



**Lucy's UK**  
**Donkey Foundation**  
Supporting the Rescue & Care  
of Donkeys in the Holy Land

**Lucy's UK Donkey Foundation CIO**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**for the year ended  
31 March 2022**



**UK Registered Charity No. 1174959**  
**[www.lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk)**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION PAGE

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**Charity No:**

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Committee presents its report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2022.

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a Foundation Model Constitution dated 3 October 2017. The Charity is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1174959.

### PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

To promote a humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, and security for animals which 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 by the support of the charitable work of Lucy's Sanctuary for Holy Land Donkeys.

### ORGANISATION

The Charity is run by the trustees, helped by volunteers all of whom are unpaid.

The charity financially directly supports a donkey sanctuary in Israel (Lucy's Sanctuary for Holy Land Donkeys) which is a separate charity registered in Israel.

It pays for the upkeep of the animals and the premises as well as partly financing a volunteer/part time worker who has accommodation, on site at the sanctuary, as part of their package. In addition it pays Lucy Fensom's husband Adi Zahor, to act as the manager of the sanctuary. He is paid by the charity via an agency in order to comply with Israeli law. The charity has since February 2022 engaged a second volunteer/part-time worker who also has accommodation on site. This enables there to be somebody on site most of the time.

The Trustees would whole heartedly like to thank Lucy Fensom and her volunteers for the huge amount of incredibly backbreaking, exhausting work they do day and often night. The work is both physically and emotionally exhausting and can only be described as dedicated labour of love devotion and compassion.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.



The charity tries to keep costs to a minimum, and so has no physical office, but relies on trustees and volunteers to fulfil certain roles and they contribute to many of the costs themselves. This means that with minimal costs 97% of the money raised goes to support the sanctuary and outreach work directly. The 3% is for mandatory costs such as insurance, regulator/independent examiner fees and website costs.

## REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### General

- Currently we are supporting the care of 53 donkeys 22 female and 31 male, 2 male horses, 2 dogs and 8 cats at the sanctuary. General everyday sanctuary costs on average (using an average exchange rate of 4.34 ILS to GBP) are as follows:
  - Food (hay and oats) - £2,437 per month
  - Rent - £671 per month
  - Water and electricity - £214 per month
  - Sawdust for bedding - £860 per month

Average Total of £4,182 per month
- Throughout the year, the onsite volunteers were paid £5,829 and Adi Zahor, the manager, was paid £10,218.

### New Rescues Taken in at Sanctuary

- Little Joey was injured when he was struck by a car whilst running beside his mother who was pulling a cart. His injury meant that he could no longer run and was left by the roadside to fend for himself.

### Castration Operations

- Joey the donkey received castration surgery.

### Euthanasia

- Sadly, Prince the horse's health deteriorated, and he had to be euthanised.

### Worming, Medicine and Vaccinations

#### Sanctuary:

- Worming for 63 animals at the sanctuary every 4 months.

*Outreach:*

- Dr Nour the specialist vet, and his assistant, held ten outreach clinics during the year in Palestinian villages.
- Typical activities included worming, treating injuries and oedema, giving anti parasitic, antibiotics and lancing and draining abscesses.
- Nose chain covers made by volunteers in the charity and sent out to Israel were given out to put around the animal's noses. Owners were encouraged in ways to better care for their animals.
- Sadly, and distressingly, Dr Nour has reported that the numbers of animals attending these clinics has declined and he fears that the growing trade in animal hides may be the reason behind that decline.
- The 10 outreach clinics cost £1930.



**Sanctuary Veterinary Operations**

- Eyes are routinely cleaned, and anti-fly ointment put on, legs are routinely sprayed with anti-fly ointment and all animals are routinely groomed.
- Donkeys Sika, Leah, Alan, Katy, Jeremiah, Poppy are being closely monitored due to their fragile health and are on a special diet.
- The vet was called out 4 times during the year at a cost of £543

### Farrier

- 56 animals were farriered in October 2021 and February 2022 at a cost of £2096.

### Forthcoming Issues

A number of issues need to be addressed as the financial situation improves:

- Adi is facing an operation that will mean his activities will be curtailed.
- There is an urgent need to review the worker situation and, if possible, to employ a full-time sanctuary manager.
- The electrics need upgrading to enable new donkey feeders to be made to stop food waste due to the weather or the donkeys trampling on it.
- The fencing needs repairing.

Much of this forthcoming activity will depend on the landlord which will take careful negotiation.

There is a desperate need for new trustees as several have left and two longstanding faithful trustees Heather Fensom and Lily Beasley need to step down due to health and family issues.

There is a desperate need to link with other charities to try to counter the fact that donkeys are now highly sought after for their skin and are in jeopardy.

### Fundraising

There are several means by which funds are raised. The website has access to Pay Pal, Go Fund Me and Give as You Live. A lot of supporters give directly through standing orders to the charity bank account. Many gifts are gift-aided to raise extra funds. Some volunteers also fundraise by having a stall in their local area.

The charity produces a quarterly newsletter which is paid for privately by volunteers and highlights the needs of the sanctuary as they occur. We are very grateful for those supporters who regularly give as well as those who have made much bigger one-off donations, often in responses to urgent need.

### Financial Review

Net incoming resources for the period amounted to £15,490 (2021: £16,289) as shown on page 8 of the financial statements. All of the charity's assets are held in the furtherance of the charity's objectives and are adequate and sufficient to meet the charity's needs.



Reserves policy

It is a policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, that is the free reserves of the charity at a level that will enable the charity to continue its operations while it looks for alternative funding if it suffers a significant reduction in income.

Risk Management

The Committee has identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and has produced a Risk Assessment policy to put systems into place to mitigate those risks. This policy will be regularly reviewed by the trustees and updated when necessary.

Trustees

The following trustees have served throughout the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements:-

- Heather Wright Fensom (Resigned 5 October 2022)
- Lily Beasley (Resigned 5 October 2022)
- Alan Beasley (Resigned 7 September 2022)
- Birgit Zielo (Resigned 14 July 2022)
- Catherine Heckford-Dickinson (Resigned 4 September 2021)
- Mr James Duck (Appointed 14 July 2022)
- Sian Wedgbury (Appointed 7 September 2022)
- John Wedgbury (Appointed 7 September 2022)

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Trustee: John Wedgbury

Date: 23 Jan 2023



**Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Lucy's UK Donkey Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2022.**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

**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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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.

**Darren Harding ACA FCCA DChA**

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Date: 25/01/2023

**LUCY'S UK DONKEY FOUNDATION**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 2022 £	Total Funds Year ended 2022 £	Total Funds Year ended 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	99,794	99,794	117,921
Charitable activities	910	910	200
Investments	2	2	3
<b>Total received</b>	<b>100,706</b>	<b>100,706</b>	<b>118,124</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Donations to Institutions	81,166	81,166	83,300
Fundraising	-	-	0
Support Costs	4,050	4,050	18,535
<b>Total paid</b>	<b>85,216</b>	<b>85,216</b>	<b>101,835</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Net income	15,490	15,490	16,289
Funds at 1 April 2021	34,946	34,946	18,657
<b>Funds at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>50,436</b>	<b>50,436</b>	<b>34,946</b>

**LUCY'S UK DONKEY FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Assets:</b>			
Bank and cash	50,436	50,436	34,946
<b>Bank and deposit accounts</b>	<u>50,436</u>	<u>50,436</u>	<u>34,946</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	<u>50,436</u>	<u>50,436</u>	<u>34,946</u>

**Liabilities:**

At the year end the following estimated liabilities existed (all to be paid from

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	<u>1,584</u>	<u>1,440</u>
	<u>1,584</u>	<u>1,440</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2022, was approved by  
 Lucy's UK Donkey Foundation and signed on its behalf by John Wedgbury



Date: 23 Jan 2023

**NOTE**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis as permitted by, and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.