

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

FRIENDS OF HORSEY SEALS

Other names charity is known by

FOHS

Registered charity number (if any)

1169539

Charity's principal address

7 CHURCH ROAD

REPPS WITH BASTWICK

NORFOLK

Postcode

NR29 5JP

## 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	PETER JOHN ANSELL BEM	CHAIR		
2	RUSSELL AKEHURST	VICE CHAIR		
3	LYNN CUTTER	SECRETARY		
4	PHILIP EKE	TREASURER		
5	SUE CHANTRILL	RECRUITMENT CO-ORDINATOR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY		
6	SALLY BUTLER			
7	WILLIAM JAMES LE COMPTE			
8	ALBERT WARD	SECRETARY	Until 24.7.23	
9	HILDA STEPHENSON		Until 25.3.24	

10	JULIE SISSON			
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Perk Accounting Ltd	Office 31, Cattle Market Street Norwich Norfolk NRI 3DY

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 01/06/16
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TRUST
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY MEMBERS

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- All relevant policies comply with the Charity Commission Code of Governance.
- Disciplinary procedure completed formalising agreement of levels of severity of matters of poor conduct and achieving a standard working practice to deal with investigation and consequences of reports of poor conduct by members of FoHS volunteers.
- Committee reduced trustees from 12 to 10.
- Construction of a suitable Safeguarding procedure with a view to formalising all Safeguarding issues.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

- To advance the conservation of the Grey Seal Colony at Horsey and Winterton beaches and the surrounding area of East Norfolk.
- To promote the conservation of the Site of Special Scientific Interest covering the Dune area at Horsey Beach, Norfolk.
- To educate and inform the general public for the public benefit about the grey seals and the SSSI to enable them to visit the colony with minimum disturbance.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

- Recruitment and training of volunteers
- Wardening Grey seal colony at Horsey and Winterton Beaches.
- Guiding and informing visitors about seals and the local environment.
- Involvement in rescue of sick and injured seals.
- All updates from the Charity Commission are copied to trustees.
- Seal talks and presentations were given to school and adult groups.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Between 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024, collectively FoHS volunteers registered 3198 duties across the sites we warden at Horsey and Winterton. Duties are of 2.5 hours and are concentrated at weekends, other than during the 3 weeks of School Christmas/New Year holidays when wardening is daily between the hours of 10am and 4pm. We run ad-hoc shifts at other times during the week.

Seal births November 2023 to early January 2024 reached 3,616, we believe this figure to be possibly higher, but we experienced a high loss of pups due to two large storm surges. Breeding continues to extend towards Sea Palling to the north and beyond Winterton in the south.

As in the previous year, wardening continued throughout February and into early May while thousands of Grey seals went through their annual moult, attracting large numbers of visitors. Volunteers were asked to walk the beaches to inform visitors about the moult and advise them to give the animals distance to prevent disturbance.

While everyone registered with FoHS is a volunteer, seal wardens are the backbone of the charity, which would not operate without them. The trustees are hugely grateful for the work done by volunteers and appreciate their dedication to aiding protection of the seals and dune environments, and greeting, guiding and informing members of the public about them.

We are as always ever grateful to and appreciative of our hard working team of volunteer wardens who give of their time freely in all weathers to protect the growing seal colony and environment from disturbance and damage whilst making visits by the ever-increasing numbers of visitors both informative and enjoyable.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

- FoHS mobile information unit attended 7 fetes and carnivals during the summer months of 2023 raising awareness of the work of the charity and potential for recruitment of volunteers.
- Volunteers gave 10 talks to groups such as the WI, WRVS and schools
- Successful recruitment and training in 2023 brought in 100 new wardens, replacing volunteers who had retired or gone on to do other things, and maintaining the strength of the wardening team.
- Five wardens were trained to strengthen FoHS Rescue Team and assist with increased callouts to sick and injured seals.
- FoHS successful partnership with RSPCA East Winch Wildlife Hospital continued throughout the year.
- Very busy pupping & breeding season at Horsey and Winterton successfully wardened over 10-13 week period.
- Weekly pup count carried out successfully with results feeding into SMRU who compare data, we also share the data with PhD students when asked.
- During 2023 -24 we attended 198 rescues, these do not include moving pups at Horsey or Winterton. 37 were taken to RSPCA East Winch, 14 were pts, the rest were either entanglements, stuck in rocks, in a place they shouldn't be i.e. on roads, or we monitored them.
- FoHS continued its support of the Flying Rings Campaign, which in summer of 2023 achieving increased support by North Norfolk Council banning flying rings on their beaches. We supported the Parliamentary Campaign to ban the sale of flying rings nationwide, which unfortunately had to be abandoned due to the General Election. Other areas of support are talks about the flying rings campaign, the beach swap system, where holiday makers on the beach are asked to swap their flying rings for a solid ring and wardens actively checking shops and businesses for flying rings, encouraging owners to change the type of flying toys they

sell.

**Section E****Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Excess funds periodically moved across to the 95-Day notice savings account.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit****Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds not scheduled for immediate use were regularly moved to the 95 Day notice savings account.

While we regularly review interest rates, trustees decided that the ethical policy and sustainability commitments of the co-operative bank continue to be suited to the policies of friends of Horsey Seals.

Principal sources of funding were:

Donations	&	Legacies
23,690.00		
Grants		
5,000.00		

The following expenditure of larger items supported as follows:

New Ranger Seal Mobile £25,600 – to mobilise seal rescue wardens to respond to seal incidents and as necessary transport injured seals to the RSPCA at West Winch.

Chestnut fencing £2020.68 – to keep the seals safe from disturbance to support and advance the conservation of the Grey Seal Colony at Horsey and Winterton beaches and the surrounding area of East Norfolk.

New radios £1147.30 – Seal Rescue and our counters are now

able to contact others directly, including the Duty Warden on shift. This also allows wardens to radio Seal Rescue more quickly when they discovery seals in distress or injured.

Three new laptops / cases/ Microsoft Office / Virus package £1730.97 - The Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Trustee responsible for Wardens and Duty Wardens are now able all able to work securely when saving Friends of Horsey Seals documents and working online. Without this, we would not be able to recruit new wardens and provide a comprehensive training system; continue to recruit to our 'Friends Scheme,' supporting our fundraising by way of an annual donations, run our rota and keep wardens up to date with information. This all supports our education of the Grey seal colony at Horsey and Winterton beaches.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Peter Ansell

Philip Francis Eke

Full name(s)

Peter Ansell

Philip Francis Eke

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Friends of Horsey Seals

Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity Number 1169539

# Report and Accounts

## Year ended 31 March 2024

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Friends of Horsey Seals  
Trustees and Professional Advisers

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Registered charity name                      Friends of Horsey Seals

Charity Number                                1169539

Trustees

Peter Ansell (Chair)

Russell Akehurst (Vice-Chair)

Lynn Cutter (Secretary)

Philip Eke (Treasurer)

Albert Ward (Resigned 24/7/23)

Hilda Stephenson (Resigned 25/3/24)

William Le Compte (resigned 25/10/24)

Sally Butler

Julie Sisson (Resigned 20/11/24)

Sue Chantrill

Independent Examiner:

Perk Accounting Limited

31 Cattle Market Street

Norwich

NR1 3DY



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Horsey Seals**

**Year Ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section of the Act

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records,

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Gary Summons FCCA

Perk Accounting Ltd

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# Friends of Horsey Seals

## Receipts and Payments Account

### Year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and legacies	23,690		23,690	28,719
Grants	5,060		5,060	
Bank Interest	275		275	86
Gift aid received	1,781		1,781	4,379
Membership fees	8,341		8,341	1,405
Sales of hats and clothing	1,275		1,275	1,637
FSC seal training course	1,660		1,660	1,860
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>42,082</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,082</b>	<b>38,086</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Goods purchased for resale			0	3,332
Vet services	440		440	
Repairs and maintenance	2,136		2,136	2,348
Insurance	2,291		2,291	1,028
Postage and stationary	165		165	302
Motor expenses	5,098		5,098	4,268
Legal and professional fees			0	722
Signage and leaflets	1,011		1,011	1,406

Protective clothing	1,563		1,563	4,646
Room hire	300		300	559
Equipment hire	943		943	121
Computer and internet	850		850	539
FSC seal Training course	950		950	1,966
Refreshments	479		479	2,146
Donations			0	2,650
Sundry expenses	922		922	295
Website costs			0	
Travel expenses	220		220	558
Flying Rings campaign	424		424	
Fundraising	150		150	
Leaving Gifts	370		370	
telephone	135		135	
Bank charges	524		524	574

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	18,965	0	18,965	27,460
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#### **Asset and investment purchases**

Tangible assets	35,295		35,295	7,258
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<b>Total Payments</b>	54,260	0	54,260	34,718
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<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	-12,178	0	-12,178	3,368
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#### **Reconciliation of Funds**

Total funds brought forward	45,052		45,052	41,684
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<b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>	32,875	0	32,875	45,052
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Friends of Horsey Seals  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
Year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restricted
<b>Cash Funds</b>		
Bank current account	20,342	
Bank Deposit account	12,455	
Paypal account	20	
CaF account	4	
Cash in hand	54	
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	32,874	
<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>		
Motor vehicles	45,175	
Plant and machinery	13,434	
Buildings	8,314	
Equipment	6,558	
<b>Total Assets</b>	73,481	
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Net Assets</b>	106,355	
<b>Reconciliation of Net Assets</b>		
Total brought forward	83,238	
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	-12,178	
Purchase of tangible assets	35,295	
<b>Total Carried Forward</b>	106,355	



These receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and are signed on their behalf.

Philip Eke   Philip Franccis Eke  
Ansell  
Trustee

Peter Ansell   Peter  
Trustee

Friends of Horsey Seals  
Notes to the Accounts  
Year ended 31 March 2024

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted for small charities and therefore no adjustment has been made for stock, diminution in value of fixed assets, accruals or prepayments. The accounts have been prepared on a consistent basis to previous years.

**Taxation**

The charity is not liable to taxation as it is not a trading organisation (not for profit) for tax purposes. None of the surplus is distributed to the trustees.

**2. Tangible Fixed assets**

	Buildings	Equipment	Plant and machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost at 31st March 2023	5296	1961	13434	17495	38186
Additions	3018	4597		27680	35295
At 31st March 2024	8314	6558	13434	45175	73481



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Date: 31 January 2025