



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 01 2025 To 31 12 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name New Milton Hedgehog Rescue

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1190281

Charity's principal address 9 Saulfland Drive

Highcliffe

Dorset

Postcode BH23 4QN

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	Gillian Bowers	Chair		
2	Susan Chalkey			
3	Karen Robinson	Secretary		
4	Shirley Daniel			
5	Anne Bassett	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To help the conservation and preservation of the wild hedgehog species by providing rescue, care and rehabilitation for sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs, with the aim of releasing them back to the wild

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When receiving sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs from the public we also help and advise them with regard to hedgehog welfare. We offer telephone advice on how best to help and support their garden visitors and will advise if there is a necessity for experienced aid at a rescue or if there is a need for veterinary attention to relieve suffering. In cases where the finder is unable to bring an injured, sick or orphaned hedgehog to our rescue, we will attend and collect.

The trustees followed the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when determining the objectives for the year and organising its activities which also includes 'public benefit, running a charity (PB20)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

What a strange year 2025 was within the rescue. It was a noticeably quiet start to admissions and by the end of the year our numbers were significantly lower compared to 2024.

Our final total of wild hedgehog admissions was 513. Of those hedgehogs admitted, 246 were released, 110 needed euthanasia and 157 passed away naturally in rescue.

There could be several factors contributing to why our numbers dropped. Amongst them could be the virus spreading through our wildlife hedgehog population. Defra have identified cases of the virus in wild hedgehogs who died within Northern rescues by conducting postmortems. So far, no testing has been conducted in the South due to lack of resources in Defra.

In 2023/24 we were 'babysitting' the Poole area as Hamworthy Hedgehog Rescue closed. With the opening of Dorset Hedgehog Rescue in Bere Regis (summer 2025) we were able to redirect Poole hogs in their direction.

At the beginning of 2025 we held a NMHR training day which was attended by carers, fosterers, taxi volunteers, members of our supporting vet practice and Trustees. It was a highly successful event bringing all parties together to further cement the team.

Improvements in our team meant we were able to remove the pressure on our two front-line carers.

The expansion of the volunteer taxi team meant hogs in need were collected swiftly and got help within a minimal time. A nominated Release Coordinator means finding the optimal release sites for our rehabbed hogs is removed from the front-line carers. Our 'safe' release site list is growing, and most sites have been checked for suitability.

We were able to renovate our outside rehabilitation pound this year. This is used as a safe space to rewild hedgehogs prior to release.

To promote awareness amongst the community we developed a talk which is aimed at the adult sector. Our first talk was given at a residents' association in return for a donation. Depending on time and resource we hope to provide more local talks.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient funds are held in reserve to ensure that the rescue can continue to operate efficiently and effectively during periods of low monetary donations.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

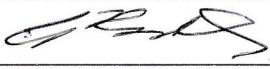
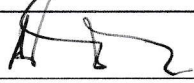
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gillian Colleen Patricia Bowers	Anne Elizabeth Bassett
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	2 March 2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No of any
New Milton Hedgehog Rescue	1190281

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,896	-	-	8,896	12,908
Fund Raising	4,567	-	-	4,567	3,404
Other Receipts	74	-	-	74	118
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,537	-	-	13,537	16,430
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,537	-	-	13,537	16,430
A3 Payments					
Vet/Medication Costs	3,425	-	-	3,425	4,037
Food Costs	2,534	-	-	2,534	3,013
General Care Costs	3,462	-	-	3,462	2,913
Fundraising Costs	2,057	-	-	2,057	1,563
Other Costs	586	-	-	586	430
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,064	-	-	12,064	11,956
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment (Intensive care units, recovery/holding pens)	-	-	-	-	6,200
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	6,200
Total payments	12,064	-	-	12,064	18,156
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,473	-	-	1,473	1,726
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,953	-	-	7,953	7,953
Cash funds this year end	9,426	-	-	9,426	6,227

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 Account	4,142	-	-
	Deposit Account	5,284	-	-
	Cash		-	-
	Total cash funds	9,426	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

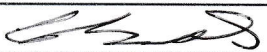
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	4 x Electric suction pumps	Unrestricted	-	-
	5 x Life Support Cabinets	Unrestricted	-	-
	3 x Animal Intensive Care Units	Unrestricted	-	-
	4 x Microscope Apex Researcher	Unrestricted	-	-
	2 x Intensive care units	Unrestricted	-	-
	2 x 3 Poltec Hedgehog units	Unrestricted	-	-
	NatureSpy WiFi WildCam	Unrestricted	-	-
	5 x Eufy SoloCam S220	Unrestricted	-	-
	10 x Hedgehog Rescue Pods	Unrestricted	-	-
	15 x Hedgehog Plaztek	Unrestricted	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Gillian Bowers	02/03/2026