

CHARITY BUDDY

England & Wales · Charity number 1189284

Details

Other names	PerRehomer, PetRehomer
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-04-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANIMAL CHARITIES AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY: I. PROVIDING A FORUM TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION BETWEEN PEOPLE WITH BUSINESS SKILLS AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS, AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE. II. TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE. III. TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A RANGE OF FREE BUSINESS TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL HELP ANIMAL CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IMPROVE THEIR EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS, THEREFORE IMPROVING THEIR ABILITY TO DELIVER THEIR SERVICES TO ADVANCE ANIMAL WELFARE. IV. PROVIDING AN ONLINE DIRECTORY THAT WILL BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY ENABLING THEM TO EASILY SEARCH FOR PETS THAT ARE BEING REHOMED BY CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANISATIONS. THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR' MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. • CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES. • VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES. 3.2 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS. 3.3 TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF AN UNIMPROVED PASTURE SITE IN SURREY, ENGLAND USING THE PROCESS OF REWILDING TO RESTORE BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS. 3.4 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE RESTORATION, REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROMOTE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN SUCH SUBJECTS AND DISSEMINATE FINDINGS TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

Activities: Providing the following: -Pro bono business and creative support to animal charities and related voluntary sector organisations -Sanctuary care and rehoming support for geriatric animals in Surrey -Rewilding of a 30-acre site in Surrey -Implementing a national pet rehoming and adoption platform, PetRehomer.org

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£119,552	£92,221	-	-
2024-03-31	£86,840	£61,019	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,750	£19,784	-	-
2022-03-31	£13,787	£10,250	-	-
2020-12-31	£2,896	£2,896	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colleen Alma Long MCIPD	Chair	2019-11-01
JENNINE ANNE SATCHELL		2020-04-25
Kevin Raymond Carr		2022-02-25
SALLIE ANN GRIFFITHS FCIPD		2020-02-03

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Accounts

Charity Buddy Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31 March 2025

Chair's Statement

As Chair of Trustees, I am delighted to present our Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025. 2024/25 has been an incredible year for the charity. The growth experienced within PetRehomer has exceeded our expectations significantly, and our dedicated team is working around the clock to meet demand for that service. Our rewilding work is now delivering amazing results, and we are seeing just how wonderful nature is when it is allowed to recover.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all our volunteers, partners, and supporters who continue to make our work possible.

Colleen Long
Chair of Trustees

Our Activities

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Our current activities include:

- Providing a small sanctuary for geriatric animals at our HQ in Surrey
- Operation of PetRehomer, a national pet rehoming and adoption service to help people responsibly rehome pets that they can no longer care for
- Rewilding a 30-acre site at our HQ in Surrey to encourage nature recovery, research, and community engagement

Our Impact

Sanctuary for Geriatric Animals

We continue to care for 12 geriatric horses, ponies, sheep and hens at the Charity Buddy sanctuary. In line with our long-term strategy, we no longer take in new large grazing animals, reducing the land needed for sanctuary purposes. By focusing on our scalable PetRehomer service and dedicating more land to rewilding, we can deliver a greater positive impact for both domestic and wild animals.

Pro Bono Business and Creative Support

Until September 2023, we supported a wide range of animal welfare organisations through our Charity Buddy volunteer network. These included small rescue centres, campaigning

groups, animal law charities, and wildlife conservation projects. In late 2023, the Trustees made the difficult decision to suspend this work to focus resources on our two core programmes — PetRehomer and Rewilding.

Rewilding

Our rewilding journey began in 2022. The 30-acre site at Maple Farm in Alfold, Surrey, previously used for grazing, is being transformed into a thriving wild habitat. Managed in collaboration with our partners, Youngwilders — a volunteer-led group of ecology enthusiasts — the site now offers opportunities for research, education, and engagement.

Key achievements in FY 2024/25 include the installation of eco bee hives, a series of 'Wayfinders' ecology training weekends for young people, habitat improvement works such as bridge installations and wildflower sowing, and preparatory work for great crested newt ponds. This year also saw our first Forest School for pre-school children, and the launch of our Artist in Residence initiative, further connecting creativity with conservation.

PetRehomer

PetRehomer is Charity Buddy's national pet rehoming and adoption service — a safer, ethical alternative to commercial pet trading platforms. Through our unique direct rehoming model, we support and empower people to rehome their pets responsibly.

By connecting people who need to give up their pets with suitable adopters, PetRehomer:

- Helps keep animals out of rescue centres, preserving those spaces for pets in real need
- Enables rehomers to choose who adopts their pet, easing the emotional burden
- Encourages adoption over buying, promoting ethical pet ownership
- Screens adopters and provides post-adoption support for safety and welfare

Since its soft launch in late 2022, PetRehomer has successfully rehomed hundreds of pets across the UK, through mostly volunteer effort and organic growth.

In 2024/25, we undertook a complete redevelopment of our rehoming platform to meet this demand. The new system, launched in early 2025, provides an improved user experience and enhanced operational capabilities. We also continued our Neuter Fund, offering financial assistance to adopters of unneutered pets, supporting responsible ownership.

Plans for 2025/26

Our focus for the coming year will be on consolidating and strengthening our two core areas — PetRehomer and Rewilding. We plan to complete the technical development of the new PetRehomer platform, expand our volunteer teams, and explore income-generating initiatives such as a PetRehomer Lottery to fund our Neuter Scheme. In parallel, our rewilding project will continue to grow, with further biodiversity monitoring, habitat creation, and community involvement planned throughout 2025/26.

Structure, Governance and Management

Charity Buddy is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered in April 2020. We have no permanent employees, but we engage temporary staff as required to meet operational needs. The Trustees confirm that they comply with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers and duties.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025

Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
INCOME:				
Donations inc Gift Aid	16662	0	16662	12654
Grants	3000	1070	4070	13934
Adoption Donations	98071	0	98071	59569
Miscellaneous	749	0	749	683
	118482	1070	119552	86840
EXPENDITURE:				
Feed,Vet, Dental & Farrier Fees	3122	0	3122	2662
Pet Neutering Costs	1707	0	1707	1083
Consumable Equipment	151	0	151	0
Software Subscriptions	3364	0	3364	2233
Freelance staff costs	47549	0	47549	37123
Volunteers travel Costs	446	0	446	202
Insurance	559	0	559	806
Electricity Costs	2230	0	2230	0
Rewilding	0	4037	4037	3959
Honey Bee Project Costs	0	3676	3676	0
Stationery & Postage	95	0	95	78
Rehoming Costs	440	0	440	289
Pet Rehomer Platform Costs	17373	0	17373	12100
Telephone	411	0	411	291
Professional Memberships inc ADCH	161	0	161	97
Legal & Professional Costs	2160	0	2160	0
Repairs & Maintenance	735	0	735	0
Depreciation (20% of Cost)	4005	0	4005	94
Sundry Costs	0	0	0	2
	84508	7713	92221	61019
NET INCOME FOR PERIOD	33974	-6643	27331	25821

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-25 £	Total 31-Mar-24 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Software Development - Cost	19200	0	19200	0
Software Development - Depreciation	-3840	0	-3840	0
Furniture & Equipment - Cost	827	0	827	470
Furniture & Equipment - Depreciation	-353	0	-353	-188
	15834	0	15834	282
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Bank Balance at 31.3.25	52398	11653	64051	50042
	68232	11653	79885	50324
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	-2230	0	-2230	0
NET ASSETS	70462	11653	77655	50324
CAPITAL & RESERVES				
As at 1.4.24	30687	19637	50324	24503
Net Income Year to 31.3.25	33974	-6643	27331	25821
As at 31.3.25	64661	12994	77655	50324



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
CHARITY BUDDY

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1189284

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

05/01/2026

Name:

Petrou & Co Limited

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

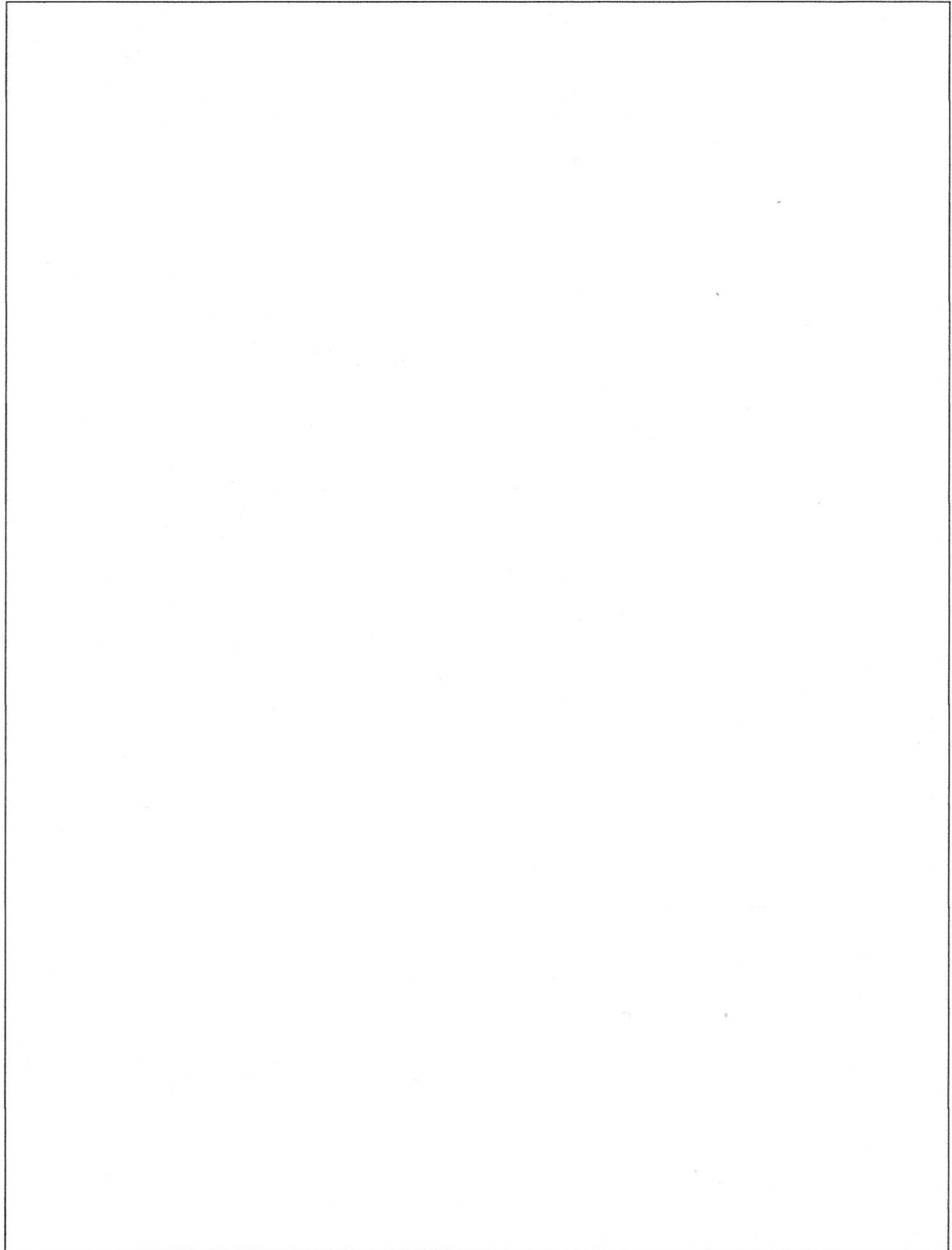
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY BUDDY

England & Wales - Charity number 1189284

Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Our activities

Charity Buddy's core operational activities are directed towards improving the lives of animals and their habitats, whilst offering rewarding opportunities for the public to volunteer and engage with our work.

Our current activities include:

- Providing a [sanctuary](#) for geriatric animals
- Provision of [pro bono business and creative support](#) to animal charities and voluntary sector organisations, through our network of professional volunteers
- Operation of [PetRehomer](#), a national pet rehoming and adoption service to help people *responsibly rehome* pets that they can no longer care for (launched in Q4 2022)
- [Rewilding](#) a 30-acre site at our HQ in Surrey. Aside from the benefits of nature recovery, this encourages study, research and engagement with people interested in ecology

Our impact

Sanctuary for geriatric animals

Whilst we continue to care for the remaining animals (13) geriatric horses, ponies, sheep and hens at the Charity Buddy sanctuary, we have decided not to take in any more large grazing animals, reducing the amount of land needed for sanctuary purposes.

We believe that longer term, we can improve the lives of many more animals by focusing on rehoming pets through PetRehomer, our new scalable rehoming service, and by dedicating the majority of the land used for grazing horses and sheep to further rewilding. By doing this we can have a greater positive impact on improving habitats for wildlife and supporting nature recovery.

Pro bono business and creative support

Until September 2023 we continued to support a wide range of voluntary sector animal welfare organisations through the deployment of our network of Charity Buddy professional volunteers which supported our diverse client base of animal welfare organisations from the smallest hedgehog rescue centre to large, well-established animal charities. These included campaigning groups, animal law charities, pet rehoming charities and rescue centres, pet community support groups, wildlife conservation, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, animal sanctuaries, and educational centres.

This aspect of our work continued to grow organically, year on year, however our Trustee Board made the difficult decision to suspend this aspect of our work, to enable our team to focus on the two main workstreams (Rewilding and nature recovery & PetRehomer, supporting the direct 'home to home' adoption of pets throughout the UK)

During FY 2023/4 we have provided volunteers for a wide range of projects including:

- Social media campaign support
- Advice relating to land rights
- Executive coaching
- Support to become a registered CIO (numerous applications)
- Fundraising consulting
- Website design and development
- Google Ads Grant deployment
- HR software advice and employee handbook updates
- Media support
- SEO support
- Marketing collateral development
- Logo designs
- Content writing
- Filming/video production
- Recruitment support (ongoing volunteer roles, Trustees etc.)
- Campaign support

- Facilitation
- Surveyors and planning advice
- Legal advice

Our volunteers operated remotely and used their skills to help our clients with tasks, projects or ongoing roles that they did not have the skills, experience or expertise to undertake themselves. This gave animal welfare organisations and alike, access to valuable resources which would otherwise have been costly, time-consuming to identify, or out-of-reach, whilst offering flexible and rewarding volunteering opportunities within the animal welfare sector.

Rewilding

We started on our rewilding journey in 2022, having expanded our charitable objects to include this essential element. We believe that nature recovery plays a crucial role in offering suitable habitats for wild animals, birds and insects, whilst providing a setting for study, research and engagement with people interested in ecology.

We have a 30-acre 'small-scale' wilding site at Maple Farm in Alfold, Surrey which was previously used as grazing land. This site is being managed in conjunction with our partners, [Youngwilders](#), a volunteer-led group of ecology, conservation and environmental enthusiasts. Youngwilders is a non-profit CIC organisation focused on accelerating the wilding of the UK, involving young people in the process.

Activities and Achievements during 2023/24

April-May 2023 - Youngwilders lead a large volunteer effort dismantling two disused horse shelters on the site, and using these and other waste materials to construct a large outdoor classroom on the site. This activity engaged with 40 young people over two weekends and is now used as a covered outdoor classroom for our visiting early years forest school, and for numerous other volunteer activities, workshops and nature-based study.

June 2023 - Giant Hogweed management – Working alongside the banks of the River Lox in an effort to contain the presence and spread of this harmful invasive species.

July 2023 - Working with the Youngwilders – A new Summer Intern and a team of 5 young volunteers, undertook soil soakage testing, which was carried out across the site to assess the suitability of floodplain wetland scrapes.

October 2023 - Fence removal volunteer day, engaging 15 young volunteers. Waste material used to build a wild animal shelter on the site.

November 2023 - Camera trapping exercise, fixed point photography of the site to assess wildlife.

December 2023 - Relationship established with Jack and Gill forest school, for shared use of the outdoor classroom on the site. First collaboration scheduled for early 2024. This collaboration provides pre-school children with the opportunity to spend time every week in nature.

January 2024 - First artist in residence began. Sound artist Dee Sharma produced a series of bio-acoustic recordings from the site for public exhibition.

February 2024 - Lead ecologist Meg Cookson designed our new "Wayfinders" programme, a series of youth-lead fields skills lessons and citizen science efforts based at the Maple Farm Classroom to both educate young people and formally survey the site to measure our ecological progress. Wayfinders conveniently coincided with the new beehive building education era!

March 2024 - Project Officer Conor McNeil conducted a series of minor interventions, removing excess fencing, etc. kick starting our national Wild Stewards Programme in earnest.

April 2024 - 2 x Eco Bee Hives were installed to provide essential habitat to wild honeybees (Phase 1 of project to help wild honeybees)

Following receipt of a grant from The Community Foundation for Surrey, we have plans to add more wild bee hives to various locations of the rewilding site, and a bee-centric Layens hive close to our newly created allotment where children visit and learn how to grow organic vegetables.

PetRehomer

[PetRehomer](#) is the brand name of Charity Buddy's pet rehoming and adoption service.

We're a safer, more professional and ethical alternative to commercial pet trading sites such as Gumtree, Pets4Homes, Preloved and Facebook. Through our unique model of direct rehoming, we support and empower people to rehome their pets responsibly.

How we're making a difference to people and pets

By connecting people who need to give up their pets with potential adopters, PetRehomer...

- helps keep animals out of rescue centres, saving that valuable resource for pets who've been abandoned, need emergency or specialist care.
- lets rehomers choose who adopts their pet, helping to make a tough decision a little less daunting
- maximises the chance of pets finding their forever home by helping to match them with suitable adopters.
- gives adopters the chance to meet and observe pets in their current home before they agree to the adoption
- offers a non-judgemental service to rehomers
- makes pet adoption more accessible and encourages people to adopt rather than 'shop'.

As well as offering a platform for listing and searching for pets, we also screen adopters to make the process as safe as possible, have a secure payment service for adoption fees, give animal welfare advice, and offer vital post-adoption support.

At the moment, we only accommodate cats, dogs and rabbits but we intend to expand to other species soon.

How we operate

PetRehomer was created with no budget, entirely by volunteers. We have been using our pet adoption platform which was softly launched in late Autumn 2022 from a standing start, using a technical MVP (minimum viable product). The demand for our service has grown beyond our expectations and we have successfully rehomed hundreds of dogs, cats and rabbits through this supported new service.

We have no operational or marketing budget, and all our growth is organic, proving the genuine need for our service. However, to help more people and pets in need, we would very much welcome financial support from philanthropists, ethical organisations and/or trusts.

PetRehomer plans for 2024/5 – a new and different approach

Continue beyond the pilot, MVP

We're delighted with the impact that PetRehomer is making, and the positive feedback we're receiving from people who've used our service. As such, we will continue to operate beyond the pilot and help support dogs, cats and rabbits find their forever home.

Continue our neuter fund

We know that in an ideal world pets should be neutered prior to rehoming. But people regularly ask to list unneutered pets on our platform. We do not want to turn these pets away as we know that we can find responsible adopters who'll agree to have them neutered as a condition of the adoption. If we turn them away, these pets are likely to end up on unregulated online marketplaces or may even be neglected or abandoned.

To address this challenge, we want to continue our neuter fund to encourage more people to adopt unneutered pets.

How it works – When an adopter adopts an unneutered pet through our service, we use the money from our fund to partially reimburse some of the costs associated with neutering (after seeing evidence of the neuter procedure, such as a receipt from the vet). This is offered on an "as funds allow" basis, so it is only available when we are in a position to financially help.

No other rehoming or rescue organisation in the UK today offers anything like this. But we believed it was time for a new approach to tackling the growing crisis of unplanned litters and, consequently, unwanted pets. We were fortunate to receive a small grant to support some dog neutering costs, however the demand is so high for neutering of all species, we are actively seeking further funding to support this essential procedure and help stem the problem.

Overview

Charity Buddy registered as a Foundation CIO in April 2020 and does not have any permanent employees or workers, although we do use temporary staff from time to time.

We are grateful to Maple Farm Stables Limited for the kind donation of feed, hay and bedding for the animals within our sanctuary, and to our supporters who have made donations. We are delighted to have received a number of grants enabling us to deliver most of our plan for this year's rewilding objectives.

Moving further into 2024/5, we will need to raise more funds to continue our work and deliver our objectives for PetRehomer, and for the operating costs of the Charity Buddy Sanctuary.

The Trustees confirm that they comply with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission, when exercising their powers and duties.

CHARITY BUDDY - REGISTERED CHARITY 1189284

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
INCOME:				
Donations inc Gift Aid	12654	0	12654	15412
Grants	2000	11934	13934	17860
Adoption Donations	59569	0	59569	7119
Miscellaneous	683	0	683	359
	74906	11934	86840	40750
EXPENDITURE:				
Feed,Vet, Dental & Farrier Fees	2662	0	2662	3072
Pet Neutering Costs	1083	0	1083	0
Consumable Equipment	0	0	0	86
Software Subscriptions	0	2233	2233	899
Freelance staff costs	37123	0	37123	7484
Volunteers travel Costs	202	0	202	435
Insurance	806	0	806	751
Rewilding	0	3959	3959	4689
Stationery & Postage	78	0	78	56
Rehoming Costs	289	0	289	559
Pet Rehomer Platform Costs	12100	0	12100	1070
Telephone	291	0	291	0
Professional Memberships inc ADCH	97	0	97	0
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	425
Depreciation (20% of Cost)	94	0	94	94
Sundry Costs	2	0	2	164
	54827	6192	61019	19784
NET INCOME FOR PERIOD	20079	5742	25821	20966

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-24 £	Total 31-Mar-23 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Furniture & Equipment - Cost	470	0	470	470
Furniture & Equipment - Depreciation	188	0	188	94
	282	0	282	376
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Bank Balance at 31.3.24	30405	19637	50042	24127
	30687	19637	50324	24503
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	0	0	0	0
NET ASSETS	30687	19637	50324	24503
CAPITAL & RESERVES				
As at 1.4.23	10608	13895	24503	3537
Net Income Year to 31.3.24	20079	5742	25821	20966
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Section A

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Signed:

Date:

17/06/2024

Name:

Petrou & Co Limited

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Chartered Accountants

Address:

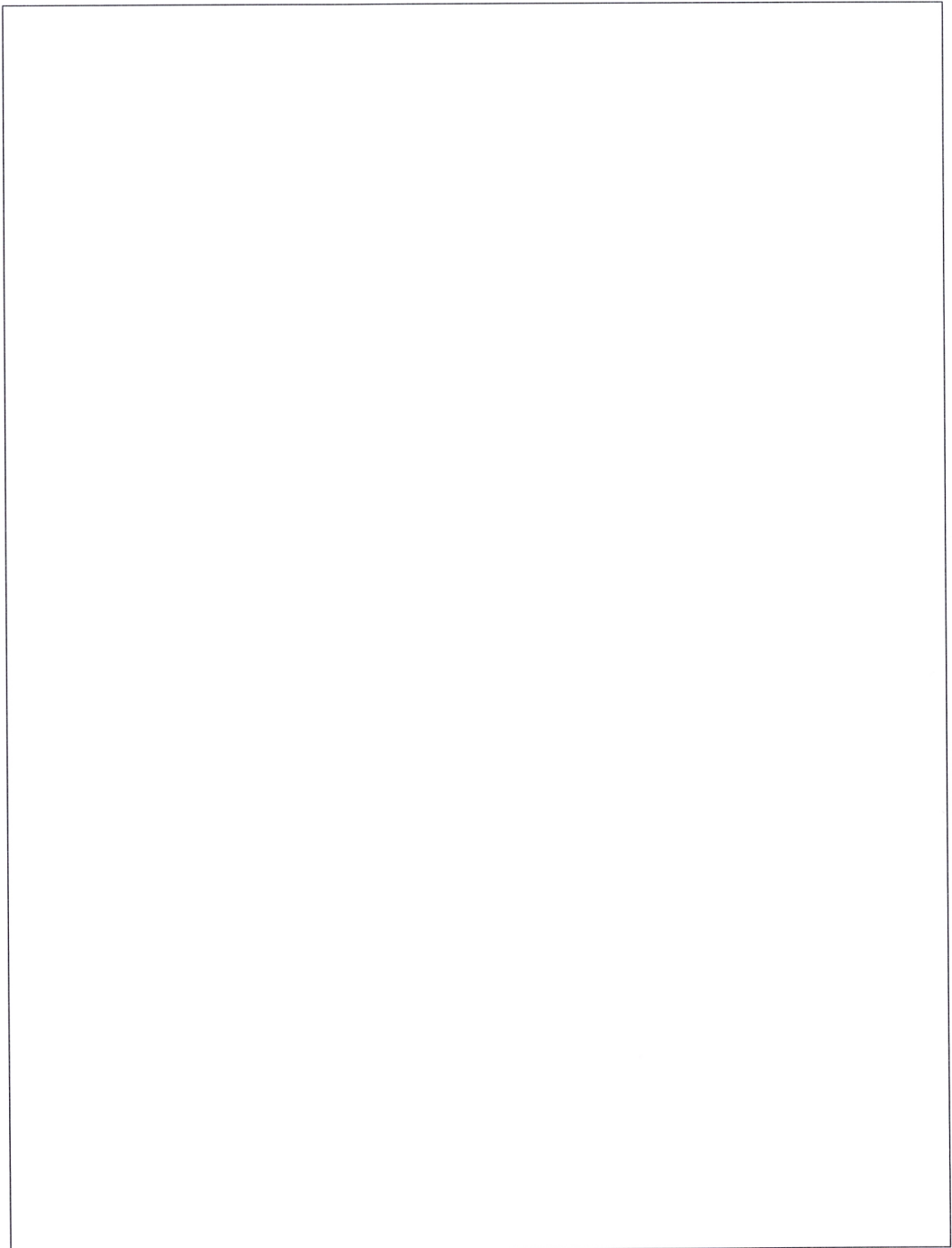
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Section B

Disclosure

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Pro bono business and creative support

We continue to support a wide range of voluntary sector animal welfare organisations through the deployment of our growing network of Charity Buddy professional volunteers (180).

We have a [client base of 110 organisations](#) - from the smallest hedgehog rescue centre to large, well-established animal charities. These include campaigning groups, animal law, pet rehomers, pet community support groups, wildlife conservation, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, animal sanctuaries, and educational centres.

This aspect of our work continues to grow organically, through word of mouth and returning clients within the animal welfare sector.

We have provided volunteers for a wide range of projects this year including:

- Social media campaign support
- Advice relating to land rights
- Development of Privacy Policies and Terms and Conditions
- Branding
- Executive coaching
- Support to become a registered CIO (numerous applications)
- Fundraising consulting
- Website design and development
- UAT (User Acceptance Testing)
- Google Ads Grant deployment
- HR software advice and employee handbook updates
- Media support
- SEO support
- Marketing collateral development
- Logo designs
- Artwork and Illustrations
- Social media strategy



- Video editing
- Content writing
- Filming/video production
- Recruitment support (ongoing volunteer roles, Trustees etc.)
- Campaign support
- Digital marketing support (email marketing etc.)
- Help with HMRC returns
- Facilitation
- Surveyors and planning advice
- Legal advice

Our volunteers operate remotely and use their skills to help our clients with tasks, projects or ongoing roles that they do not have the skills, experience or expertise to undertake themselves. This gives animal charities access to valuable resources which would otherwise be costly, time-consuming to identify, or out-of-reach, whilst offering flexible and rewarding volunteering opportunities within the animal welfare sector.

Rewilding

We started on our rewilding journey in 2022, having expanded our charitable objects to include this essential element. We believe that nature recovery plays a crucial role in offering suitable habitats for wild animals, birds and insects, whilst providing a setting for study, research and engagement with people interested in ecology.

We have a 30-acre 'small-scale' wilding site at Maple Farm in Alfold, Surrey which was previously used as grazing land. This site is being managed in conjunction with our partners, [Youngwilders](#), a volunteer-led group of ecology, conservation and environmental enthusiasts. Youngwilders is a non-profit CIC organisation focused on accelerating the wilding of the UK, involving young people in the process.

Achievements - April 2022 to March 2023

In the year 2022/3 we carried out the following activities related to the Rewilding Project:

March 22 - Ground-breaking eco hot water treatment was tested to tackle invasive Giant Hogweed as an alternative to the traditional glyphosate chemical application.

May 22 – “Visions of Soon” , a climate activism magazine and project conducted interviews and attended a photoshoot onsite at Maple Farm. The article was released in early 2023 to a positive reception.

June 22 - Mulching volunteer day. 15 young people mulched over 1000 trees in the newly planted, central hedgerow.

June 22 - Joe Revans published his AI art piece on the rewilding of Maple Farm, exhibited at the Central Saint Martins Masters Show. Interest in the Maple Farm project received a marked boost.

July 22 - Film crew from the UN Climate and Oceans filmed on location at Maple Farm for part of their documentary on rewilding in Sussex, 'Revival'.

August 22 – The drought seriously affected the newly planted hedgerows. Youngwilders team members watered the central hedgerow during the Summer 2022 heatwave to aid hedge and tree survival rates

September 22 - Animal infrastructure installed to contain sheep. A bug hotel, bird boxes and bat boxes were scattered around the site.

October 22 - 'Revival' premiered at the Horsham Green Film Festival to a very positive response. Interest in the Maple Farm project received its most significant boost yet.

November 22 - “Free the landscape” volunteer day involved 16 young people removing around 1 km of fencing. Fence posts were turned into an animal shelter with a camera trap set up to record new residents.

December 22 – Youngwilders team members came to site to complete the sheep fencing in readiness for late winter grazing, allowing for increased natural regeneration in other parts of the site. Re-mulching and de-weeding was undertaken on the central hedgerow.



January 23 - Details and design for the Wilding Hub, an onsite structure for the Youngwilders and Charity Buddy nature education programs, were confirmed. It'll be built using materials repurposed from equestrian field shelters.

February 23 - 20 volunteers planted and mulched a new 100-metre, 700-tree hedgerow on the north side of the site.

March 23 – Youngwilders' new 'Project officer program' formally began. This is an action-focused, nature education program that aims to engage young people in nature, involving them in restoration/nature recovery projects in their local area.

Planned Activities in 2023/24

Wilding Hub construction

Work on dismantling the existing field shelters and creating the new Wilding Hub is planned for May 2023. The finished structure will provide an outdoor covered space for nature-based learning. Architects interested in ecological architecture will be joining the team to gain experience.

Scrape creation

Having decided on appropriate locations around the site, we will create a number of scrapes. These depressions in the ground will hold flood water and create seasonal wetlands attracting bird, amphibian, invertebrate and plant species.

Hedgerow maintenance

We will continue to mulch the ground around the planted hedgerows and trees in order to reduce competition from grasses.

Youth project officer program

This new program will be rolled out as a pilot first, however, we're fully anticipating that it will continue in the future, creating more opportunities for young people to engage with and benefit from nature.

Wider collaboration

Once the wilding hub is complete, we plan to collaborate with ethical, organic voluntary organisations, schools and colleges, and other charities and not-for-profit organisations to generate more nature based learning opportunities, and to offer experiences in nature for people that could benefit from this space.

PetRehomer

[PetRehomer](#) is the brand name of Charity Buddy's pet rehoming and adoption service.

We're a safer, more professional and ethical alternative to commercial pet trading sites such as Gumtree, Pets4Homes, Preloved and Facebook. Through our unique model of direct rehoming, we support and empower people to rehome their pets responsibly.

How we're making a difference to people and pets

By connecting people who need to give up their pets with potential adopters, PetRehomer...

- helps keep animals out of rescue centres, saving that valuable resource for pets who've been abandoned, need emergency or specialist care.
- lets rehomers choose who adopts their pet, helping to make a tough decision a little less daunting
- maximises the chance of pets finding their forever home by helping to match them with suitable adopters.
- gives adopters the chance to meet and observe pets in their current home before they agree to the adoption
- offers a non-judgemental service to rehomers
- makes pet adoption more accessible and encourages people to adopt rather than 'shop'.



As well as offering a platform for listing and searching for pets, we also screen adopters to make the process as safe as possible, have a secure payment service for adoption fees, give animal welfare advice, and offer vital post-adoption support.

At the moment, we only accommodate cats, dogs and rabbits but we intend to expand to other species soon.

How we operate

PetRehomer was created with no budget, entirely by volunteers. Animates, a “tech for good” organisation, used the latest digital technology to build the platform, alongside other professional Charity Buddy volunteers and pro bono support from organisations such as Mattersmith Legal, Quadrant Communications and Zaboura PR Consultancy. Day-to-day, our service is currently run by a dedicated team of animal lovers who don’t get paid for their time.

As of 31- March 2023, and since our soft launch in Q4 2022, we’ve found suitable homes for 75 animals. We’ve also helped many rehomer to keep their pet, find suitable rescue spaces for urgent cases, and we’ve connected people to other charities that have helped them with their specific pet-related issues.

We have no operational or marketing budget, yet we’re still managing to grow. However, to help more people and pets in need, we would very much welcome financial support from philanthropists, ethical organisations and/or trusts.

PetRehomer plans for 2023/4 – a new and different approach

Continue beyond the pilot

We’re delighted with the impact that PetRehomer is making, and the positive feedback we’re receiving from people who’ve used our service. As such, we will continue to operate beyond the pilot and help support dogs, cats and rabbits find their forever home.

Create a spay & neuter fund

We know that in an ideal world pets should be neutered or spayed prior to rehoming. But people regularly ask to list unneutered or unsplayed pets on our platform. We do not want to turn these pets away as we know that we can find responsible adopters who’ll agree to have them neutered as a condition of the adoption. If we turn them away, these pets are likely to end up on unregulated marketplaces or may even be abandoned.

To address this challenge, we want to set up a spay and neuter fund to encourage people to adopt unneutered and unsplayed pets. We’d use this money to reimburse some of the costs associated with spaying and neutering after seeing evidence of the procedure, such as a receipt from the vet.

No other rehoming or rescue organisation in the UK today offers anything like this. But we believe it is time for a new approach to tackling the growing crisis of unplanned litters and, consequently, unwanted pets.

Overview

Charity Buddy registered as a Foundation CIO in April 2020 and does not have any permanent employees or workers, although we do use temporary staff from time to time.

We are grateful to Maple Farm Stables Limited for the kind donation of feed, hay and bedding for the animals within our sanctuary, and to our supporters who have made donations. We are delighted to have received a number of grants enabling us to deliver our plan for this year’s rewilding objectives.

Moving further into 2023/4, we will need to raise more funds to continue our work and deliver our objectives for PetRehomer, and for the operating costs of the Charity Buddy Sanctuary.

The Trustees confirm that they comply with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission, when exercising their powers and duties.

CHARITY BUDDY - REGISTERED CHARITY 1189284**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023****Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
INCOME:				
Donations inc Gift Aid	15412	0	15412	8260
Grants	2250	15610	17860	5000
Rehoming Fees	7119	0	7119	0
Miscellaneous	359	0	359	527
	25140	15610	40750	13787
EXPENDITURE:				
Vet, Dental & Farrier Fees	3072	0	3072	2469
Consumable Equipment	86	0	86	214
Software Subscriptions	899	0	899	1338
Temporary Staff Costs	7484	0	7484	3553
Volunteers travel Costs	435	0	435	83
Insurance	751	0	751	552
Rewilding	0	4689	4689	2026
Stationery & Postage	56	0	56	15
Rehoming Costs	559	0	559	0
Pet Rehomer Platform Costs	1070	0	1070	0
Payment Processing Costs	115	0	115	0
Repairs & Maintenance	425	0	425	0
Depreciation (20% of Cost)	94	0	94	0
Sundry Costs	49	0	49	0
	15095	4689	19784	10250
NET INCOME FOR PERIOD	10045	10921	20966	3537

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Furniture & Equipment - Cost	470	0	470	0
Furniture & Equipment - Depreciation	94	0	94	0
	376	0	376	0
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Petty Cash	0	0	0	142
Bank Balance at 31.3.23	10232	13895	24127	3395
	10608	13895	24503	3537
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
	0	0	0	0
NET ASSETS	10608	13895	24503	3537
CAPITAL & RESERVES				
As at 1.4.22	563	2974	3537	0
Net Income Year to 31.3.23	10045	10921	20966	3537
As at 31.3.23	10608	13895	24503	3537

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
CHARITY BUDDY

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1189284

Set out on pages

One to five

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2023**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

8/05/2023

Name:

Petrou & Co

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountants

Address:

4 Heddon Court Cockfosters Road Herts EN4 0DE

CHARITY BUDDY

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Our activities

Charity Buddy's core operational activities are directed towards improving the lives of animals and their habitats, whilst offering rewarding opportunities for the public to volunteer and engage with our work.

Our activities include:

- Providing sanctuary and rehoming services for geriatric animals
- Provision of pro bono business and creative support to animal charities and voluntary sector organisations, through our network of professional volunteers
- Creation of [PetRehomer](#), a national pet rehoming platform to help people responsibly rehome unwanted pets (due to launch in Q2, 2022)
- ****NEW**** Rewilding – A 30-acre site at our HQ in Surrey. Aside from the obvious benefits of nature recovery, this is an opportunity to encourage study, research and engagement with people interested in ecology

Our impact

Sanctuary and Rehoming for Geriatric Animals

The Covid-19 pandemic has continued to impact our work in this area, however our sanctuary has provided a home to 6 horses, 6 hens, 1 cockerel, and 8 sheep. We have supported the rehoming of 9 dogs, and plans for future pet rehoming will be facilitated through [PetRehomer](#) once launched in the UK.

Pro bono Business and Creative Support

We have provided support to a wide range of animal welfare organisations through the deployment of our growing network of Charity Buddy volunteers (152). We have supported 98 organisations which span wildlife hospitals, campaigning groups, animal law, pet rehoming, pet community support groups, wildlife conservation, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, animal sanctuaries, and educational centres. The range of organisations extends from the smallest rabbit rescue centre to large, well established animal charities.

This aspect of our work continues to grow through word of mouth within the animal welfare sector. We have provided volunteers for a wide range of projects including:

- Social media campaign support
- Legal assistance
- Executive coaching

- Database creation
- Fundraising consulting
- Website design and development
- Bookkeeping support
- Audit
- HR software advice and employee handbook updates
- Media support
- Supporting non-profit organisations to become registered charities
- Marketing collateral development
- GDPR support
- Logo designs
- Digital greeting card designs
- Social media content creation
- Video editing
- Wordpress website support
- Woocommerce support
- Strategic marketing
- Recruitment support (ongoing volunteer roles, Trustees etc.)
- Campaign support
- Digital marketing support (email marketing etc.)
- Animation creation
- Help with HMRC returns
- Facilitation
- Payroll

Almost all of our volunteers operate remotely and use their skills to help our beneficiaries with tasks, projects or ongoing roles that they do not have the skills, experience or expertise to undertake themselves. This provides access to valuable resource which would otherwise be costly, and time consuming to identify.

Rewilding

During the last year we have extended our charitable objects to include rewilding, as we believe that nature recovery plays a crucial role in providing suitable habitats for wild animals, birds and insects whilst providing a setting for study, research and engagement with people interested in ecology.

We have a 30-acre 'small-scale' wilding site in Alfold, Surrey which was previously used as grazing land . This site is being managed in conjunction with our partners, [Youngwilders](#), a volunteer-led group of ecology, conservation and environmental enthusiasts. Youngwilders is an organisation focused on accelerating the wilding of the UK, involving young people in the process.

Achievements March 2021-March 2022

Between March 2021 and March 2022 we have carried out the following activities related to the Maple Farm Rewilding Project:

Site monitoring

- Baseline site monitoring (Phase 1 extended habitat survey and breeding bird survey) carried out by Surrey Wildlife Trust - site visit used for ecologist training
- Advisory visits from the head ecologist and rewilding consultant at Knepp Wildland
- Wood White Butterfly Project Officer Paul Cawsey visiting to assess habitat improvements for butterflies
- Fran Southgate from the Sussex Wildlife Trust visit to assess watercourse restoration and enhancement options
- Visit from operations director at Heal Rewilding Hannah Needham to discuss the site and possible future collaboration

Volunteering

- Hosted a volunteering day in January 2022, attracting 30 volunteers from diverse backgrounds from both the local area and further afield

Restoration

- Planted 250 metres of native hedgerow and planted 41 oak trees, over 1000 trees planted total so far
- Initiated an experimental eco-friendly hot water treatment program to address the invasive Giant Hogweed infestation on the site. We're providing information to interested parties about its overall efficacy

Other Engagement

- Hosted an MA researcher from Central St Martins for their final research project, featured in the public end of year show in London.
- Hosted a local journalism MA student, currently making a short film on Maple Farm and the power of small-scale rewilding
- Created an Instagram account for the [Maple Farm Rewilding Project](#), with 317 followers and 31 posts to date
- Publicised the project and associated opportunities through the [Youngwilders](#) Instagram, reaching 1,543 followers
- Created [a dedicated webpage](#) for the Maple Farm project on Charity Buddy's website, and [a blog](#) where we post regular updates on our work.
- Launched an in-print publication, Overgrowth, featuring writing about Maple Farm

Planned Activities in 2022/3

Site Monitoring

Surrey Wildlife Trust will be returning to the site to conduct extended phase 1 habitat surveys and mapping (pro bono)

Scrape Creation

We will establish the appropriate sites for creating scrapes (depressions in the ground which will hold water and create seasonal wetlands attracting bird, amphibian, invertebrate and plant species).

Hedgerow Maintenance

We will mulch the ground around the planted hedgerow in order to reduce competition from grasses.

Youth Committee Formation and Volunteering

We'll begin our first local volunteer youth committee cycle. It will involve five young adults between the ages of 18-25, working together to plan and execute ecological and social projects at Maple Farm. They will also receive monthly lessons and seminars from people experienced in various ecological lines of work. The idea is that they'll finish the year with considerable practical experience gained from leading projects at Maple Farm, increased theoretical knowledge from the monthly classes and a deeper connection to their local landscape. We will be encouraging feedback from the committee throughout the year to improve and streamline the process for the next cycle.

PetRehomer

[PetRehomer](#) is the brand name of Charity Buddy's pet rehoming and adoption website. We have a technology partner currently building our pilot platform, which will be launching in Q2, 2022. Our platform will provide a charitable alternative to the commercial pet trading sites, such as Gumtree, Pets4Homes and Facebook, currently used by many for this purpose. We will be offering a safer option for pet rehomers and adopters.

Our process will include an easy to use pet listing and pet search facility, home checks, a safe deposit and payment service, provision of animal welfare advice, and very importantly, our post-adoption support if things don't work out. Initially, our pilot will offer rehoming support for dogs, cats and rabbits, however, we intend to accommodate a wider the range of species once established.

Overview

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We are grateful to Maple Farm Stables Limited for the kind donation of feed and bedding for the animals within our sanctuary and to our supporters who have made donations.

Moving into 2022/3, we will need to raise more funds to enable us to continue our work and deliver our objectives.

The Trustees confirm that they comply with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission, when exercising their powers and duties.

CHARITY BUDDY - REGISTERED CHARITY 1189284**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022****Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the period ended 31 March 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-22	9 Months to 30-Apr-20
				£
INCOME:				
Donations	8260	5000	13260	2480
Rehoming Fees	0	0	0	200
Miscellaneous	527	0	527	216
	<u>8787</u>	<u>5000</u>	<u>13787</u>	<u>2896</u>
EXPENDITURE:				
Vet, Dental & Farrier Fees	2469	0	2469	1879
Consumable Equipment	214	0	214	486
IT Software	1338	0	1338	513
Consultancy Fees	3553	0	3553	
Travel	83	0	83	
Insurance	552	0	552	
Rewilding	0	2026	2026	
Stationery & Postage	15	0	15	18
	<u>8224</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>10250</u>	<u>2896</u>
NET INCOME FOR PERIOD	<u>563</u>	<u>2974</u>	<u>3537</u>	<u>0</u>

<u>Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31-Mar-22	30-Apr-20
				£
FIXED ASSETS	0	0	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Petty Cash	142	0	142	376
Bank Balance at 31.3.22	421	2974	3395	1138
	<u>563</u>	<u>2974</u>	<u>3537</u>	<u>1514</u>
CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	0	0	0	-1514
NET ASSETS	<u>563</u>	<u>2974</u>	<u>3537</u>	<u>0</u>
CAPITAL & RESERVES	<u>563</u>	<u>2974</u>	<u>3537</u>	<u>0</u>

CHARITY BUDDY

England & Wales - Charity number 1189284

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Our activities

Charity Buddy's core operational activities are directed toward improving the lives of animals, some which have come directly into the sanctuary, through our intake, assessment and rehoming activities, but also those beyond our sanctuary through our work to provide business and creative support to many animal welfare charities and voluntary sector organisations throughout the country.

We are also working towards the implementation of a national pet adoption platform (website) which aims to help unwanted, neglected and abandoned pets to be rehomed. This is currently work in progress, and we hope to be able to launch the platform in 2021-2022.

The Trustees confirm that they comply with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission, when exercising their powers and duties.

Our Impact

Sanctuary and Rehoming for Geriatric Animals

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted our work in this area due to lockdowns, however our sanctuary has provided a home to 4 horses, 4 hens, 1 cockerel, and 8 sheep. We have rehomed 7 dogs.

Pro bono Business and Creative Support

We have provided support to a wide range of animal welfare organisations through the deployment of our growing network of Charity Buddy volunteers (65). We have supported 51 organisations which span wildlife hospitals, campaigning groups, animal law, pet rehoming, wildlife conservation, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, animal sanctuaries, and educational centres. The range of organisations extends from the smallest hedgehog rescue to large, well established, animal homes.

This aspect of our work is growing rapidly through word of mouth within the animal welfare sector. We have been invited to present to the Association of Dog and Cat Homes' Members Engagement Committee, and we have also been asked to partner One Voice For Animals, which is a group dedicated to help circa 300 smaller, regional rescue centres which have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions curtailing fundraising events.

All of our volunteers operate remotely and use their skills to help our beneficiaries with tasks, projects or ongoing roles that they do not have the skills, experience or expertise to undertake themselves. This provides access to valuable resource which would otherwise be costly, and time consuming to identify.

Overview

Charity Buddy registered as a Foundation CIO in April 2020 and does not have any employees or workers supporting the charity. Currently all activities are undertaken by volunteers.

We are grateful to Maple Farm Stables Limited for the kind donation of feed and bedding for the animals within our sanctuary.

Moving into 2021, we will need to raise funds to enable us to continue our work and deliver our objectives.

We intend to add an additional charitable object to our governing document which will benefit the public, animals, and the environment through conservation by rewilding a 30-acre unimproved pasture site at our Surrey based headquarters. We intend to collaborate with other charities and voluntary sector organisations to encourage study, research and engagement with people interested in ecology.

CHARITY BUDDY - REGISTERED CHARITY 1189284

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the period ended 31 December 2020

2020

£

INCOME: (Unrestricted)

Donations (£2104 plus £376 cash)	2480
Rehoming Fees	200
Miscellaneous	216
	<u>2896</u>

EXPENDITURE: (Unrestricted)

Vet, Dental & Farrier Fees	1879
Consumable Equipment	486
IT Software	513
Stationery & Printing	18
	<u>2896</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

2020

£ £

FIXED ASSETS

0

CURRENT ASSETS:

Petty Cash	376
Bank Balance at 31.12.20	1138
	<u>1514</u>

CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

-1514

NET ASSETS

0

CAPITAL & RESERVES

0