



COMMUNITIES FOR HORSES

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 4 APRIL 2021 TO 3 APRIL 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name	Communities For Horses
Other names charity is known by	CFH
Registered charity number	1180625
Principal address	2 Coach House Mews Ranmore Surrey RH5 6SX

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Ana Pombo Rose
Joanna Hockenhull
Melissa Upjohn

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document:	Trust Deed 01/11/18
How the charity is constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Our Trustees

Our trustees are appointed by resolution of existing trustees at a recruitment meeting (governing document section 10.1). Once appointed, the trustees are brought up to date on current activities and the necessary administration, either at a meeting in person or online. Our trustees are appointed for their relevant expertise and specific training is not often required but is available if appropriate.

Our Organisational structure

Communities For Horses (CFH) has two co-founders. There are three trustees appointed who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Policy on financial reserves

The policy on reserves is to avoid holding excessive funds to maximise spend on our charitable objectives. Large reserves are not currently required as CFH has minimal fixed costs and programmes of work are only undertaken when funding has been secured and with a clear remit. However, the charity trustees agreed to hold a reserve balance of £1000 to make sure public liability insurance and phone credit costs each month could be covered, enabling the welfare officer to still attend emergency welfare cases and operate the phone line. The trustees review the policy on an annual basis to ensure that it is still relevant as the charity develops.

Risk management and mitigation

CFH does not own premises or offices and does not have significant running costs. Staff costs were covered by a National Lottery Community Grant until November 2020. CFH has public liability insurance which covers all staff members and volunteers. Furthermore, all our policies and procedures are reviewed by the trustees annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our charity works with communities where horses are a key part of the heritage and life of the people who live there. A foundation of our approach is that we are trusted within the communities. We are the point of contact for many horse owners for information and help. We have formed relationships

built on trust within and through years of work in communities we have formed relationships with many horse owners. This enables us to monitor welfare issues, take action where needed and focus on prevention and mitigation of problems.

The charity works in an areas of high-level economic deprivation and low educational attainment. Historically this has led to widespread failure to meet the standards set by animal welfare legislation, in some communities. Additionally, visible occurrences of equine welfare failure create problems with the both wider communities and the Authorities which in turn can reinforce feelings of ostracism, create tension and prevent resolution of the underlying problems.

The core aim of the charity is to prevent equine suffering and promote humane behaviour towards equines through educational methods tailored to the communities in which we serve. Our charitable aims and objectives are detailed below along with a summary of the main activities undertaken to deliver benefit to the community.

Summary of charity objectives as set out in the governing document:

- To promote humane behaviour and good equine welfare practices through public education to prevent cruelty and suffering.
- To provide appropriate care, protection and treatment for horses in need (including necessary veterinary intervention). This may be due to neglect, maltreatment or unsuitable living conditions.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives:

- To provide equine welfare education in horse owning communities on an outreach basis through innovative programmes for children and adults.
- To provide support both to horse owners and to concerned members of the public in relation to equine welfare and one of the most important avenues to achieving this is via a telephone helpline.
- To monitor our effectiveness, share our experiences with other organisations and provide mentoring and training opportunities to those who want to learn about working in an ethical, constructive way in the community.

All the charity trustees have regard to the commission's public benefit guidance and take it into account when making decisions to which that guidance is relevant.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During this period, we believe that the charity, via its work has continued to connect with members of the horse owning communities having a real positive impact upon the welfare of many of their animals. Our work educating and engaging with younger members of the community is giving them a sense of responsibility for their animals and a focus. This, in communities where levels of unemployment, crime and substance misuse are high. Knowledgeable horse ownership and potential avenues into the equine industry could be a lifeline for many young people. Our charity seeks not only to help equines in need but educates, supports and facilitates sustainable changes within the community.

Summary of the main achievements 4 APRIL 2021 to 3 APRIL 2022:

Rehoming

Daisy came into our care in 2020. She remained with us throughout 2021-2022 while we awaited a suitable loan home for her. During the year we worked on building her nutrition up from the poor state in which she arrived, started her general education with the aim of enabling her to be easy to handle, comfortable around the farrier and vet and ready to start to learn how to be a ridden pony once she was old enough to carry a rider. In Spring 2022 we had to deal with storm damage of the stables in which Daisy is housed but thankfully this was relatively minor. We continued to seek a permanent home for her and remain hopeful of finding this during 2022-23.

Milo returned to being under our care, he had previously been rehomed but through no fault of his own came back to CFH during 2021. Following a call for applications from people interested in providing him with a permanent home we succeeded in finding him a home in December 2021 where he will be used as a ridden pony and continue to develop his ridden working skills.

Advocating to improve equine welfare – CFH working in collaboration with other animal welfare organisations

In April 2021 our we were contacted by BBC Wales to deliver a mandate on the issues involved in tethering of horses and to highlight the need for local councils to have the resources to enforce regulations relating to equine welfare.

We undertook several passporting and microchipping events through the year in collaboration with local vets, in order to support the traceability of horses, in line with our call for improved governance and enforcement of welfare legislation.

We, participated in collaborative Castration clinics,

We continued to liaise with local landowners and statutory authorities throughout 2021-22 to monitor the welfare of horses grazing on open land when no owner/keeper could be traced.

CFH attended meetings with Animal Welfare Network Wales, Equine Welfare Working Group and with British Horse Council. We discussed the practicalities of the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Implementation Plan 2022-24 as well as actively advocating for the adoption of the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill.

We attended the annual World Horse Welfare conference, which was a great opportunity to join discussions regarding current equine welfare issues and to meet with others working in the field of UK equine welfare as well as further afield.

Responding to requests for support

We responded to multiple calls for assistance over the course of the year, addressing a wide range of equine welfare issues including physical, mental and environmental needs. We supported ongoing welfare issues as well as those relating to emergency situations such as the consequences of extreme weather like Storm Arwen in November 2021. In some cases, we were able to give advice to owners

to improve the issues of concern. Routine husbandry such as regular footcare with a registered farrier, paying attention to tack fitting and preventive dentistry maintenance with a qualified equine dentist or vet are all vital for maintaining good welfare across all ages. For older horses, specific age-related issues may also need to be addressed. In certain situations, CFH needs to interact with Statutory Authorities to address problems which have been identified.

Science workshops

We attended a British Science Association Community Leaders workshop, part of a programme which is designed to build confidence in those working within the community to share science. CFH applies this learning to deliver community-based workshops for owners. During 2021-22 workshops using a microscope were delivered to enable owners to have the opportunity to perform a faecal worm egg count, similar to what a veterinary practice does, for themselves. This approach brings to life for owners what worm burdens look like and helps them to understand the importance of regular deworming for their horse's health.

Practical, visual resources were also developed to support delivery of science related workshops relating to nutrition, with the aim of helping owners to better understand equine digestive health.

Data collection to inform our work and to underpin fundraising applications

Over the course of early summer 2021 our trustees worked with our Equine Welfare Officer to develop a short owner survey about the priority equine issues they face. During late summer-autumn 2021 our equine welfare officer used this survey to collect information from owners which was used to inform an evidence based fundraising proposal to develop our community-based owner support activities.

ASPIRATIONS OF THE CHARITY

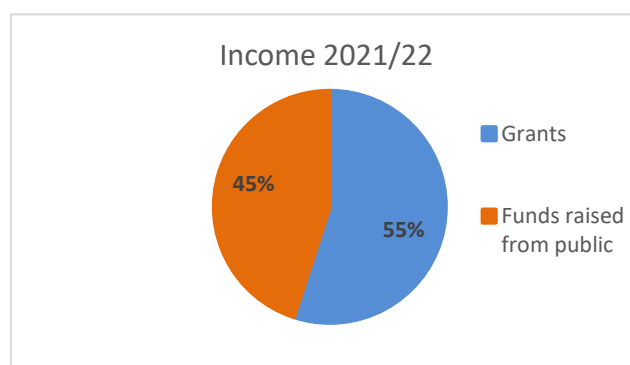
Building on our experience to date we aspire to:

- facilitate welfare lead events and clinics
- continue to grow our impact, with face to face and telephone advice
- facilitate, when necessary, castration, vaccination, microchipping and passporting of unregistered horses
- maintain on the ground engagement with an ever-widening network of contacts, expanding the prospects for positive change across the communities
- embark on a proactive programme to source funding in order to develop our educational resources

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position at the end of the reporting period:

During the 12-month period ending 3rd April 2022 CFH had total receipts of £ £13,115 which were lower than the total amount of payments for the same period £(14,675). Cash Funds as of 3rd April 2022 were £1,294 most of which were restricted funds.



Fund details:

No funds are in deficit. There have been no transfers between funds.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank our supporters, especially those who have donated money to fund our work and our wonderful volunteers.

DECLARATION

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

Ana Pombo Rose

Joanna Hockenhull

Communities For Horses - 1180625 - CIO - FOUNDATION REGISTERED 09 NOV 2018
 Receipts and Payments Accounts 2021/2022 - Financial Year Ending 3rd of April 2022

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Unrestricted Funds

Receipts	to the nearest £	NOTES
Donations	£ 7,282	
Other Activities	£ 628	
Total Receipts	£ 7,910	Sum of above
Payments	to the nearest £	
Cost of raising funds	£ 245	
Cost of charitable activities	£ 7,597	
Other expenses	£ 547	
Total Payments	£ 8,389	Sum of above
Net of Receipts / (Payments)	£ -479	
Opening Cash Funds	£ 559	
Closing Cash Funds	£ 80	

Restricted Funds

Receipts	to the nearest £	
Donations	£ 5,195	
Other	10	
Total Receipts	£ 5,205	
Payments	to the nearest £	
Cost of raising funds	£ 60	
Cost of charitable activities	£ 6,226	
Total Payments	£ 6,286	
Net of Receipts / (Payments)	£ -1,081	
Opening Cash Funds	£ 2,294	
Closing Cash Funds	£ 1,213	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds

to the nearest £

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Current Accounts	£ 80	1,213
Total Cash Funds	£ 1,294	

Liabilities

NONE

Assets retained by the charity

	Fund	Cost	Current Value
Equipment & Fittings	Restricted	£ 2,571	1,699
Other assets	Restricted	£ 5,751	4,528
Total		8,322	6,228



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Communities for Horses

1180625

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

04/04/2021



To

03/04/2022

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					
Donations	7,282	5,195	-	12,477	22,736
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	494
Other Activities	628	10	-	638	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,910	5,205	-	13,115	23,230
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,910	5,205	-	13,115	23,230
A3 Payments					
Cost of Raising Funds	245	60	-	305	148
Cost of Charitable Activities	7,597	6,226	-	13,823	26,971
Other Expenses	547	-	-	547	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,389	6,286	-	14,675	27,119
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,389	6,286	-	14,675	27,119
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 479	- 1,081	-	- 1,560	- 3,889
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	559	2,294	-	2,853	6,742
Cash funds this year end	80	1,213	-	1,293	2,853

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 accounts	80	1,213	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	80	1,213	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Equipment & Fittings	Restricted	2,571	1,699
	Other Assets	Restricted	5,751	4,528
			-	-
			-	-
	Total		8,322	6,228
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ana Pombo Rose	28/01/2023	
		Joanna Hockenhull	28/01/2023	