

From	Period start date	To	Period end date			
	01	04	2024	31	03	2025

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

Post code

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)
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	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										
	6	SALLY BUTLER	HEAD OF RESCUE TEAM										
	7	WILLIAM JAMES LE COMPTE		01.04.24 - OCT 24									
	8	HILDA STEPHENSON		01.04.24 - APRIL 24									
	9	MELISSA BUSHELL	PROCEDURES	23.09.24 - CURRENT									
	10	CRAIG MORRIS	FUNDRAISING	23.09.24 - 26.02.25									
	11	DANIEL BAMBRIDGE	NEWSLETTER	23.09.24 - CURRENT									
	<p><b>Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Dates acted if not for whole year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>					Name	Dates acted if not for whole year						
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Independent Examiner	Perk Accounting Ltd	Office 31, Cattle Market Street Norwich Norfolk NR1 3DY

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

Section B
Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 23/09/19
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)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.</li> <li>● the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.</li> <li>● relationship with any related parties.</li> <li>● trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All relevant policies comply with the Charity Commission Code of Governance.</li> <li>● Currently 7 trustees serving on the committee</li> </ul>
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Section C
Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To advance the conservation of the Grey Seal Colony at</li> </ul>
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**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)**

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 and Winterton Beaches, 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.

- Recruitment and training of volunteers
- Wardening Grey seal colony at Horsey and Winterton Beaches.
- Guiding and informing visitors about seals and the local environment.
- Guided walks for groups and individuals.
- Involvement in rescue of sick and injured seals along the East coast of Norfolk.
- All updates from the Charity Commission are copied to trustees.

- Seal talks and presentations to schools and adult groups including WI's and other community 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 25th October 2024 and 26th January 2025, collectively FoHS volunteers registered 3198 duties across the sites we warden at Horsey and Winterton. Shifts of 2.5 hours are concentrated at weekends, other than during the 3 weeks of School Christmas/New Year holidays when wardening increases to cover the hours of 8am and 4pm. We run ad-hoc shifts at other times during the week.

Seal births November 2024 to early January 2025 reached 3,246, this

figure is 370 down on last year, which is partly due to a general decline in seal births around the coast of the UK. FoHS seal figures feed into the research at St Andrews University to try and understand why this is happening. Breeding continues to extend towards Sea Palling to the north and beyond Winterton to Hemsby in the south. We are currently working with Natural England using drone technology to obtain accurate seal numbers in the future.

As in the previous year, wardening continued from 27<sup>th</sup> January until 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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. This year we have included a Duty Warden on each shift to help with organization and support wardens with the ever-increasing number of visitors.

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 the dune environment by greeting, guiding and informing members of the public about them. Our wardens work tirelessly, in all weathers, throughout the pupping season and the moult. This takes becomes more difficult as each year passes, bringing ever-increasing numbers

of visitors to the beaches.

## Section D

### Achievements and performance

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

- FoHS mobile information unit attended 8 fetes and carnivals during the summer months of 2024 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 2024 brought in 91 new wardens, maintaining the strength of the wardening team.
- Two wardens were trained to strengthen FoHS Rescue Team and assist with increased callouts to sick and injured seals covering a wider area as far south as Gorleston.
- 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 a 10 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.
- From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 there have been 301 rescues an increase of 30% on last year. This does not include call outs to Winterton and Horsey and those pts, during the pupping season, which are not recorded unless they go to the rescue centre at RSPCA East Winch. This is due to the high volume of calls, during December 2024 there was 587 calls to

## Section D

### Achievements and performance

the emergency phone.

Breakdown of figures: 38 to East Winch, 21 entanglements (15 were caught and all survived), 4 trapped in rocks, 12 pts.

- FoHS continued to support the Flying Rings Campaign this year, by extending our financial support of this essential work. During 2024-25 the beach swap system continued, by swapping solid discs for any flying rings that were spotted by wardens walking the beaches. Although the scheme is still in its early stages wardens engaged with holidaymakers during the summer months, educating the public about the danger of flying rings. This followed on the work done during the winter months with visitors who come specifically to see the seals. Other wardens continued to monitor shops and businesses for flying rings, encouraging owners to change the type of flying toys they sell. Our wardens also gave many educational talks to schools, library and WI groups, including information on the flying rings campaign.

## Section E

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will maintain sufficient reserves to function for a period of at least 6 months.

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);

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.



- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funding were:

Donations	&	Legacies
£35,744		
Grants		
£13,335		

The following expenditure of larger items supported as follows:

Seal Vanbulance Total £9639 – to provide sick and injured rescued seals with more appropriate transportation to the RSPCA Centre at East Winch.

New radios Total = £5.650 – Radios needed an upgrade as they were not waterproof causing issues during the pupping season when wardens were unable to use them. Radios required very expensive batteries, which also took a long time to charge.

One new laptop /case /Microsoft Office /Virus package £761, allowing the Recruitment Coordinator secure online working with Friends of Horsey Seals documents. 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.

	<b>Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees</b>	
<b>Signature(s)</b>	Russ Akehurst	Philip Francis Eke
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Russell Sydney Akehurst	Philip Francis Eke
	<b>Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair (acting)      Treasurer
	<b>Date</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

Friends of Horsey Seals

Report and Accounts

For the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity Number 1169539

Report and Accounts  
Year ended 31 March 2025

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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) (resigned 1/4/2025)

Russell Akehurst (Chair) (resigned 23/8/2025)

William Le Compte (resigned 25/10/2024)

Lynn Cutter (Secretary)

Philip Eke (Treasurer)

Sally Butler (appointed Chair 1/9/2025)

Sue Chantrell

Melissa Bushell (appointed 23/9/2024 resigned  
6/10/2025)

Daniel Bambridge (appointed 23/9/2024)

Craig Morris (appointed 23/9/2024 resigned  
26/2/2025)

Julie Sisson (resigned 20/11/2024)

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 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025

### **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*  
Gary Summons (Jan 28, 2026 14:14:25 GMT)

Gary Summons FCCA

Perk Accounting Ltd

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Friends of Horsey Seals  
Receipts and Payments Account  
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and legacies	35,749		35,749	23,690
Grants	13,335		13,335	5,060
Bank Interest	313		313	275
Gift aid received	2,672		2,672	1,781
Membership fees	8,628		8,628	8,341
Sales of hats and clothing	491		491	1,275
Sales of calendars	474		474	
FSC seal training course	135		135	1,660
Flying rings campaign		300	300	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>61,798</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>62,098</b>	<b>42,082</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Goods purchased for resale	751		751	0
Vet services	74		74	440
Repairs and maintenance	316		316	2,136
Insurance	2,890		2,890	2,291
Postage and office supplies	588		588	165
Printing and stationary	538		538	
Motor expenses	6,633		6,633	5,098
Signage and leaflets	1,564		1,564	1,011
Protective clothing	632		632	1,563
Room hire	523		523	300
Equipment hire	439		439	943
Computer and internet	781		781	850
FSC seal Training course	945		945	950
Refreshments	817		817	479
Sundry expenses	942		942	917
Travel expenses	414		414	220
Flying Rings		73	73	424
Fundraising	280		280	150
Gifts	168		168	370
telephone	200		200	135

Bank charges	555		555	524
Training	572		572	
	20,623	73	20,697	18,965
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Tangible assets	17,225		17,225	35,295
<b>Total Payments</b>	37,848	73	37,922	54,260
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	23,949	227	24,176	-12,178
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	32,874		32,874	45,052
<b>Total Cash Funds Carried Forward</b>	56,823	227	57,050	32,874



Friends of Horsey Seals  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted £	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank current account	33,997	227	34,224	20,342
Bank Deposit account	22,768		22,768	12,455
Paypal account	5		5	20
CaF account				4
Cash in hand	52		52	54
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>56,823</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>57,050</b>	<b>32,874</b>
<b>Assets retained for charity's own use</b>				
Motor vehicles	54,938		54,938	45,175
Plant and machinery	13,434		13,434	13,434
Buildings	8,314		8,314	8,314
Equipment	14,020		14,020	6,558
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>90,706</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,706</b>	<b>73,481</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>147,529</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>147,756</b>	<b>106,355</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Assets</b>				
Total brought forward	106,355	0	106,355	83,238
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	23,949	227	24,176	-12,178
Purchase of tangible assets	17,225		17,225	35,295
<b>Total Carried Forward</b>	<b>147,529</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>147,756</b>	<b>106,355</b>



Friends of Horsey Seals  
Notes to the Accounts  
Year ended 31 March 2025

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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	Equip ment	Plant and machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost at 31st March 2024	8314	6558	13434	45175	73481
Additions		7462		9763	17225
At 31st March 2025	8314	14020	13434	54938	90706








# Final amended Friends of Horsey Seals IE signature

Final Audit Report

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