

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

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 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):

Chartered Accountants

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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.