



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1st January 2025 To 31st December 2025**

**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 2025 on fund-raising to support horses and increasing the community engagement activity programme.</p> <p>Trustees focused energy on events and online engagement with supporters and donors, increasing the social media profile and raising awareness of the various ways supporters can donate cash or time.</p> <p>Three grants were secured towards the end of the year;</p> <p>a. An educational grant of £881 from Devon County Council under their "Places to Go - Things to Do" fund</p>

		<p>for materials in our sessions with the community</p> <p>b. Exeter City Council also awarded the charity a £1,000 grant to continue to provide volunteering opportunities to the community, and help fund the site maintenance and equipment the volunteers use.</p> <p>c. A grant of £14,477 was awarded by the National Lottery Community Fund towards creating a new Outdoor Safe Space for volunteers and the public to engage safely with horses.</p> <p>Our supporters generously raised the necessary match funding of £1,450 required for these projects.</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.

#### 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, offer well-being placements, nor engage regularly 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	<p>Trustees, Volunteers and Supporters were tireless in their efforts in 2025.</p> <p>Working with the riding school located on site the charity was able to interact with the public at events to promote equine welfare, as well as run an inclusive volunteer programme which provides opportunities for personal wellbeing, good health and learning through interaction with the horses, as well as plan for the future.</p>
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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 £7,249 from fund-raising and donations in 2025, plus £16,358 in grants.  Payments of £5,251 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.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Designated reserves for projects of £17,383 plus £6,902 of general reserves as at 31st December 2025  Total £24,286
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		1st-9th Jan25	
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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
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## 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

<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Katherine Hoskins	Sonia Lowe
<b>Position</b>	Treasurer	Trustee
<b>Date</b>	30/3/26	30/3/26





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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/1/25	To	31/12/25
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,574	1,453	-	4,027	3,449
Fundraising proceeds	1,769	-	-	1,769	1,630
Grants	-	16,358	-	16,358	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>17,811</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,154</b>	<b>5,079</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>17,811</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,154</b>	<b>5,079</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration and Fundraising (website,	893	-	-	893	385
Equine supplies (bedding, feed, worming,	3,431	-	-	3,431	1,232

Projects funded by Grants	-	927	-	927	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,324</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,251</b>	<b>1,617</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,324</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,251</b>	<b>1,617</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,903</b>	<b>3,462</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,383</b>	<b>3,921</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,902</b>	<b>17,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,286</b>	<b>7,383</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank and Cash	6,883	500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>

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**Unrestricted funds**

**Restricted funds**

**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

**Details**

**B2 Other monetary assets**

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

**Fund to which asset belongs**

**Cost (optional)**

**Current value (optional)**

**Details**

**B3 Investment assets**

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

**Fund to which asset belongs**

**Cost (optional)**

**Current value (optional)**

**Details**

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Not applicable		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Not applicable		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Hoskins (Treasurer)	29/3/26
	Sonia Lowe (Trustee)	29/3/26