



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 4 APRIL 2024 TO 3 APRIL 2025

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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
Marie Rowland

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. CFH has public liability insurance which covers all staff members and volunteers.

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 and 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

both 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

During the review period Communities For Horses has continued to be a source of advice and support for local horse-owning communities. In addition, we play a key role as a contact point for any community member who has a concern about equine(s) within the community.

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 2024 TO 3 APRIL 2025:

Rehoming

We continue to monitor and provide ongoing support for our loan horses and ponies who are in their new homes. In July 2024 Holly returned to the charity from her loan home and went into the care of one of our volunteers where she has settled in well with her horses. Due to Holly's age and needs we have decided to let Holly stay here until the remainder of her days rather than put her out on loan again.

In January 2025 Milo was rehomed in a 'home from home' move meaning he moved to his new home directly from his previous loan home without coming back into our care. This was less disruptive for him and he settled quickly with his new family.

Lucky Star and Daisy remain in their loan homes with regular homechecks, visits and updates.

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

Despite our relatively small size, Communities For Horses advocates for equine welfare at the highest levels with CFH representatives attending meetings of Animal Welfare Network Wales (AWNW), AWNW Equine Welfare Working Group, the World Horse Welfare conference and the British Horse Council.

Responding to requests for support

Throughout the reporting period we received and acted upon numerous requests for support from local horse owners and community members.

We continue to provide advice on every day and extraordinary issues. We are a point of contact for local councillors, MPs and concerned members of the public about equine welfare, management, environment, care and behaviour.

Education and training

CFH provides weekly equine educational Facebook posts to engage the community and promote a deeper understanding of horse care and welfare. These posts covered a range of topics, but with Holly returning to our care during this we featured a number of posts about caring for older horses. Our highest reaching post was when we featured Holly herself in November 2024. This post had over 22,000 views.

Our series of factsheets are publicly available on our website and we often signpost readers of our Facebook posts to these resources when we post related content.

Website

The Communities For Horses website (<https://www.communitiesforhorses.org/>) which was updated during the period of our last report is being well-used and is receiving a high proportion of direct traffic and visitors from across the world. As stated above we link to the website in many of our Facebook posts and this strategy appears to be successful in increasing website traffic.

ASPIRATIONS OF THE CHARITY

Building on our experience to date we aspire to:

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

We currently have several projects in planning that we hope to report on in next year's Annual Report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW


Financial position at the end of the reporting period:

During the 12-month period ending 3rd April 2025 CFH had total receipts of £1,095 which were less than half of the total amount of payments for the same period (£3,243). Cash Funds as of 3rd April 2025 were £14,742, most of which were restricted funds.

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	895	200	-	1,095	1,768
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	382
Other Activities	-	-	-	-	59
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	895	200	-	1,095	2,209
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	895	200	-	1,095	2,209
A3 Payments					
Cost of Raising Funds	74	-	-	74	23
Cost of Charitable Activities	1,080	849	-	1,929	1,664
Other Expenses	1,240	-	-	1,240	169
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,394	849	-	3,243	1,856
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,394	849	-	3,243	1,856
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,499	- 649	-	- 2,148	353
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,651	14,239	-	16,890	16,536
Cash funds this year end	1,152	13,590	-	14,742	16,889

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 £
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		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
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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		-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Jo Hockenhill	28/01/2026	

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.

Marie Rowland

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Joanna Hockenhull

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hockenhull', written in a cursive style.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Communities for Horses

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Receipts and payments accounts

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from

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To

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