

Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue

Registered Charity Number: 1186680



Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Period
1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

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The Trustees of Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue are pleased to present this report along with the financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2023.

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue

The rescue is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration no: 1186680, registered with the Charity Commission on 29th Nov 2019.

Prior to registration as a CIO, Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue was an unregistered (below the £5000pa threshold) small charity of the same name.

Charity's Address and Contact Details

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Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

James Matthew Dunne
Tracy Elizabeth Dunne
Howard Skelton
Sally Louise Dark

Names & Addresses of Advisors

None

Bank

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ.

Structure, Governance & Management

Type of Governing Document:

Constitution – based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations, ie: where the Trustees are the only Members of the charity.

Governance

The charity is governed by the Trustees and meetings are held quarterly, or more frequently if it is deemed necessary. Additional Trustees can be appointed by way of an annual general meeting. All newly appointed and existing Trustees are reminded regularly of their responsibilities.

Risk Management

The Trustees have identified the major risk which face the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the effect of those risks.

Organisation

The Trustees continue to discuss the financial affairs and management of the charity and leave the day to day running of the charity to Tracy and Jim Dunne. In the event of any need to acquire capital items, this is presented to the trustees for their decision.

Trustee Selection Methods:

There must be at least three charity trustees. In accordance with the Constitution, Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

Objects

Statutory Declaration on Public Benefit

The object of the CIO is for the benefit of the public;
To further the conservation and preservation of the hedgehog species by providing a rescue, care and rehabilitation service for sick, injured, or orphaned hedgehogs, with the aim of eventually releasing them back to the wild, or appropriate protected sites for those with lifelong disabilities, and who can benefit from quality of life within a controlled "wild" environment.

Activities & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The Trustees of Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Hedgehog Care and Rehabilitation

We have achieved a 73.9% successful outcome rate for returning hedgehogs to the wild, thanks to the commitment and hard work of our volunteers and the continuing support of local vets. This rate increases to 79.2% if deaths in the first 48 hours are discounted.

- 219 Hedgehogs entered Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue
- 162 hedgehogs were released to the wild
- 5 hedgehogs were fostered out for the winter
- 40 hedgehogs were overwintered in the rescue
- 8 hedgehogs were euthanised due to their injuries/illness.

- 49 hedgehogs died in the rescue. This figure includes those hedgehogs that were dead on arrival, as we record these too.
- 6 litters were hand reared, with a total of 21 hoglets between them.

Other Activities

We carried out research by collecting data to establish the most common causes for hedgehogs requiring veterinary help, and the disposition of hedgehogs that came into our care and where they were released. This data was shared with the Dorset Mammal Group to enable County wide data to be built up. We continue to carry out post release monitoring as all hedgehogs are microchipped prior to release.

We gave many presentations about our work, and how members of the public can help hedgehogs. These talks were well received and raised additional funds for the Charity.

The trustees would like to express their thanks to all the Charity's volunteers, donors, and supporters - we are humbled by your support, kindness, and dedication to Dorset's hedgehogs.

The Future

Due to health issues, the rescue took in far less hedgehogs than previous years and closed to new entries in July 2023. Those hedgehogs already in the rescue continued to receive the proper care and attention until their release.

We still have hedgehogs in our care in 2024 and have taken very small numbers into the rescue since July 2023.

We have been actively supporting other local rescues with equipment and financial aid since July 2023 and have been mentoring new small rescues that have been set up in the area.

The following local rescues received financial help and/or equipment donations: -

- Dorset Mammal Group (Hedgehog section)
- Wildlife in Need
- Hedgehog Friendly Portland
- Hedgehogs Need You
- New Milton Hedgehog Rescue
- Prickly Prickles Hedgehog Rescue
- Paula's Wildlife Rescue
- Dorset Wild Bird Care
- Wareham and Sandford Hedgehog Group

A large proportion of our equipment was given to Dorset Mammal Group to give them a head start on their proposed hedgehog hospital, however there are hold-ups with their chosen location, and it appears there is no chance of this hospital opening in 2024.

We are working with other rescues/Groups to find a way to resolve a large gap in coverage between Poole, Wareham and Blandford. To resolve this, we plan, with others, to open a new rescue to cover this area.

We are building a team where each member will take responsibility for different items on the list to see the project through to completion. We expect to have funding in place by mid 2024. Once funding is secured, we can move on with securing a premises and equipping it.

Current Team members:

- Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue
- New Milton Hedgehog Rescue
- Wareham & Sandford Hedgehog Group
- Blandford Hedgehog Group



The new rescue would need all the items on the chart above in place to be able to operate.

Existing protocols will be used, at least at first, and will be modified as required to suit the new premises and working practices.

Volunteer recruitment will take place once a premises is secured.

It is hoped the new rescue will be up and running by Autumn 2024.

Financial Review

Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings

Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue's principal source of funds is private donations. It has not engaged in any specific applications for grants in the current year to 31st December 2023.

Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue are registered as a charity with HMRC so that Gift Aid may be reclaimed on donations where the donor indicates that is their wish.

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

a) to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income.

b) to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g., money may need to be spent before donations are received and to cover the risk of unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds, e.g., an unexpected large vets bill.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 20% of its annual turnover.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

State of the Charity's Finances

Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue's current resources from unrestricted funds are sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least six to nine months.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

- The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement (e.g.: any outstanding/ongoing contract or legal undertaking to buy or provide specific services);
- The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO (e.g.: a mortgage on property owned by the charity).

Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Declaration

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J M Dunne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

J M Dunne, Principal Trustee.

Date: 22nd July 2024

Statement of Financial Activity

Receipts & Payments for the Financial Year Ended 31-Dec-23				
	Current Financial Year, Jan'23-Dec'23			Last Year
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
A1 - RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income	19,392		19,392	27,745
Income Generation	2,814		2,814	4,558
Investments Income	0		0	0
Charitable Income	0	0	0	0
Other Receipts	0		0	0
	22,206	0	22,206	32,303
A2 - ASSETS & INVESTMENTS				
Sale of Investments	0		0	0
Sale of Assets	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,206	0	22,206	32,303
A3 - PAYMENTS				
Generating Funds	-650		-650	-2,508
Charitable Activities	-22,528	0	-22,528	-15,503
Support Costs	-8,444		-8,444	-3,247
Othe Payments	0		0	0
	-31,622	0	-31,622	-21,258
A4 - ASSETS & INVESTMENTS				
Purchase of Investments	0		0	0
Purchase of Assets	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-31,622	0	-31,622	-21,258
NET OF RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS	-9,416	0	-9,416	11,044
A5 - TRANSFERS (Between Funds)	0	0	0	0
NET AFTER TRANSFERS	-9,416	0	-9,416	11,044
Cash Funds Last Yr End	28,888	0	28,888	17,844
A6 - CASH FUNDS THIS YR END	19,472	0	19,472	28,888
Agency Funds (HMRC & NEST)	0		0	0
Total Cash Carried Forward	19,472	0	19,472	28,888

Statement of Asset & Liabilities as at 31-Dec-23

	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
B1 - Cash Assets				
General Fund	16,941			21,645
Net Payments in Advance	0			0
Designated Funds				
Hedgehog Cages	2,515			7,243
Miscellaneous	0			0
Total Unrestricted Funds			19,457	28,888
Restricted Funds				
RF-Other		0		0
Total Restricted Funds			0	0
Current Charitable Cash Assets			19,457	28,888
Money Held as Agent (eg: HMRC, NEST)			0	0
Total Current Cash Assets			19,457	28,888
B2 - Money Owed to the Charity (Other Monetary Assets)				
Gift Aid claim			0	0
Other			0	972
			0	972
B5 - Money Owed by the Charity (Liabilities)				
Independent Examination Fee			0	0
Other			0	-140
			0	-140
Charitable Cash Assets (Net of Liabilities)			19,457	29,720
B3 - Investment assets				
	0		0	0
B4 - Assets retained for charity's own use.				
Fixed Assets	0		0	0
Stocks of Goods for Sale	0		0	0
Total Current Funds			19,457	28,888
Total Funds (net of liabilities)			19,457	29,720

Movements in Actual Funds for the Financial Year To 31-Dec-23

	Bt'Fwd at 01-Jan-23	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31-Dec-23
Cash Assets					
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Bank, Current Account	28,886	21,403	-31,808	973	19,454
Cash Account	2	115	0	-114	3
PayPal Account	0	891	-32	-859	0
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Held	28,888	22,409	-31,840	0	19,457
Cash held as agent	0	0	0		0
Current Charitable Cash Assets	28,888				19,457
Owed to Charity (Overdue Receipts)	972				0
Owed by Charity (Overdue Payments)	-140				0
Net Cash Funds	29,720				19,457

Disposition of Funds

The Charity has no designated or restricted funds.

Notes to the Accounts

a) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities.

b) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses

No Trustees received any reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the financial year.

c) Salaries & Professional Fees

Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue does not charge any professional fees for the services that it provides.

No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.

In the current financial year, the charity employed no staff or external contractors.

d) Fixed Assets

The charity has not disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year.

e) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets of over £100 at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- Plant & Machinery 5 years
- Computer Equipment 3 years

f) Creditors

Cheques issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are only reported as outstanding creditors if they remain unrepresented at the time of producing the financial statements.

g) Rounding Discrepancies

All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.

Approval of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.



J M Dunne, Principal Trustee.

Date: 22nd July 2024