



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		06	April	2023			05	April	2024

Section AReference 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

16 Sandwood Road

Sandwich

Kent

PostcodeCT13 0AF

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.

New volunteers are given the Volunteer Handbook which includes an Emergency Contact form and information on Health and Safety; Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying; the general volunteering role; Trustee contact details; general policies on, for example, smoking, food & drink, clothing.

Policies and procedures will continue to be developed as per Charity Commission regulations and guidance.

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

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.

Visits from Special Educational Needs schools continue and will be developed as applicable.

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 seven years and this trustee report covers the period 5th April 2023 to 5th April 2024.

This financial year ended with the charity outgoings being greater than its income and the reasons for this will be reported on. Monies from the deposit account were able to cover the deficit without affecting the primary objective of the savings which is to use the funds to purchase land.

The charity received two large donations towards its land purchase fund from two kind sponsors which added £25000 to the pot. Gift Aid of £6,250 was claimed on these donations which allowed a total of £31,250 to be deposited and allocated as reserved funds for the future.

The other main income came from fundraising events held at Sheep Ahoy and these included an Open Day, an Afternoon Tea, Yoga with the sheep and other local events where charity volunteers ran stalls. The overall funds raised from events is down on last year as only one actual Open Day was run at Sheep Ahoy due to a lack of available resources.

A grant of £1000 was received from the Tesco Groundworks scheme.

Fundraising via social media continues to be successful and supporters have responded positively to charity appeals for funds to pay for veterinary treatments for specific sheep.

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.

The overall expenses of the charity remained comparable to the previous year. There was an increase in field rental costs but a decrease in veterinary fees. The reason for the latter was due to the majority of the rehabilitation care needed for new sheep joining the rescue being undertaken by the Sheep Ahoy carers themselves and not by the vets. The sheep requiring considerable care was Angel who came into rescue with her two lambs Sooty and Sweep.

There are always new sheep needing a place at the charity due to neglect or health issues but existing residents pass away too. Veterinary fees also cover the cost of euthanising sheep who are at the end of their life and to relieve suffering as well as the cost of any treatment new residents need to rehabilitate them in addition to any ongoing treatment required.

This year sanctuary places were given to Biscuit, Missy, Larry, Noah, Angel, Sooty, Sweep ... and Lucy, who had come into Sanctuary during the year, and went on to have two lambs Lily and Luca.

Unfortunately, our elderly Robyn, passed away during the year and we sadly lost Dobby after an ongoing battle to overcome his overshot jaw and his eating issues which became much worse as he grew.

Repairs and renewals were done as cheaply but effectively as possible

with volunteers repairing shelters to keep them in use.

The aim of the charity has always been to secure a permanent location for the sheep and this has now been achieved with the support of a major donor. The donations from the donor has allowed the charity to purchase 5 acres of local land and this is why the deposit account balance has reduced and the charity is now recording an asset of £100,000. The high cost of land in the South East of England and the lack of available suitable grazing land to purchase means that the money spent was justifiable to allow the charity to put down permanent roots. The land is being prepared during 2024/2025 and will be home to a large number of the sheep ahoy family.

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.

The charity continued to work with local Special Educational Needs schools whereby pupils are brought to meet the sheep accompanied by a member of school staff. The aim being to allow the pupils to engage with the sheep in a relaxed environment where they are away from everyday life. Pupils with high anxiety related issues find that their time with the sheep allows them to relax. The pupils can help with chores, feed the sheep or just sit with them in an outdoor environment and take in the fresh air. This has proved to be a positive experience for the SEN pupils and is something that the charity will continue to support and develop.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has a deposit account where funds for specific projects are allocated as 'Restricted Funds' on the charity accounts.

The balance on the deposit account at year end was £15,624.

The project the 'Restricted Funds' were allocated to was the purchase of land for the charity to set up as its main site and this was achieved in this financial year.

The balance of funds has been allocated to pay for the land to now be fenced.

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 continues to be used to fulfil both the banking and savings needs of the charity.

Section F

Other optional information

One of the achievements of the charity has been working with a local special educational needs school whereby pupils visit the sheep resulting in a positive benefit to the pupil's mental health. The school have put this into context in the following feedback to the charity:

'Pupils at Laleham Gap School who participate in the Sheep Ahoy programme benefit immensely from being in a relaxing natural environment, an experience they might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy.'

This exposure is fantastic for our pupils' mental health and well-being. It offers them the chance to learn about the care required for rescued animals, some of which have additional needs.

The program includes learning about a sheep's diet, what to feed them, and what they should avoid eating. Pupils also learn to conduct field checks to ensure the sheep are healthy or identify if they need specialist care. This hands-on experience is excellent for building the pupils' self-esteem and fostering their independence.

Learning about the life cycle of animals provides valuable educational insights and helps pupils develop a deeper understanding of nature and empathy for living creatures. Additionally, the various activities and responsibilities involved in caring for the sheep help build the pupils' resilience by teaching them patience, responsibility, and problem-solving skills.

Our pupils often comment on how they love the gentle nature of the sheep and how interacting with them makes them feel good about themselves.'

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>JPWilmshurst</i>	
Full name(s)	Julia Wilmshurst	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Founder	
Date	15 December 2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06/04/2023

To

05/04/2024

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	6,386	-	-	6,386	9,902
Donations	12,275	25,000	-	37,275	69,156
PayPal Giving Fund	3,679	-	-	3,679	1,608
Merchandise Sales, e.g. Etsy Sales	2,651	-	-	2,651	612
Ziffit Sales	167	-	-	167	134
Amazon Smile	56	-	-	56	81
Patreon	6	-	-	6	166
Revival Books	57	-	-	57	-
Gift Aid	1,039	6,250	-	7,289	19,974
Grant from Dover District Council	-	-	-	-	1,685
Tesco Groundworks Grant	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,316	31,250	-	58,566	103,318
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest on Deposit Account	-	1,503	-	1,503	339
Sub total	-	1,503	-	1,503	339
Total receipts	27,316	32,753	-	60,069	103,657
A3 Payments					
Grazing Rental	7,720	-	-	7,720	6,451
Veterinary Fees & Healthcare	4,496	-	-	4,496	8,555
Animal Feed, Hay & Straw	10,915	-	-	10,915	9,078
Cost of Fundraising Events	1,009	-	-	1,009	1,428
Cost of Goods Sold	477	-	-	477	609
Postage & Stationery	566	-	-	566	741
Repairs & Renewals	80	-	-	80	153
Public Liability Insurance	351	-	-	351	334
Transaction Fees	197	-	-	197	101
Shearing Fee	200	-	-	200	200
Motoring Costs	2,140	-	-	2,140	1,650
Bank Charges	25	-	-	25	-
Professional Services	842	1,622	-	2,465	-
Sundries	21	-	-	21	158
Sub total	29,039	1,622	-	30,662	29,459
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Land Purchase	-	100,000	-	100,000	-
Buildings & Equipment	451	-	-	451	937
Sub total	451	100,000	-	100,451	937
Total payments	29,490	101,622	-	131,113	30,396
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,174	- 68,869	-	- 71,043	73,261
A5 Transfers between funds	1,722	- 1,722	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	907	86,216	-	87,123	13,862
Cash funds this year end	455	15,624	-	16,080	87,123

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	147	-	-
	Co-op Deposit Account	-	15,624	-
	PayPal Account	36	-	-
	Cash In Hand	272	-	-
	Total cash funds	455	15,624	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	2 12' x 10' Field Shelters for Sheep		1,000	200
	1 6' x 4' Field Shelter for Goats		200	50
	2 6' x 4' Animal Ark Shelters		300	200
	Sheep Hurdles		680	-
	Hay Sheds		-	-
	Metal Feed Troughs		-	-
	Rubber Field Matting		840	-
	5 Acres of Grazing Land		100,000	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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	05/02/2025



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

Sheep Ahoy aka Oli's Gang

On accounts for the year
ended

5 April 2024

Charity no

1173005

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust's 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Connor Henley

Date:

05/02/2025

Name:

Connor Henley ACA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)