

Legal / Administrative Details
For the year ended 31st March 2022

Principal address and registered office

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Newquay
Cornwall
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Trustees

- Mr David Hudson (Chair)
- Mr Aarron Dingle (Vice Chair)
- Mrs Diane South
- Dr Thais Martins (stepped down 16/07/2021)
- 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.
- **Lucie Donlan:** a local surfer, model and TV celebrity after featuring on the show Love Island. As a social influencer Lucie is helping raise awareness around the decline of hedgehogs and ways to combat this.

Independent Examiner

Mr David Wright FMAAT AFA

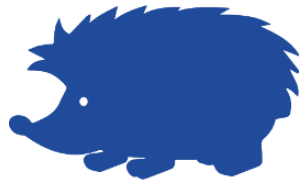
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The Co-operative Bank

Legal Status

Charity Registration Number 1174597

Established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation September 12th 2017.



Prickles & Paws
Hedgehog Rescue

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended March 31st 2022

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 31st 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1174597, which was constituted on September 12th 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 years' worth of meeting minutes. The charity is also registered with the Fundraising Regulator to demonstrate we are committed to high fundraising standards and follow 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, Animal Care and Operations Manager.

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

2021 was yet another record-breaking year with over 1,300 hedgehogs admitted to the rescue. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to place challenges on the team but we are proud of the way that, as a team, we worked together to overcome these, remain open and cope with an ever-increasing number of hedgehogs in

need. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our dedicated staff and amazing team of volunteers without whom we could not continue.

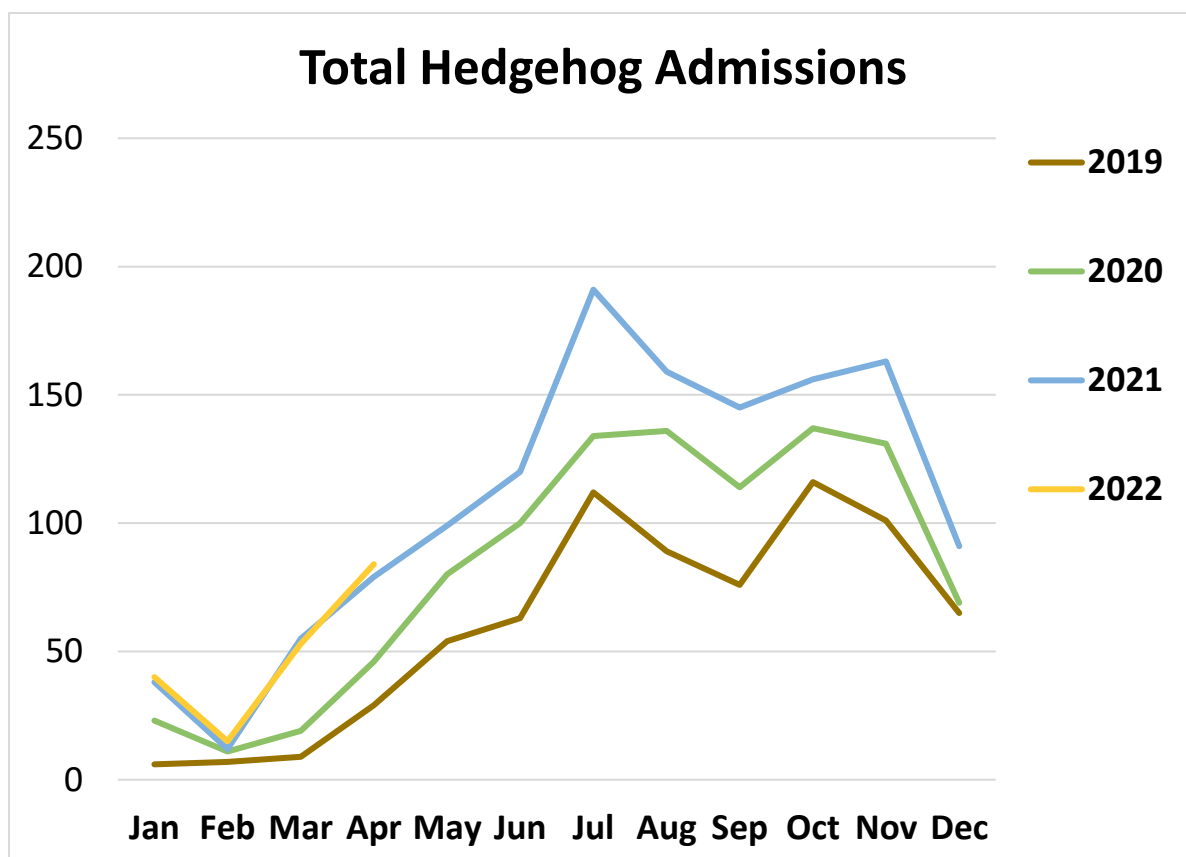
Hedgehog Care: The 'hogspital' was running at or over capacity for the summer, autumn and start of the winter.

2021 saw over 1,300 hedgehogs admitted, an increase of 30% upon 2020 which was itself an increase of 38% on 2019.

The COVID -19 pandemic has resulted in wildlife provision within Cornwall and Devon generally decreasing, the permanent closure of a rescue in Menheniot, coupled with an increased awareness among the general public has led to the much greater demand for our services.

Spring 2021 saw a huge increase in strimmer related injuries which led to us teaming up with Excess Energy Communications, a PR company based in Newquay to try to raise awareness. This resulted in radio interviews, stories in local and national papers, an interview on ITV Westcountry and a zoom interview on BBC Spotlight. This year we have tried to raise awareness before the spring garden clearances, with our newest patron, Lucie Donlan, leading the campaign, using her social media presence to spread the message.

With an ever-increasing number of admissions in the autumn an additional shed was purchased and kitted out, partly funded by Chrissie's Sunshine Appeal.



The Team:

The last year has seen many changes in our team and the structure of the day. The pandemic continued to have a significant impact upon our work, the trustees would like to extend their thanks to all the staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep the rescue open and never turn a hedgehog away. We now have over 130 volunteer drivers who often work together to transport hedgehogs to the centre from across

Cornwall and even into Devon, over 30 hedgehog care volunteers, as well as many who help with admin tasks, crafts and events. For the first time shifts have been introduced for the volunteers, the evening shift allowing many working people the opportunity to volunteer. Without the support of these amazingly dedicated volunteers the rescue would not be able to continue its work. With the rescue running at beyond capacity during the summer the decision was taken to employ a further part time member of staff in August to join our 2 full time members of staff. The role was particularly aimed at developing our education offer, this was extended to a full-time position in November. In February 2022 our volunteer co-ordinator left the charity and the decision taken to remain with just 2 full time members of staff.

Our team was extended this year by the addition of 3 Non-Executive Directors to bring additional skills and expertise to the board of trustees in areas such as human resources and health and safety.

Education:

The COVID pandemic has continued to impact our educational programme. Our virtual talks using zoom or Microsoft Teams has continued to grow, they introduce 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. The range of groups that these have been delivered to has grown to include Brownies, Scouts, Young Farmers, WI's Gardening groups, Schools and colleges, Churches and RAF St. Mawgan. Our first international talk was given to a scout group in Belgium. As restrictions have eased in person talks have resumed although the virtual talks remain more popular. The benefit of these talks has been proven with children and adults being much more aware, recognising when a hedgehog is in distress and contacting the rescue. As normality has resumed local events can now be attended where our range of interactive games provide not only fun but important educational messages.

Social media continues to be at the heart of our education programme. We use many platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and LinkedIn. Our reach continues to grow across the different platforms with our most popular post reaching nearly 800,000 people. With the help of our patrons, we aim to continue growing this audience and promoting education and conservation messages.

Future plans:

The move to a new permanent, purpose-built site has been central to the future plans for the charity, despite the addition of a new shed there is no more room to expand at its current location. The search for a site has not been easy and 2 possible locations have fallen through. A site has now been identified and a planning application has been submitted. The site will include two purpose-built buildings which may be completed in two phases. This will allow the charity to expand, not only in terms of the number of hedgehogs that can be cared for but also the educational offer and research to enable us to become one of the leading hedgehog rescues. If planning is granted, we hope to move to the new site in spring/summer 2023.

Financial review

- Total income for the year was: £72.0k
- Expenses for the year including depreciation were: £77.1k
- This gives a reported net profit of: (£5.1k)

Major sources of income for the year

- Grants £1.8k
- Donations £50.8k
- Fundraising and sales £12.2k
- Other Income (Gift Aid etc) £7.2k

Major expenses for the year

- Wage Costs £49.3k
- Veterinary Expenses and Medical Supplies £7.1k

- Food, PPE and Cleaning Materials £2.8k
- Waste Disposal £3.6k
- Repairs and Renewals £2.5k

Future plans

- To secure the remaining funding needed to enable the development of the new site.
- To develop the new site and expand provision and volunteer opportunities.
- To further develop our corporate strategy and create further links with local businesses.

Reserves policy

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: £72.2k which is comfortably higher than the target reserves figure of £27.1k.



Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue CIO

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

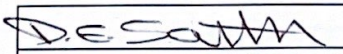
To

31/03/2022

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable Activities	5,033	-	-	5,033	14,576
Donations & Legacies	50,843	-	-	50,843	47,802
Sales of Products income	9,549	-	-	9,549	8,682
grants	6,619	-	-	6,619	28,795
Interest	18	-	-	18	52
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	72,062	-	-	72,062	99,906
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,062	-	-	72,062	99,906
A3 Payments					
Advertising and Promotion	100	-	-	100	59
Bank Charges	858	-	-	858	811
Equipment Purchased				-	1,237
Feed, Bedding and Cleaning	6,423	-	-	6,423	3,714
Professional Fees	1,687	-	-	1,687	
Insurance	360	-	-	360	
Light And Heat	230	-	-	230	188
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,525	-	-	1,525	1,274
Raising Funds costs		-	-	-	
Rent	50	-	-	50	50
Repairs and Renewals	2,486	-	-	2,486	464
Software	701	-	-	701	799
Training	258	-	-	258	
Travel and Accommodation	1,085	-	-	1,085	1,242
Veterinary and Medical Supplies	7,074	-	-	7,074	5,843
Purchases	3,146	-	-	3,146	2,393
Staff costs	49,294	-	-	49,294	21,449
Sub total	75,278	-	-	75,278	39,524
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixtures & Fittings	1,699	-	-	1,699	2,380
Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	6,500
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	712
		-	-	-	
Sub total	1,699	-	-	1,699	9,592
Total payments	76,977	-	-	76,977	49,116
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,915	-	-	- 4,915	50,790
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	77,156	-	-	77,156	26,366
Cash funds this year end	72,241	-	-	72,241	77,156

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	2,574	-	-
	Deposit	68,819	-	-
	Cash in Hand	4	-	-
	Paypal	844	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,241	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Fixtures & Fittings		2,380	1,904
	Motor Vehicles		6,500	5,200
	Office equipment		712	570
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			D.E. SOUTH	18-07-22



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	PRICKLES AND PAWS HEDGEHOG RESCUE CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31/3/22	Charity no (if any)	1174597
Set out on pages	1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/3/2022**

**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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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.

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: 15/7/22

Name: David G Wright FMAAT

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

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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.