

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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Hope Animal Shelter also aims to rehome as many animals as possible. All prospective owners are thoroughly checked with home visits and a donation fee. On-going support is also available where required.

The Trustees of Hope Animal Shelter are satisfied that they have fully complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Volunteers**

During 2022/23 Hope Animal Shelter continued to respond to an increase in requests for the handover of animals to us, along with a significant decrease in the number of people able to take on pet ownership commitments. The Trustees would like to praise the efforts of Cliff and the volunteers who have kept the shelter running with this increased animal population.

The supporters of Hope Animal Shelter continued to provide financial and material support which allowed the volunteers to support the many and diverse groups of animals in our care. The Trustees acknowledge the significant contribution made by them. Although the shelter has seen a slight decline in fundraising activities, our supporters continue to raise funds through a sponsored wild swim, raffles, tombolas, car boot sales, Christmas wreaths sale, coffee mornings, bequests and more supporters are using the Just Giving site or providing monthly donations. D McGovern raised a wonderful £505 by taking part in the Great North Run, and Spenny Cat Rescue donated £500 after the shelter admitted 18 black cats from a single household.

The shelter has also been supported by the Cherry Tree residents, Howden Joinery, The White Horse Inn and supermarkets in the local area.

The shelter has seen a substantial increase in the cost of animal food and cat litter, but we have been delighted when the public have responded to our appeals when stock and funds were running low. Our ever-increasing animal population meant that more funds had to be dedicated to general running costs.

### **Reserves**

Hope Animal Shelter is a not-for-profit organisation, but the Charity intends to retain reserves to ensure financial security. Reserves will be used to improve facilities where necessary.

## Main Achievements

The shelter has continued to rehome when circumstances allowed and is slowly redeveloping some of the old buildings. Unfortunately, as the cost of building materials skyrocketed during the year, several projects were put on hold.

Site development during 2022/2023:

- The 24' x 12' stable was completed in the large paddock so that the donkeys could remain in the field during the winter months. The terrific efforts by Andy and Sharon were greatly appreciated by the animals and volunteers alike.
- The two partially enclosed areas attached to the second and third sheds were completed just in time for the large influx of black cats, rabbits and guinea pigs.

Hope Animal Shelter rehomed 140 animals over the year, which included 7 stray dogs and several wild animals and birds which were reunited, rehabilitated or released.

A record of rehoming statistics can be seen below for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:

|              | Dogs | Cats | Rabbit | Guinea Pig | Others                        | Total |
|--------------|------|------|--------|------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| April 22     | 4    |      |        |            | 1 Ferret                      | 5     |
| May 22       | 1    | 1    | 1      |            | 8 Ducklings                   | 11    |
| June 22      | 2    | 7    |        |            | 1 Cockerel 4 Hens             | 14    |
| July 22      | 4    | 2    |        | 4          | 3 Budgies 1 Pig 3 Chinchillas | 17    |
| August 22    | 2    | 2    | 2      | 4          | 4 Seagulls                    | 14    |
| September 22 | 5    | 2    | 4      | 8          | 1 Goat 1 Hedgehog             | 21    |
| October 22   | 2    | 7    | 1      | 1          | 1 Swan 1 Hedgehog             | 13    |
| November 22  | 5    | 1    | 2      |            | 1 Pigeon                      | 9     |
| December 22  | 2    | 3    |        |            | 1 Gull                        | 6     |
| January 23   | 4    | 1    | 3      |            |                               | 8     |
| February 23  | 1    | 1    |        |            | 1 Crow                        | 3     |
| March 23     | 2    | 12   | 4      |            | 1 Corn snake                  | 19    |
| Total        |      |      |        |            |                               | 140   |

## Financial Review

Hope Animal Shelter has prepared the accounts using the receipts and payments method. Income continues to exceed expenses, therefore has no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

The shelter does not employ any staff, so all money raised goes towards the upkeep of the site and the welfare of the animals.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Hope Animal Shelter is run by charity trustees and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

There have been no changes to the charity trustees, but policies would be provided to any new trustees on election in future periods.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Hope Animal Shelter

Charity Number: 1179956

Principal Address: 1 White Cliffe Cottage, Skinningrove, TS13 4AN

The current trustees are set out below:

Clifford John Spedding, Sheila Robinson, Freda Lilian Thompson

## Declaration

The trustees' declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Clifford Spedding

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

|                     | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Income        | 37,176.10   | 47,012.04   |
| Expenditure:        |             |             |
| Consumables         | (14,729.20) | (10,475.90) |
| Farm Feed           | (3,134.56)  | (2,479.04)  |
| HP Payments         |             | (1,674.09)  |
| HP Interest         |             | (272.99)    |
| Motor Expenses      | (3,435.00)  | (2,737.47)  |
| Projects            | (3,337.75)  | (12,092.60) |
| Repairs             | (4,409.31)  | (4,122.37)  |
| Vet Fees            | (3,185.30)  | (3,672.02)  |
| Light, Heat & Phone | (1,584.00)  | (1,384.00)  |
| Insurance           | (1,801.61)  | (1,343.52)  |
| Total Expenses      | (35,616.73) | (40,254.00) |
| Net Profit          | 1,559.37    | 6,758.04    |

## Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

|                          | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current Assets:          |             |             |
| Cash in hand and at bank | 30,595.25   | 29,035.88   |
| Net Assets               | 30,595.25   | 29,035.88   |

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I can confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of Hope Animal Shelter's charity accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. I can confirm that the charities money has been properly accounted for and accounting records kept.

Michaela Charlton ACA