

ELM WILDLIFE (EVERY LIFE MATTERS WILDLIFE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1188486

Details

Other names EVERY LIFE MATTERS WILDLIFE, ELM WILDLIFE

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS, SPECIFICALLY HEDGEHOGS, BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF RESCUE, CARE AND ATTENTION THROUGH SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USE. 2. TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND EDUCATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC CONCERNING HEDGEHOG AND WILDLIFE WELFARE. HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED TO ALLEVIATE CRUELTY AND SUFFERING BY INCREASING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR NEEDS.

Activities: ELM Wildlife rescue and rehabilitates British wildlife, primarily hedgehogs but we do take other wildlife when space allows; we medicate and house all casualties. Our capacity at the moment is 220 animals, we are supported by a team of over 100 volunteers and we are open 365 days a year. Our centres address is: Unit 5, Hayter Hames building, Seale Hayne, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6NQ

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cornwall
- Devon
- Dorset
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-30	£75,893	£89,400	-	-
2023-12-30	£65,495	£60,868	-	-
2022-12-30	£46,805	£44,891	-	-
2021-12-30	£69,585	£34,965	-	-
2020-12-30	£34,244	£13,351	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Parker	Chair	2019-02-28
Gayle Elizabeth Annette Bloomfield		2023-02-08
Jacqueline Ann Parker		2019-02-28

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Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period
31st December 2023 – 30th December 2024

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The Trustees of ELM Wildlife are pleased to present the financial statement and Annual Report for the charity for the period 31st December 2023 – 30th December 2024.



Reference and Administrative details

Name of Charity	ELM Wildlife
Other name the Charity uses	ELM Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre
Registered Charity Number	1188486
Registered Office	Devon House Ruckamore Road Torquay TQ2 6HF
Rescue Address	Unit 5 Hayter Hames Seale Hayne Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Parker (Chair)

Mrs Jacqueline Parker (Secretary)

Mr Neil Langridge MBE (Resigned on 14 March 2024)

Mrs Emma Hickson (Treasurer)

Mrs Gayle Bloomfield

There are no corporate trustees or directors or any trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

History

ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife) was created in October 2018 by the Parker family, Richard (Rick), Jacqueline (Jacky) and Emily. They started rescuing wildlife in 2010 and for many years, they worked by word of mouth until 2018 when they took on the void created by Devon's then largest hedgehog rescue "Prickly Ball Farm" due to its closure.

The rescue centre gradually filled their house until ELM finally found a new home at Seale Hayne in July 2020; within 6 months ELM had filled the 2000sqft and continue to look for larger premises with outside space.

ELM became a Registered charity in March 2020.



Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives:

1. To promote positive human behaviour towards animals, specifically hedgehogs, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those who are in need of rescue, care and attention through sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill use.
2. To provide advice and education to the general public concerning hedgehog and wildlife welfare, highlighting the need to alleviate cruelty and suffering by increasing the understanding of their needs.

Main Activities:

ELM Wildlife is open 365 days a year to rescue, rehabilitate and release native European hedgehogs in order to support and preserve the species.

We actively promote to the public hedgehog awareness and our ability to help when needed through telephone and social media. Members of the public contact us when they find an injured, sick or distressed hedgehog; advice is given via telephone in the first instance. If deemed necessary the hedgehog is brought to our rescue centre where they go through a triage process and if necessary, admitted for care.

Hedgehogs are assessed upon admittance with all casualties initially going into an incubator while being monitored and given subcutaneous injection (subcut) fluids. When stable, a course of treatment is decided; during the treatment assessment all casualties have a faecal sample tested, which gives an overall health picture.

The treatment process can range from rehydration and food, flystrike removal (which can take several hours), pain medication, a range of different specialised medications and antibiotics to treat all types of internal parasite burden, x-rays and major surgery supported is by off-site veterinary practice 'Moorgate', hand feeding or nurturing care until the hedgehog is heavy enough to be released to raising new-born hoglets.



We have a mortality rate of between 25-30%, this rate reflects our policy of taking any casualty and not suggesting the finder to take to a vets before coming to us, this practice is used by some rescues so as not to incur more cost, but unfortunately a lot of vets are not familiar with treating wildlife and their first reaction is to euthanize (PTS). This is not a reflection on vets and vet practices, their actions are driven more by lack of familiarity and the ability to give long term care. Any casualty brought to us that is deemed beyond help or in too much stress and pain, goes straight to the vets and at our expense.

Unlike other smaller rescues, ELM does not farm out casualties/hoglets for care at people's homes, there is no adequate way of monitoring or medicating casualties this way;

continually moving wild animals is stressful. At the centre, the cages are cleaned out and the hedgehogs checked every day, their weight and general condition are monitored by the volunteers and then the trained staff. If any action is needed, for example medication, fluids or incubator, treatment can be administered immediately.

Once the hedgehog is healthy and has been rehabilitated, we aim to release them as soon as possible to where they came from, unless it's not safe to do so. If the latter is the case, they go into our extensive rehoming program.

Our rehoming program starts with offering hedgehogs to finders that have brought in an animal from their property or nearby, if the animal has died from symptoms not related to its original environment, we may offer another hog to them that needs rehoming. The next option is to vet members of the public and their property/location who contact us to rehome a rehabilitated hedgehog. We constantly have requests for rehoming, this is a difficult, time-consuming process and ultimately sometimes leads to bad feelings when turned down; our focus is always on the safety of the animal and its ability to lead a normal life. I wouldn't call it our final option, but we are working on creating small new communities in safe areas. This is not an easy process and does include a lot of work and angst in finding the correct sites, but we feel this is extremely important way to help aid the survival of the species. Our starting criteria for these sites are villages with no through roads, no badger population too close and a willingness from the community to want to help as a group.

At present ELM's public interaction, guidance/information and support, is mainly via social media and telephone, although this year we have attended more in person events. We have a main ELM Facebook page and several Facebook groups. From the main page we can impart information, and the public can contact us on Messenger via the same page. We try to avoid contact from the public via email for animal issues as it is not as easy to share questions, messenger allows any of the 'staff' to drop in and answer a question. The rescue/advice mobile number is manned by Rick; this is contacted roughly between 30 and 80+ times a day, with an average call length of 5 minutes. That equates roughly to around 22,000 calls a year and if we say 5 minutes a call, that is 1,833 hours. If the call taken was to rescue a casualty and the caller cannot transport, a request via the ELM Ambulance group

on Messenger is generated, with the hope that one of the 'group' has free time to attend. In some circumstances, Rick or Jacky do have to recover the casualty. It is interesting to note that even though this mobile number is for rescues or casualty and general advice, there is a fair amount of abuse taken via this number from the public.

Now going into our fifth year at Seale Hayne, manning each day has been pretty difficult to fill. It is an ongoing struggle to source the increased number of volunteers needed for all the shift spaces required each day, 365 days a year. The total volunteer members fluctuate between 70 and 150, which is very fluid with people joining and leaving all the time. Motivating and organising the group and spaces on a daily basis has become a major task, so much so that it takes two trustees to manage it daily.

We have an 'Ambulance Group' on 'Messenger' that we use for members of the public to assist with relaying sick and injured animals to the rescue centre. This does work well and saves us going out to collect casualties. However, with the cost-of-living crisis and rising costs, it's been a tricky year for support, so the amount of time people are willing to give is much less.

Key Positions

- Rick Parker – Centre manager, general admin duties, only telephone contact for help/advice/enquires and incoming casualties, vet liaison, outside contractor liaison, rescue driver, purchasing and budget control, release site assessor, report, media and application writer, social media admin for Facebook pages, Admin for Volunteer group and responsible for calendar updates. Rick also keeps his hand in with medical treatments, medication, fluids and cage cleaning and he generally works with Emily on the larger / dangerous species of casualty. Also, public talks or any media interviews.
- Jacky Parker – Husbandry and volunteer manager, admissions/triage controller, administering medication, casualty health checks, hoglet care and feeding, out of hours care, veterinary liaison, rescue driver, centre and food stores controller, rescue centre housekeeping and manufacturing release houses.

- Emma Hickson – Public liaison/editor for ELM Facebook page, volunteer coordinator/recruiter, Trustee, event organiser, general ELM admin, public talk organiser and Speaker.
- Gayle Bloomfield - Public liaison/editor for ELM Facebook page, volunteer co-ordinator, food donation liaison, Trustee, event organiser, casualty update liaison, rehoming co-ordinator, release site checking, general ELM admin, public talk organiser and Speaker.
- Emily Parker – Animal welfare, admissions/triage controller, medication administration and control, hoglet care and feeding, treatment researcher, animal rescue legal advisor, long-term treatment controller, responsible for out of hours' treatment, rescue centre housekeeping and volunteers' manager. Emily also works with Rick on the larger more dangerous animals.
- Bekki Harrington – Animal welfare assistant to Emily, admissions and triage, rescue centre housekeeping, animal medication and liaison for volunteer shift
- Neil Langridge MBE – Although Neil does not interact with ELM on a daily basis, we would like to acknowledge his continued support from the start of the rescue in 2018 to the present day. He has supported ELM financially from the start; he also sources many items for us to sell.

Rick and Jacky Parker continue to work on average 90+ hours a week, 52 weeks a year. Their dedication and commitment to saving wildlife and building ELM is immense.

Emily receives a small salary for the tremendous number of hours and dedication to the charity. Unfortunately, until ELM is better funded, she only gets paid for 25 of the 90+ hours she works every week.

We are grateful to the other Trustees who also contribute many hours a week dealing with all aspects behind the scenes to ensure ELM keeps running. We do, however, still need much more help and support daily with admin etc and, without funding for paid staff, this is proving difficult.

Achievements and Performance for 2024



At the start of the new year we made the decision we really had to make fundraising a big priority! We started an online fundraising campaign to raise much needed funds by raffling items that had either been donated or we had purchased. This included things like an inflatable ice bath, a stay in a bed and breakfast, £250 Sainsbury's gift card and a £500 M&S gift card.



We were delighted to welcome Bethany from 8th Newton Abbot Brownies to the rescue centre in February. As part of their Volunteering Brownie Badge, Bethany and her fellow Brownies have been fundraising and collecting food for us. Strengthening our ties with the local community is a huge part of our role as Charity and we love seeing the enthusiasm from the younger generation for wildlife conservation.



March was a month of mystery for our newest intake Spud! Looking very sorry for himself we initially thought it was mites and ringworm, but skin scrapes came back as inconclusive. We have had many hedgehogs in this year presenting in very poor condition like this causing a bit of a mystery for us to work out the best course of treatment.



April saw the return of our much loved Tea and Tours event at the rescue centre. With 5 tours throughout the day, tickets sold out in less than 48 hours! It was another opportunity to have small groups of the public into the rescue centre to see, first-hand, the work we do with the animals. One of the Trustees gave a talk whilst walking around and after the visitors were invited to join us for some wonderful homemade cakes with tea and coffee.

The day was another huge success making just over £1,000 in donations. It's definitely an event we will continue to hold each year as it's so well received by our visitors and gives them a rare glimpse into the life at the rescue centre and the work we do.



We saw our first Hoglets of 2024 arrive in early May...roll on the late nights and early morning hand feeds! This was the start of a deluge of Hoglets into the centre, the poor weather at the start of the year had massively affected their breeding season. These four hoglets were found when a mum made her nest under a stored car, when the car was moved these babies were found and rescued.

All four grew up and were released back into the wild.



The best news came in June when Rick and Jacky completed on the purchase of 10.75 acres of land to keep ELM alive. The land at South Knighton not far from our current rescue centre is far from perfect, but it gives us hope that one day we can have a new purpose built rescue centre for ELM to continue its invaluable work with hedgehogs and eventually all wildlife!

Now the fun starts with trying to secure planning permission.



During July we attended several village fairs and events, getting out to speak to the public and provide information and education leaflets was brilliant. We have always been well-supported by our followers who make wonderful craft items for us to sell, raising essential funds. We have attended village fairs in Abbotskerswell, River Dart Country Park, Ogwell, Illsington and many more this year.



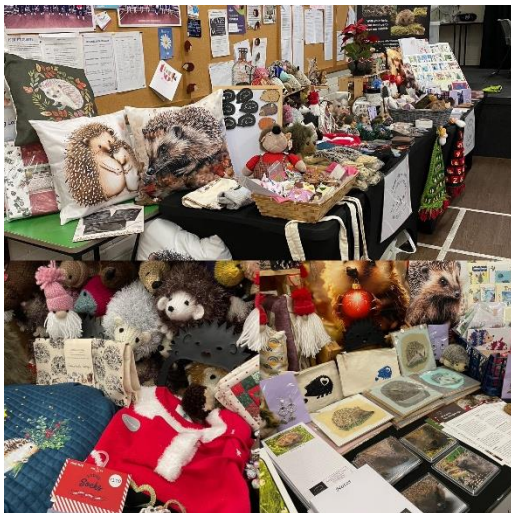
August saw many many more hoglets continue to pile into the rescue centre, we were just able to balance this as we were able to release the earlier babies who now were big enough to be released to safe homes as part of our rehoming programme. Each hoglet going out in a hedgehog house and being support fed each evening by their new humans



September was another big push for fundraising. Gayle, Emma and Rick attended the Ipplepen Hedgehog Fair specifically put on for ELM by some of amazing supporters. This was one of our biggest fundraisers in 2024 and with the help of Louisa, her Mum and Ippleprickle we raised over £1350 in one day, incredible result for us.



This is Jess, one of the three foxes we raised from cubs. Due to no room at the rescue centre and needing constant care, they were brought on and weaned at home. It is very important to be hands off when preparing to release, not easy when at home and needing to transport to their release enclosure. After a successful release to the wild in September, they were still popping back for the odd snack in October.



November saw the return of the Christmas Fair at Abbotskerswell. We are tremendously grateful to all our supporters who so kindly made us wonderful homemade craft items to sell this year, without their help, we simply couldn't do as much fundraising as we do. We always love interacting with the public, talking all things hedgehog and answering their questions.



When we are full in December we consume vast amounts of food each day! Our food donation points in the community continue to be a real success story, the number of drop off places is growing. These drop off points have given ELM a healthy supply of donated food and kept us going throughout the year. We haven't had to purchase any day-to-day food all year, only the specialist food for the hoglets, other wildlife and those in intensive care.

2024 overall was another busy year at ELM, but we only admitted just over 900 casualties in total, which doesn't include any 'dead on arrival'. This is considerably down on our 2023 intake, but not that surprising, the weather plays a massive part in their breeding 'season' and success rate and with the incredibly wet start to the year and the very dry summer it wasn't doing them any favours this year!

The Trustees would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the huge number of volunteers for their ongoing dedication to ELM, we couldn't have done it without their help.

Trustee Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is to raise awareness of the endangered status of hedgehogs in the UK and to provide information about how to preserve the species.

Financial review for the period 31st December 2023 – 30th December 2024

Summary:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Income for the year	£75,894	£65,495	£46,805	£69,585	£34,244
Total expenses	£89,400	£60,868	£44,891	£34,965	£13,351
Taken over	-£13,507	£4,627	£1,914	£34,620	£20,893

Major sources of income:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Donations	£59,137	£31,535	£35,689	£62,758	£20,789
Fundraising	£16,757	£33,960	£11,116	£6,827	£1,200
Total	£75,894	£65,495	£46,805	£69,585	£21,989

Major expenditure:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Rent	£8400	£8,400	£8,400	£8,400	£3,500
Medical costs	£4,073	£3,328	£4,517	£4,864	£1,238
Vehicle costs	£7,166	£8,300	£5,855	£5,331	£3,938

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees monitor the financial situation throughout the year to ensure there are sufficient reserves to support the charity in case of difficulty, such as increased running costs, veterinary bills or a drop in donations. We aim to have 3 months running costs in reserve at any time. At the end of the last financial period 30th December 2024 ELM Wildlife had approximately £20,000 in reserve.

Details of any funds mutually in deficit:

The trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Charity's financial stability:

As far as finance, 2024 is a turning point for ELM; this is the first year that ELM has had a deficit in donations related to expenditure. The irony is that donations are up, but not enough to keep up with the expenditure. A deficit of £13,507 is uncomfortable and we obviously need to find a way of replacing these funds, plus covering the same amount of expenditure in 2025.

The answer to the future stability of ELM is manpower and this manpower is needed to either help find funding or give Rick enough time to write funding bids. It is also needed to bring back the online raffles that were held at the end of 2023 and Q1 of 2024; this was a successful venture, which again rested on Rick's shoulders. This is achievable with the right people in place.

ELM hits well above its weight as far as casualties treated and quality of care, but it really falls down on support staff. A well-funded rescue centre of ELMs capacity would have employees to focus on funding. Writing funding bids, is a bit of a black art; although Rick doesn't relish the task, he's willing to give it a go.....given free time.

The £75,894 is amazing amount of support given by the general public / ELMs supporters and we feel humbled that our followers appreciate our work so much. The simple fact is that ELM would not exist if it wasn't for the monetary and hands on help it receives.

Thank you all so much for your support, which helps us save wildlife.

Particulars of any outstanding guarantee given by the charity:

The trustees declare that the charity has not given any guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of any outstanding debt:

The trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Remuneration of trustees:

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration as a trustee or other material benefits from their services to the charity.

Reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the trustees in promoting the purpose of the charity are reimbursed at cost.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

ELM Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registered Charity Number 1188486, which was constituted on 11th March 2020.

Constitution – based on the Charities Commission’s model governing document for Charitable Incorporated Organisation (where trustees are just members of the charity)

Governance:

The Charity is governed by the trustees who hold twice yearly meetings, or more frequently if deemed necessary. There must be at least three trustees. New trustees can be appointed at a Special Meeting following agreement from all the existing trustees and must be selected for their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

New trustees are given access to the ELM Wildlife’s governing document, policies and copies of previous meetings’ minutes and reminded regularly of their responsibilities.

Organisation:

The trustees oversee the financial position and management of the charity, the day-to-day running of the charity is left to Richard (Rick) Parker as CEO, assisted by Jacqueline (Jacky) and Emily Parker.

By the end of 2024, ELM Wildlife has two paid members of staff; neither of these have been, or are presently, Trustees.

Future plans

- Exciting times ahead now that Rick and Jacky have secured a parcel of land for ELM. This has been our main priority since 2023 and now plans can start for the creation of a brand new purpose built rescue centre giving us larger premises and much needed outside space for the first time in our own control.

- We continue to make great progress forward with our hoglet care, with continual tweaking to perfect our essential formula to feed the tiniest hand fed hoglets. This continues to result in a massive decrease in our mortality rate.



These tiny hoglets, generally under 30g at the time of admission, are the most 'tricky' to save and we have seen great results again this year. This is under ongoing review so we can improve it even further during the next year.

- Next year we really need to focus on more fundraising avenues and with the early success of the online raffles, this is a project we intend to expand in 2025. We need to identify how to generate donations for the prizes so we don't need to buy these from our own reserves each time.
- As a priority we need to create a new website in 2025 where more vital information will be available to members of the community. We also need to have the ability to hold the online auctions on our website so we have control rather than through a third party.
- It would be extremely beneficial for us to find a new 'working partner' to help us make hedgehog houses to sell at the rescue centre. When we rehome all of our hoglets we insist that they go out into a decent house and the range of houses

available on the market are of questionable standard. It will also help us replace a much missed revenue stream from before.

- The condition of the rescue centre has really started to show significant wear and tear; we also have areas of mould due to the lack of care from our landlord. We would love to be able to clean up these areas and give the inside of the rescue centre a fresh coat of paint, time and money permitting.
- Although we haven't actually managed to pull this off yet, we are still planning to hold regular wildlife educational talks at the rescue centre on a diverse range of animals and especially hedgehog first aid and rehabilitation.
- We are constantly asked for access to the centre and guided tours by the general public, but as a wildlife rescue centre working under the 'Wildlife Act', we are only able to hold 4 open days per year. We plan to hold more Tea and Tours throughout 2024.
- ELM Wildlife has exceeded its 220-cage capacity for the total number of hedgehogs accommodated on several occasions, maxing out at around 240 casualties; even when pushed to 240 casualties we still had to turn away animals. We estimate a need for a safe peak capacity demand of 280 for excessive years, so we must find a way to meet that requirement.
- The plan going forward is to employ another member of staff, funds permitting.
- Apply for funding bids; we need help preparing the funding bids and administration associated with this. We need help with funding for both capital and running costs/staff costs.
- Continue our education program in 2025; equipment must be sourced and funding needs to be found first.
- Four new mobile phone contracts to create a rota for answering public enquires/rescues.
- More equipment needed: cages, incubators, shelves, heat mats, IT equipment and multimedia equipment is an ongoing requirement.
- To find more volunteers to help with the shifts on a day-to-day basis, to bolster the Ambulance Group so we can efficiently relay casualties to the centre

Chairman / Manager's thoughts

Welcome to my annual report for the Charity Commission, my name is Rick Parker, CEO and co-founder of ELM Wildlife.

I must come clean; I'm sat here in October 2025 writing and rewriting this report. Over the past month I've seen some well-funded and well supported local major charities, go to the wall. Why am I writing this so late? Well, it's pretty simple, I spend all my time Fire Fighting.

It has been yet another stressful and costly year for my family and I; the money I can quantify, but the harm that over work and constant stress has done to us, I have no idea and I'm amazed we are still together. Jacky and I have had major problem with the two of the four properties we let being destroyed by tenants and due to not being able to have time away from ELM, it has cost us in the region of £24k and counting. Apart from the need to save wildlife, the guilt of walking away is driving us on. There are three goals we need to achieve, that seem to be just out of reach. One is to build the new rescue centre and get out of Seale Haynes toxic environment, the second is find more help, we need people who want to support our family and the third, well it's that obvious one, we need to find funding.

Giving thanks

We are not the only charity struggling with volunteers, it started to slide after Covid (no really, this is not an excuse) and now that the UK is being forced into poverty; there just isn't the same support. Having said that, ELM's core of volunteers have been amazing! They give up so much time to help and then come in again to fill the gaps left. You are amazing guys, thank you so much for supporting ELM.

Co Create <https://cocreate-architects.com/> are the architects helping us to achieve our planning goal, not only are they lovely people to deal with, but they helping completely pro bono, as they want to support the work we do.

There are numerous companies that support ELM, not to mention the members of the public who follow, donate and purchase items for ELM. This would not be possible without your help, thank you.

Neil Langridge is one of ELM's original trustees and benefactors; although he has now stepped down as a trustee, he tirelessly sells items to raise funds for ELM. thank you for supporting ELM, we couldn't have done it without you.

Gayle Bloomfield is one of ELM's present trustees. She organises the casualty releases, comes in the centre twice a week, sometimes filling volunteer gaps, always up for public engagements and many more ways she helps ELM; Gayle, you're a star.



I have to acknowledge Emily Parker, my daughter. Unfortunately, Emily cannot be a trustee as she is an employee of ELM, this to me seem so wrong as she is a co-founder and without her, ELM would not survive. Saying Emily is an employee, really doesn't do her justice, she gives nearly every hour of every day tending to casualties and get paid less than her junior staff member. I know the stress you have to cope with, and I know the animals would thank you if they could; but from me, I think you do an amazing job.

Last but definitely not least, Jacky Parker, my lovely wife. It would take me pages to describe what Jacky does for ELM. Can you imagine working every day to help wildlife, from dawn to dusk and a workload for two. Coping with the constant sadness of death and the decision of when to end life, coping with my frustrations; all this and you have to lose your savings for the pleasure, well that is what Jacky does for ELM. You are a quiet hero and I applaud your sacrifice.



ELM's accounts

Let's start on a positive, the donations were up by £10,399, with the 2024 total being £75,894 as opposed to 2023 being £65,895; this makes 2024 ELM's best year for donations. That being said, the majority of that increase was down to ELM's online raffles; I still refer to these as donations. I'll come back to the raffles after this section.

It all sounds rosier until you look at the expenditure. In 2023 ELM's overheads were £60,868, but in 2024 they had risen to £89,400; this is an increase of £28,532, leaving ELM with its first deficit of -£13,507.

Since Brexit and Covid, everything has become more expensive; no surprise as the majority of the country is feeling the pinch. Not unexpectedly, the major increase in ELM's expenditure, is wages. ELM only has two paid employees; one is paid for 33 hours per week. The other, Emily (our daughter) works an average of 80 hours per week and only gets paid for 26 hours per week; both on minimum hourly rate. Jacky and I do an average of 80 hours per week too, but do not take a wage. So, you can see that the staffing expenditure is at its bare minimum. Sadly, we had an opportunity to achieve funding to the amount of £20k, but this wasn't taken to fruition by those given the task.



The land purchase

Since that point sometime in 2019 when we realised that ELM was going to need a significant amount of space to move forward and since realisation, Jacky and I been looking for land; those who follow us will know that this hasn't been an enjoyable task. The move to Seale Hayne in July 2020 took our eye of the ball slightly, but the threat of eviction in 2024, created new focus.

Our offer was accepted on the 11th January and we completed on the 24th May 2024; Jacky and I are now the proud owners of 10.75 acres, plus a larger uncomfortable mortgage.

During 2024, a lot of time was spent on being prepared for the planning application to build a new rescue centre on the land; although we planned to go straight in for a full application, we were advised to go the Pre-App (Pre- application) route first. Unfortunately, this took five months to prepare and a further two months to receive a decision. The good news is that in principle our plans are acceptable, with some tweaking.



We now have an extra hurdle to cross; since the purchase in 2024, building costs have doubled. How much we can afford to put in has always been an issue, it was always felt that the sale of our house would cover some of the costs; but without some

As I've mentioned, 2024 hasn't been kind to Jacky and I. With shortage of volunteers, renovation work and a lack of funds, progress has been slow. As of the end of October 2025, we are back pushing to achieve planning; we still have another house to finish and very short of funds, but we will try. I can't see ELM surviving without the new rescue centre.

I hope you enjoyed my snapshot of ELM's year, please come to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/savinghedgehogs> and follow our exploits. ELM is Devon's largest capacity rescue centre and when we build the new centre; we'll be stepping up to another level. We need your support in so many ways, with more opportunities coming with the land.

If you love and care about wildlife, like we do, please think of supporting us with a monthly bank transfer; remember that individual rescue like ELM are the places your wildlife ends up at and every penny is spent on saving animals.

NatWest account name:	ELM Wildlife
Account Number	749 532 73
Sort Code	55 – 70 – 01



Thank you for following and supporting ELM.

Kindest regards,

Rick Parker

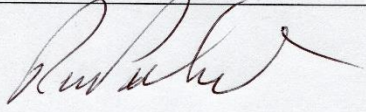
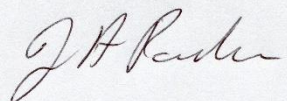
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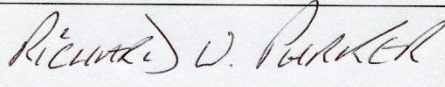
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

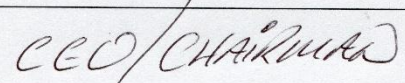
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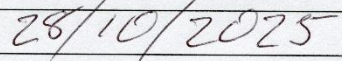
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Position (Chair etc)

	SECRETARY.
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Date



ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)
Charity number 1188486
Income & Expenditure account
For the year ended 30 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
General donations	59137	17469
Paypal	9400	33960
Rent contribution	0	7000
Cash donations	7357	7066
	<u>75893</u>	<u>65495</u>
 Expenditure		
Accountancy	0	54
Advertising	250	464
Rent	8400	8400
Food, bedding etc	5119	5585
Vet & medicines	4073	3328
Repairs incl cages	1273	444
Insurance	317	267
Mileage and travelling	7166	8300
Office expenses & sundries	4525	5197
Legal and professional	1865	0
Shelving	0	185
Wages	56411	28644
	<u>89400</u>	<u>60868</u>
 Surplus for the period	 <u>-13507</u>	 <u>4627</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Bank balance	7540	27354
Paypal	22757	13427
Cash in hand	22000	14833
	<u>52296</u>	<u>55614</u>
 Monies owed at year end		
Accumulative Trustee Loan	49902	39713
	<u>49902</u>	<u>39713</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to Elm Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)

Registered Charity Number: 1188486

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 30 December 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



David Rudall
FMAAT
Greenwood Accountancy Ltd
5-7 Pellew Arcade
Teignmouth
Devon
TQ14 8EB

Date: 24th October 2025

ELM WILDLIFE (EVERY LIFE MATTERS WILDLIFE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1188486

Accounts



Registered Charity Number: 1188486

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period
31st December 2022 – 30th December 2023

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The Trustees of ELM Wildlife are pleased to present the financial statement and Annual Report for the charity for the period 31st December 2022 – 30th December 2023.



Reference and Administrative details

Name of Charity	ELM Wildlife
Other name the Charity uses	ELM Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre
Registered Charity Number	1188486
Registered Office	Devon House Ruckamore Road Torquay TQ2 6HF
Rescue Address	Unit 5 Hayter Hames Seale Hayne Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ

TRUSTEES:

Mr Richard Parker (Chair)

Mrs Jacqueline Parker (Secretary)

Mr Neil Langridge MBE

Mrs Emma Hickson (Treasurer)

Mrs Gayle Bloomfield (Appointed 8 Feb 2023)

There are no corporate trustees or directors or any trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

History

ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife) was created in October 2018 by the Parker family, Richard (Rick), Jacqueline (Jacky) and Emily. They started rescuing wildlife in 2010 and for many years, they worked by word of mouth until 2018 when they took on the void created by Devon's then largest hedgehog rescue "Prickly Ball Farm" due to its closure.

The rescue centre gradually filled their house until ELM finally found a new home at Seale Hayne in July 2020; within 6 months ELM had filled the 2000sqft and continue to look for larger premises with outside space.

ELM became a Registered charity in March 2020.



Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives:

1. To promote positive human behaviour towards animals, specifically hedgehogs, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those who are in need of rescue, care and attention through sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill use.
2. To provide advice and education to the general public concerning hedgehog and wildlife welfare, highlighting the need to alleviate cruelty and suffering by increasing the understanding of their needs.

Main Activities:

ELM Wildlife is open 365 days a year to rescue, rehabilitate and release native European hedgehogs in order to support and preserve the species.

We actively promote to the public hedgehog awareness and our ability to help when needed through telephone and social media. Members of the public contact us when they find an injured, sick or distressed hedgehog; advice is given via telephone in the first instance. If deemed necessary the hedgehog is brought to our rescue centre where they go through a triage process and if necessary, admitted for care.

Hedgehogs are assessed upon admittance with all casualties initially going into an incubator while being monitored and given subcutaneous injection (subcut) fluids. When stable, a course of treatment is decided; during the treatment assessment all casualties have a faecal sample tested, which gives an overall health picture.

The treatment process can range from rehydration and food, flystrike removal (which can



take several hours), pain medication, a range of different specialised medications and antibiotics to treat all types of internal parasite burden, x-rays and major surgery supported is by off-site veterinary practice 'Moorgate', hand feeding or nurturing care until the hedgehog is heavy enough to be released to raising new-born hoglets.

We have a mortality rate of between 25-30%, this rate reflects our policy of taking any casualty and not suggesting the finder to take to a vets before coming to us, this practice is used by some rescues so as not to incur more cost, but unfortunately a lot of vets are not familiar with treating wildlife and their first reaction is to euthanize (PTS). This is not a reflection on vets and vet practices, their actions are driven more by lack of familiarity and the ability to give long term care. Any casualty brought to us that is deemed beyond help or in too much stress and pain, goes straight to the vets and at our expense.

Unlike other smaller rescues, ELM does not farm out casualties/hoglets for care at people's homes, there is no adequate way of monitoring or medicating casualties this way; continually moving wild animals is stressful. At the centre, the cages are cleaned out and

the hedgehogs checked every day, their weight and general condition are monitored by the volunteers and then the trained staff. If any action is needed, for example medication, fluids or incubator, treatment can be administered immediately.

Once the hedgehog is healthy and has been rehabilitated, we aim to release them as soon as possible to where they came from, unless it's not safe to do so. If the latter is the case, they go into our extensive rehoming program.

Our rehoming program starts with offering hedgehogs to finders that have brought in an animal from their property or nearby, if the animal has died from symptoms not related to its original environment, we may offer another hog to them that needs rehoming. The next option is to vet members of the public and their property/location who contact us to rehome a rehabilitated hedgehog. We constantly have requests for rehoming, this is a difficult, time-consuming process and ultimately sometimes leads to bad feelings when turned down; our focus is always on the safety of the animal and its ability to lead a normal life. I wouldn't call it our final option, but we are working on creating small new communities in safe areas. This is not an easy process and does include a lot of work and angst in finding the correct sites, but we feel this is extremely important way to help aid the survival of the species. Our starting criteria for these sites are villages with no through roads, no badger population too close and a willingness from the community to want to help as a group.

At present ELM's public interaction, guidance/information and support, is mainly via social media and telephone, although this year we have attended more in person events. We have a main ELM Facebook page and several Facebook groups. From the main page we can impart information, and the public can contact us on Messenger via the same page. We try to avoid contact from the public via email for animal issues as it is not as easy to share questions, messenger allows any of the 'staff' to drop in and answer a question. The rescue/advice mobile number is manned by Rick; this is contacted roughly between 30 and 80+ times a day, with an average call length of 5 minutes. That equates roughly to around 22,000 calls a year and if we say 5 minutes a call, that is 1,833 hours. If the call taken was to rescue a casualty and the caller cannot transport, a request via the ELM Ambulance group on Messenger is generated, with the hope that one of the 'group' has free time to attend.

In some circumstances, Rick or Jacky do have to recover the casualty. It is interesting to note that even though this mobile number is for rescues or casualty and general advice, there is a fair amount of abuse taken via this number from the public.

Now going into our fourth year at Seale Hayne, manning each day has been pretty difficult to fill. It is an ongoing struggle to source the increased number of volunteers needed for all the shift spaces required each day, 365 days a year. The total volunteer members fluctuate between 70 and 150, which is very fluid with people joining and leaving all the time.

Motivating and organising the group and spaces on a daily basis has become a major task, so much so that it takes two trustees to manage it daily.

We have an 'Ambulance Group' on 'Messenger' that we use for members of the public to assist with relaying sick and injured animals to the rescue centre. This does work well and saves us going out to collect casualties. However, with the cost-of-living crisis and rising costs, it's been a tricky year for support, so the amount of time people are willing to give is much less.

Key Positions

- Rick Parker – Centre manager, general admin duties, only telephone contact for help/advice/enquires and incoming casualties, vet liaison, outside contractor liaison, rescue driver, purchasing and budget control, release site assessor, report, media and application writer, social media admin for Facebook pages, Admin for Volunteer group and responsible for calendar updates. Rick also keeps his hand in with medical treatments, medication, fluids and cage cleaning and he generally works with Emily on the larger species of casualty. Also, public talks or any media interviews.
- Jacky Parker – Husbandry and volunteer manager, admissions/triage controller, administering medication, casualty health checks, hoglet care and feeding, out of hours care, veterinary liaison, rescue driver, centre and food stores controller, rescue centre housekeeping and manufacturing release houses.

- Emma Hickson – Public liaison/editor for ELM Facebook page, volunteer co-ordinator/recruiter, Trustee and Working group meeting organiser, event organiser, food donation liaison, general ELM admin, public talk organiser and Speaker.
- Neil Langridge MBE – Although Neil does not interact with ELM on a daily basis, we would like to acknowledge his continued support from the start of the rescue in 2018 to the present day. He has supported ELM financially from the start; he also sources many items for us to sell and is a valued member of ELM's Board of Trustees.
- Gayle Bloomfield - Public liaison, volunteer co-ordinator, Trustee and Working group meeting organiser, event organiser, casualty update liaison, rehoming co-ordinator, release site checking, general ELM admin, public talk organiser and Speaker.
- Emily Parker – Animal welfare, admissions/triage controller, medication administration and control, hoglet care and feeding, treatment researcher, animal rescue legal advisor, long-term treatment controller, responsible for out of hours' treatment, rescue centre housekeeping and volunteers' manager.
- Bekki Harrington – Animal welfare assistant to Emily, admissions and triage, rescue centre housekeeping, animal medication and liaison for volunteer shift

Rick and Jacky Parker continue to work on average 90+ hours a week, 52 weeks a year. Their dedication and commitment to saving wildlife and building ELM is immense.

Emily receives a small salary for the tremendous number of hours and dedication to the charity. Unfortunately, until ELM is better funded, she only gets paid for 25 of the 90+ hours she works every week.

We are grateful to the other Trustees who also contribute many hours a week dealing with all aspects behind the scenes to ensure ELM keeps running. We do, however, still need much more help and support daily with admin etc and, without funding for paid staff, this is proving difficult.

Achievements and Performance



In January we had to make the bold declaration that we were running out of time in our current premises, through no fault of our own, and we needed to find some land to purchase and quickly. The BBC Spotlight team and ITV Westcountry News came to interview us and get us out on the local news. This was a real boost to our Go Fund Me Appeal and general awareness of our situation.

We were delighted to welcome Ann Widdecombe MP to the rescue centre in February, a true hedgehog lover and supporter. Unfortunately, it didn't spark the press coverage we were hoping for as we desperately try to raise funds to buy land to relocate ELM.

March saw our very first Tea and Tours event at the rescue centre. With 5 tours throughout the day, tickets sold out in less than 24 hours! It was our opportunity to have small groups of the public into the rescue centre to see, first-hand, the work we do with the animals. One of the Trustees gave a talk whilst walking around and after the visitors were invited to join us for some wonderful homemade cakes with tea and coffee. The day was a huge success making just over £1,000 in donations. It's definitely something we will be doing again in the future - demand was so high for the tickets.



Milder weather in the beginning of April saw us release 107 of our hedgehogs that had been over wintering with us and were ready to go. Although we try where at all possible to get the hedgehogs back out into the wild as soon as possible, we need the right weather window to be able to do this.

Later that month we saw our first Hoglets of 2023 arrive...roll on the late nights and early morning hand feeds! This was the start of a deluge of Hoglets into the centre, the poor weather at the start of the year had massively affected their breeding season.



We were at Devon Country Show for the first time in May, whilst this was a huge cost to the Charity to be there, we felt it was important to be at such a large, high-profile event. We have mixed feelings about the show; the Thursday was very quiet, Friday and Saturday were much busier with interaction with the public; we are undecided if it's the right for us for 2024.

During June we attended several village fairs, getting out to speak to the public and provide information and education leaflets was brilliant. We have always been well-supported by our followers who make wonderful craft items for us to sell, raising essential funds.



In July we really ramped up our campaign to Save ELM, we desperately need to raise money to buy some land to relocate the rescue centre. We had a fantastic response to our Go Fund Me appeal from the public; no one wants to see ELM close - our services and knowledge are so vital in our local area.



We hit a massive milestone in August, ELM had admitted 4000 animals since starting in 2018! Not only Hedgehogs were helped during this time, we had also helped Weasels, Stoats, Foxes, Buzzards, Owls, Badgers, Squirrels and even a Swan!

Gayle and Emma delivered a number of Hedgehog talks at a Plymouth Garden Centre in September. It was a great day with lots of interesting conversations with the public about how they can encourage hedgehogs into their garden and look after them once they have arrived.



Wow! We started to get really busy in October! The weather turned colder and in came the Autumn Juveniles in large numbers! We have the capacity to hold up to 220 animals at a time and we were getting very full very quickly. Luckily, we had a good response to a recruitment drive to find new volunteers to help keep the shifts full, without full shifts it's a disaster.



November we had our final Craft Fair of the year and it was a good one. The Christmas shoppers supported us, found some amazing gifts and helped us raise over £800 in 2 days. Again, it was great to interact with the public answering any questions they had about Hedgehogs in their gardens. We hope to do many more village fairs and craft fairs in 2024.

In December we decided to try something new and started some online raffles to help with our fundraising towards the land purchase. We had a few items donated and the online raffles seemed to go very well. It's still early days, but something we will most definitely be taking through into 2024 with bigger and better prizes.

Our food donation points in the community continue to be a real success story, the number of drop off places is growing and we have a great little team in the Supply Group who happily collect food donations as and when needed. These drop off points have given ELM a healthy supply of donated food and kept us going throughout the year. We haven't had to purchase any day-to-day food all year, only the specialist food for the hoglets, other wildlife and those in intensive care.



2023 overall was another busy year at ELM, we admitted just over 1200 casualties in total, which doesn't include any 'dead on arrival'. We have made great strides forward with our hoglet care, perfecting a new formula to feed the tiniest hand fed hoglets. This has resulted in a massive decrease in mortality rate. These tiny hoglets, generally under 30g at the time of admission, are the most 'tricky' to save and we have seen great results this year.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the huge number of volunteers for their ongoing dedication to ELM, we couldn't have done it without their help.

Trustee Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is to raise awareness of the endangered status of hedgehogs in the UK and to provide information about how to preserve the species.

Financial review for the period 31st December 2022 – 30th December 2023

Summary:

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Income for the year	£65,495	£46,805	£69,585	£34,244
Total expenses	£60,868	£44,891	£34,965	£13,351
Taken over	£4,627	£1,914	£34,620	£20,893

Major sources of income:

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Donations	£31,535	£35,689	£62,758	£20,789
Fundraising	£33,960	£11,116	£6,827	£1,200
Total	£65,495	£46,805	£69,585	£21,989

Major expenditure:

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Rent	£8,400	£8,400	£8,400	£3,500
Medical costs	£3,328	£4,517	£4,864	£1,238
Vehicle costs	£8,300	£5,855	£5,331	£3,938

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees monitor the financial situation throughout the year to ensure there are sufficient reserves to support the charity in case of difficulty, such as increased running costs, veterinary bills or a drop in donations. We aim to have 3 months running costs in reserve at any time. At the end of the last financial period 30th December 2023 ELM Wildlife had approximately £20,000 in reserve.

Details of any funds mutually in deficit:

The trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Charity's financial stability:

It's a strange paradox we seem to be in, every year we try and learn and improve on the last year with funding; but it still brings us back to roughly the same amount. This is very frustrating as we desperately need to be able to employ more staff.

Q1 & 2 showed much improved donations over 2022's donations, but this was generally a case of having more time to run fundraisers. Having time / manpower to run fundraisers is really our weak point; I guess you have to include our lack of time to getting our heads around grant funding. It is so frustrating continually running ELM on a shoestring, there is so much more we could do with better funding.

We were down in in Q3 & 4 from 2022, a great deal of this was due to the uncertainty of whether ELM could carry on; due to attempts to make us leave, by the owner of Seale Hayne. To be fair we did have some large donations in 2022 and nearly pulled this gap back with a push to save ELM campaign.

The daily operational manpower requirements of running the rescue centre is heavily dependent on the amount done by Jacky and I. We do what is necessary to keep ELM running and believe me, we'd prefer to, and indeed, need to slow down. Each of us easily work the equivalent of two employees. We work 365 days a year, although we did manage to have four days away in 2023, albeit I still had to answer the rescue calls! It's much the same with ELM's finances, Jacky and I have never taken a wage and still support ELM with some of the day to day, smaller costs; this is accounted for in Trustee loans to ELM.

We feel humbled and touched by the support has from the general public / our supporters, the simple fact is that ELM would not exist if it wasn't for the monetary and hands on help ELM receives.

Thank you all so much for your support, which helps us save wildlife.

Particulars of any outstanding guarantee given by the charity:

The trustees declare that the charity has not given any guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of any outstanding debt:

The trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Remuneration of trustees:

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration as a trustee or other material benefits from their services to the charity.

Reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the trustees in promoting the purpose of the charity are reimbursed at cost.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

ELM Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registered Charity Number 1188486, which was constituted on 11th March 2020.

Constitution – based on the Charities Commission’s model governing document for Charitable Incorporated Organisation (where trustees are just members of the charity)

Governance:

The Charity is governed by the trustees who hold twice yearly meetings, or more frequently if deemed necessary. There must be at least three trustees. New trustees can be appointed at a Special Meeting following agreement from all the existing trustees and must be selected for their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

New trustees are given access to the ELM Wildlife’s governing document, policies and copies of previous meetings’ minutes and reminded regularly of their responsibilities.

Organisation:

The trustees oversee the financial position and management of the charity, the day-to-day running of the charity is left to Richard (Rick) Parker as CEO, assisted by Jacqueline (Jacky) and Emily Parker.

By the end of 2023, ELM Wildlife has two paid members of staff; neither of these have been, or are presently, Trustees.

Future plans

- We are still desperately searching for a new location for ELM as there is no facility for expansion and development currently. This has been our main priority

throughout 2023. The plan is to purchase land or a building to create larger premises apart from the internal space, exterior space will also be needed. We have approached local land-owners, placed adverts on our Facebook page, spoken to the local council, but nothing has come to light yet.

- We are constantly asked for access to the centre and guided tours, but as a wildlife rescue centre working under the 'Wildlife Act', we are only able to hold 4 open days per year. We plan to hold more Tea and Tours throughout 2024.
- We are planning to also hold regular wildlife educational talks at the rescue centre on a diverse range of animals and especially hedgehog first aid and rehabilitation.
- As a priority we need to create a new website in 2024 where more vital information will be available to members of the community.
- To identify more safe villages where we can introduce a breeding population of hedgehogs back into the area to help with gene pools and survival of the species.
- ELM Wildlife has exceeded its 220-cage capacity for the total number of hedgehogs accommodated on several occasions, maxing out at around 240 casualties; even when pushed to 240 casualties we still had to turn away animals. We estimate a need for a safe peak capacity demand of 280 for excessive years, so we must find a way to meet that requirement.
- The plan going forward is to employ another member of staff, funds permitting.
- Apply for funding bids; we need help preparing the funding bids and administration associated with this. We need help with funding for both capital and running costs/staff costs.
- Continue our education program in 2024; we are in the process of sourcing equipment ready for this.

- Four new mobile phone contracts to create a rota for answering public enquires/rescues.
- More equipment needed: cages, incubators, shelves, heat mats, IT equipment and multimedia equipment for talks.
- To find more volunteers to help with the shifts on a day-to-day basis, to bolster the Ambulance Group so we can efficiently relay casualties to the centre.

Chairman / Manager's thoughts

Drama seems to run hand in hand with creating and running a wildlife rescue centre and true to form 2023 excelled itself with heartache, disappointment and frustration!



The beginning of the year (Q1) was busy in the centre as usual, but intake of casualties always runs down to a trickle. We have a policy of releasing through the winter if the weather is mild enough. Obviously, this can only be done with animals that have finished treatment and put on a substantial amount of weight, sometimes more than you would like.

Although natural food is in short supply, they are better in the wild; as cage stress can manifest all type of problems. The weather allowed us to get a few, which made life a little easier in the centre.

The casualties slowing to a trickle has the detrimental effect of a lot less donations. It was decided that with the centre slightly quieter, we'd take advantage and hold an open day (Tea & Tours as Emma likes to call it). Tickets sold out in one day and the people who attended were very generous with donations whilst at the centre. A good start to the year.

Anyone who read last year's report will know what is coming; I couldn't help but add that it was and is a nightmare. I'm referring to our landlord, the owner of Seale Hayne, deciding to increase our rent by 114%. You can read about it in 2022 report, but I'll try and give you a brief overview in this one.

- In March, he decided to increase our rent by 114%; I said that the raise was unfair, unjustified and not appropriate for the size and condition of the unit; apart from all that, we could not afford it. I requested six months to either move out or pay the rent requested; the latter wasn't happening. This gave us until the end of August.
- Our search for land, with or without buildings, went into overdrive and there lies a million stories. Unfortunately, with the public and estate agents knowing our predicament, we were used as a pawn to raise others' offers. People can be quite horrible and uncaring; particularly our experience in South Brent, which left a lasting mark.
- At the beginning of August, a friend and solicitor Paul Taylor; asked to review our story and documents. ELM's first commercial lease had been for 12 months, which had a document attached to waive all our rights. I had thought about the lease not being renewed, but thought the document signed gave us no rights. It turned out that the document was tied to the lease and expired with the first lease; in essence we had become a Tenant in Situ, much like a sitting tenant. Paul hastily put all the documents together and filed a Section 26 Notice on the owner of Seale Hayne; that should have given us a protected year to negotiate better terms, and there we go on another long story.....

Dealing with all this drama on top of running the centre and coping with casualties, left hardly any time for all the activities we wanted to do and much needed fundraising. We did create a Go Fund Me appeal that had amazing support, plus some extremely generous donations; but it still left us a long way behind going into 2024, but a lot better than it might have been. Amongst all these problems, there were some good points.

- Emma and Gayle ran some very informative talks in Plymouth, which had rave reviews.
- We were invited back to several village fairs, they were all good for spreading information about wildlife, with some receiving amazing financial support. Thank you to all the fair organisers, especially Belinda.
- It was also our first year at the Devon County Show, it was interesting and I'm not sure our pitch was in a good position; saying that, I'm glad we weren't with all the other charities. Now I'm not an expert on these things, but one thing I hate is being harassed to donate money and that is never the ELM approach; I like to feel if someone wants to donate, they will but this is possibly a naïve viewpoint!

We're desperately underfunded, but getting out information to save wildlife is paramount to us.



I was so glad that we managed to fit in other wildlife during 2023, it wasn't easy, scrounging space, cobbling together enclosures, sourcing materials to make ad hoc enclosures and find the time for the husbandry needed wasn't an easy task. Some of these animals were in an extremely bad way when they came in, the majority were very young; I'm proud to say that they all made it to release, mainly thanks to Jacky and Emily's care. I must also thank David at YurtCamp, Liverton and Bloor Homes, for the use of their land. These animals were a fraction of the rescue requests that we cannot accommodate; until we have new premises

While we're on the subject of thanking people, as with everything in life, there is always a team that make it work. I can't name everyone here, but a massive thank you to Jacky, Emily, Gayle, Emma, Neil, ELM's volunteers and all of our supporters.

It's hard to put the following down as good point for the year, as the impact that it has had on our family is horrendous. Jacky and I had five nights away in the whole year, sadly this was actually an improvement on other years; I still had to man the casualty phone line. Emily for another year running, had no holiday at all. This is why we desperately need to get a handle on raising more finance.



We had a successful year with hoglets and yet again managed to keep the mortality rates low, unfortunately, the payoff for this success is massive amounts of care hours; thanks, has to go to Jacky and Emily again. We dread hoglet season as ELM takes the majority of hoglets from around Devon. It started a little later in 2023, but once it did, there was a deluge of litters coming in; this went on well into October. It is frustrating as the majority of litters are disturbed by people, it's the same every year and can't be helped some of the time; it can take hours monitoring to decide when to intervene.

The weather wasn't good in late Autumn. Luckily, we'd been getting the hoglets and casualties out as quick as possible, but the heavy early influx, caught us out a little. On the whole, it was a year of long stay casualties, the hoglets are always with us for a fair amount of time, longer if they come in sick. Most of the other wildlife we took in, were in care for some time. The Tawny owl was the quickest turn around, the fox cubs were the other extreme, with us still support feeding them well into 2024; at some point we were afraid they would leave before 2024's cubs arrived.

I had to leave the best for last, just before the New Year, Jacky and I made an offer on another plot of land which was accepted in early 2024. Spoiler alert, we are now the owners of 10.75 acres of land and excited to start another new chapter for ELM.

I hope you enjoyed my snapshot of ELM's year, please come to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/savinghedgehogs> and follow our exploits. ELM is Devon's largest capacity rescue centre and when we build the new centre; we'll be stepping up to another level. We need your support in so many ways, with more opportunities coming with the land.

If you love and care about wildlife, like we do, please think of supporting us with a monthly bank transfer; remember that individual rescue like ELM are the places your wildlife end up at and every penny is spent on saving animals.

NatWest account name:	ELM Wildlife
Account Number	749 532 73
Sort Code	55 – 70 – 01



Thank you for following and supporting ELM.

Kindest regards,

Rick Parker

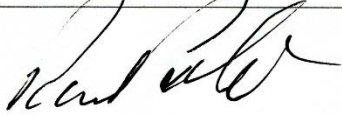

CEO ELM Wildlife

Declaration

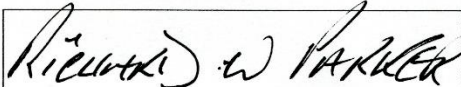
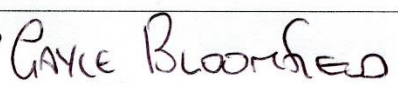
The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Signatures

	
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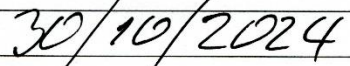
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Date



ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)
Charity number 1188486
Income & Expenditure account
For the year ended 30 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
General donations	17469	30585
Paypal	33960	6483
Rent contribution	7000	6300
Cash donations	7066	9920
	<u>65495</u>	<u>53288</u>
 Expenditure		
Accountancy	54	258
Advertising	464	392
Rent	8400	8400
Food, bedding etc	5585	3996
Vet & medicines	3328	3990
Repairs incl cages	444	2626
Insurance	267	251
Mileage and travelling	8300	5855
Office expenses & sundries	5197	3026
Shelving	185	135
Wages	28644	15961
	<u>60868</u>	<u>44890</u>
 Surplus for the period	<u>4627</u>	<u>8398</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the year ended 31st December 2022

Bank balance	27354	51582
Paypal	47388	13738
Cash in hand	19889	15334
	<u>94630</u>	<u>80654</u>
 Monies owed at year end		
Accumulative Trustee Loan	39713	30453
	<u>39713</u>	<u>30453</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to Elm Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)

Registered Charity Number: 1188486

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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').

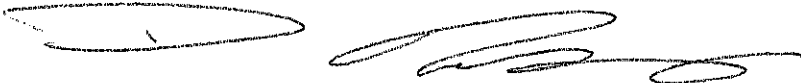
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



David Rudall
FMAAT
Greenwood Accountancy Ltd
5-7 Pellew Arcade
Teignmouth
Devon
TQ14 8EB

Date: 29th October 2024

ELM WILDLIFE (EVERY LIFE MATTERS WILDLIFE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1188486

Accounts



Registered Charity Number: 1188486

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period
31st December 2021 - 30th December 2022

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The Trustees of ELM Wildlife are pleased to present the financial statement and Annual Report for the charity for the period 31st December 2021 - 30th December 2022.



Reference and Administrative details

Name of Charity	ELM Wildlife
Other name the charity uses	ELM Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre
Registered Charity Number	1188486
Registered Office	Devon House Ruckamore Road Torquay TQ2 6HF
Rescue Address	Unit 5 Hayter Hames Seale Hayne Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Mr Richard Parker (Chair)

Mrs Jacqueline Parker (Secretary)

Mr Neil Langridge MBE

Mrs Juliet Harvey

Mrs Emma Hickson (Treasurer)

There are no corporate trustees or directors or any trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

History

ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife) was created in October 2018 by the Parker family, who are Richard (Rick) Parker, Jacqueline (Jacky) Parker and Emily Parker. They started rescuing wildlife in 2010 and for many years, they basically worked by word of mouth until 2018 when they took on the void created by Devon's then largest hedgehog rescue "Prickly Ball Farm" due to its closure.

Since that time, they have worked tirelessly to build ELM into the successful rescue it is today. The rescue centre gradually filled their house until they finally found ELM a new home at Seale Hayne in July 2020; within 6 months they had filled the 2000sqft and are now again looking for larger premises and outside space.

Not knowing how the rescue centre (ELM) would evolve they chose to financially support it until its registration as a charity in March 2020; they worried that if it did not work, they would have to fold the charity so felt it was better to wait for registration. The main trigger for registration was the rising costs of running the centre which is obviously a consequence of the demand on ELM's services.



Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives:

1. To promote positive human behaviour towards animals, specifically hedgehogs, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those who are in need of rescue, care and attention through sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill use.

2. To provide advice and education to the general public concerning hedgehog and wildlife welfare. Highlighting the need to alleviate cruelty and suffering by increasing the understanding of their needs.

Main Activities:

ELM Wildlife is open 365 days a year to rescue, rehabilitate and release native European hedgehogs in order to support and preserve the species. We actively promote to the public hedgehog awareness and our ability to help when needed through telephone and social media. Members of the public contact us when they find an injured, sick, injured or distressed hedgehog; advice is given via telephone in the first instance. If deemed necessary the hedgehog is brought to our rescue centre where they go through a triage process and if necessary, admitted for care.

Hedgehogs are assessed upon admittance with all casualties initially going into an incubator while being monitored and given subcutaneous injection (subcut) fluids, when stable a course of treatment is decided; during the treatment assessment all casualties have a faecal sample tested, which gives an overall health picture.

The treatment process can range from rehydration and food, flystrike removal (which can take several hours), pain medication, a range of different specialised medications and antibiotics to treat all types of internal parasite burden, x-rays and major surgery supported is by off-site veterinary practice 'Moorgate', hand feeding or nurturing care until the hedgehog is heavy enough to be released to raising new born hoglets.



We have a mortality rate of between 25-30%, this rate reflects our policy of taking any casualty and not suggesting the finder to take to a vets before coming to us, this practice is used by some rescues so as not to incur more cost, but unfortunately a lot of vets are not familiar with

treating wildlife and their first reaction is to euthanize (PTS). This is not a reflection on vets and vet practices, their actions are driven more by unfamiliarity and the ability to give long term care. Any casualty brought to us that is deemed beyond help or in too much stress and pain for us to cope with, goes straight to our vets and at our expense.

Unlike other smaller rescues, ELM does not farm out casualties for care at people's homes, there is no adequate way of monitoring casualties this way. At the centre they are cleaned out and checked every day, their weight and general condition are monitored, by the volunteers and then the trained staff. If any action is needed i.e. medication, fluids, incubator, it can be administered immediately.

Once the hedgehog is healthy and has been rehabilitated, we aim to release them as soon as possible to where they came from, unless it's not safe to do so, if the latter is the case, they go into our extensive rehoming program.

Our rehoming program starts with offering hedgehogs to finders that have brought in an animal from their property or nearby, if the animal has died from symptoms not related to its original environment, we may offer another hog to them that needs rehoming. The next option is to vet members of the public and their property/location who contact us to rehome a casualty. We constantly have requests for rehoming, this is a difficult time consuming process and ultimately sometimes leads to bad feelings when turned down; our focus is always on the animals safety and ability to lead a normal life. I wouldn't call it our final option but we are working on creating small new communities in safe areas, this is not an easy process and does include a lot of work and angst to finding the correct sites, but we feel this is extremely important way to help aid the survival of the species. Our starting criteria for these sites are villages with no through roads, no badger population too close and a willingness from the community to want to help as a group.

For example, our first site was the village of Kingston in Devon. After contacting Kingston Parish council, we did a survey of the villagers on their willingness to partake and sightings of hedgehogs and badgers; this yielded 5 suitable households and no hedgehog or badger sightings in the last 3 years. All 5 houses prepared with one or two hedgehog boxes/house and the release went well with us taking 2 hedgehogs for each household. Unfortunately due to the heavy workload at ELM we lost contact with the village's progress and it was with some trepidation that we remade contact in 2021. We were hugely delighted to hear that the original 10 hedgehogs were doing well and that they had bred, the news got even better when we found the village had become hedgehog friendly with road signs and highway holes. We have repeated the process again with another 10 in Kingston.

At present ELM's Public interaction, guidance/information and support, is mainly via social media and telephone. We have a main Facebook page and several Facebook groups, from the main page we can impart information and the public can contact us on Messenger via the same page. We try to avoid contact from the public via email for animal issues as it is not as easy to share questions, messenger allows any of the staff to drop in and answer a question. The rescue/advice mobile number is manned by Rick; this is contacted roughly between 30 and 80+ times a day, with an average call length of 5 minutes. That equates roughly to around 22,000 calls a year and if we say 5 minutes a call, that is 1,833 hours.

If the call taken was to rescue a casualty and the caller cannot transport, a request via the ELM Ambulance group on Messenger is generated, with the hope that one of the group has free time to attend, in some circumstances, Rick or Jacky have to recover the casualty.

It is interesting to note that even though this mobile number is for rescues or casualty and general advice, there is a fair amount of abuse taken via this number from the public.

Now going into our third year at our larger premises at Seale Hayne, the increased number of volunteers needed each day has been pretty difficult to fill. When everyone returned to work after all of the furlough periods we saw a huge drop in our numbers and we struggle to recruit enough new people to fill all the shifts required each day, 365 days a year.

The total volunteer members fluctuate between 70 and 150, which is very fluid with people joining and leaving all the time. Motivating and organising the group and spaces on a daily bases has become a major task, so much so that it takes two trustees to manage it daily.

Key Positions

Trustees unpaid positions are as follows:

- Rick Parker - Centre manager, general admin duties, only telephone contact for Help/advice/enquires and incoming casualties, vet liaison, outside contractor liaison, rescue driver, purchasing and budget control, release site assessor, report, media and application writer, social media admin for Facebook pages, Admin for Volunteer group and responsible for calendar updates. He also keeps his hand in with medical treatments, medication, fluids and cage cleaning and he generally works with Emily on the larger species of casualty. Also public talks or any media interviews.
- Jacky Parker - Husbandry and volunteer manager, admissions/triage controller, administering medication, casualty health checks, hoglet care and feeding, out of hours care, release coordinator, release site contact/liasion, veterinary liaison, rescue driver, centre and food stores controller, rescue centre housekeeping, volunteer's manager, manufacturing release houses.
- Emma Hickson - Public liaison/editor for ELM Facebook page, volunteer scheduler, Trustee and Working group meeting organiser, casualty update liaison, general ELM admin, public talk organiser and Speaker.

- Neil Langridge MBE – Although Neil does not interact with ELM on a daily basis, we would like to acknowledge his continued support from the start of the rescue in 2018 to the present day. He has supported ELM financially from the start; he also sources many items for us to sell and is a valued member of ELM’s Board of Trustees.

As a side note, Rick and Jacky Parker have worked on average 90-98 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, for 5 years. Their dedication and commitment to saving wildlife and building ELM is immense.

Emily Parker deserves a special mention here.

Although Emily is one of the founders of ELM, with Jacky and Rick; she is pivotal to the growth of ELM and its day to day running. She has a degree in ‘Animal Science’ plus many other animal casualty qualifications. Emily did not become a Trustee so as to abide by the Charity Commissions rule for paid workers, she receives a small salary for the tremendous amount of hours and dedication to the charity. Emily worked full time at ELM since 2018 with no wage until November 2021 Emily; unfortunately until ELM is better funded she now gets paid for 25 of the 98 hours she works a week. Here is Emily’s role within ELM

- Emily Parker – Animal welfare, admissions/triage controller, medication administration and control, hoglet care and feeding, treatment researcher, animal rescue legal advisor, long-term treatment controller, responsible for out of hour’s treatment, rescue centre housekeeping and volunteer’s manager.

In October 2022 we were able to employ Bekki Harrington on a part time 25 hours a week in an assistant animal care role. Bekki will work closely with Emily to learn the day to day rescue centre housekeeping, animal medication, triaging animals on arrival, managing volunteer shift etc.

COVID

COVID continues to take a heavy toll on ELM.

- Throughout 2022 we struggled with the reality of how COVID has affected the volunteer sector. To start with having more income has become a bigger driving factor in how people make use of their time, making the pool of volunteers much less.
- As far as the 'Ambulance Group' on 'Messenger' there has been a move from people not feeling comfortable in meeting others, to the cost incurred; plus as above, the amount of time people are willing to give, is much less.
- 2022 has seen the cost of items continuing to rise and unfortunately for us, anything in the medical sector has been at a real premium; this has also affected availability. We had hoped that there would have been a decrease in prices come the end of the year, but that

didn't happen.



Achievements and Performance



December 2022 saw the return of our very popular calendar, all the photographs are of animal casualties who have been treated at ELM, from a mixed bag of photographers; we'd like to thank those who donated images. It actually takes a fair amount of time to organise and even though we had a great deal on printing; the post COVID prices were crippling. Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of ELM's survival in 2023, plus the cost, we fear there will not be a 2024 calendar.

We built a hoglet room by cutting the treatment/triage room in half. This is treated as an isolation room, with all its own equipment, to stop cross contamination. Having a separate room also helps us to regulate the temperature. The building work was kindly done free of charge, by a local maintenance company.



In November 2022 we employed our second new member of staff, Bekki. She is employed for 25 hours a week, over 4 days; to date Bekki has been with us for a year and is doing really well. Our aim is to employ another person in later part of 2023, we need to try and lighten the load on Jacky and Emily, unfortunately there are a lot of jobs that cannot be covered by volunteers.

We've had some branded hedgehog highway fence openings produced, a template to fix to the fence and make a neat hole inside; fairly expensive as opposed to mass produce. We also had some rear screen sticker produced, which haven't been selling particularly well.

The network of food drop off worked excellently throughout 2022, with the organisation of full boxes and recovery to ELM being much improved; this cut down on friction with drop off points being overrun with food. As always, the support from the public have been amazing.

We have been able to get out and meet with the public again this year which has been brilliant. We have attended craft fairs, village fates,



Christmas fairs and held talks/presentations in the community.

Our plans for 2023 is to hold regular wildlife educational talks at the rescue centre on a diverse range of animals and especially hedgehog first aid and rehabilitation.

We have several thousand new followers on Facebook; we ensured we have important messages about hedgehog preservation available on our Facebook page.

We have exciting plans for a new website in 2023 where more vital information will

be available to members of the community.

During 2022 we revisited both the above villages to assess progress; both sites have been doing well, so a further five potential breeding pairs were released at both sites.

2022 was slightly down on numbers from last year, with around 1200 casualties admitted; it didn't actually seem quieter with only a two-week lull in March. We do keep fairly accurate records, but quick treatments or straight to the vets, do slip through the system. The hoglet period of April to October seems to now be the norm, but we did still have hoglets coming in during November. Unusually we did not have so many <30g hoglets coming in; we learnt that every year is different with hedgehogs.

As usual we went to our maximum capacity over the winter months, which meant the imposing the waiting for space regime again. The saving grace was that we went to max capacity later in, late November and with a mild winter, we could continue releases

We also have an 'Ambulance' group which is constantly growing; with this growth we can cover a greater area with more regularity. As ELM's public



presence increases so does the demand, with a marked increase in calls for help from Devon's neighbouring counties. We are fortunate this group of Ambulance drivers give up their free time to help collect the sick and injured

hedgehogs for us, there is no way we have the time or financial ability to do this on our own. Unfortunately during Covid periods within 2021 the majority of the ambulance cover wasn't available.

Our food donation points in the community are a real success story, the number of drop of places is growing and we have a great little team in the Supply Group who happily collect food donations as and when needed.

These drop off points have given ELM a healthy supply of donated food and kept us going throughout the year. We haven't had to purchase any day to day food all year, only the specialist food for the hoglets.

We have also set up a Working Party Group that meets once a month, this is primarily to help with fundraising, the small group is playing an important part in raising additional funds for ELM. They did a lot of work toward our winter auction and Christmas Raffle, the running of these types of events always take a significant amount of time.

There are a few events we really wanted to organise, one was an event to thank our volunteer, with which whom ELM would not be able to run and the other was public open days. We are constantly asked for access to the centre and guided tours, as a wildlife rescue centre working under the 'Wildlife Act', we are able to hold 4 open days per year. Unfortunately, we could not find the time to run an open day for the public; but we did manage to run a volunteer 'Tea Party' in July and a Christmas party in December. They both went really well, I'd have to say that the 'Tea Party' was amazing, the weather was perfect, we used the carpark and the office/kitchen room in the rescue and the feedback was that it was a resounding success. The only downside was that Jacky and Emily were so busy with casualties coming in, they missed the majority of the party.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the volunteers for their ongoing dedication to ELM, we couldn't have done it without their help.



In November 2022 we held another online auction to raise much needed funds. We approached many local business and our valued supporters to find donated items to include in the auction. We had approx. 120 items in the auction and we're blown away by the generosity of our supporters and raised a tremendous £3,741 We hope to hold another online auction in 2023

Trustee Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is to raise awareness of the endangered status of hedgehogs in the UK and to provide information about how to preserve the species.



Financial review for the period 31st December 2021 - 30th December 2022

Summary:

	2022	2021	2020
Income for the year	£46,805	£69,585	£34,244

Total expenses	£44,891	£34,965	£13,351
Taken over	£1,914	£34,620	£20,893

Major sources of income:

	2022	2021	2020
Donations	£35,689	£62,758	£20,789
Fundraising	£11,116	£6,827	£1,200
Total	£46,805	£69,585	£21,989

Major expenditure:

	2022	2021	2020
Rent	£8,400	£8,400	£3,500
Medical costs	£4,517	£4,864	£1,238
Vehicle costs	£5,855	£5,331	£3,938

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees monitor the financial situation throughout the year to ensure there are sufficient reserves to support the charity in case of difficulty, such as increased running costs, veterinary bills or a drop in donations. We aim to have 3 months running costs in reserve at any time. At the end of the last financial period 30th December 2022 ELM Wildlife had approximately £40,000 in reserve.

Details of any funds mutually in deficit:

The trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Charity's financial stability:

Historically donations are low in Q1, this is mainly due to the natural cycle of casualty admissions; which are low in this period, which in turn, impacts footfall into the centre. Q1 is when the centre is at maximum capacity with, casualties awaiting their Spring release. Historically Q3 and Q4 are the most productive as donations, plus this is when we run events like our raffle.

The carry over figure for 2022 is poor with only £1,914, this needs to be address in 2023. We are still struggling to find someone to source funding/grants for ELM, I would try, but the workload on myself is overwhelming. The other option is to pay for searches and applications; this seems to be a very lucrative business and unfortunately out of our price range for the quoted returns. There is a fairly substantial buffer in the bank account, but this is slightly skewed as the Parker family have not withdrawn any cost/money put in; to create a safety net, this will probably be withdrawn in 2023.

ELM is very well supported by public donations, but the funding issue needs to be addressed.

Particulars of any outstanding guarantee given by the charity:

The trustees declare that the charity has not given any guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of any outstanding debt:

The trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Remuneration of trustees:

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

Reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the trustees in promoting the purpose of the charity are reimbursed at cost.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

ELM Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registered Charity Number 1188486, which was constituted on 11th March 2020. Constitution - based on the Charities Commission's model governing document for Charitable Incorporated Organisation (where trustees are just members of the charity)

Governance:

The Charity is governed by the trustees who hold twice yearly meetings, or more frequently

If deemed necessary. There must be at least three trustees. New trustees can be appointed

at a Special Meeting following agreement from all the existing trustees and must be

selected for their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration

of the charity.

New trustees are given access to the ELM Wildlife's governing document, policies and copies of previous meetings minutes and reminded regularly of their responsibilities.

Organisation:

The trustees oversee the financial position and management of the charity, the day to day running of the charity is left to Richard (Rick) Parker as CEO, assisted by Jacqueline (Jacky) and Emily Parker.

By the end of 2022, ELM Wildlife has two paid members of staff; neither of these have been, our are presently Trustees.

Future plans

- We are desperately searching for new premises as there is no facility for expansion and development at ELM's current location. This has been a priority throughout the last quarter of 2021 and will continue into 2022. The plan is to either purchase land or a building to create larger premises or find larger premises to lease, apart from the internal space, exterior space will also be needed. We have approached local land owners, placed adverts on our Facebook page, spoken to the local council, but nothing has come to light yet.
- ELM Wildlife has exceeded its 220 cage capacity for total number of hedgehogs accommodate on several occasions, maxing out at around 240 casualties; even when pushed to 240 casualties we still had to turn away animals, we estimate a peak capacity demand of 280.
- As last year, we hoped to move back into rescuing other species of wildlife; but unfortunately, this again will need to wait until better funding and new premises are found.

- In November 2022 we employed a second member of staff, as with Emily, Bekki is contracted to work 25 hours a week. We would have liked to have paid for all the time Emily works a week (70 to 112 hours/week); but after raising the funds, it was decided that it would be better to employ another person. This would at least give Jacky and Emily some time off. The plan going forward is to employ another member of staff around the same time in 2023; funds permitting.
- There will also be further work on the existing release sites, plus more new locations to be found; this will be a continuous program so as not to overpopulate sites.
- To date we have still not applied for any funding bids, this needs to be addressed for ELM to move forward; the solution is more admin help.
- Start our education program in 2023; we are in the process of sourcing equipment.
- The continued demand on ELM's services during 2022 has been huge, which has created a permanent state of fire fight with many tasks being shelved. These are important tasks to be completed; the website and better interaction via social media are some of the examples.
- Four new mobile phone contracts to create a rota for answering public enquires/rescues.
- More equipment needed: cages, incubators, shelves, heat mats, IT equipment and multimedia equipment for talks.

Chairman / Managers thought's

I looked back at what I wrote last year and was tempted to just cut and paste, as nothing seems to have change; well not much that's positive has

happened. It has been the same old slog for Jacky, Emily and I, with absolutely no let up with work and not much progress moving ELM forward. As with last year, I'm sitting here again trying to beat the deadline. I know what you're say, "you should have done it earlier", honestly, it's not for the lack of trying. It's a strange predicament the three of us have got ourselves in, we work constantly, with the burnt-out stage a long distant memory; the only thing keeping us going is the love of the animals and the guilt of what will happen if we close. As I say, it's strange, there seems to be some misconception that we own ELM, when in fact Jacky and I are only Trustees/volunteers who work constantly for ELM with no wage.

I am worried about the future of ELM though; our plan was to build a centre of excellence for all wildlife casualties, then for Jacky and I, would slowly relinquish the majority of our roles; for fresh younger people to take it on into the future. I'm proud to say that what we do and achieve is amazing for so many reasons. I'm worried because our search to find land to build a new centre on, is not going well and staying at Seale Hayne is not an option. Seale Hayne was supposed to be a quick fix, as we had an inkling that our lease space and the site was a real compromise. In July 2022, we had been at Seale Hayne for two years and from the start we'd had peeling floors, several leaks in the roof, uncoded electrics, hardly any working lights (due to electrics), insufficient heating that was turned off on the weekends plus aggressive and rude site staff who intimidated women on site; I think you may be getting the idea of why this is untenable. Skipping forward to the present day (October 2023), we were given six months to move out of our leased unit by email, which had us have to leave and close at the end of August. Just before the date we needed to leave, we found out that we had 'Sitting Tenant' status due to being in our unit two years after our twelve-month lease had elapsed; this is not a comfortable situation to be in, but if it gives ELM a little more time to find a new place, we had no choice.

If you are a grant funder reading this, will you please help us!

As I'm writing this, we are now 6 years into running ELM and as a family, we have given everything we can to it. ELM is a major asset to Devon and surrounding counties, there is nothing out there to replace the care and support it gives to wildlife; not to mention the expertise, infrastructure, employment and the support to the public's mental health. Distraught people call me every day and wants us to save the animal they have found. I hope that you can understand from what I have written, that ELM needs saving, it needs your help!

In September and October of 2022, we had our first experience of advertising and interviewing for a paid staff position. I can't say that we enjoyed it, there are so few jobs in this line of work, that we were swamped with applicants. The responsibility of choosing between so many good applicants, was a nightmare!

Running and working at ELM is extremely stressful, exhausting and for a lot of the time heart wrenching; we don't see enough of the upside of



when the animals is well and being released, as the majority of the time they are sent back with the finder and released by them. We also must deal with nasty, cruel and rude people, from members of the public to unfortunately sometimes volunteers. That all being

said, the warmth and generosity of our volunteers and supporters of ELM is amazing. What ever people give, be it time or money, we are humbled and grateful for every ounce.

Let us hope that we can find somewhere for ELM to live and thrive into the future, so wildlife and distressed finders can have somewhere for advice and help.

Become part of our dream and help ELM become the true saviour of Devon's wildlife.

Best regards,



Rick, Jacky, Emily and the team at ELM

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charities Trustees

Signature

	
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Full name(s)

Mr Richard W Parker	Mrs Emma L Hickson
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Position (Chair etc)

Chairman	Treasurer
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Date

30th October 2023

ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)
Charity number 1188486
Income & Expenditure account
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
General donations	30585	51529
Paypal 2021	6483	
Rent contribution	6300	8400
Cash donations	9920	9656
	<u>53288</u>	<u>69585</u>
 Expenditure		
Accountancy	258	0
Advertising	392	0
Rent	8400	8400
Food, bedding etc	3996	1902
Vet & medicines	3990	4597
Repairs incl cages	2626	3988
Insurance	251	231
Incubators	0	1996
Mileage and travelling	5855	5332
Office expenses & sundries	3026	8519
Shelving etc paid cash	135	0
Wages	15961	0
	<u>44891</u>	<u>34965</u>
 Surplus for the period	 <u>8397</u>	 <u>34620</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the year ended 31st December 2022

Bank balance	51582	56192
Paypal	13738	0
Cash in hand	15334	7808
	<u>80654</u>	<u>64000</u>
 Monies owed at year end		
Accumulative Trustee Loan	30453	22195
	<u>30453</u>	<u>22195</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to Elm Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)

Registered Charity Number: 1188486

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 30 December 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').

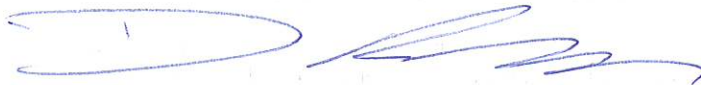
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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Date: 30th October 2023

ELM WILDLIFE (EVERY LIFE MATTERS WILDLIFE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1188486

Accounts



Registered Charity Number: 1188486

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period
11th March 2020 – 31st December 2020

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Declarations

The Trustees of ELM Wildlife are pleased to present the financial statement and Annual Report for the charity for the period 11th March 2020 - 31st December 2020.

Reference and Administrative details

Name of Charity	ELM Wildlife
Other name the charity uses	ELM Hedgehog Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre
Registered Charity Number	1188486
Registered Office	Devon House Ruckamore Road Torquay TQ2 6HF
Rescue Address	Unit 5 Hayter Hames Seale Hayne Newton Abbot TQ12 6NQ

Names of the trustees who manage the charity:

Mr Richard Parker (Chair)

Mrs Jacqueline Parker (Secretary)

Mr Neil Langridge

Mrs Juliet Harvey

Mrs Emma Hickson (Treasurer)

There are no corporate trustees or directors or any trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

History

Before we start this report I would like to give a brief overview of the beginnings of ELM Wildlife and how it stands today with our first Charity commission report being filed.

ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife) was actually created in October 2018 by the Parker family, who are Richard (Rick) Parker, Jacqueline (Jacky) Parker and Emily Parker. They had rescued wildlife for many years and basically run by word of mouth until 2018 when they took on the void created by Devon's then largest hedgehog rescue "Prickly Ball Farm".

Since that time they have worked tirelessly to build ELM and rescue as many animals as possible. To this date in October 2021 it has been a gruelling slog with not one whole day off between them, without some sort of interaction with ELM and as part days off, there has only been about 20 days each over the last 3 years.

On the subject of dedication, Emily Parker really needs a special mention. She left university July 2018 and started working at ELM in the October, from that time until now, she has had no income at all; not even any state support.

The rescue centre gradually filled their house until they finally found it a new home at Seale Hayne in July 2020; within 6 months they had filled the 2000sqft and are now again looking for larger premises.

Not knowing how the rescue centre (ELM) would evolve they chose to financially support it until its registration as a charity in March 2020; they worried that if it did not work, they would have to fold the charity so felt it was better to wait for registration. Their main triggers for registration were the rising costs of running the centre.

From the start in October 2018 to date, not one of the family have taken a wage from ELM, this is unlike other rescues, they have focused on the animals and building a foundation as their goal has been to get to a stage where ELM can employ staff so Jacky and Rick can take a lesser role. This is a massive goal to strive for with the three of them working 12-13 hour days, 365 days a year and without any major funding, but they are going to try.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives:

1. To promote humane behaviour towards animals, specifically hedgehogs, by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those who are in need of rescue, care and attention through sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill use.
2. To provide advice and education to the general public concerning hedgehog and wildlife welfare. Highlighting the need to alleviate cruelty and suffering by increasing the understanding of their needs.

Main Activities:

ELM Wildlife is open 365 days a year to rescue, rehabilitate and release native European hedgehogs in order to support and preserve the species.

We actively promote to the public hedgehog awareness and our ability to help when needed through social media. Members of the public contact us when they find an injured, sick or distressed hedgehog; advice is given over the phone in the first instance. If deemed necessary the hedgehog is brought to our rescue centre where they go through a triage process and if necessary, admitted for care.

Hedgehogs are assessed upon admittance with all casualties initially going into an incubator while being monitored and given subcutaneous injection (subcut) fluids, when stable a course of treatment is decided; during the treatment assessment all casualties have a faecal sample tested, which gives an overall health picture. The treatment process can range from rehydration and food, flystrike removal (can take several hours), pain medication, a range of separate Internal parasite burden medications, trips to the vet for operations, hand feeding or nurturing care until the hedgehog is heavy enough to be released to raising new born hoglets. We have a mortality rate of between 25-30%, this rate reflects our policy of taking any casualty and not suggesting the finder to take to a vets before coming to us, this practice is used by some rescues so as not to incur more cost, but unfortunately a lot of vets are not familiar with treating wildlife and their first reaction is to euthanize (PTS). This is not a reflection on vets and vet practices, their actions are driven more by unfamiliarity and the ability to give long term care. Any casualty brought to us that is deemed beyond help or in too much stress and pain for us to cope with, goes straight to our vets and at our expense. Once the hedgehog is healthy and has been rehabilitated, we aim to release them as soon as possible to where they came from unless it's not safe to do so, if the latter is the case, they go into our extensive rehoming program.

Our rehoming program starts with offering hedgehogs to finders that have brought in an animal from their property or nearby, if the animal has died from symptom not related to its original environment, we may offer another hog to them that needs rehoming. The next

option is to vet members of the public and their property/location who contact us to rehome a casualty. We constantly have request for rehoming, this is a difficult time consuming process and ultimately sometime leads to bad feelings when turned down; our focus is always on the animals safety and ability to lead a normal life. I wouldn't call it our final option but we are working on creating small new communities in safe areas, this is not an easy process and does include a lot of work and angst to finding the correct sites, but we feel this is extremely important way to help aid the survival of the species. Our starting criteria for these sites are villages with no through roads, no badger population too close and a willingness from the community to want to help as a group.

Our first site was the village of Kingston in Devon. After contacting Kingston Parish council, we did a survey of the villagers on their willingness to partake and sightings of hedgehogs and badgers; this yielded 5 suitable households and no hedgehog or badger sightings in the last 3 years. All 5 houses prepared with one or two hedgehog boxes/house and the release went well with us taking 2 hedgehogs for each household. Unfortunately due to the heavy workload at ELM we lost contact with the village's progress and it was with some trepidation that we remade contact in 2021. We were hugely delighted to hear that the original 10 hedgehogs were doing well and that they had bred, the news got even better when we found the village had become hedgehog friendly with road signs and highway holes. We have repeated the process again with another 10 in Kingston.

At present ELM's Public interaction, guidance/information and support, is mainly via social media and telephone. We have a main Facebook page and several Facebook groups, from the main page we can impart information and the public can contact us on Messenger via the same page. We try to avoid contact from the public via email for animal issues as it is not as easy to share questions, messenger allows any of the staff to drop in and answer a question. The rescue/advice mobile number is manned by Rick; this is contacted roughly between 30 and 80+ times a day, with an average call length of 5 minutes. If the call taken was to rescue a casualty, a request via the ELM Ambulance group on Messenger is generated and hopefully waits for a driver to respond.

It is interesting to note that even though this mobile number is primarily a help line, there is a fair amount of abuse taken via this number from the public.

With the move to Seale Hayne and the much greater capacity we needed to increase our volunteer input, this meant an increased number of volunteers being allowed to join our Facebook group from where we organised the calendar and the day to day issues. The total of members fluctuates between 100 and 160, which is very fluid with people joining and leaving all the time. Motivating and organising the group and spaces on a daily bases has become a major task, so much so that it takes two trustees to manage it daily.

The unpaid staff positions are undertaken by Rick, Jacky, Emily Parker and Emma Hickson, each has their own particular role but there are crossovers on most of the tasks, as well as making team decisions on more complex issues.

- Rick Parker – Centre manager, general admin duties, only telephone contact for Help/advice/enquires and incoming casualties, rescue driver, purchasing and budget control, release site assessor, social media admin for Facebook pages, Admin for Volunteer group and responsible for calendar updates.
- Jacky Parker – Husbandry and volunteer manager, admissions/triage controller, release coordinator, release site contact/liaison, veterinary liaison, rescue driver, centre and food stores controller, rescue centre housekeeping, volunteer's manager.
- Emily Parker – Animal welfare, admissions/triage controller, medication administration and control, treatment researcher, animal rescue legal advisor, long-term treatment controller, responsible for out of hour's treatment, rescue centre housekeeping and volunteer's manager.
- Emma Hickson – Public liaison/editor for ELM Facebook page, volunteer scheduler, Trustee and Working group meeting organiser, casualty update liaison, general ELM admin, public talk organiser and Speaker.
- Neil Langridge – Although Neil does not interact with ELM on a daily basis, we would like to acknowledge his continued support from the start of the rescue in 2018. He has supported ELM financially from the start; he also sources many items for us to sell and is a valued member of ELM's Board of Trustees.

During 2020 the COVID 19 pandemic has prevented us from going out to attend any community events as most have been cancelled due to Government Guidance. We hope to be able to get back out into the community to attend fairs, hold talks/presentations and visit schools to educate the public about hedgehogs as soon as restrictions allow.

We have a strong social media presence with several thousand followers on Facebook; whilst we have not been able engage freely face to face with members of the public, we have ensured we have important messages about hedgehog preservation available.

Achievements and Performance

During 2020 we have admitted more than 1000 hedgehogs into our care; this has been our busiest year so far. The last year has not been without its considerable challenges, especially with the COVID 19 pandemic and associated lock downs. We had to quickly adapt our way of working to suit the constantly changing situation, whilst enabling us to most importantly; still be able to take in admissions and continue with our team of volunteers. The lock downs had seen greater demand for us to go out and collect casualties as people were at home shielding or not prepared to travel to bring the animals into the rescue.

We relocated into our new rescue premises at Seale Hayne in late July and were able to increase our animal capacity from 80 – 200 hedgehogs. Numbers of admissions started to climb as we became better known in the area and several other smaller rescues were not able to cope with the COVID 19 restrictions or were full. By the Autumn/Winter of 2020 we were running over capacity with approx. 230 - 240 hedgehogs in our care and unfortunately having to turn casualties away.

We were extremely lucky to have a team of over 100 volunteers, which were massively important as ELM requires 6 volunteers per day to help with the hedgehog husbandry, many of whom joined us during this uncertain pandemic period due to being furloughed, or needing to do something to help their mental health. We also have a small 'Ambulance'

group who have been willing to bring in casualties where possible saving us time going out on occasions.

A supply group has also been created; this group monitor food donations made to our network of drop off points. These drop off points have given ELM a health supply of donated food, which is a major improvement when compared to 2019 when a good percentage of food was purchased by ELM or the Parker family.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks to the volunteers for their ongoing dedication and support during this tough time for everyone; we couldn't have done it without their help.

Trustee Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the Charity's activities is to raise awareness of the endangered status of hedgehogs in the UK and to provide information about how to preserve the species.

Financial review for the period 11th March 2020 - 31st December 2020

Summary:

Total income for the year	£34,244
Total expenses	£13,351
Net Profit	£20,893

Major sources of income:

Donations	£20,789
Fundraising	£1,200
Total	£21,989

Major expenditure:

Rent	£3,500
Veterinary costs and medication	£1,238
Vehicle costs	£3,938

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees monitor the financial situation throughout the year to ensure there are sufficient reserves to support the charity in case of difficulty, such as increased running costs, veterinary bills or a drop in donations. We aim to have 3 months running costs in reserve at any time. At the end of the last financial period 31st December 2020 ELM Wildlife had £7,185 in reserve.

Details of any funds mutually in deficit:

The trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Charity's financial stability:

Like most charities, COVID 19 has affected our fundraising activities; however, donations have continued to come in at a reasonable rate.

All indications are that this will remain the case for the next 12 months.

Particulars of any outstanding guarantee given by the charity:

The trustees declare that the charity has not given any guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of any outstanding debt:

The trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Remuneration of trustees:

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

Reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the trustees in promoting the purpose of the charity are reimbursed at cost.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document:

ELM Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registered Charity Number 1188486, which was constituted on 11th March 2020.

Constitution – based on the Charities Commission’s model governing document for Charitable Incorporated Organisation (where trustees are just members of the charity)

Governance:

The Charity is governed by the trustees who hold twice yearly meetings, or more frequently if deemed necessary. There must be at least three trustees. New trustees can be appointed at a Special Meeting following agreement from all the existing trustees and must be selected for their skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

New trustees are given access to the ELM Wildlife’s governing document, policies and copies of previous meetings minutes and reminded regularly of their responsibilities.

Organisation:

The trustees oversee the financial position and management of the charity, the day to day running of the charity is left to Richard Parker, assisted by Jacqueline and Emily Parker.

We do not pay any staff members and we do not hold any premises.

Future plans

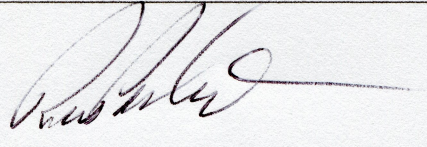
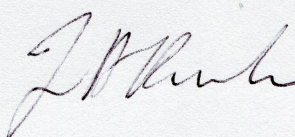
- ELM Wildlife has exceeded its 220 cage capacity for total number of hedgehogs accommodate on several occasions, maxing out at around 240 casualties; there is no facility for expansion and development at ELM's current location. Even when pushed to 240 casualties we still had to turn away animals, add to this that a local hedgehog rescue charity with a capacity of possibly 80 has closed down for 5 months; we estimate a capacity demand of 320. The plan is to either purchase land or a building to create larger premises or find larger premises to lease, apart from the internal space, exterior space will also be needed. This increase in internal space would also help weather any future COVID 19 restrictions.
- We hoped to move back into rescuing other species of wildlife; unfortunately this will need to wait until we can judge the impact of increased demand from hedgehog casualties.
- We also have plans to take on two paid staff members during 2021; this will help with any expansion and alleviate the pressure on the Parker family.
- There will also be further work on the existing release sites, plus more new locations to be found; this will be a continuous program so as not to overpopulate sites.
- To date we have not been successful with funding bids, this needs to be address either with internal bid writing or via external entities.
- Depending on COVID 19 we would like to start our education program in 2021, but this may have to be moved forward to 2022.
- The demand on ELM's services during 2020 has been huge, which has created a permanent state of fire fight with many tasks being shelved. These are important tasks to be completed; the website and better interaction via social media are some of the examples.
- Four new mobile phone contracts to create a rota for answering public enquires/rescues.
- More equipment needed: cages, incubators, shelves, heat mats, IT equipment and multimedia equipment for talks.

Declarations

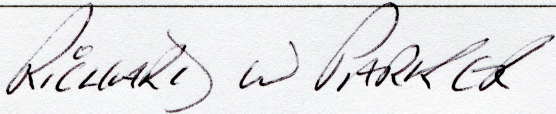
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

	
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Full name(s)

	JACQUELINE ANN PARKER.
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Position (Chair etc)

CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY.
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Date

29/10/2021

ELM Wildlife (Every Life Matters Wildlife)
Charity number 1188486
Income & Expenditure account
For the period 11th March 2020 to 31st December 2020

	£
Income	
General donations	8541
Just Giving	1200
Rent contribution	8400
Cash donations	3848
Bank balance pre registration	12255
	<u>34244</u>
 Expenditure	
Rent	3500
Food, bedding etc	1010
Vet & medicines	1238
Repairs incl cages	4729
Insurance	217
Incubators	736
Office expenses & sundries	441
Shelving etc paid cash	1480
	<u>13351</u>
 Surplus for the period	<u>20893</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the year ended 31st December 2020

Bank balance	18525
Cash in hand	2368
	<u>20893</u>
 Monies owed at year end	
Creditors	13708
	<u>13708</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ELM Wildlife

Registered Charity Number: 1188486

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31st December 2020 as set out on the attached pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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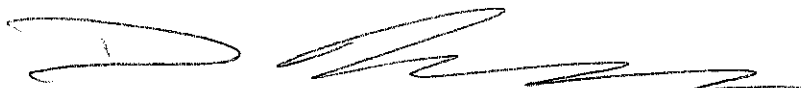
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Date: 28th October 2021