

## **Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue**

### **Legal / Administrative Details**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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#### **Principal address and registered office**

55 Chynowen Parc  
Cubert  
Newquay  
Cornwall  
TR8 5HD

#### **Trustees**

Mr David Hudson (Chair)  
Mr Aarron Dingle (Vice Chair)  
Mrs Diane South  
Dr Thais Martins  
Ms Emma Stevenson  
Ms Kristy Gouldsmith  
Ms Emma Miller

#### **Patrons**

**Hannah Stitfall:** A wildlife presenter/producer for BBC Earth, digital presenter on BBC Springwatch and a wildlife filmmaker.

**Philip Witte:** A specialist orthopaedic veterinary surgeon who is widely published and has an interest in wildlife.

**Dr. Kelly Moyes:** Senior Lecturer at the University of Exeter. Her research and professional career has focused on British ecology, conservation and natural history.

#### **Auditor**

Mr David Wright FMAAT AFA

**Bank**

The Co-operative Bank

**Legal Status**

Charity Registration Number 1174597

Established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.

**Report of the Trustees**  
**For the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

The Trustees of Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue are pleased to present this report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

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### **Governing Document**

Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1174597, which was constituted on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### **Governance**

The Charity is governed by the trustees who hold quarterly meetings, or more if necessary. Additional trustees can be appointed following agreement of all trustees at a meeting and are carefully selected according to the skill set that is needed within the trustees in order to ensure efficient running of the charity and the ability to move the charity forward.

The responsibilities of a trustee are made clear and regularly discussed at meetings. Trustees are signposted to the charity commission website for information and all have been given a copy of the Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee'. Relevant courses are attended when possible. New trustees are given access to the Charity's governing document, policies and the previous year's worth of meeting minutes. This year the charity has also registered with the Fundraising Regulator to demonstrate we are committed to high fundraising standards and following best practice, ensuring confidence for our donors.

### **Risk Management**

A risk management policy is in place and is a standing item on each agenda. The trustees are aware of the risks and are satisfied that measures are continually being put in place to mitigate these.

### **Organisation**

The trustees oversee the financial affairs and management of the charity; the day to day running of the charity is left to Diane South, assisted by Kathryn South.

### **Aims and objectives**

- 1) For the benefit of the public to further the conservation and preservation of the hedgehog species in Cornwall and the South-west of England.
- 2) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering and distress of hedgehogs in need of care and attention by a providing rescue, care and rehabilitation service for sick, injured,

or orphaned hedgehogs with the aim of releasing such hedgehogs back into the wild wherever possible.

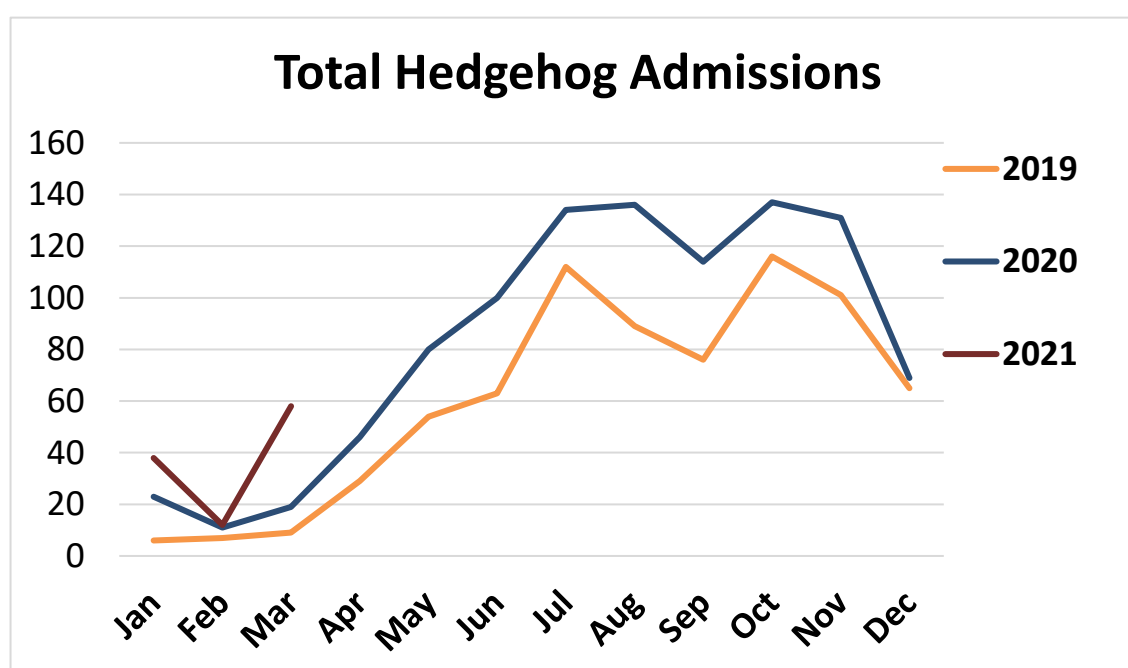
- 3) To advance the education of the public in the study of hedgehogs. This includes the care, methods of treatment, conservation and habitat of hedgehogs.

## Achievements

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What a year! During 2020 we admitted and provided care for over 1,000 hedgehogs. By far our busiest year and with considerable challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud that our team and organisation were able to rapidly adapt to the everchanging situation and remain open to new admissions throughout and for this we thank our team and volunteers.

**Hedgehog Care:** The 'hogspital' was running at or over capacity for the summer, autumn and start of the winter. Between January and August admissions were up 48% on the previous year and the start of 2021 saw an even bigger increase, with over double the number of hedgehogs admitted compared to the same period in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in wildlife provision within Cornwall and Devon significantly decreasing. With many other rescues in the Southwest temporarily closed due to coronavirus related issues, pausing or ceasing their activities, there was a huge increase in demand upon our services and the catchment area for which we cover has greatly increased. In response to this the rescue applied for grant funding to allow the purchase of additional equipment, including incubators and a vehicle for the charity containing portable incubators. The trustees would like to extend their thanks to The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust and Chrissies Sunshine Appeal who funded



the purchase of the vehicle which rapidly became essential due to increased demand for us to travel to pick up hedgehogs and safely return them to our facility due to COVID and people shielding.

**The Team:** April 2020 saw the huge milestone for the charity of employing its very first member of staff on a part time basis, as a result of grant funding, progressing to full time employment from September 2020. This allowed us to review our volunteer programme and develop it further before welcoming volunteers back on site after the first lockdown of the year. Through utilising social media and Facebook lives we were able to raise funds sufficient for us to take on a second full time member of staff as Volunteer Co-ordinator in January 2021, allowing our other member of staff to take on the role of Animal Care and Operations Manager. Despite the pandemic our volunteers have remained involved and central to our work, the volunteer team having grown to over 120 in recent months with our volunteer drivers' network significantly expanding to provide cover across the county.

The trustees would like to express their thanks to the volunteers, we are humbled by your support, kindness and dedication to Cornwall's hedgehogs. The trustees would also like to welcome on board our newest patron Phil Witte a specialist Veterinary Orthopaedic surgeon who carried out four very technical surgeries on our hedgehogs to repair leg fractures. All four hedgehogs made a full recovery and were released into the wild. We are thrilled to have Phil championing our cause and his expertise on hand.

### **Education:**

COVID-19 has resulted in huge changes in our working practice, none more so than with our education programme. All educational talks were cancelled due to COVID-19 but our team quickly adapted and developed a virtual talk using Zoom or Microsoft Teams. The virtual tour introduces audiences to the rescue centre, allowing them to meet a few residents and see what we do as well as providing tips as to what they can do to make their garden more wildlife friendly. Our educational talks becoming virtual has allowed us to reach audiences across the country and continue delivering during lockdowns and periods of restrictions. The majority of talks have been to Brownie and Scout groups but also to community groups and Women's Institutes. By utilising technology we have nearly tripled the number of talks we delivered the previous year. The map below demonstrates just how far and wide we have been able to reach with our educational talks.



We have continued to build our social media accounts and use these to help raise awareness and education the public. Prickles and Paws featured on BBC Autumn Watch 2020, greatly raising our profile but also awareness around the plight of hedgehogs and how people can help. Following a busy start to 2021 we received generous support from Digital Natives and Excess Energy Communications to create and circulate a press release alongside a social media campaign regarding hedgehog strimmer injuries, this resulted in national coverage and TV features in the Southwest. The campaign had a huge reach and we hope will result in fewer strimmer and garden related injuries.

**Future plans:** Prickles and Paws have reached capacity not only in terms of the total of hedgehogs that can be cared for at any one time but also in terms of its expansion and development at its current location. The trustees have been working on plans to move to a new permanent site and into purpose-built facilities and have been working to secure funds to make this a reality. We are hopeful that we will be able to move to a new site before the end of 2021.

## Financial review

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- Total income for the year was: £99,906
- Expenses for the year including depreciation were: £41,442
- This gives a reported net profit of: £58,465

## Major sources of income for the year

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- Grants £23,500 (including those received in prior year)
- Legacies £10,523
- Donations £47,848
- Fundraising and sales £9,877
- Other Income (Gift Aid, Terracycle etc) £8,152

## Major expenses for the year

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- Wage Costs £21,449
- Veterinary expense and medical supplies £5,842
- Food, PPE and cleaning materials £1,568

## Future plans

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- To secure a new site and the remainder of the funding for the hospital expansion plans.
- To develop the new site and expand provision and volunteer opportunities.
- To develop a corporate strategy and create further links with local businesses.

## Reserves policy

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Financial reserves are necessary to support the charity in case of difficulty, such as an increase in veterinary costs or a drop in the level of donations. The reserves are carefully monitored by the trustees to ensure 3 months running costs are covered and dissolution funds. At the year-end Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescues unrestricted reserves stood at: £77,202 which is comfortably higher than the target reserves figure of £23,300.

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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue CIO

1174597

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Charitable Activities	14,576	-	-	14,576	3,074
Donations & Legacies	47,802	-	-	47,802	24,588
Sales of Products income	8,682	-	-	8,682	1,691
grants	28,795	-	-	28,795	300
Interest	52	-	-	52	37
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>99,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,906</b>	<b>29,690</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>99,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,906</b>	<b>29,690</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising and Promotion	59	-	-	59	273
Bank Charges	811	-	-	811	175
Equipment Purchased	1,237	-	-	1,237	968
Feed, Bedding and Cleaning	3,714	-	-	3,714	2,951
		-	-	-	-
Insurance		-	-	-	257
Light And Heat	188	-	-	188	240
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,274	-	-	1,274	547
Raising Funds costs		-	-	-	629
Rent	50	-	-	50	
Repairs and Renewals	464	-	-	464	278
Software	799	-	-	799	813
Training		-	-	-	175
Travel and Accommodation	1,242	-	-	1,242	1,066
Veterinary and Medical Supplies	5,843	-	-	5,843	3,728
Purchases	2,393	-	-	2,393	1,301
Staff costs	21,449	-	-	21,449	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,524</b>	<b>13,402</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,380</b>	
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>6,500</b>			<b>6,500</b>	
<b>Office Equipment</b>	<b>712</b>			<b>712</b>	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,116</b>	<b>13,402</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>50,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,790</b>	<b>16,288</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,366</b>	<b>10,078</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>77,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,156</b>	<b>26,366</b>

### 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	Current	16,870	-	-
	Deposit	57,624	-	-
	Cash in Hand	1,025		
	Paypal	1,638	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>77,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

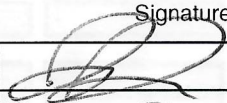
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Fixtures & Fittings		2,380	1,904
	Motor Vehicles		6,500	5,200
	Office equipment		712	570
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	AARON DINGLE	8/7/21
D.E. South	D.E. SOUTH	8/9/21





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

PRICKLES AND PAWS HEDGEHOG RESCUE CIO

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/3/21

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1174597

**Set out on pages**

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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 **31/3/2021**

**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:**

**Date:**

6/8/2021

**Name:**

David G Wright FMAAT

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

AAT

**Address:**

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Cubert, TR8 5HE

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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**Section A**

**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;
- 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 in which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be gained.

I have followed the appropriate guidance given by the Charity Commission under section 142(5)(b) of the Act.

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 142 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the appropriate guidance given by the Charity Commission under section 142(5)(b) of the Act.

I report to the trustees on my explanation of the contents of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Report to the trustees:**

members of

**On accounts for the year ended**

**Set out on pages**

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**Section B**

**Disclosures**

Q1. Complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC35, paragraph 3 and examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body**

**Name:** David G Wright FMAAT

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 6/5/2021