



Snowdonia Donkeys Annual Report 2023/24



Snowdonia Donkeys
Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31st March 2024

Full name Snowdonia Donkeys CIO

Registered charity number 1176577

Correspondence address

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Trustees

Pam Taylor	Trustee
Dave Bennett	Trustee
Cheryl Griffin	Chair
Patricia Whitfield	Trustee

Governance and Management

Snowdonia Donkeys is a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a constitution. New trustees are appointed to the board by the Trustees. Snowdonia Donkeys is governed by 5 trustees and supported by a growing team of dedicated volunteers.

Objectives

1. To relieve the suffering of donkeys in need of care and attention in North Wales and to provide and maintain rescue homes or other such facilities for the reception, care, treatment and security of such animals.
2. To promote humane behaviour towards donkeys by providing them with appropriate care, treatment and security and to educate the public in the welfare of and the prevention of cruelty and suffering amongst donkeys.
3. For the benefit of the public to relieve sickness and distress and promote good mental health by the provision of donkey assisted therapies.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit during the period

Delivered donkey assisted therapy sessions to individuals and groups.
Continued to care for the donkeys that we have in our care.
Supported local donkey owners with donkey welfare issues and future planning for donkey care.
Supported our donkey guardians look after the donkeys in their care.
Took into our care 6 donkeys who needed care and support.
Provided regular open days for the public to help educate and raise awareness of donkeys and their welfare needs.

Achievements and performance

- Secured a grant from the People's Postcode Lottery to provide opportunities for people to interact with donkeys.
- Completed the delivery of the grant from the Landfill Disposal Tax to develop and improve the 'Awesome Woods'.
- Completed the delivery of a small grant from Gwynedd Youth, Mantell Gwynedd and Social Farms and Gardens
- Continued to successfully deliver the small grant from BBC Children in Need.
- Worked in partnership with Adult Learning Wales to deliver non accredited and accredited courses.
- Provided paid for Holiday Clubs during school holiday periods.
- Supported a local donkey owner over the winter period by caring for their 3 donkeys
- Made positive progress on the rehabilitation of 2 donkeys relinquished to our care
- Delivered regular volunteer sessions for adults and young people.
- Recruited new adult volunteers and provided training for existing ones.
- Developed new funding streams and opportunities for people to support our work.

Financial Review

Snowdonia Donkeys' accounts have been prepared by Williams Denton and are attached. The Charity Trustees have agreed a Reserve Policy that reflects the growing commitments of the charity and will support the charity for 6 months in the event of a major downturn in fundraising. This will be reviewed at each Trustees meeting.

Looking forward

Through the support and hard work of staff and volunteers, Snowdonia Donkeys continues to grow and be a resource utilised by the local community and visitors from further afield.

Over the next year we hope to:

- Continue to develop our networks and contacts that will enable us to further support and promote the welfare needs of donkeys in the local area including working towards accreditation with The National Equine Welfare Council.
- Continue to develop our networks and contacts that will enable us to further develop and deliver donkey assisted therapeutic interventions including accreditation with Social Farms and Gardens.
- Continue to develop our partnership with organisations that support education and learning including possible partnering with the AQA to deliver accreditation learning courses.
- Seek funding to continue to develop our volunteer programme.
- Continue to improve the facilities that we have for clients, visitors and staff.
- Consider the development of an outreach programme taking the donkeys offsite.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees:

Signed 
Date 30-Oct-2024

Pamela Taylor

Signed by: 
30-Oct-2024

Cheryl Griffin



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-23

To

31-Mar-24

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					
Donations	55,139		-	55,139	34,382
Grants	49,650	27,433	-	77,083	110,632
Fundraising			-	-	
Bank interest	1,059		-	1,059	398
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	105,848	27,433	-	133,281	145,412
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	105,848	27,433	-	133,281	145,412
A3 Payments					
Event costs	3,933	592	-	4,525	6,664
Hire of premises	60	350	-	410	
Repairs and Maintenance	8,462	5,481	-	13,943	57,294
Insurance	996	-	-	996	712
Printing, Post and Stationery	798	842	-	1,640	6,076
Donkey Upkeep	9,077	210	-	9,287	4,822
Volunteer Support	704	537	-	1,241	3,275
Staff Costs	32,120	24,395	-	56,515	60,888
Management and support costs	2,662	3,414	-	6,076	9,602
Accountancy	1,118		-	1,118	1,046
Sub total	59,930	35,821	-	95,751	150,379
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Office equipment			-	-	121
Plant and Equipment	3,080	530	-	3,610	10,224
Sub total	3,080	530	-	3,610	10,345
Total payments	63,010	36,351	-	99,361	160,724
Net of receipts/(payments)	42,838	- 8,918	-	33,920	- 15,312
A5 Transfers between funds	- 14,683	14,683	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	73,797	4,228	-	78,025	93,337
Cash funds this year end	101,952	9,993	-	111,945	78,025

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	Cash at bank	101,952	9,993	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	101,952	9,993	-

	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	Field shelter	General	-	1,500
	Computer equipment	General	-	370
	Portacabin	NNF	-	3,000
	4x 100w Solar panel	Ogwen	-	2,000
	4x 100w Solar panel	NNF	-	440
	4x 100w Solar panel	General	-	990
	Trailer	General	-	1,500
			-	-

	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

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Signature
Pamela Taylor
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Print Name

Pamela Taylor

D Bennett

Date of approval

20.10.24



Williams Denton Cyf
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Our ref: OAE/LS/S800

Dear Sirs

This representation letter is provided in connection with the examination of the Receipts and Payments Accounts of Snowdonia Donkeys for the year ended 31 March 2024 and for the purpose of providing an Independent Examiner's Report.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the Receipts and Payments Accounts in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles.

We also acknowledge our responsibilities for designing and implementing internal controls to prevent fraud and detect fraud.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations:

Representations

- 1) There have been no irregularities involving trustees, officers or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the receipts and payments accounts.
- 2) We have confirmed the completeness of disclosure of our knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving trustees, officers and employees who have significant roles in internal control or others where the fraud could have a material effect on the receipts and payments accounts and of any allegations thereof communicated by former trustees, officers or employees, regulators, or others.
- 3) We have made available to you all books of account and supporting documentation.

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- 4) The receipts and payments accounts are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- 5) The Charity has complied with all aspect of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the receipts and payments accounts in the event of non-compliance.
- 6) We confirm that we have disclosed to you all events of which we are aware which involve possible non-compliance with law or regulations, together with the actual or contingent consequences which may arise there from.
- 7) All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms and condition, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms and conditions during the period in the application of such income.
- 8) The Charity has satisfactory title to all assets, including those held by trustees for the charity/nominees and there are no liens or encumbrances on its assets.
- 9) We have recorded or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities, both actual and contingent, and have disclosed (where applicable) in the receipts and payments accounts.
- 10) There have been no events subsequent to year end which require adjustment of or disclosure in the receipts and payments accounts.
- 11) We consider, as trustees, that having regard to the position of the Charity at the date that you sign the Independent Examiner's Report and the circumstances which we consider likely to occur during the coming year, there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. For this reason, we believe that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the receipts and payments accounts.
- 12) We confirmed that the Charity has not received any material intangible income or donated fixed assets in the year.
- 13) We confirmed that we are not aware of any significant matters which should be reported to the Charity Commission.
- 14) We confirmed that the Trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year.

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15) We confirm movements in restricted funds during the year have been in accordance with the specific purposes set by each donor. We confirm the restricted balances at the year end to be:

1. BBC SG3 £ 9,993.00

We confirm that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of officers and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the above representations to you.

For and on behalf of the trustees:


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Pamela Taylor
..... Trustee Name


..... Trustee Signature

D Bennett
..... Trustee Name

20.10.24
..... Date