

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

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2022

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12

2022

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

45 Mallory Drive

Warwick

Postcode

CV34 4JD

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)

Clare Watson
Chair and Secretary

Two trustees

Elizabeth Lyne

Two trustees

Gemma Smith

Two trustees

Sally Ellis

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)

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

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 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

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)

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

For the public benefit, our main activity is to provide a point of contact for any member of the public in Warwickshire and adjoining borders who has found a hedgehog they are concerned about.

Following a telephone triage process, any hedgehog who is deemed to be requiring in person assessment and/or intervention will be brought to one of our rehabilitators. If a hedgehog is deemed not to require assessment or intervention, appropriate advice will be given to the finder about supporting the hedgehog in the environment where it was found, generally the finders garden.

The rehabilitator will provide the rescued hedgehog with safe housing, artificial heat when necessary, food, water, bedding, closed monitoring and any required treatments. If the hedgehog has a condition requiring intervention by a vet, it will be taken to one of our hedgehog-friendly veterinary practices nearby.

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

1. Advise on difficult/unusual medical conditions;
2. Recommend treatment for stubborn or complex problems;
3. Supply medication for use by rehabilitators;
4. Examine and, if possible, treat hedgehogs with serious injuries or conditions
5. Euthanise hedgehogs that are very ill or badly injured.

We provide, 24-hour care. Our rehabilitators will provide care and, where appropriate, treatment for the hedgehog until it can be released back to the wild or handed to one of our foster carers to provide continuing care in preparation for its release. In the late autumn, hedgehogs that are considered too small to be released, or who are later arrivals still requiring treatment, will be overwintered with us until such time as the weather has improved and they reach an appropriate release weight. There may be small number of hedgehogs each year are not suitable for release and these are found long term homes suitable to their condition.

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.

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

The group comprises 10 rehabilitators and many foster carers, dedicated to making a positive impact on the survival of the Warwickshire hedgehog population. All operate from their homes and gardens in Warwickshire where they provide, between them, a wide range of rescue facilities. Rehabilitators are trained in the care of hedgehogs and, specifically, the administration of medication to sick or injured hedgehogs. Foster carers, typically, provide shelter, food, care to the hedgehog during the recovery period until they are at an appropriate release weight. Many of the rehabilitators and some of the foster carers have attended the Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre where they have completed the First Aid, Care and Rehabilitation of Hedgehogs Course.

The task of nursing a hedgehog back to health can be a lengthy process, sometimes taking a number of months. This involves feeding, cleaning, medicating, keeping records of care, vet visits and communicating with finders.

During the year we are often invited to attend events to raise public awareness about supporting hedgehogs, and also to give talks to a variety of groups, including schools. We have display stands and educational material to support the team on these occasions. Over the previous two years such events were severely curtailed by COVID restrictions but, in 2022, we returned to several events and venues.

Volunteers form the backbone of the charity and donate their time, personal funds and expertise for the benefit of the public and Warwickshire's hedgehogs. Thanks to them the charity continues to generate goodwill amongst the hedgehog loving public. It is that goodwill, often accompanied by generous donations of money and supplies, that keeps our doors open and the trustees wish to thank all our volunteers and supporters for their generosity of spirit.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our rehabilitators received into care nearly 700 sick and injured hedgehogs in 2022. About 60% of these recovered fully and were released back to the wild. Sadly, some hedgehogs with serious injuries or advanced conditions could not be saved despite, where necessary, veterinary intervention. The very hot and dry conditions in 2022 made it a very difficult year for hedgehogs. We received many hedgehogs with severe dehydration as well as more babies and juveniles than previous years. In the autumn, the admissions arrived with complex parasitical and bacterial problems. We continue to develop our practices to respond to these changing circumstances.

Hedgehog numbers nationally continue to decline, mainly due to loss of habitat, although the numbers of hedgehogs we receive into our care is increasing. This is due to the raised awareness amongst members of the public about what to do if they find a sick or injured hedgehog and national and local press and social media campaigns. We have worked to improve our social media presence this year and now have a large number of followers on our Facebook and Instagram sites. Users are directed to our website www.warwickshirehedgehogrescue.org where educational material and contact information for rehabilitators can be found.

During the last two years the trustees have developed and agreed policies covering the following areas of business:

Finance
Foster Caring
Risk Management
Complaints

Other policies in line with national guidance are also being written and discussed prior to approval.

The charity is pleased to report that income has continued to be healthy, with donations and grants coming from individuals, businesses, and charitable trusts. Income is on a par with 2021 and has resulted in our reserves increasing by over 45% despite an increase in expenditure of nearly 30%. This increase has largely been due to providing additional equipment to improve the ability of our rehabilitators and foster carers to care for sick and injured hedgehogs but also includes essential medical supplies and food.

Our continued thanks go to the large number of individuals who continue to support the charity financially and to the following businesses and charitable trusts for their invaluable support grants:

Rose Animal Trust, Hickman Animal Trust, Woolhope Dome Trust, Richard Cadbury Trust, TD Paton Trust, Dibnah Foundation, Waitrose Kenilworth, Kenilworth Books.

Thanks 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 at least one year of operational costs should the annual required income fail to be achieved. Year on year the charity aims to increase its reserves 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 source of funds in 2022 were unrestricted funds from charitable trusts and businesses and donations from the general public via GoFundMe and PayPal.

Expenditure in 2022 has directly supported our key objectives with equipment 32%, food, care and medical supplies 51%, medication and veterinary care 12%, educational activities 3% and administration 2%

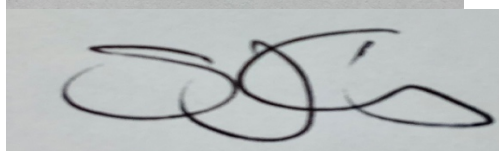
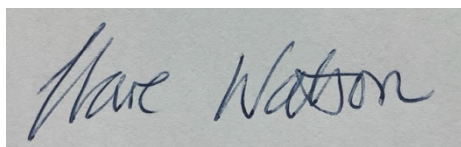
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Clare Watson

Sally Ellis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair
Trustee

Date

4 February 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

WARWICKSHIRE HEDGEHOG RESCUE

No (if any)

1183331

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

01/01/2022

To

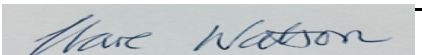
Period end date

31/12/2022

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 General | 8,930 | - | - | 8,930 | 15,070 |
| Grants | 28,365 | - | - | 28,365 | 16,750 |
| Interest | 182 | - | - | 182 | 1 |
| Refund | 231 | - | - | 231 | - |
| Gift Aid | 1,436 | - | - | 1,436 | 1,270 |
| Legacies | 83 | - | - | 83 | 7,000 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 39,227 | - | - | 39,227 | 40,091 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 39,227 | - | - | 39,227 | 40,091 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Food, care and medical supplies | 8,461 | - | - | 8,461 | 4,658 |
| Medication | 480 | - | - | 480 | 611 |
| Vet fees | 1,467 | - | - | 1,467 | 6,063 |
| Equipment | 3,820 | - | - | 3,820 | 941 |
| Educational Activities | 531 | - | - | 531 | - |
| Administration | 267 | - | - | 267 | 362 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 15,026 | - | - | 15,026 | 12,635 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Brinsea Incubators x2 | 1,380 | - | - | 1,380 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 1,380 | - | - | 1,380 | - |
| Total payments | 16,406 | - | - | 16,406 | 12,635 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 22,821 | - | - | 22,821 | 27,456 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 46,541 | - | - | 46,541 | 19,085 |
| Cash funds this year end | 69,362 | - | - | 69,362 | 46,541 |

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 | 69,362 | - | - |
| | Cash | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 69,362 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| 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) |
| | Brinsea Incubators x2 | | 1,380 | 1,303 |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| 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 | 04-Feb-23 |



Sally Ellis

04-Feb-23



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 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1183331

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 14/02/2023

Name:

Alastair C David

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountant

Address:

4 Cloister Way, Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire CV32 6QE

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.