

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

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

7 Hill Wootton Road

Leek Wootton

Warwick

Postcode

CV35 7QL

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	Sally Ellis	Chair and Secretary	28 September 2024	Two trustees
2	Kenneth Faisey	Treasurer		Two trustees
3	Elizabeth Lyne			Two trustees
4	Gemma Smith			Two trustees
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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.

Our main activity is to provide a point of contact for members of the public and veterinary practices in Warwickshire and adjoining borders who has found a hedgehog they are concerned about.

Rehabilitators are distributed throughout south Warwickshire, and there are links to several veterinary practices who provide advice and support.

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 task of nursing a hedgehog back to health can be a lengthy process, sometimes taking a number of months. This involves, at a minimum, daily 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 to give talks to a variety of groups, including schools. We have a display stand and educational material to support the team on these occasions.

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 enables us to continue our work.

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2024 our rehabilitators received over 800 sick or injured hedgehogs, a slight decrease on the previous year.

Approximately 50% of those admitted recovered fully and were released back to the wild. Sadly, some hedgehogs with serious injuries or advanced medical conditions could not be saved.

Changeable and wide-ranging environmental conditions through the year, urban development, intensive farming and roads, which have fragmented their habitat all affect hedgehog numbers.

In October 2024, European hedgehogs were listed as “near threatened” on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list after a decline in numbers of at least 30% over the past decade across much of their range. We will do all that we can to support hogs in need in our area.

Public awareness of the threat to hedgehogs has increased thanks to national and local campaigns, social media and the availability of information about what to do if they find a sick or injured hedgehog. We continue to work to improve our social media presence, using the platforms for inform and educate members of the public and liaise with fellow rescues.

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

Finance
Foster Caring
Risk Management
Complaints

Our policies are regularly reviewed and updated by the Trustees in line with national guidance.

The charity is pleased to report that income has continued to exceed expenditure, with donations and grants coming from individuals, businesses, and charitable trusts.

Our 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 this year:

Rose Animal Welfare Trust, MJ Camp Charity, Dumbreck Trust, Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Trust, Wellesbourne Beer Festival, The Eleanor Grace Charity. The Lennox Hannay Trust, Kenilworth Books and Johnson's Veterinary Products.

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 2024 were unrestricted funds from charitable trusts and businesses and donations from the general public via PayPal.

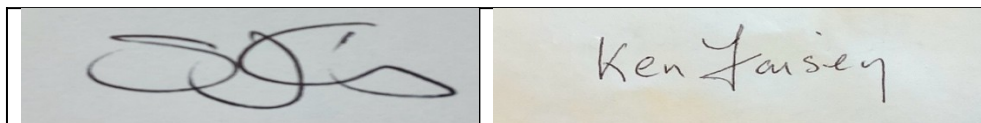
Expenditure in 2024 has directly supported our key objectives with food, care and medical supplies 65%, medication and veterinary care 20%, equipment 14%, educational activities and administration 2%.

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)



Full name(s)

Sally Ellis

Ken Faisey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer and Trustee

Date

15 February 2025



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

1/1/2024

To

Period end date

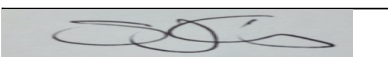
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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	9,655	-	-	9,655	10,404
Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000	11,176
Interest	2,421	-	-	2,421	414
Refund	10	-	-	10	106
Gift Aid	1,316	-	-	1,316	1,157
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,402	-	-	23,402	23,257
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,402	-	-	23,402	23,257
A3 Payments					
Food, care and medical supplies	10,463	-	-	10,463	11,924
Medication	-	-	-	-	-
Vet fees and medication	2,880	-	-	2,880	4,769
Equipment	2,195	-	-	2,195	1,288
Educational Activities	60	-	-	60	57
Administration	267	-	-	267	381
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,865	-	-	15,865	18,419
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Brinsea Incubators x2	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,865	-	-	15,865	18,419
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,537	-	-	7,537	4,838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	74,200	-	-	74,200	69,362
Cash funds this year end	81,738	-	-	81,738	74,200

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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	81,738	-	-
	Cash		-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds		-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	81,738	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	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	460
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Sally Ellis	15-Feb-25

	Ken Faisey	15-Feb-25
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