of January – December 2024.

## **Objectives**

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

- To rescue abused, abandoned and neglected horses, administering care and medical treatment as required. Work towards their rehabilitation and rehoming where appropriate.
- For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention through abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- To provide and maintain suitable facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.
- 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.
- 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 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 most 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 owners, 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 agree 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.

### **2024 INTAKE/REHOME FIGURES**

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

**Intake: 3**

**Rehomed: 5**

**Euthanised: 5**

We are limiting the intake of horses to those who are truly in 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.

### **Activity and Achievements throughout 2024**

- Replaced a lot of broken fences around the farm which is both practical and aesthetically pleasing. This work enables better management of grazing and allows us to rest fields, spray weeds etc.
- Field shelters – 3 large shelters have been added to our fields thanks to funding by a local charity trust and by one of our volunteers.
- 4 ponies were rehomed by a local school which is mostly populated by children of serving military personnel, who often change schools and can find it hard to maintain long term friendships. The school has a unique outlook towards these children and support them in many ways. One of these ways is the inclusion of a therapy dog on site and now, 4 therapy ponies who live at the school during term time and return to Blue Acre during school holidays. Feedback has been that the ponies are doing a wonderful job!
- We held a prize draw which raised £1,300. Many local businesses donated wonderful prizes such as Ascot Racecourse, local restaurants and many supporters donated prizes such as bottles of wine, chocolates and toiletries.
- A 60's dance evening was held at a local club
- One of our volunteers raised over £2,000 by fulfilling a lifetime dream of trekking to Everest base camp – an amazing achievement. His sponsorship money was matched by his employer.
- We received a grant of £10,000 from Trailfinders charity trust, whose owner lives locally.

### **Future Plans**

- Build a new hay barn to replace our old, dilapidated building which has been in place since early 1980s and has a leaking roof.
- Build a cover over our outside feed pens to keep the ground and horses dry when feeding in wet weather.
- Repair old and rotting fencing around the farm – ongoing work
- Create an additional covered area to enable us to work with more horses. This is a large project needing a concrete base but would make a huge difference to how we operate and offer an improved working space for our vets and farriers.

## Financial Review

The charity has again increased its income this year which can be seen from the accounts submitted for the relevant period.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### January to December 2024

Below is the income statement for year ended 31 December 2024. Full accounts have been submitted and can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

	2024
	£
Cost of Sales	<u>(39,348)</u>
<b>Gross Loss</b>	<b>(39,348)</b>
Administration expenses	(19,266)
Other operating income	<u>66,551</u>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>7,935</b>
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<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>7,935</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-
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<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	<b>7,935</b>
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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 2024.

**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: 6 September 2025

**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 2024**

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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 2024 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).

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 1 May 2019. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059 and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059, as a body, in this report in accordance with AAF 07/16 as detailed at [icaew.com/compilation](https://www.icaew.com/compilation). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059 and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059 has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059. You consider that Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059 is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Blue Acre Horse Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre, Charity Number 1168059. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

Chartered Accountants

6 September 2025

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cost of sales	(39,348)	(36,974)
<b>Gross loss</b>	(39,348)	(36,974)
Administrative expenses	(19,268)	(12,625)
Other operating income	66,551	53,720
<b>Operating profit</b>	7,935	4,121
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	7,935	4,121
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	7,935	4,121

**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	12,216	13,854
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		32,086	22,513
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>32,086</u>	<u>22,513</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>44,302</u>	<u>36,367</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account		44,302	36,367
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		<u>44,302</u>	<u>36,367</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2024 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 6 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by

Ms Caron North  
Director

Company Registration No. 1168059



**BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059**  
**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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Other direct costs	4,092	5,234
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Motor expenses	3,476	3,056
Light and heat	272	560
Subscriptions	108	107
Repairs and maintenance	6,569	2,281
Depreciation	5,203	5,254
Sundry expenses	157	232
Advertising and PR	1,116	947
Other legal and professional	2,367	188
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<b>Other operating income</b>		
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Government grants	11,450	-
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