



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 To 31st December 2024

Charity name: Exeter Equine Care Trust

Charity registration number: 1188994

Objectives and Activities

Exeter Equine Care Trust was established as a charity for the following purpose:-

Activities during the period:-

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for horses which are in need of care and attention as a result of their owners being unable to care for them, or rehome them by providing a home for as long as needed where the horse's retirement, behavioural or health needs will be managed, and where possible, they will be rehomed safely elsewhere.</p> <p>To educate the public in matters pertaining to equine welfare and the prevention of cruelty and suffering.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Trustees focussed in 2024 on continuing to ensure sufficient volunteer support was available to meet the welfare needs of retired horses and increasing the community engagement activity programme.</p> <p>Trustees focused energy on online engagement with supporters and donors, with a website refresh, an increased social media profile and new donation methods being set up.</p> <p>Trustees planned additional fundraising to increase reserves against extra-ordinary vet expenses for retired horses.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have complied with our duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Trustees would like to thank the daily contribution from volunteers at Hilltop without whom we would not be able to provide the level of equine welfare our retired horses deserve, nor engage with community groups.
Other		Not applicable

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Working with the riding school located on site the charity was able to interact with the public at events to promote equine welfare, and run an inclusive volunteer programme which provides opportunities for personal wellbeing, good health and learning through interaction with the horses.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £5,079 from fund-raising and donations in 2024. Payments of £1,617 were made to third parties in 2024, in addition to volunteer time and donated goods.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have an agreed aim to establish unrestricted reserves of £6k being sufficient to support 4 horses extra-ordinary needs for a year. This was achieved in 2024.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7,382 at 31st December 2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Not applicable
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	We are are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 9 April 2020, registration number 118894
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and elected according to the adopted constitution. During the period there were no changes to the initially appointed Trustees. Meetings are chaired by appointment amongst attending Trustees at each meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Not applicable
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Not applicable
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Exeter Equine Care Trust
Other name the charity uses	

Registered charity number	1188994
Charity's principal address	Hilltop Riding School Pennsylvania Road Exeter EX4 5BN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Janet Portbury			
2	Sonia Lowe			
3	Claire Green			
4	Kate Hoskins			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Not applicable	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature		
Full name(s)	Katherine Hoskins	Sonia Lowe
Position	Treasurer	Trustee
Date	31/3/25	31/3/25



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Exeter Equine Care Trust

1188994

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/1/24

To

31/12/24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,449	-	-	3,449	402
Fundraising proceeds	1,630	-	-	1,630	210
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,079	-	-	5,079	612
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,079	-	-	5,079	612
A3 Payments					
Administration and Fundraising	385	-	-	385	65
Equine supplies (bedding, feed, worming,	1,232	-	-	1,232	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,617	-	-	1,617	65

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	1,617	-	-	1,617	65
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Net of receipts/(payments)	3,462	-	-	3,462	547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,421	500	-	3,921	3,373
Cash funds this year end	6,883	500	-	7,383	3,920

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank and Cash	6,883	500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,883	500	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

OK

Restricted funds

to nearest £

OK

Endowment funds

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

Not applicable	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Not applicable		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Not applicable		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Not applicable		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Hoskins (Treasurer)	9/2/25
	Sonia Lowe (Trustee)	9/2/25