

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL  
REPORT & FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

**6TH APRIL 2024 - 5TH APRIL 2025**



**SAFE**

Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines

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## CHARITY INFORMATION

### TRUSTEES:

Alison Stratford - Chair  
Rebecca Speed  
Tracey Stone  
Kirsty Mackie

### BANKERS:

National Westminster Bank  
250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA  
(Branch previously at Bracknell closed; banking now serviced via NatWest's central processing centre)

### ACCOUNTANTS:

Boyett Mayes Ltd  
Moneys Farm  
Bottle Lane  
Mattingley  
Hampshire  
RG27 8LJ

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1172769

### POSTAL ADDRESS:

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# SAFE

Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5TH APRIL 2025

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ending 5th April 2025.

### The History of SAFE:

Founded by Alison Stratford in 2014, SAFE (Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines) emerged following the rescue of 26 abandoned and neglected horses in Binfield, Berkshire. Some could not be saved, but many were successfully rehabilitated and rehomed. Since its inception, SAFE has continued to support abandoned and fly-grazed horses, establishing itself as a well-known and respected small charity.

### Objectives & Activities:

SAFE exists to support landowners, to legally rescue, rehabilitate and rehome abandoned, neglected horses and ponies. SAFE also undertakes rescues under the Animal Welfare Act, involving the Police.

Our mission is centred on the 3 R's > "Rescue, Rehabilitate and Rehome". This applies to every equine we take in, and we offer lifetime security to ensure they never face neglect again.

As a charity we also offer support in the below areas:

- Work with the Police, RSPCA, local authorities, equine bailiffs, and members of the public to rescue abandoned, neglected, and abused horses.
- Advance the education in the proper care and treatment of equines
- Help to tackle the ever-increasing rise in cruelty to animals by working with other organisations, to ensure neglected equines receive treatment.
- Remain a leading and recognised local charity. Ensuring that rescued horses receive a secure and bright future.

### Structure, Management, and Governance Arrangements:

Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines became a CIO in April 2017 (started as a rescue in 2014), and is governed by Trustees. The Charity registration number, names of trustees and other information are detailed on page 2

All Trustees hold office until they resign, retire, or are removed. They can be replaced during a general meeting. The individuals responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity are Alison Stratford and Kirsty Mackie.

As a charity, we work collaboratively with equine and animal welfare organisations, local authorities, Police, veterinarians and rescues, to ensure strong welfare outcomes. The Trustees feel that the main risk to the charity is funding. Economic instability increases competition for donations, and we remain reliant on supporter generosity.

## Achievements and Performance:

As a small charity, we have established a professional yet discreet relationship with landowners, such as local authorities and development companies as well as many private landowners. Most are unaware of their rights to detain horses that have been either dumped or illegally fly-grazed on their land. Most often these horses are in poor health and end up in our care.

We have good working relationships with the Police who now regularly seek our advice on the welfare of horses and request our help with serious neglect cases, as well as loose horses on the highways.

SAFE are frequently contacted by members of the public raising concerns about horses that are either fly-grazed or abandoned. This now occurs nationally. Even where we cannot take a horse in, we offer advice and work with trusted organisations to secure the best outcome.

The Trustees remain confident in knowing that SAFE's objectives are being met.

Within the timeline of this report, we can confirm the following statistics

SAFE Equine Annual Tracker	Total Number
Horses Rescued	36
Horses sent to Professional Rehabilitation	14
Horses Fostered	11
Horses Rehomed	35
Horses Returned	3
Horses PTS* due to irrecoverable illness	1
Total number of horses in SAFE's care in that period	61

\*Put To Sleep

Once rescued, all horses are rehabilitated and rehomed, unless they have conditions making them unsuitable for rehoming. These horses remain permanently in our static herd of seven.

Horses join this herd during their decompression period before progressing to rehoming.

Many of the horses we rescue are very unwell or unhandled, and rehabilitation is long and increasingly costly, with more horses requiring hospitalisation or professional rehabilitation. Horses receive microchips, passports, vaccinations and consistent handling before rehoming. Our team of volunteers, vets, farriers, nutritionists and practitioners supports each horse's welfare needs.

## Review of Objectives:

- ***Help to fight cruelty:***

We receive regular alerts from the public, allowing us to intervene promptly. This is a daily part of SAFE's work .

- ***Work with the Police, National Equine Charities, local authorities, equine bailiffs, and members of the public:***

SAFE continues to collaborate widely to support at-risk horses.

- ***Remain a leading and recognised local charity:***

We continue to be a first point of contact for welfare concerns and remain committed to full rehabilitation and lifelong security for each horse.

## Website:

Our website remains functional but requires an update, which has been delayed due to competing priorities and limited resources.

## The Rescues:

We continue to be inundated by concerned members of the public. Cruelty and neglect remain high, with many colts (young males) removed from their mothers too young and abandoned. Thankfully we are often able to respond quickly, thanks to members of the public, regarding SAFE as a charity who will get involved.

## Equine Care – Vets, Farrier & Nutritionists, and Holistic Care Practitioners:

We continue with Iain McKenzie Equine Practice as primary vets with Donnington Equine Hospital for hospitalisation. Using a professional rehabilitation establishment has significantly improved outcomes for severely compromised horses.

We have a close relationship with our farrier and remedial trimmer. SAFE uses natural feeds and supplements tailored to horses' needs

## Volunteer Induction and Training:

Every new volunteer undergoes a comprehensive induction before joining a shift at our yards. Health and Safety procedures are thoroughly explained and demonstrated. Each shift is led by an experienced Shift Lead who has undergone extensive training. Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; under-10s are not accepted.

This year saw a consistent volunteer base, with new recruits joining through word of mouth and local Facebook groups. Several have progressed to Shift Lead roles.

## Feed and Supplements:

We remain steadfast in our approach to feed quality. We use Agrobs and Simple System products tailored to each horse. Supplements are used to address individual needs, e.g. milk thistle for liver issues, with nutritionist input. Suppliers remain EquiNatural and Global Herbs.

## Finances:

Income increased this year, with a corresponding rise in expenditure due to horse numbers and use of professional rehabilitation.

Our fundraising team and supporters remain vital. We are especially grateful to Hilda Florence Holmes Trust Charity for ongoing support covering land rental and feed costs.

Trustees carefully monitor expenditure and work to increase income through donations, grants and fundraising events, including tack sales.

## Looking Ahead:

Trustees agree an annual plan covering rescue operations, land management, horse care, fundraising and rehoming.

## Summary:

The trustees are confident that SAFE continues to meet its mission and remains committed to ongoing improvement and strong rescue outcomes for every horse in our care. All Trustees continue to agree an annual plan of improvements covering all aspects of the charity, from rescue, maintenance and restructure of land management, daily care of horses to fundraising and rehoming horses.

\*\*\*\*This report was approved by the Board on Thursday 27th November, 2025\*\*\*\*.



Alison Stratford  
Chair of the Trustees & Founder

SAFE  
Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines

**SAVING ABANDONED FLY-GRAZING EQUINES**

**Charity number 1172769**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

Boyett Mayes Limited  
The Stables, Moneys Farm  
Bottle Lane  
Mattingley  
Hampshire  
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**SAVING ABANDONED FLY-GRAZING EQUINES  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME:</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	67,689		45,068	
Fundraising	64,168		44,361	
		131,857		89,429
<b>Other:</b>				
Interest Received	-		-	
Other	-		-	
		-		-
<b>Fees Received:</b>				
Rehoming fees	-		6,650	
Grant Income	60,041		42,436	
		60,041		49,086
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>191,898</b>		<b>138,515</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>				
<b>Running costs:</b>				
Feed and Bedding	19,727		28,469	
Fallen Stock Removal	-		480	
Horse Wear and Equipment	7,045		3,958	
Vet, Dentist and Medical Supplies	54,842		35,676	
Farrier	2,410		2,000	
Freelance Groom Fees	-		-	
Transport	4,182		2,880	
Foster fees	550		-	
Passports	265		390	
Insurance	7,224		6,963	
Rehabilitation	43,587		25,475	
		139,833		106,291
<b>Yard and Land :</b>				
Repair and Maintenance	6,022		9,384	
Electricity	868		2,104	
Fencing & Field Care	8,238		-	
Land and Yard Rental	7,500		13,110	
		22,628		24,598
<b>Other:</b>				
Sundry	168			
Postage	451		432	
Telephone and Internet/ Website costs	1,117		1427.48	
Depreciation	482		654	
Accountancy			300	
Motor expenses	3,015			
Administration and Informational costs	1,371		852	
Fundraising costs	5,583		5,029	
		12,187		8,694
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>174,648</b>		<b>139,583</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>17,250</b>		<b>(1,068)</b>



**SAVING ABANDONED FLY-GRAZING EQUINES  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025**

	<b>2025</b>			<b>2024</b>		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Tangible Fixed Assets	7,917	4,790	3,127	7,917	4,790	3,127
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Cash at Bank - Savings	21,912			6,752		
Cash at Bank - Current	622			2,727		
Paypal	2,265					
Float	1,982					
Debtors	-			-		
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		26,782			9,478	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors	282					
Accruals	300			270		
Loan for Vet Fees	-			4,000		
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		300			4,270	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			26,482			5,208
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			<b>29,609</b>			<b>8,336</b>
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>						
Balance B/Fwd			8,336			9,404
Surplus/Deficit in Year			17,250			(1,068)
			<b>25,586</b>			<b>8,336</b>

Approved by:

*Alison Stratford*

Alison Stratford  
Trustee

Dated:

1 December 2025

**Independent examiner's report to Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines "SAFE"**

This report on the financial statements of Saving Abandoned Fly-Grazing Equines "SAFE" for the year ended 5th April 2025, which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act").

**Respective responsibilities of the Charity and examiner**

As members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act).

It is our responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed on behalf of Boyett Mayes Limited



Name **LISA FINCHAM BA ACMA CTA**  
Chartered Accountant

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025