



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024
Period end date

Period start date to 31/03/2025

Charity name: North Wales Horse Watch

Charity registration number:1192124

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in North Wales in the subjects of crime prevention, safety, the countryside code and animal welfare. To promote for the benefit of the public in partnership with North Wales Police the protection of property and equines and the prevention of criminal activity.
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	North Wales Horse Watch has maintained connections with North Wales Police and World Horse Welfare. The charity also provides educational sessions to community groups, colleges, scouts, and organised groups for children and adults of all ages and abilities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All the trustees have upheld the guidance issued by the charity commission and are committed to running North Wales Horse Watch for the benefit of the public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers continue to play a vital role in the success and reach of the charity's work. Their diverse skills, local knowledge, and community connections

		have significantly enhanced our programmes and outreach across North Wales. • Rural Education Project: Volunteers have designed and delivered engaging workshops tailored to people of all ages and abilities. These sessions offer hands-on, interactive learning experiences that promote rural awareness, wellbeing, and inclusion. • North Wales Horse Watch: Our dedicated Horse Watch volunteers work in close partnership with North Wales Police to support crime prevention within equine and rural communities. Their contributions include engaging with victims of crime, responding to incidents involving loose or lost horses, addressing fly grazing concerns, and sharing timely updates through online channels. • Animal Welfare Collaboration: Several volunteers collaborate with organisations such as the RSPCA, Trading Standards, and World Horse Welfare to assist in cases involving equine welfare, offering practical support and local insight. • Digital and Administrative Support: Skilled volunteers also manage key aspects of the charity's digital presence, including website maintenance, social media engagement, and financial record-keeping. The trustees are deeply grateful for the time, commitment, and expertise our volunteers bring. Their contributions are instrumental in delivering our charitable objectives and strengthening community resilience.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	Summary of Main Achievements and Impact Over the past year, the charity has made significant strides in delivering its mission, improving outcomes for beneficiaries and contributing to wider societal wellbeing across North Wales. Expanded Community Partnerships The charity has strengthened its network by building new relationships with third sector organisations, enhancing collaborative capacity and shared impact. Delivery of Rural Education Project Interactive rural awareness workshops were delivered to a wide range of organised groups, including Beavers, Brownies, Erilas Walled Garden, We mind the gap, Women's Institute, Pony Club, Rhyl High School, and Conwy youth groups. These sessions promoted understanding of rural life, safety, and wellbeing, reaching participants of all ages and abilities. Equine Crime Prevention and Welfare Support In partnership with North Wales Police, Horse Watch volunteers provided targeted crime prevention support to equine and rural communities. Activities included crime alerts via social media and community platforms, security marking of tack and equipment. Working with World Horse Welfare with welfare issues and direct engagement with issues such as fly grazing, horse abandonments, and highway safety. Strategic Development and Fundraising The charity continued to plan for future expansion, exploring new project opportunities and funding

		avenues to sustain and grow its impact. • Health, Wellbeing, and Sector Engagement Representatives attended both online and in-person health and wellbeing events, as well as national equine welfare meetings, ensuring the charity remains informed and connected to broader sector developments. • Road Safety Advocacy Joint initiatives with North Wales Police and the British Horse Society promoted road safety awareness for riders and drivers, contributing to safer rural travel environments. • Public Engagement and Outreach The charity maintained a strong presence at community events, raising awareness of both North Wales Horse Watch and the Rural Education Project, and encouraging public involvement. These achievements have directly benefited individuals and communities by improving safety, increasing rural awareness, and fostering social inclusion. The charity's work continues to deliver wider societal value through education, crime prevention, and collaborative action.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	One of the charity's key objectives for the year was to raise funds to support the delivery of educational workshops and community outreach. This included applying for grants, securing donations, and generating income through activities such as security marking sessions, the sale of crime prevention products, and raffles. The charity successfully met this objective by securing grant funding and generating income through targeted fundraising initiatives. These funds enabled the continuation and expansion of awareness sessions for organised groups, and sustained support for rural
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		and equine communities across North Wales.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising activities performed well against the targets set. The charity secured several successful grants and raised additional funds through community-led initiatives. This financial support allowed the charity to: • Deliver educational workshops and rural awareness sessions to diverse beneficiary groups • Maintain and expand equine crime prevention efforts • Continue collaborative work with North Wales Police and other welfare organisations • Plan and prepare for future project development into 2025 The trustees acknowledge the dedication of volunteers and supporters whose efforts made these achievements possible and remain committed to sustaining and growing the charity's impact in the coming year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year, North Wales Horse Watch held total funds of £comprising £729 in unrestricted reserves and £1,500 in restricted funds earmarked for equine welfare outreach.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	General reserves of a minimum of £1500 are required to continue the charity's objectives which are crime prevention, animal welfare and educating the public.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2229 Excluding fixed assets and stock
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	At the end of the reporting period, North Wales Horse Watch recorded a net deficit of £2,796 across its unrestricted funds. This arose due to planned asset purchases including a storage container (£3,000), Chromebooks (£200), and an awning (£720) which were funded from reserves held at the previous year-end. These purchases were essential to support the charity's operational capacity and outreach activities. The deficit does not reflect overspending beyond available resources, as the charity retained £2,230 in cash funds and £17,300 in tangible assets at year-end. Trustees are confident that the charity remains a going concern and will continue to operate sustainably, with future funding applications underway to replenish reserves and support ongoing programme delivery.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties about the charity at this time.

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	Grants and funding awards These include small grants from local authorities, community safety partnerships, and charitable foundations aligned with rural crime prevention, education, and wellbeing. Donations Received from individual supporters, local businesses, and community fundraising efforts. Services Modest contributions from educational
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		workshops, outreach events, and collaborative programmes. Sales and merchandise Income from branded items and awareness materials sold at events or online. The charity does not currently engage in large-scale public fundraising campaigns but continues to explore opportunities for sustainable income through partnerships and grant diversification.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Cash reserves are held in a standard UK bank account with no exposure to equities or financial instruments. The charity has not adopted a formal social investment policy but remains open to ethical investment opportunities that align with its charitable objectives, particularly those supporting rural resilience, education, and animal welfare.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees have identified key risks including funding volatility, governance transitions, and reliance on a small volunteer base. Mitigation measures include diversifying grant applications, maintaining clear financial documentation during trustee changes, and supporting volunteers with flexible roles and wellbeing resources. Safeguarding, asset management, and rural accessibility are also monitored through training, secure storage, and participant-focused logistics. Risks are reviewed annually to ensure the charity remains resilient and responsive.
Other		

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	CIO Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Elected by board of trustees

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	New trustees receive an induction pack including the charity's governing document, recent annual reports, safeguarding policy, and an overview of current projects. Informal mentoring is provided by existing trustees, and training is encouraged through local voluntary councils and online resources. Trustees are supported to understand their legal duties and the operational context of the charity's work in rural safety and education.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	North Wales Horse Watch is governed by a board of volunteer trustees who oversee strategic direction, compliance, and financial stewardship. Day-to-day activities are delivered by volunteers, with trustees often taking on operational roles. The charity collaborates with local police, community safety partnerships, rural crime teams, and other voluntary organisations through initiatives like Operation Gallop and the Rural Education Project. It also engages with national networks such as Horse Watch UK and regional equine welfare groups.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity has no related party transactions to declare. Trustees and volunteers are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest, and a register is maintained. Where collaborative projects involve other charities or public bodies, formal agreements or memoranda of understanding are used to ensure transparency and accountability.
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Wales Horse Watch
Other name the charity uses	Rural Education Project
Registered charity number	1192124
Charity's principal address	Glasfryn New road Summerhill Wrexham LL11 4ty

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	Helen Lacey	Chief Officer		
2	Linda O` Hare	Vice-Chair		
3	Carol Allen	Trustee		
4	Geoff Graham	Treasurer		
5	Fiona Futchner	Trustee		
6	Janet Jones	Trustee	Resigned 2024	
7	Dawn Roberts	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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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(s)	<i>HelenLacey</i>	Dawn Roberts
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Full name(s)	Helen Lacey	Dawn Roberts
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chief Executive	
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Date	03/11/2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
North Wales Horse Watch

No (if any)
1192124

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/1/2024

To

3/31/2025

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

funding (grants)	2,400	2,000	-	4,400	14,329
Donations	329	-	-	329	1,478
services	515	-	-	515	-
sales	276	-	-	276	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,520	2,000	-	5,520	15,807

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	3,520	2,000	-	5,520	15,807
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A3 Payments

DBS CHECKS	24	-	-	24	-
VEHICLE RUNNING COSTS	564	-	-	564	-
MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECTS	601	-	-	601	-
CHARITY INSURANCE	121	-	-	121	-
VEHICLE INSURANCE	288	-	-	288	-
VEHICLE TAX	82	-	-	82	-
FUEL (CHARITYVEHICLE)	627	-	-	627	-
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	742	-	-	742	-
UNIFORM	256			256	
WEBSITE, DOMAIN ANTIVIRUS	106			106	
HIRE OF VENUES	50			50	
EVENT FEES	41			41	
STATIONARY,MARKETING POSTAGE	138			138	
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES	54			54	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	249			249	
ANIMAL COSTS	138			138	
MEMBERSHIPS COUNCILS	151			151	
EQUIPMENT	80			80	
TRAINING COURSES	50	-	-	50	-
	4,362	-	-	4,362	12,761

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

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Total payments	4,362	-	-	4,362	12,761
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 842	2,000	-	1,158	3,046
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 842	2,000	-	1,158	3,046

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,229	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	HORSEBOX	LOTTERY	13,500	10,000
	CONTAINER	PACT (PART FUNDED)	3,000	3,000
	EQUITREK	PACT (PART FUNDED)	5,800	4,000
	AWNING	PCC	720	250
	PRINTER SCANNER	UNRESTRICTED	130	40
	SHELVING	UNRESTRICTED	230	100
	CHROMEBOOKS	UNRESTRICTED	200	80
	GENERATOR	PCC	849	500
TABLES	UNRESTRICTED	140	30	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Helen Lacey</i>	HELEN LACEY	11/3/2025
<i>Dawn Roberts</i>	DAWN ROBERTS	11/7/2025