

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre

Registered Charity No: 1173847

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2021

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**Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2021**

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**Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 July 2021**

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

CHARITY INFORMATION

Board of Trustees:	T Cooper L Marriott-Lodge S Roberts W Clent
Correspondence address and principal office:	L Marriott-Lodge Waterside Snitton Ludlow SY8 3EZ
Charity number:	1173847
Independent examiner:	K A Thompson 40 Cranmere Avenue Tettenhall Wolverhampton WV6 8TS
Bankers:	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre**Report of the Trustees (*continued*)
For the year ended 31 July 2021****TRUSTEES**

The following persons were in office as Trustees for the whole of the period from 1 August 2020 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

Board of Trustees:

L Marriott-Lodge
T Cooper
R Holt (resigned November 2020)
T Woolnough (resigned November 2021)
S Roberts (appointed November 2021)
W Clent (appointed January 2022)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre is a registered charity, number 1173847. Its correspondence address is c/o L Marriot-Lodge, Waterside, Snitton, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3EZ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 18 July 2017. Its constitution was adopted on 1 February 2017. The governing documents instruct the trustees to act in a way to promote the objects of the charity.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Recruitment to the Board of Trustees is normally by invitation to individuals with the relevant skills and experience to strengthen the governance of the organisation. Potential Trustees are appointed by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the current trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charitable object is the promotion of humane behaviour towards horses by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, and security for those which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, or poor circumstances, through the provision of facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals and the rehoming of them.

We have referred to The Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit Entities when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Overview

On 8th June 2021 we were delighted to have been invited and accepted as a member of the National Equine Welfare Council. This is a huge seal of approval for the organisation, and a reflection of the processes, policies, organisational structure and the care and commitment towards the welfare of all the animals we receive into the charity.

During this fourth full year as a registered charity, we faced the challenges of operating through the covid pandemic. This required a change to our approach for both managing the Centre and raising much needed funds. The changes to our operating systems necessitated a complete lockdown on any rehoming, other than urgent companions or neglect cases, and our focus was on the daily care of the horses at the Centre at that time.

We operated a reduced hours system for the staff and made use of the government furlough system to enable us to maintain staff employment. During this time there were no visitors to the yard due to enforced lockdown and all procedures were operated in accordance with our covid risk assessment to protect the welfare of the staff.

The impact of this required us to think outside of the box to maintain a charity income, in the absence of being able to have the usual fundraising activities with direct public interface. We made effective use of remote and online platforms to continue raising funds, such as our hugely popular virtual car boot sales and sale of donated goods on local Facebook and social media groups. We remain self-funding, although the £12k foundation loan from a local company in year one is yet to be repaid, but no repayments were expected from them during this difficult year.

Our major outgoings again are rental of yards and grazing, farrier, veterinary bills, wages and provision of forage and feed for the horses. We have run most of the year at a capacity of between 28 – 32 horses. Due to the lack of activity at the Centre the horse numbers remained constant, except for urgent companions being rehomed and welfare cases accepted following referrals from the RSPCA and other local charities in need of our support.

We are grateful for the ongoing input and support from our small group of volunteers, both at the Centre and in our fundraising activities. We continue to seek a single premises suitable to meet our growing needs in order that we can move away from our current operating system across three different yards.

Aim

Our aim is to continue to develop the Centre and work to provide monthly educational activities and functions to enhance knowledge of topical horse welfare issues. We aim to update and renew our website to further raise our profile to the wider community. Our main priority for the coming year is to locate a more appropriate venue to further develop the Charity's aims and objectives, and to increase opportunities of providing for horse welfare with increased facilities. This will also enable us to increase or fundraising activities and develop an onsite retail outlet for donated goods and equipment.

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Fundraising

Our virtual car boot sales were extremely successful and provided an income comparable with the actual car boot sales from the previous year.

Fundraising challenges via Facebook were successful and provided activities of a different type for people to enjoy whilst raising funds. When lockdown rules allowed, we were able to meet members of the public individually and in accordance with our risk assessment to sell some of the donated goods.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Jean Sainsbury Trust of £10,000 for staff salaries.

We obtained a £3,000 grant from Animal Friends, towards a large and specific vet bill, and to assist with payment we had an excellent response from our supporters. Donations to our Facebook fundraiser and a successful online auction enabled us to discharge the bill and provide ongoing care in accordance with veterinary advice and guidance.

A Petplan grant of £5,000 also assisted in providing much needed funds along with a personal donation of £1,000 from a supporter of the Charity.

A fundraiser at the end of our previous fiscal year by one of our supporters enabled us to purchase and install a solarium. This has been hugely beneficial, particularly when we have welfare cases in during the winter.

Marketing/ Technology

We continue to engage with the public and our supporters on a range of social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and LinkedIn, while making good use of these free platforms to raise our profile and share our message. Our current website continues to be funded by a donation from a local business.

Trustee meetings continued to be held remotely online during lockdown.

We developed our access to Microsoft Teams to allow access to staff members, so that all horse and other necessary records, policies and procedures have a remote shared access.

Our experienced volunteer marketing professional is continuing her support and submitting regular and successful grant applications on our behalf. This is an area we hope will continue to develop now and in the future.

Summary

The 2020-2021 accounts demonstrate our resilience to continue and further our aims during challenging times. While the number of horses at the Centre remained consistent throughout the period, there was a perception that the public were appreciating the value of their animals as a point of focus and consistency through the difficulties of lockdown.

The covid lockdowns highlighted the resilience of the charity to continue to maintain financial stability using innovative ways to enhance the profile and primary purpose. The pandemic directly impacted the number

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of horses the charity would normally take through the winter period. This is reflected in the expenditure on charitable activities and other consequential costs. The increase in veterinary costs is mainly because of a severe injury to one of the horses and the welfare cases we received into the Centre from other charities, one of which was in foal. We were delighted to receive funding to cover a significant proportion of these costs, as grants were primarily and understandably directed towards helping people cope with the challenging times.

The Charity remains in a strong position to continue its aims after lockdowns to support and help both animals and the public.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The income of the charity was £85,853 for the year. Expenditure in furtherance of the charity's objectives was £88,137 whilst other expenditure totalled £8,787. This returned a deficit of £11,071 for the year (including £12,024 restricted funds designed for staffing costs until December 2021).

The support for the charity continues to grow and we are currently exploring some opportunities, which will realise our aim of having all horses on one site at our own premises. Due to the covid pandemic we were still unable to achieve phase 1 of our reserve fund. However, the charity has moved forward with a clear vision of realising our goals and furthering our main aims and objectives.

RESERVES POLICY AND GOING CONCERN

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to cover costs related to each period, with a target to accumulate three month's reserves, rising to six months in the future.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T Cooper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

T Cooper

24 May 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1173847

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2021.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

26 May 2022

Name:

Mr Keith Thompson

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

Address:

40 Cranmere Avenue, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, West Midlands,
WV6 8TS

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Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 31 July 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Government Grants		11,841		-	
Other Grants		18,000		47,700	
Donations		37,847		45,834	
Livery Fees		6,010		7,771	
Re-charged Expenses		-		588	
Sale of Donated Goods		10,261		6,700	
Miscellaneous Sales		-		65	
Fundraising Events		179		447	
Gift Aid Claimed		1,263		1,528	
Other		449		186	
Interest Earned		3		9	
			85,853		110,827
Expenditure					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	1	88,137		68,783	
Governance Costs	2	8,787		7,087	
Fundraising Costs	4	-		3,905	
			96,924		79,775
Nett Income/(Expenditure)			(11,071)		31,052
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward			26,452		(4,601)
Net movement in funds			(11,071)		31,053
Total funds carried forward			15,381		26,452

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 July 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
S/H Horseboxes x 2			13,546		13,546
Current Assets					
Barclays Bank Current Account		649		88	
Barclays Bank Restricted Funds Account		12,024		14,232	
Barclays Bank Hay Fund Account		847		2,423	
Barclays Bank Reserves Account		4		7,892	
PayPal Account		221		-	
Cash		-		181	
Creditors Falling Due Within One Year					
Loans	3	(11,910)		(11,910)	
Nett Current Assets/(Liabilities)			1,835		12,906
Nett Assets/(Liabilities)			<u>15,381</u>		<u>26,452</u>
Reconciliation of Funds					
Restricted Funds			12,024		14,232
Unrestricted Funds			3,357		12,220
Total Funds Carried Forward			<u>15,381</u>		<u>26,452</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 24 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:-



T Cooper
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
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	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
1. Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
Grazing, Stabling & Barn Space Rent		18,029	19,295
Forage, Feed & Supplements		9,246	8,704
Vet/Medicines		16,084	6,878
Farrier		5,866	5,030
Bedding		2,067	-
Tack, Equipment & Repairs		2,698	878
Staff Salaries		29,326	12,827
Casual Labour		617	10,314
Fuel		2,684	3,229
Trustee Expenses	5	237	394
Volunteer Expenses		54	20
Sundry		1,229	1,214
		<u>88,137</u>	<u>68,783</u>

2. Expenditure on Governance

Advertising, Including Website Costs	10	573
Merchandise	164	184
Motor Vehicle Insurance, Tax and Maintenance	4,233	2,255
Printing, Postage & Stationery	311	343
Sundry	409	1,005
Light & Heat	-	50
Repairs	891	-
Liability Insurance	1,855	2,280
Refreshments & Cleaning	309	344
Subscriptions & Sundry Admin Expenses	605	52
	<u>8,787</u>	<u>7,087</u>

3. Loans

The loan relates to funds received from Equitrain Limited, a company whose directors are also Trustees of this charity. There were no movements on this account during the year.

4. Fundraising Expenses

Fundraising Events	-	3,830
Other	-	75
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,777</u>

5. Trustee Expenses

Expenses paid to trustees during the year represents reimbursements made to 2 trustees (2020 1 trustee) for expenditure incurred in their role as trustee. Trustees worked honorarily for the charity during the year and received no remuneration (2020 £nil).

6. Bank and cash

Bank and cash includes cash from the sale of goods along with cash drawn from the bank to fund expenditure. Cash from the sale of goods is generally set aside for the purpose of buying winter hay stocks.