



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 4 APRIL 2022 TO 3 APRIL 2023

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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 to make sure public liability insurance and phone credit costs each month could be covered, as well as potential euthanasia costs, 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. In light of increased inflation, the agreed reserve balance at the end of this period was £1,700.

Risk management and mitigation

CFH does not own premises or offices and does not have significant running costs. 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 area 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 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

We have spent the year 2022-23 consolidating our position, both within our community and more broadly with our collaborators and the wider equine welfare sector. While continuing to respond to

community needs we have been strategising how best to drive sustainable change to positively impact equine welfare and the communities we work with.

Summary of the main achievements 4 APRIL 2022 to 3 APRIL 2023:

Rehoming

Daisy, who came into our care as a severely emaciated young horse, riddled with a heavy worm burden and covered in sores from an lice infestation, in 2020, went to her new home in November 2022. During her time with us we worked hard to improve the effects of starvation and neglect. We patiently shaped her behaviour with positive reinforcement so she enjoyed being in the company of humans and being handled, as well as being comfortable around the vet and farrier, we trained Daisy, in line with LIMA principles, to equip her with the skills she needed to thrive in her new home. Before she left us she had also begun her education as a ridden horse.

In the spring of 2023 we supported a community member following a period of significant traumatic loss and rehomed a horse for them, a Thoroughbred gelding, who had severe conformational issues. We provided the security of a new home for the horse so he wouldn't be passed around. We worked collaboratively with other equine welfare organisations to secure a new home where his needs could be met.

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

Communities For Horses works hard to advocate for equine welfare within and outside our community. We represent our community and the specific challenges they face to the devolved government through Animal Welfare Network Wales, as well as through their Equine Working Group, and at a national level through the British Horse Council. We also attended the annual World Horse Welfare conference.

We also assist the British Animal Rescue and Trauma Care Association to deliver training in Wales. The introduction to equine handling and psychology was part of a wider qualification enabling firefighters to safely rescue horses and other large animals. Equine rescue training equips firefighters with the knowledge of how horses behave in stressful situations and how to safely handle them to ensure the best possible outcome for both the horse and the rescuer.

Responding to requests for support

Throughout the year our equine welfare officer and volunteers responded to requests for advice, reports of welfare concerns and requests for support from members of the local community, and more widely.

Improving equine welfare knowledge Workshops

During the winter of 2022 we were asked if we could deliver one of our worming workshops at a Traveller site, where we focused on the control and treatment of internal parasites in equines.

ASPIRATIONS OF THE CHARITY

Building on our experience to date we aspire to:

- We will continue facilitate welfare lead events and clinics.
- We will Continue and aspire to grow our impact, with face to face and telephone advice
- We will aim 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.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position at the end of the reporting period:

During the 12-month period ending 3rd April 2023 CFH had total receipts of £20,838 which were higher than the total amount of payments for the same period (£5,595). Cash Funds as of 3rd April 2023 were £16,536 most of which were restricted funds.

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	4,370	15,333	-	19,703	12,477
Charitable Activities	1,135	-	-	1,135	-
Other Activities	-	-	-	-	638
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,505	15,333	-	20,838	13,115
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,505	15,333	-	20,838	13,115
A3 Payments					
Cost of Raising Funds	58	30	-	88	305
Cost of Charitable Activities	3,109	1,744	-	4,853	13,823
Other Expenses	654	-	-	654	547
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,821	1,774	-	5,595	14,675
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,821	1,774	-	5,595	14,675
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,684	13,559	-	15,243	- 1,560
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80	1,213	-	1,293	2,853
Cash funds this year end	1,764	14,772	-	16,536	1,293

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	1,764	14,772	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,764	14,772	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	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	Equipment & Fittings	Restricted	2,571	N/A
	Other Assets	Restricted	5,751	N/A
			-	
			-	
	Total		8,322	
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
			-	

Fund details:

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Communities for Horses

1180625

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

04/04/2022



To

03/04/2023

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	None		-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ana Pombo Rose	28/01/2024	
		Joanna Hockenhill	28/01/2024	