



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	WARWICKSHIRE HEDGEHOG RESCUE		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1183331		
Charity's principal address	31 St Michaels Road		
	Claverdon		
	Warwick		
	Postcode	CV35 8NT	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Clare Watson	Chair and Secretary		Two trustees
2	Elizabeth Lyne		25 July 2021	Two trustees
3	Gemma Smith		23 October 2021	Two trustees
4	Virginia Kearsey	Treasurer		Two trustees
5	Sally Ellis		31 October 2021	Two trustees

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS OF HEDGEHOGS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING RESCUE FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS IN THE WARWICKSHIRE AREA.

2. TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STUDY OF HEDGEHOGS TO INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE INCLUDING THE CONSERVATION AND HABITAT OF HEDGEHOGS.

In operating our charity, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on providing a public benefit.

For the public benefit, our main activities include accepting into our care hedgehogs that have been found by the public and that we deem require our intervention to survive.

Generally, we are contacted by a member of the public who has found one or more hedgehogs. After a telephone screening process, a hedgehog is brought to us, whereupon we examine it and treat it with the medication appropriate to the condition(s) under direct supervision of a veterinarian. During the initial rehabilitation period, a Rehabilitator provides the patient with safe housing and artificial heat where necessary, food, water, bedding and close monitoring. While the hedgehog is under the care of the Rehabilitator, any other conditions arising will be diagnosed and treated with the appropriate medication. Should the services of a vet be required the hedgehog is transported to one of our hedgehog-friendly veterinary practices nearby.

Rehabilitators are distributed throughout Warwickshire therefore each uses a veterinary practice local to him or her. It would be impossible for us to continue our work with hedgehogs without the support of the vets on whom we rely to:

1. Advise on difficult/unusual medical conditions;
2. Recommend treatment for stubborn or complex problems;

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

3. Supply medication for use by Rehabilitators;
4. Examine and, if possible, treat hedgehogs with serious injuries e.g. broken leg or jaw, strimmer wounds;
5. Euthanise hedgehogs that are very ill or badly injured e.g. head injuries, broken spine or pelvis, deep tissue-infections, multiple broken legs.

Occasionally, the hedgehog requires, and we provide, twenty-four hour care. During the treatment phase our Rehabilitator cares for the patient until it has improved to the point where it can be re-released into the wild or handed to one of our Foster Carers who provides continued care, sanctuary and support for the hedgehog, for example in gaining weight, in preparation for its release. In the Autumn, hedgehogs that are healthy, but underweight for hibernation, are 'overwintered' with our Foster Carers. During that period, the hedgehog is offered sanctuary, is monitored, kept warm, fed, watered and cleaned. Once the hedgehog has reached a suitable weight it may hibernate. Upon awakening in springtime, after hibernation, the hedgehog remains in care until its weight is deemed appropriate to allow it to be re-released into the wild.

We find permanent homes for some hedgehogs that would not survive in the wild. In these homes they are provided with secluded, enclosed, outdoor facilities and are fed, watered and monitored.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are all volunteers who have been helping hedgehogs, as a cohesive group, since the formation of the organisation in 2014. Several members of the group have worked with hedgehogs independently for many years prior to that date.

The group comprises ten Rehabilitators and many Foster Carers, all operating from their homes and gardens within the county of Warwickshire, where they offer rescue facilities. Rehabilitators are those volunteers who are specially trained in the care of hedgehogs and, more specifically, in the administration of medication to sick or injured hedgehogs. On the whole, Foster Carers care for the hedgehogs during the recovery period. Their job involves feeding the hedgehogs and cleaning their pens whilst continuing to observe and record the hedgehog's health and weight.

Five of the ten rehabilitators have received training at Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre where they attend the First Aid, Care & Rehabilitation of Hedgehogs Course.

The task of nursing a hedgehog back to health is a lengthy process with one hedgehog requiring, on average, three months of care that involves feeding, cleaning, medicating, vigilance, recording, vet visits and, the other side of the coin, receiving the public into our homes and communicating with the public. Multiple tasks requiring time and expertise of a few dedicated individuals. We are a small team dedicated to making a positive impact on the survival of Warwickshire's hedgehog population.

During the summer months we may decide to have display stands at events such as Village Fetes, National Trust events, and open days at local attractions, e.g., Charlecote Mill.

We raise small sums for the charity at these events, and generate much interest from the public, both children and adults alike. These gatherings are educational opportunities allowing us raise awareness of the plight of the hedgehog and to share information and stories about hedgehogs. We answer questions and provide information for example, on feeding and providing 'houses' for wild hedgehogs, the annual life-cycle of hedgehogs including breeding and hibernation times, the management of gardens to reduce hazards and increase opportunities for hedgehogs, the reasons for the rapid decline of hedgehogs and what to do if someone finds a sick hedgehog. Visitors may take our contact details, leaflets and flyers from our stand, and the pictures on display are reliable conversation starters.

Over the past two years, these events have been severely curtailed by COVID restrictions and the opportunities to join such events have been far fewer.

It is important to acknowledge that we are staffed entirely by volunteers and that our objects and activities would fail to be achieved without them. Volunteers donate their time, their personal funds and their expertise for the benefit of the public in general and, on their behalf, Warwickshire's hedgehogs.

Volunteers form the backbone of Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue. Thanks to them, the Charity continues to generate goodwill amongst the hedgehog-loving public, and it is that goodwill that keeps our doors open. The trustees wish to thank all volunteers for their generosity of spirit.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our Rehabilitators received into care more than five hundred sick hedgehogs in 2021. Most hogs recovered fully and were released back to the wild, while some were settled into safe gardens belonging to a member of the public who offers food and shelter. Sadly, some hedgehogs with serious injuries or advanced conditions could not be saved despite, where necessary, veterinary intervention. We continue to record a significant increase in hedgehogs with severe injuries (broken legs, strimmer wounds, etc.) and infections, and to see the presence of intestinal fluke that is proving recalcitrant to treatment and thus causing the time in care to be extended.

Over the past decade, we have received increasing numbers of hedgehogs. The cause is unlikely to be that there is an increasing number of hedgehogs but may be driven by the media attention that has raised awareness of the decline of hedgehogs and their habitat and promoted hedgehog rescue centres. These days the public is much better educated about what to do if they find a sick or injured hedgehog or find a hedgehog out in the day.

In 2021, the Charity's awareness campaign continued to be affected by national safety measures, due to the coronavirus outbreak, preventing us from participating in talks, presentations, fundraising events and calendar production. This potential drawback did not discourage enquiries from members of the public and did not lead to a reduction in hedgehogs being received into care. In addition, new volunteers came forward to train as Rehabilitators and Foster Carers.

The Charity is pleased to report that donations from the general public more than doubled in 2021 and grants from charitable trusts increased by almost 270% on the previous year. For these grants the Charity gives its thanks to: The Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust, The Shirley Pugh Foundation for The Welfare of Animals, Dumbreck Charity, Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Animal Welfare Trust Limited, Hickman Animal Trust, Animal Friends Insurance, The Rose Animal Welfare Trust, Betty Phillips Charitable Trust, RVJ Cadbury Charitable Trust, The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust, CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust.

Total expenditure for 2021 showed a 6% increase, which is to be expected given that the charity rescued more hedgehogs than any previous year.

The Trustees are grateful for the ongoing support of *Kenilworth Books* who raise funds for the Charity each year and raise awareness of the plight of hedgehogs in Warwickshire.

The Charity finished 2021 by more than doubling its reserve from 2020. A phenomenal achievement! Thanks go to **everyone** for their support.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity aims to keep sufficient funds in reserve to cover one year of operational costs should the annual required income fail to be achieved. Year on year the Charity aims to increase the Reserve amount at least in line with inflation.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal sources of funding in 2021 were unrestricted funds from charitable trusts and donations from the general public via GoFundMe and PayPal.

97% of our expenditure has directly supported our key objectives, comprising 48% veterinary care; 5% medicines; 28% food and care; 8% medical supplies; 8% rehabilitation equipment, while 3% has indirectly supported our key objectives (admin).

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)

 Virginia Kearsey

Full name(s) CLARE WATSON

VIRGINIA KEARSEY

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Treasurer

Date 06 February 2021

06 February 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
WARWICKSHIRE HEDGEHOG RESCUE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183331

Set out on pages

3 and 4 attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

**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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27 JANUARY 2022

Name:

KATHRYN UNITT

Address:

4 Granby Road

Honington

Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5AB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).


Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	WARWICKSHIRE HEDGEHOG RESCUE		1183331	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	Period start date 01/01/21	To	

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-General	14325			14325	6205
Donations-Hedgehogs In/Out	695			695	656
Donations-Presentations Talks	50			50	40
Grants	16750			16750	6250
Sale of Goods					
Sale of Calendar					
Interest	1			1	
Legacies	7000			7000	
Gift Aid	1270			1270	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40091			40091	13150
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	40091			40091	13150
A3 Payments					
Food & Care	3591			3591	2630
Medical Supplies	1067			1067	1500
Medicines (Drugs)	611			611	1595
Vet	6063			6063	5645
Goods For Sale					
Rehabilitation Equipment	941			941	134
Donations-Grants					
Calendar Costs					
Admin	362			362	362
Sub total	12634			12634	11866
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	12634			12634	11866
Net of receipts/(payments)	27457			27457	1284
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	19085			19085	17801
Cash funds this year end	46542			46542	19085

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	Bank	46509		
	Cash	33		
	Total cash funds	46542		
	(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)
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			CLARE WATSON	20/01/22
		Virginia Kearsey	VIRGINIA KEARSEY	20/01/22



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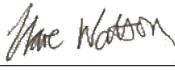
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