



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	06	April	2024	To	05	April	2025

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	16 Sandwood Road
	Sandwich
	Kent
Postcode	CT13 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 eight years and this trustee report covers the period 5th April 2024 to 5th April 2025.

This financial year ended with the charity outgoings being slightly 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 fence the land purchased in 2024 and to install field shelters plus a hay store.

Income

Donations included further monies towards the set up of the new land at Weddington. This money was to purchase and install 2 large field shelters for the sheep plus a hay barn which is to also incorporate an area to store feed.

Fundraising included two Open Days held at Sheep Ahoy plus a Quiz night held by a local group who hold quizzes to raise money for charity organisations.

No grants were received in the year and donations are down on the previous year. This appears to be due to the general economic climate as many small rescues and charities are suffering in the same way.

Merchandise sales include sheep sponsorship packs which are popular as a celebratory message can be included which means that these packs are often given as birthday gifts.

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.

Expenses

A large expense this year was the fencing of the 5 acre field at Weddington which had to be done before the land could be used for the sheep. Provision had been made for this by way of restricted funds in the deposit account.

The overall expenses of the charity remained comparable to the previous year. This year there was an increase in veterinary fees but a decrease in animal feed, hay and straw. This was due to more veterinary visits needed which included out of hours veterinary attendance where urgent treatment was needed.

Noah lamb was very poorly when he came into Sheep Ahoy but, even with significant veterinary treatment and around the clock care at Sheep Ahoy, he passed away at only 2 months old. These losses hit the team hard but everyone has to continue regardless as the rest of the sheep and goats need their daily care to continue.

This year the sanctuary gave places to Rosie, Jim, Thomas, Daisy, Flower and Cliff the old goat. Rosie and Jim, both lambs who had a bad start in life and needed care as they were suffering from a severe parasite burden; Thomas lamb who came via another veterinary practice who did not have sheep experience. Thomas was found to have a fractured leg which had started to heal and so supportive treatment was

given.

Daisy lamb was brought to us with a deformed leg, pneumonia and severe parasite burden which had damaged her gut. Angel was due to have an operation on her deformed legs but Daisy came along and was suffering with swelling around her leg joints and so was operated on as a priority. Unfortunately, the operation was not successful and due to the damage in the leg joint we had to make the sad and hard decision to let Daisy go whilst still sedated. These decisions are not made without full and frank discussions with our vets and we were ultimately led by the future welfare of Daisy as we are with all our animals.

Flower came to Sheep Ahoy with a broken leg at the time of Daisy passing and so joined Thomas bringing light to a sad time. Flower had her leg cast and rehabilitated successfully.

The charity has been struggling to raise funds and with more residents comes more work and so this has to be weighed up when asked to take in another animal. In this case it was Cliff, a very old goat whose human needed to move and could not take Cliff with her. Well we said yes and brought old Cliff into the Sheep Ahoy gang where he received care for his arthritic body to live out his days safely.

Many of the sheep are getting old and have ongoing health issues. As well as losing Noah and Daisy lambs this year we also lost Nemo in early 2025. Nemo's body started to shut down with no veterinary treatment able to help him. This is something we face with running a rescue.

Repairs and renewals included the clearance of the field shelters in Marshborough and Woodnesborough. This is an expense that we had previously not had but could not avoid any longer as we do not have the machinery to do it ourselves. Now done it will be easier to maintain the upkeep of these shelters going forward.

General

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. There are now two SEN schools attending Sheep Ahoy with the aim of allowing 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 £15,336.

The project the 'Restricted Funds' were allocated to this year was the fencing of the Weddington land and this was achieved.

The balance of funds will now be used to purchase two field shelters and a hay barn at the Weddington field. Once installed this will allow the sheep currently at one of the rented fields to be moved to the charity's own land with the rented field being relinquished thus saving money each month going forward.

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	19 January 2026	



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

06/04/2024

To

05/04/2025

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	8,187	-	-	8,187	6,386
Donations	27,247	-	-	27,247	37,275
PayPal Giving Fund	3,589	-	-	3,589	3,679
Merchandise Sales, e.g. Etsy Sales	5,882	-	-	5,882	2,651
Ziffit Sales	18	-	-	18	167
Amazon Smile	-	-	-	-	56
Patreon	6	-	-	6	6
Revival Books	32	-	-	32	57
Gift Aid	5,321	-	-	5,321	7,289
Tesco Groundworks Grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,281	-	-	50,281	58,566
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest on Deposit Account	-	231	-	231	1,503
Sub total	-	231	-	231	1,503
Total receipts	50,281	231	-	50,512	60,069
A3 Payments					
Grazing Rental	7,935	-	-	7,935	7,720
Veterinary Fees & Healthcare	11,241	-	-	11,241	4,496
Animal Feed, Hay & Straw	7,013	-	-	7,013	10,915
Cost of Fundraising Events	1,409	-	-	1,409	1,009
Cost of Goods Sold	159	-	-	159	477
Postage & Stationery	538	-	-	538	566
Repairs & Renewals	1,085	-	-	1,085	80
Public Liability Insurance	404	-	-	404	351
Transaction Fees	255	-	-	255	197
Shearing Fee	250	-	-	250	200
Motoring Costs	1,344	-	-	1,344	2,140
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	25
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	2,465
Sundries	322	-	-	322	21
Sub total	31,953	-	-	31,953	30,662
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Land Purchase	-	-	-	-	100,000
Buildings & Equipment	18,756	-	-	18,756	451
Sub total	18,756	-	-	18,756	100,451
Total payments	50,709	-	-	50,709	131,113
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 428	231	-	- 197	- 71,044
A5 Transfers between funds	519	- 519	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	455	15,624	-	16,079	87,123
Cash funds this year end	546	15,336	-	15,882	16,079

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	225	-	-
	Co-op Deposit Account	-	15,336	-
	PayPal Account	101	-	-
	Cash In Hand	220	-	-
	Total cash funds	546	15,336	-
	(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	-
	1 6' x 4' Field Shelter for Goats		200	-
	2 6' x 4' Animal Ark Shelters		300	100
	Sheep Hurdles		680	-
	Hay Sheds		-	-
	Metal Feed Troughs		-	-
	Rubber Field Matting		840	-
	5 Acres of Grazing Land		100,000	100,000
	Fencing for 5 Acres of Grazing Land		13,109	13,109

	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	15/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sheep Ahoy Aka Oli's Gang

On accounts for the year
ended

5 April 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1173005

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

Signed:

Connor Henley

Date:

27 January 2026

Name:

Connor Henley ACA

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

Chartered Accountant
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)