



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	06	April	2020		05	April	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Sheep Ahoy aka Oli's Gang
Other names charity is known by	Sheep Ahoy Animal Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1173005
Charity's principal address	18 Sole Close Worth Kent Postcode CT14 0FA

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	Julia Wilmshurst	Founder		
2	Emma Wilmshurst	Founder		
3	Joseph Elmore			
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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

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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Foundation Model
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Agreed by Founders

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.

Policies and procedures as per Charity Commission regulations and guidance continue to be reviewed and new ones developed. A Volunteer Handbook was finalised and issued during 2021, although after the end of year this trustee report covers so will be discussed in the 2022 report.

Risk assessments are carried out at charity events and risks mitigated as necessary.

Events are run in line with COVID secure guidelines issued by the Government.

Charity insurance needs are reviewed at annual renewal and updated accordingly.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote humane behaviour towards animals, particularly sheep and goats, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for sheep and goats whom are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals, particularly sheep and goats.

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)

The main activity will always be the day to day care of the sheep and goats that reside at the rescue.

Other activities include:

- Providing advice and guidance to both the public and third-party organisations on issues relating to sheep and goats;
- Investigating welfare concerns reported to the charity;
- Reporting welfare issues to the relevant authorities, i.e. DEFRA, Environment Agency, Trading Standards;
- Highlighting to the public the welfare issues that affect sheep and goats;
- Educating the public on how sheep and goats should be cared for and kept;
- Taking in sheep and goats that have been brought to the rescue needing urgent care;
- Helping to rehome sheep and goats if the charity itself cannot take them;
- Holding events where the public can interact with the animals and educating them on sheep and goat welfare issues. This also allows people to meet the animals when otherwise they would not get the opportunity;
- Allowing visits from local community groups where they learn about sheep & goats.

Priority will always go to animals in need through neglect.

Fundraising is an essential activity as otherwise the charity could not run.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity relies on the help of volunteers.

Volunteers:

- Undertake daily field checks on the sheep and goats;
- Feed animals as appropriate;
- Help with animal care, such as, when medical treatment is required;
- Help take the animals to the vets;
- Organise fundraising events;
- Set up and run stalls at events;
- Help maintain fencing;
- Build shelters;
- Clear out & re-bed down shelters;
- Unload deliveries of hay, straw, feed and equipment.

The charity also relies on people to donate items for fundraising activities.

Supporters of the charity are key as without their support and donations funds would not be raised to pay for the care of the sheep and goats.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Sheep Ahoy Animal Rescue has been a Registered Charity for four years and in this fourth year has continued to cover all outgoings from fundraising activities, donations and merchandise sales which includes the sheep sponsorship scheme.

This trustee report covers the period 5th April 2020 to 5th April 2021 with the charity being negatively affected by the Coronavirus restrictions implemented over this time period. The first COVID lockdown began on 23rd March 2020 and ran until the beginning of July 2020. The restrictions meant no public charity fundraising events could be run during this time with the May Open Day having to be cancelled. The lack of outdoor events had a detrimental effect on charity fundraising and efforts were put into raising funds in other ways. Although COVID restrictions overall were lifted in July there were still many rules in place to allow public events to be run. A public event, an Open Day, was not run until September 2020 as time was needed to determine how the event could be run within the COVID secure guidelines laid out by the Government. In mid-September COVID restrictions were once again implemented meaning that Sheep Ahoy did not run any further public events in 2020 with the reality being that restrictions continued well into 2021.

It should be noted, that public events are not just to raise funds but to fulfil an objective of the charity which is to educate the public in the needs and welfare requirements of both sheep and goats. This is achieved in a relaxed environment which is enjoyed by both the visitors and the residents of Sheep Ahoy.

Fundraising branched into different areas for the online sale of items donated to the charity. eBay was used for the selling of suitable items and Ziffit, the online media buying website, for the bulk sale of DVD's, CD's and books.

A fun way to raise funds is the selling of items via online auctions run on Facebook. These fundraisers are generally run for specific causes, for example, veterinary fees for new residents. Donated items are once again sold to raise funds and this can include vouchers from businesses donated to Sheep Ahoy. A local artist designed and sold a Christmas card specifically for Sheep Ahoy with all profits going to the charity.

The charity gained a lottery permit from the council and launched a fundraiser based on the National Lottery Bonus Ball to bring in a guaranteed monthly amount of money.

All of the fundraising mentioned above plus the generosity of the charity's supporters means that the amount of money raised from both fundraising and donations is actual higher than the previous year which was not expected with the lack of public events that could be held. Merchandise sales via the Etsy shop are also up on last year but that is due to sheep sponsorship being included in these figures instead of under general receipts.

All fundraising ventures are appreciated as they not only provide income but spread the word about the work of the charity too.

As usual, the number of animals in the care of the charity has increased, this year by eight new residents.

Three golden oldies came into Sheep Ahoy following a request to help them as they had too many health issues to be managed successfully at their old home. Bella, Bobby & Ruby were fifteen years old and all suffering from arthritis, parasites and being emaciated. Bella was particularly ill as she'd recently suffered the loss of an eye to a crow and the remaining tissue had become badly infected. Although daily care and treatment was given Bella succumbed to the infection leaving Bobby and Ruby at Sheep Ahoy.

A member of the public contacted Sheep Ahoy about Toby lamb in the early part of the first COVID lockdown. On arrival, Toby was unconscious with a roaring temperature and emergency treatment was required to get him through that first night. Well Toby did get through and survived the spinal abscess that he was diagnosed with to now be living with the special needs sheep.

Floss came into the care of the charity from another sanctuary because of problems with her back legs which required specialist treatment. Floss recovered and joined Toby in the special needs group.

The lambs that joined Sheep Ahoy during the year included Mary, Milo, Jasper and Elijah. Jasper had been attacked by a dog which resulted in a life threatening injury and was handed over to the rescue in the hope that he could be healed. Well Jasper did heal and went on to join Mary and Elijah at the main field. Unfortunately, Milo was handed over to rescue too late to be helped and sadly passed away. Rescue can be both a happy but sad place and dear Belle sheep also passed away during the year.

Ed the ram, a larger than life character, joined the rescue as he kept destroying fences in his previous home. Ed was castrated but it was a challenge to decide on the most suitable group of sheep for Ed to join due to his gloriously large horns. In the end Ed joined Bill and Ben the pygmy goats and the three of them live happily together.

The charity is often contacted and asked for help with specific sheep related issues which they are only pleased to do. This year four lambs taken in by another sanctuary were not doing so well and so it was agreed they would come to Sheep Ahoy for assessment. Well of course they stayed and are now with a lovely foster home and doing very well indeed.

A lamb requiring rehabilitation following a foot injury was also taken into the care of Sheep Ahoy along with his mother and sister. Once fully healed the little family returned to their original sanctuary home where this sweet little boy has been fitted with a prosthetic boot to allow him to get about easily.

The grazing at both the Gilton and Knell Lane fields does not drain well and becomes wet and muddy once the wet weather comes in late autumn. This situation has worsened each year and has been made worse at Gilton by an increased number of residents in the field year on year. It was decided that all sheep at both of these fields needed to be moved to a drier location over winter as foot problems due to the wet and mud were starting to become a problem. A suitable location was secured which also had the benefit of a large polytunnel to allow the sheep to get out of the bad weather as necessary. This proved to be a positive move as it allowed the two existing fields to be rested over winter and for the grass to grow in the spring prior to the sheep being returned late spring

for the summer and autumn.

The addition of this polytunnel field has increased grazing rental but was necessary for the welfare of the sheep.

The increase in the cost of feed, hay and straw reflects the additional sheep taken in by the Charity. The dry summer of 2020 also meant hay was fed earlier in the year than usual as there was a lack of grass due to the lack of rain.

Veterinary fees and healthcare are slightly lower on the previous year but no specific reason can be identified for this.

Motoring costs are higher than last year due to an increase in the running costs of the 4x4 vehicle used within the charity. The vehicle is essential when moving sheep between fields as they are moved using a trailer which has to be towed across fields. There is also a need to transport hay, straw and feed to off road locations and so a 4x4 vehicle is essential. The charity has multiple locations which are visited daily to care for the sheep, if a suitable single location could be found there would be much less demand on the 4x4 vehicle and motoring costs could be reduced.

The charity is receiving more calls than ever from the public who are concerned about the welfare of sheep they come across in fields. If the location is local to Sheep Ahoy a member of the team will attend with a view to assessing the condition of the sheep, and if necessary, to contact the relevant welfare organisation or government body. If the sheep are not local then a member of the team will advise the caller on what action to take and support them through the process.

The charity receives rehoming requests on a regular basis from sheep and goat owners who can no longer care for their animals. Sheep Ahoy has limited resources and if the animals involved are healthy the charity will work with the owners and a network of other people across the country to find suitable homes. This is called 'Direct Rehoming' as the animals do not physically come into the rescue but move from their original home to their new home with the help of the charity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A further £2150 has been transferred into the Co-Operative Bank deposit account with the funds being specifically for the future purchase of charity land.

The deposit account is a 'Restricted Fund' and sits at £12,538 which includes £38 in interest added.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The charity has no 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.

All monies raised directly fund the care of the rescued sheep & goats.

All administration is provided free of charge

No salaries are paid, all work is voluntary.

The charity investment policy is driven by a need to follow an ethical approach and, as such, the Co-Operative Bank has been chosen to fulfil both the banking and savings needs of the charity.

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)

JPWilmshurst

Full name(s)

Julia Wilmshurst

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Founder

Date

21st January 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sheep Ahoy aka Oli's Gang

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06/04/2020

To

05/04/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising Events	14,048	-	-	14,048	12,108
Donations	16,339	-	-	16,339	12,187
Sponsorship incl in Section A2 this year	-	-	-	-	182
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,386	-	-	30,386	24,477
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest on Deposit Account	-	38	-	38	-
Merchandise Sales, e.g. Etsy Sales	1,515	-	-	1,515	756
Sub total	1,515	38	-	1,553	756
Total receipts	31,902	38	-	31,939	25,233
A3 Payments					
Grazing Rental	5,680	-	-	5,680	2,160
Veterinary Fees & Healthcare	7,342	-	-	7,342	7,819
Animal Feed, Hay & Straw	7,044	-	-	7,044	5,926
Cost of Fundraising Events	1,019	-	-	1,019	1,450
Postage & Stationery	995	-	-	995	469
Repairs & Renewals	618	-	-	618	1,191
Public Liability Insurance	257	-	-	257	215
Selling Fees	58	-	-	58	281
Shearing Fee	250	-	-	250	230
Motoring Costs	2,468	-	-	2,468	1,491
Marketing	-	-	-	-	209
Sundries	265	-	-	265	157
Sub total	25,996	-	-	25,996	21,598
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Buildings & Equipment	1,611	-	-	1,611	654
Cost of Goods Sold	80	-	-	80	1,322
Sub total	1,691	-	-	1,691	1,976
Total payments	27,687	-	-	27,687	23,574
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,215	38	-	4,252	1,659
A5 Transfers between funds	- 2,150	2,150	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,296	10,000	-	13,296	11,637
Cash funds this year end	5,361	12,188	-	17,548	13,296

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-op Community Account	4,189	-	-
	Co-op Deposit Account	-	12,188	-
	PayPal Account	732	-	-
	Cash In Hand	440	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,361	12,188	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	2 12' x 10' Field Shelters for Sheep		1,000	400
	1 6' x 4' Field Shelter for Goats		200	200
	2 6' x 4' Animal Ark Shelters		300	200
	Sheep Hurdles		-	-
	Hay Sheds		-	-
	Metal Feed Troughs		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		<i>JP Wilmshurst</i>	Julia P Wilmshurst	21st January 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sheep Ahoy aka Oli's Gang

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sheep Ahoy aka Oli's Gang for the year ended 05 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 Charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:

Name: Robert Sydney Milligan

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Date: 6 February 2022