

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre

Registered Charity No. 1173847

Annual Report and Financial Statement

For the year ended 31 July, 2022

Hopton Rehab and Homing Centre

Financial Statements for year ended 31 July 2022

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 July 2022

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 the 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 Mariott-Lodge
S Roberts
W Clent

Correspondence Address & Principal Office:

T Cooper, 72 Beechfield Drive, Worcs. DY11 5HQ

Charity Number:

1173847

Independent Examiner:

K A Thompson, 40 Cranmere Avenue, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, WV6 8TS

Bank:

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

For the year ended 31 July 2022

TRUSTEES

The following persons were in office as Trustees for the whole of the period from 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022.

T Cooper
L Mariott-Lodge
S Roberts
W Clent

Reference and Administrative Details:

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre is a registered charity, number 1173847, its correspondence address is: T Cooper, 72 Beechfield Drive, Worcs. DY11 5HQ

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with the Charities Commission on 18 July 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 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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Report of the Trustees (continued)

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Achievements and Performance

Overview

On 19 July 2021, the UK government lifted restrictions of coronavirus-related legislation. The guidance on working from home was also lifted. Over the summer a gradual return was planned for employees to return to the workplace. The Welsh Government lifted most legislation on the 7th of August 2021 followed by Scotland on the 9th of August. Northern Ireland was later.

The gradual return to work meant that the rehoming of horses could also begin, and Hopton Rehab and Homing (referred to as HRH) was allowed to continue with home visits to rehome horses after that date. This was a welcome return to the norm as so many horses had remained at the Centre.

With the pandemic now coming to an end, it was most unfortunate to find that with the return to work for some came the request to return a horse and requests for new horses to come to the centre. We were able to look at foster homes for some as short-term solutions and tried to accommodate as many horses as possible.

It was noted at the beginning of this year that we were now responsible for some 151 horses, either rehomed and still "owned" by HRH or fostered or at the Centre.

Our volunteers were able to return and support us and unlike many charities we were fortunate to retain many of our volunteers after the pandemic. We were very grateful for their continued support. Our volunteer programme enabled us to fundraise and support the yard work at the Centre. We were also able to continue with home visits to those horses who had been rehomed.

Our major costs again for this year were rental of 3 yards, veterinary and farrier costs along with fodder and staffing expenses to run the yard operation. We continued to look for a suitable single yard with grazing to reduce the above costs and also reduce travel costs too. It was also considered to be best for the welfare of horses in our care for them all to be at one site. We therefore started looking for a suitable solution.

Fundraising & Communications

As we were collecting preloved equine equipment, rugs, riding wear and saddlery we looked for a suitable retail outlet and set up a pop-up shop which enhanced our already successful car boot sales. These were a key source of income for the Charity.

Volunteers were instrumental in ensuring the success of the car boot sales and tabletop sales which were publicised locally and through our social media platforms.

We were fortunate to also have donations through sponsored activities by staff members, volunteers and continued contributions from individual giving and donations through our website.

The ongoing rehoming programmes also ensured monthly donations continued.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

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Trusts and Foundations

Our volunteer was successful in gaining funds of £10k from Sir Peter O'Sullivan Trust, The Childwick Trust funded a further £10k and Pets at Home Foundation £6800. This was also supplemented later in the year by a Jean Sainsbury Award also for £10k. We would not have been able to support the number of horses in our care without them. At the same time it was noted that the number of thoroughbred (racing) horses coming into our care had greatly increased and these types of horses needed greater rehabilitation time and procedures.

As always we are enormously thankful to the Trusts and Foundations who have supported us.

Legacies

We were notified that there was a potential legacy opportunity from an individual who had passed away in November 2021. On 10th June, 2022 Tracy Cooper, Lin Marriot Lodge and volunteer Lynette Arnott presented to the executor of the estate and this was received well. We were hopeful that a gift from the estate would be awarded to the Charity at a later date.

Digital Marketing and Social Media platforms

We were fortunate enough to be able to get a discounted (pro-bono) website which enabled us to profile our horses in a more suitable and sustainable way as well as inform interested parties in news, adoption procedures and education on welfare of horses. This updated our old website and one of our volunteers took over the day-to-day running of the website after they had received appropriate training.

Our social media platforms (smpps) continued to help us tremendously and we dramatically grew number of visits, number of contacts and number of followers with Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram but most importantly Facebook. We will continue to increase our social media presence over the following year and will be using different channels to do so too (eg Tiktok).

Summary

The Trustees remained committed to the Charity during this challenging period. The number of staff remained the same, despite the increase in the number of horses and difficult logistics during these changing times. We were supported by a solid and dedicated volunteer base which was immensely important. Our due diligence during this time enabled us to formulate a solid future for the Charity and one which we are excited to move forward.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)

For the year ended 31 July 2022

Financial Review

The income for the charity was £110,997 for the year. Expenditure in furtherance of the charity's objectives was £89,327 whilst other expenditure totalled £17,414. This returned a surplus of £4,256 for the year (including £11,046 restricted funds designated for staffing costs until December 2022).

The support of the charity continues to grow and we are currently exploring some opportunities, which will realise our aim of having all the horses on one site at our own premises. Due to the covid pandemic we have struggled 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 UK accounting standards (UK 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.

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.

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
For the year ended 31 July 2022

On behalf of the Trustees:



T Cooper

18 May 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Hopton Rehab & Homing Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2022

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:

18 May 2023

Name:

Mr Keith Thompson

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

Address:

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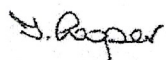
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the year ended 31 July 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Government Grants		2,668		11,841	
Other Grants		45,645		18,000	
Donations		38,911		37,847	
Livery Fees		8,762		6,010	
Sale of Donated Goods		11,718		10,261	
Fundraising Events		364		179	
Gift Aid Claimed		1,858		1,263	
Other		1,069		449	
Interest Earned		2		3	
			110,997		85,853
Expenditure					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	1	89,327		88,137	
Governance Costs	2	17,414		8,787	
			106,741		96,924
Nett Income/(Expenditure)			<u>4,256</u>		<u>(11,071)</u>
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward			15,381		26,452
Net movement in funds			4,256		(11,071)
Total funds carried forward			<u>19,637</u>		<u>15,381</u>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 July 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
S/H Horsebox			10,200		13,546
Current Assets					
Barclays Bank Current Account		6,754		649	
Barclays Bank Restricted Funds Account		11,046		12,024	
Barclays Bank Hay Fund Account		1,747		847	
Barclays Bank Reserves Account		1,262		4	
PayPal Account		298		221	
Creditors Falling Due Within One Year					
Loans	3	(11,670)		(11,910)	
Nett Current Assets/(Liabilities)			9,437		1,835
Nett Assets/(Liabilities)			<u>19,637</u>		<u>15,381</u>
Reconciliation of Funds					
Restricted Funds			11,046		12,024
Unrestricted Funds			8,591		3,357
Total Funds Carried Forward			<u>19,637</u>		<u>15,381</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 18 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:-



T Cooper

18 May 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
1. Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
Grazing, Stabling & Barn Space Rent		18,220	18,029
Forage, Feed & Supplements		6,288	9,246
Vet/Medicines		11,483	16,084
Farrier		6,175	5,866
Bedding		505	2,067
Tack, Equipment & Repairs		4,479	2,698
Staff Salaries		36,976	29,326
Casual Labour		1,237	617
Fuel		2,178	2,684
Trustee Expenses	5	388	237
Volunteer Expenses		-	54
Sundry		1,398	1,229
		<u>89,327</u>	<u>88,137</u>
2. Expenditure on Governance			
Advertising, Including Website Costs		2,852	10
Merchandise		521	164
Motor Vehicle Insurance, Tax and Maintenance		3,621	4,233
Printing, Postage & Stationery		582	311
Sundry		310	409
Computer Costs		474	-
Repairs		1,238	891
Liability Insurance		2,843	1,855
Refreshments & Cleaning		26	309
Subscriptions & Sundry Admin Expenses		441	263
Accountancy and bookkeeping fees		1,660	342
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		2,846	-
		<u>17,414</u>	<u>8,787</u>

3. Loans

The loan relates to funds received from Equitrain Limited, a company whose directors are also Trustees of this charity. There were total loan repayments of £240 to this account during the year.

4. Trustee Expenses

Expenses paid to trustees during the year represents reimbursements made to 2 trustees (2021 2 trustees) for expenditure incurred in their role as trustee. Trustees worked honorarily for the charity during the year and received no remuneration (2021 £nil). One of the Trustees, T Cooper, invoiced the charity £360 from her business, Tracy Cooper Bookkeeping Services, for bookkeeping services supplied. Another Trustee, W Clent, was paid £10,000 for the rental of his land and buildings for the use of the charity.

5. 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.

