

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1176869

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

Pawprints

Corke Accountancy Services
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Pawprints exists

- For the benefit of the public, to further the conservation and preservation of wildlife, including, but not exclusively, hedgehogs, within the Merseyside area.
- For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering and distress of wildlife in need of care and attention by providing rescue, care, and rehabilitation services for sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife with the aim of releasing such animals back into the wild wherever possible.
- To advance the education of the public in the study of wildlife, including, but not exclusively, hedgehogs, and the care, methods of treatment, conservation and habitat of hedgehogs and other animals.

Significant activities

THE HOGGERY

This year we admitted 185 hedgehogs to our wildlife unit (previous year 188)

In the year, 62 were released back into the wild. 105 sadly died in our care and 15 were mercifully released from their suffering by one of our vets. We were pleased to note that the hedgehogs that came in in extremely poor condition - those sent straight to vet - came from a wide geographic area within Wirral and surrounding area so there was no pattern of foul play.

THE BIRDS

This year, having made the decision not to advertise our ability to take in birds, we still managed to accept 21. It is difficult to refuse to take a poor wounded feathered friend when it either arrives on your doorstep clutched by a desperate rescuer - or simply presents itself in front of you while you are out walking

FOXES

Not having to reserve so much space for birds did give us the option to rearrange our centre to allow us to make better use of the space we do have. We decided to take a smaller space for our office to allow our growing fox unit to expand into the largest of our rooms and develop into a fully equipped fox hospital.

Volunteers

We continue to rely heavily on volunteers to be able to carry out all the work we do at the centre and in our preloved shop in New Ferry. Throughout the year we have had in excess of 30 volunteers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We have been active in the community, giving educational talks at schools and colleges to educate the public on the species, and dispel any misconceptions. We continue to foster relationships with companies and other charities as part of our outreach efforts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The unrestricted reserves for the year ended 31st March 2023 are £14,410 (2022: £11,356).

Principal funding sources

We have had significant donations this year which have allowed us to continue to grow. These include a new ambulance and an additional kennel block, enabling us to increase the number of foxes we can help.

These donations were secured through our work, as the donors are people who have reported foxes directly to us with positive results and of course our existing generous donors.

We receive no statutory funding and rely entirely on donations and on the great work our shop staff do, bringing in the funds each month to keep the bills paid. So, every donation counts and a whole lot of little donations on a regular basis is just as important as the odd bigger donation. Your pennies make a difference.

Our New ferry shop continued to provide sufficient funds to keep us in the black this year and we are grateful to the donors and volunteers that keep it running. Our shop is our engine room and without it, we would simply not be able to pay our bills. If you support our shop with donations of goods, by purchasing goods or by helping out - you really are making a difference - thank you.

Reserves policy

Pawprints aims to hold a reserve that will safely cover all commitments for 6 months.

We do not hold this level of reserves yet but aim to increase reserves to reach that level.

This will be reviewed annually.

FUTURE PLANS

There has been a significant increase in the number of calls and messages this year, and this shows no sign of slowing down. We are hoping to utilise our outside space to erect a cub enclosure to cope with increasing demand. Wirral Met College (where we as a unit have given educational talks) have kindly offered to build the structure. This is as a direct result of our outreach efforts and shows an interest and willingness from others to get involved for the welfare of the species.

We hope to keep growing and working on our outreach and rescue efforts for the foxes in the coming years.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1176869

Principal address

40b Carsthorpe Road
Hoylake
Wirral
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

J Wood

E A Crompton (resigned 1.2.23)

E J France

T L Williams (resigned 1.2.23)

A Walsh (appointed 1.4.23) (resigned 24.11.23)

C Shaw (appointed 1.4.23)

D Tully-Bucknell (appointed 1.3.23)

R Bucknell (appointed 1.10.23)

Independent Examiner

Corke Accountancy Services

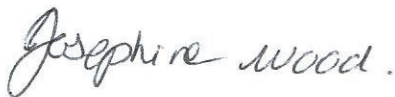
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



J Wood - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Pawprints

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Pawprints

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Pawprints (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

R Corke

Rachel Corke
FCA
Corke Accountancy Services
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31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		26,199	-	26,199	25,458
Charitable activities					
Shop		-	-	-	2,667
Other trading activities	2	<u>67,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,744</u>	<u>50,408</u>
Total		93,943	-	93,943	78,533
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Animal Welfare		78,545	-	78,545	72,332
Shop		<u>12,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,344</u>	<u>9,159</u>
Total		90,889	-	90,889	81,491
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,054	-	3,054	(2,958)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>11,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,356</u>	<u>14,314</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>14,410</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>14,410</u></u>	<u><u>11,356</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	3,207	-	3,207	4,385
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	1,075	-	1,075	1,075
Cash at bank		<u>10,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,713</u>	<u>6,270</u>
		11,788	-	11,788	7,345
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(585)	-	(585)	(374)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>11,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,203</u>	<u>6,971</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>14,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,410</u>	<u>11,356</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>14,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,410</u>	<u>11,356</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				<u>14,410</u>	<u>11,356</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>14,410</u>	<u>11,356</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Josephine wood.

J Wood - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	191	632
Shop income	67,493	49,685
Sponsorships	<u>60</u>	<u>91</u>
	<u>67,744</u>	<u>50,408</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Erika France became a Trustee in April 2019 and is employed by the charity as manager of The Hoggery and volunteer co-ordinator.
 During the year ended 31st March 2023 Erika received £9,88 remuneration (2022: £9,175).

Thomas Williams became a Trustee in June 2019 and is employed on a part time basis for the role of Sunday Volunteer Management.
 During the year ended 31st March 2023 Thomas received £1,634 remuneration (2022 £1,835).
 Thomas resigned as a Trustee in February 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Volunteer Co-ordinator	1	1
Animal Welfare Workers	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	25,458	-	25,458
Charitable activities			
Shop	2,667	-	2,667
Other trading activities	<u>50,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,408</u>
Total	78,533	-	78,533
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Animal Welfare	72,332	-	72,332
Shop	<u>9,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,159</u>
Total	81,491	-	81,491
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,958)	-	(2,958)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>14,314</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,314</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>11,356</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>11,356</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>8,780</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>10,080</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	5,370	325	5,695
Charge for year	<u>853</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>1,178</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,223</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>6,873</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,557</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>3,207</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,410</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>4,385</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Other debtors	<u>1,075</u>	<u>1,075</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Taxation and social security	(1,150)	(952)
Other creditors	<u>1,735</u>	<u>1,326</u>
	<u>585</u>	<u>374</u>

9. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Within one year	7,200	8,640
Between one and five years	<u>-</u>	<u>7,200</u>
	<u>7,200</u>	<u>15,840</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,356	3,054	14,410
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,356</u>	<u>3,054</u>	<u>14,410</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	93,943	(90,889)	3,054
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>93,943</u>	<u>(90,889)</u>	<u>3,054</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,314	(2,958)	11,356
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,314</u>	<u>(2,958)</u>	<u>11,356</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	78,533	(81,491)	(2,958)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>78,533</u>	<u>(81,491)</u>	<u>(2,958)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,314	96	14,410
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,314</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>14,410</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	172,476	(172,380)	96
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>172,476</u>	<u>(172,380)</u>	<u>96</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	15,151	12,422
Gift aid	7,041	4,487
Donations for foxes	<u>4,007</u>	<u>8,549</u>
	26,199	25,458
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	191	632
Shop income	67,493	49,685
Sponsorships	<u>60</u>	<u>91</u>
	67,744	50,408
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>2,667</u>
Total incoming resources	93,943	78,533
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	29,643	24,349
Rates and water	688	484
Insurance	1,631	1,067
Light and heat	3,832	1,389
Telephone	1,402	809
Postage and stationery	21	451
Advertising	237	985
Animal Welfare	18,416	18,163
Farm donations	90	120
Rent	20,016	17,016
Computer costs	-	684
Waste disposal	2,429	2,615
Property repairs	521	170
Hygiene costs	688	398
Fox care expenses	5,517	7,854
Motor expenses	3,604	2,261
Fixtures and fittings	852	1,137
Motor vehicles	<u>325</u>	<u>325</u>
	89,912	80,277

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	281	388
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>696</u>	<u>826</u>
Total resources expended	<u>90,889</u>	<u>81,491</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u><u>3,054</u></u>	<u><u>(2,958)</u></u>

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