



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st November 2023 Period start date To 1st November 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Runham Wildlife Rescue
Other names charity is known by: RWR

Charity registration number: 1186717

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, and security for animals which are in need of care by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage. To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals. To advance the education of the public in the subjects of animal welfare, environmental issues, and biodiversity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the charity has attended call outs from the public to provide rescue, care and treatment services. We also supply appropriate advice also in response to calls from members of the public.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had full regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning and delivering the charity's activities. All projects and services — including wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, education, and conservation initiatives — are carried out with the aim of providing clear and measurable benefits to wildlife, the environment, and the wider public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Runham Wildlife Rescue does not currently operate a formal grant-making programme. All available funds are used directly to support the charity's core activities in wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, education, and

		<p>conservation.</p> <p>If surplus funds become available in future, the trustees may consider small grants to support partner organisations or community initiatives that align with the charity's objectives.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>Runham Wildlife Rescue does not currently engage in social or programme-related investments.</p> <p>All funds are dedicated to direct charitable purposes, including wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, education, and conservation initiatives.</p> <p>The trustees will review the potential for ethical or programme-related investments in the future if financial reserves allow, ensuring alignment with the charity's environmental and welfare values.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers remain the lifeblood of Runham Wildlife Rescue, responding to an extraordinary variety of rescue calls and providing hands-on care to hundreds of wild animals throughout the year. Their dedication was demonstrated in numerous complex rescues — including the safe recovery of a stranded swan from Ormesby Pond, a trapped wood pigeon, and multiple hedgehogs and bats requiring urgent treatment.</p> <p>Volunteers also played a vital role in transporting animals to veterinary care, supporting the charity's education projects, and fundraising at local community events such as the Hemsby Family Fun Day and Ormesby Village Fête.</p> <p>Despite limited facilities and staffing during the year, our volunteers continued to respond to public calls, manage the charity's domestic section, and support the development of new community initiatives such as wildlife communication apps. Their compassion, persistence, and willingness to work in challenging conditions — often knee-deep in mud, soot, or rain — embody the spirit of Runham Wildlife Rescue and make our work possible.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year, Runham Wildlife Rescue continued to expand its conservation and education work. We are entering into a breeding programme for European pool frogs to help re-establish their population in suitable habitats.</p> <p>The charity has been working with children to raise awareness about littering and its harmful impact on seabirds, promoting responsible environmental behaviour.</p> <p>We have developed mobile applications to support the local wildlife rescue community and improve communication with members of the public reporting injured or distressed animals.</p> <p>In addition, we are partnering with schools and local communities to reintroduce hedgehogs into gardens and are rewilding sections of our farmland to create safer, biodiverse habitats for wildlife.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Runham Wildlife Rescue has made strong progress toward its conservation and education objectives.</p> <p>The charity advanced its European pool frog breeding programme to support population recovery and ecosystem balance.</p> <p>Educational outreach with schools and children successfully raised awareness about litter reduction and its impact on seabirds.</p> <p>The development of wildlife communication apps improved efficiency and collaboration within the local rescue network.</p> <p>Rewilding projects and hedgehog reintroduction initiatives have strengthened biodiversity and deepened community involvement in wildlife protection.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fundraising performance remained stable throughout the year, supported by regular donors, online campaigns, and community sponsorships.</p> <p>Targeted social media appeals and local events successfully raised funds to support animal care, rescue operations, and conservation projects.</p> <p>While the charity continues to operate without large-scale fundraising campaigns, it has maintained sufficient income to meet its objectives and expand its educational and rewilding initiatives.</p>
Investment performance	Para 1.41	<p>Runham Wildlife Rescue does not currently hold any financial investments.</p> <p>All available funds are directed toward</p>

against objectives		<p>operational activities such as rescue, rehabilitation, education, and conservation work.</p> <p>As a result, no investment performance objectives were set or measured during the reporting period.</p>
Other		<p>During the year, Runham Wildlife Rescue strengthened its community presence through education, collaboration, and innovation.</p> <p>We expanded partnerships with schools, local authorities, and conservation groups to promote wildlife protection and environmental awareness.</p> <p>The introduction of digital tools has enhanced communication between the public and rescue teams, improving response times for animals in distress.</p> <p>Future plans include expanding rewilding efforts, developing further educational materials, and exploring sustainable funding opportunities to support long-term conservation goals.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the reporting period, Runham Wildlife Rescue remains financially stable, supported by a consistent donor base, sponsorships and online fundraising. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The absence of a formal reserves policy means the charity is deploying funds as required rather than building large reserves. Principal funding sources are unrestricted: regular supporters, sponsorships and online donations. The charity is not reliant on income streams which appear volatile in the short term (e.g., large one-off bequests or speculative investments). Risk exposure remains moderate: fluctuations in donation levels and volunteer availability are acknowledged, but managed via community engagement and partnerships.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not currently have a policy on reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity holds no formal reserves policy, meaning that available funds are directed toward operational needs as they arise rather than being held in long-term reserve.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds materially in deficit, and the organisation does not currently hold significant investment assets or liabilities.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Income continues to meet ongoing operational costs (rescue, rehabilitation, education and support services) and the charity does not currently appear to face significant going-concern uncertainties.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our funds come through regular supporters, sponsors and through online donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Runham Wildlife Rescue does not currently hold any financial investments or operate an investment portfolio. The charity's policy is to maintain all funds in accessible accounts to ensure that resources are readily available to meet operational and emergency needs associated with wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and education. The trustees adopt a cautious and ethical approach to financial management, ensuring that all funds are used in accordance with the charity's objectives and that no

		<p>resources are placed in speculative or high-risk investment schemes.</p> <p>At present, the charity has not adopted a formal social investment policy, as its financial resources are fully directed toward delivering charitable activities rather than generating investment returns. Should reserves grow in the future, trustees will review the potential for low-risk ethical investment options consistent with the charity's values and environmental aims.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Runham Wildlife Rescue faces several key risks, primarily related to fluctuations in donations and volunteer availability, which could affect its operational capacity. The charity also manages risks linked to animal handling, biosecurity, and maintaining adequate facilities and equipment.</p> <p>Seasonal surges in wildlife rescues can place additional strain on financial and volunteer resources.</p> <p>Regulatory compliance with charity and animal welfare laws is monitored closely to minimise potential breaches. Trustees regularly review these risks and mitigate them through community partnerships, volunteer training, and prudent financial management.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Runham Wildlife Rescue is governed by a Foundation Constitution and operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by existing trustees, ensuring that members have relevant experience in wildlife care, charity management, or community engagement. The charity follows clear policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees, covering governance duties, animal welfare standards, and health and safety. RWR works within a wider network of local authorities, veterinary practices, and other wildlife rescues to coordinate rehabilitation and education efforts. The trustees meet regularly to review strategy, assess risks, and ensure that governance and operations remain aligned with the charity's objectives.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees at Runham Wildlife Rescue receive an induction and orientation programme that introduces them to the charity's governing document, policies, and operational procedures. They are provided with information on their legal duties, charity governance standards, and animal welfare regulations relevant to the organisation's work. Ongoing training and mentoring are available through experienced trustees to ensure good governance and consistency in decision-making. Trustees are also encouraged to participate in external workshops or online training offered by the Charity Commission or partner organisations to maintain best practice awareness.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Runham Wildlife Rescue operates with a small team of trustees who oversee governance, supported by a network of trained volunteers responsible for rescue, rehabilitation, and community outreach. Day-to-day operations are managed collaboratively, with trustees maintaining oversight of welfare standards, finance, and compliance. The charity works closely with local authorities, veterinary practices, police, fire services, and other wildlife rescue

		<p>organisations to coordinate responses and share expertise. This cooperative network enables the charity to deliver effective care, education, and wildlife support across Norfolk and the surrounding areas.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>Runham Wildlife Rescue maintains collaborative relationships with local councils, veterinary clinics, emergency services, and neighbouring wildlife organisations to support rescue and rehabilitation efforts.</p> <p>There are no related party transactions or financial connections with individuals or organisations that could create a conflict of interest.</p> <p>All relationships are managed transparently and in accordance with the charity's governance policies to ensure independence and integrity in its operations.</p>
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Runham Wildlife Rescue
Other name the charity uses	RWR
Registered charity number	1186717
Charity's principal address	The Croft, Martham Road, Rollesby, Great Yarmouth, NR29 5DR

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	Kelly Wolmer	Chair		Appointed by existing trustees
2	Lyndsey Murfet	Trustee		Appointed by existing trustees
3	Rachel Barratt	Trustee		Appointed by existing trustees
4	Maryna Drobot	Trustee		Appointed by existing trustees
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable – Runham Wildlife Rescue does not have any corporate trustees		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Runham Wildlife Rescue does not hold any funds, property, or assets as a custodian trustee on behalf of other organisations or individuals. All funds and resources are used solely for the charity's own rescue, rehabilitation, education, and conservation activities.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kelly Joan Wolmer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	18/10/2025	

Runham Wildlife Rescue

Income and Expenditure Accounts

02/11/2023 to 01/11/2024

Runham Wildlife Rescue
Income and Expenditure Account
02/11/2023 to 01/11/2024

		£	£
Income			
Donations	Direct	34,207.94	
	Cash	-	
			34,207.94
Expenses			
Animal food and Enrichment		5,508.44	
Veterinary fees and Medical supplies		3,443.65	
Equipment		1,852.83	
Mobile phone charges		-	
Travel and Vehicle costs		3,530.62	
Building materials		6,621.40	
Stable block		5,288.00	
Land Rent		3,120.00	
Household items and Cleaning supplies		1,547.94	
Advertising and Fundraising		772.44	
Paypal fees		188.58	
Stationery, training and subscriptions		1,268.19	
			33,142.09
Net income for the period			1,065.85
Represented by:			
Reserves brought forward			1,085.80
Net income for the period			1,065.85
Reserves carried forward			2,151.65
Reserves carried forward comprise:			
Balance at bank		2,151.65	
Cash in hand		-	
Balance at Paypal		-	
Total reserves			2,151.65

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Runham Wildlife Rescue

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Runham Wildlife Rescue (the Trust) for the year ended 1 November 2024.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Lorna Snow, member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)

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Date: 13 October 2025