

Hedgehog Rescue Blackpool
Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity No: 1188161

Fourth Annual Report
February 2024



The inspiration for our logo came from a very special hedgehog Treacle, when he was found he had neurological problems and Jean helped him back to walking and eating on his own. Part of his recuperation including hydrotherapy in a bath!

We would like to acknowledge everyone who has been involved with The Hedgehog Rescue Blackpool for their support, dedication and ongoing commitment to the rescue and rehabilitation of local hedgehogs. We look forward to the future and continuing our essential work protecting this precious species.

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Trustees:		Date Appointed
Jean Turner	Chair	January 2020
Patt Trow		February 2021
Jill Dainter		November 2023
Mathew Lewtas		January 2024

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Hedgehog Rescue Blackpool is run and operated by its founder Jean Turner and a valuable team of volunteers and approved foster carers.

History

In 2015 Jean began helping sick and injured Hedgehogs in her home on a very small scale. After a year of helping Hedgehogs, Jean decided to invest her own money in specialised equipment which enabled her to expand. This increased the number of Hedgehog's that could benefit from Jean's love and care. On the 24th February 2020, we officially became a registered charity giving us the opportunity to raise the much-needed funds for additional equipment, food, vets' fees and medication.

Challenges

In July 2020 the British Hedgehog preservation Society (BHPS) stated "hedgehogs have now been included in the Red List for British Mammals". This is an official acknowledgement that hedgehogs are vulnerable to extinction.

The BBC stated that a survey found that 33% of people said they had seen a hedgehog in their garden in 2023. This may be good news or it could be quite the reverse. Optimistically the number of hedgehogs is increasing – pessimistically the hedgehogs are in further danger as they are nocturnal and should not be seen out and about in daylight. Gardens are crucial for the survival of hedgehogs however, with the unfriendly gardens which have walls, fences, paving, decking and Astro turf. Hedgehog numbers are declining. Fewer gardens have grass, trees and plants meaning hedgehogs can no longer live their normal garden lifestyle.

Faye Vass, head of The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, stated 'community action – like making gardens havens for hedgehogs, or making your garden as hedgehog-friendly as possible – is incredibly important. Things like checking hedges before strimming, leaving a corner of the garden to grow wild and making a home for hedgehogs to hibernate can all help out.

Fundraising

The Christmas cards and calendars, made by one of our volunteers sold well, particularly at our Christmas Fair, which we held at the Teanelowe Sixty Plus Community Centre, Queensway, Poulton Le Fylde. Activities included a raffle, quiz sheets and bingo. This event was important for two reasons, firstly to raise much needed funds over £800 was generated – secondly to promote the work we do. Members of the public met the rescuers, including the out of hours team, and fosterer. They found out more about the dedication and perseverance of our team of volunteers whose sole purpose is to preserve the life of Blackpool Hedgehogs. One of our volunteers made and sold hedgehog houses and his ingenious idea raised over £500. Our online 'Just Giving' site is still proving to be successful. We also gave a talk at St Aidan's COE School this raised the pupil's awareness of how

important the work of the rescue centre is and we received a welcome donation.



This is Bertie he was found in May 2023, out and about during the day in a garden. When he was found Bertie only weighed 421 grams and was struggling with his weight. He also had to be treated for lungworm, round worm and fluke worm.

Seedling was found on a lawn in the middle of the day in April 2023.

She weighed 552 grams and when she first came into the Hedgehog Rescue her weight fell even further. Fortunately, after she had been treated for the usual range of internal parasites, she steadily gained weight.





Darcy was found out and about in Skelmersdale weighing 495 grams, hosting a number of ticks. Luckily, she responded well to the treatments for roundworm, lungworm and flukeworm. Like someone said 'Think she just wanted a day out at the sea side'

On behalf of the hedgehogs a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful year of the Blackpool Hedgehog Rescue

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Profit & Loss Account for the year ending February 2024

INCOME	2024	2023
Donations	7095.62	7218.83
Grants	6000.00	
Fundraising	4809.00	3764.79
TOTAL INCOME	17904.62	10,983.62
EXPENDITURE		
Vets Fees & Medication	8084.06	4661.70
Cleaning & Bedding	600.10	807.68
Food	4032.21	1631.11
Stationery & Website	311.23	691.44
Incubators/Air Conditioning/Microscopes	4357.74	3270.67
	172.34	0.00
Mobile phone		
Insurance	191.49	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17749.17	11,062.60
SURPLUS/LOSS	155.65	-78.98

Balance Sheet at 29th February 2024

Current Assets - Bank	5541.54	5386.09
Reserves		
Brought Forward	5386.09	5465.07
Surplus for the year	155.45	- 78.98
Total Funds	5541.54	5386.09