



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2022 Period start date To 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary

Charity registration number: 1192209

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide a lifelong home for elderly equines and those with complex needs
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	The charity continued to provide a safe home for nine equines of age and complex care requirements and provided information and assistance to the public regarding care and welfare where requested along with associated fundraising activities via regular donations of goods, services, standing orders, and online sales of donated goods
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have conducted all charity affairs in accordance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission

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	Our volunteers made substantial contributions during the financial year by way of assistance with care of the equines and fundraising activities

Other		
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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	The charity has continued to ensure ongoing quality of life to its beneficiaries by ensuring that their welfare needs are attended to. Many of the charity's beneficiaries have complex care requirements which would not be easily met in a normal environment. The charity continued to provide support and advice to members of the public with welfare concerns about their own or other equines.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity did reasonably well during the 2022 financial year considering the effects of the increased costs due to the political situation with Russia and Ukraine. Cash donations and those of both goods and services remained on a par with 2021. Online sales were reduced due to a drop in both donated items and changes various selling platforms have made in the way they handle transactions which has affected public confidence in those sites, however we have taken up selling some items through a shop cabinet on a commission basis. Feed and bedding saw an increase in costs on the previous year due to national increases in the costs of these goods and services. Maintenance costs were increased in the year due to the overall increase in materials costs and the construction of a new timber field shelter, along with the continued upkeep of much of the fencing of the paddocks. With changes also being brought about to the BPS scheme due to Brexit, our payments this year were reduced and sadly the new scheme
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		following Brexit has once again reduced the qualifying payment amounts. We are fortunate to qualify for small charity exemption on our non domestic rates which saves the charity around £3,000 per annum. The trustees were pleased that we closed the year with no debts or liabilities outstanding.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Surplus funds of at least £500 to be transferred at the end of the financial year. Reserves are to be held in the event that fundraising yield drops below an amount sufficient to care for the equines for six months or in the event that they must be rehomed due to closure of the charity. Reserve fund level to be built up and maintained at not less than £5,000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	The charity's principle source of funds is via cash donations, donations of sundry supplies, and online sales of donated goods
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees consider that the principal risk facing the charity at the present time is the ongoing economic climate in the UK. The effects of this following the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequently the political situation between Russia and Ukraine have resulted in the public being less inclined to donate to charities in general due to lack of disposable income available
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
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected based on their knowledge of charity operation and law, and professional experience in both of those areas. Trustees are elected by way of proposal for nomination and majority vote at an AGM. No persons or bodies are entitled to appoint trustees unilaterally.

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	The board of trustees follows the Charity Commission guidelines for the induction of trustees including issuing on appointment a copy of the guidance publication "The essential Trustee"
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192209
Charity's principal address	Batts Bridge Park Down Street Piltdown East Sussex, TN22 3XU

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	Robert Bonnett	Chair		
2	Gordon Hall	Treasurer		
3	Sara Caton	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Rural Consultant	Robin Hobson	Laurence Gould Partnership

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

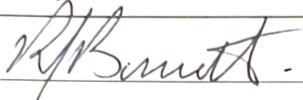
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	ROBERT JOHN BONNETT	SARA J. CATON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	Secretary
Date	24 October 2023.	

Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary

Regd Charity No. 1192209

Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Trustees

Robert Bonnett (Chair)

Sara Caton (Secretary)

Gordon Hall (Treasurer)

1.1.1 Receipts & Payments

Statement of Financial Activity, Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 22				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	9,958	0	9,958	8,702
Ebay Sales	218	0	218	256
BPS Payments	1,175	0	1,175	1,395
PayPal Giving Fund	0	0	0	604
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Commission Sales	345	0	345	0
TOTAL INCOME	11,696	0	11,696	10,957
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Animal Disposal (incl in Vet Fees)	0	0	0	0
Farrier/Vet/Medicines/Etc	2,928	0	2,928	2,626
Feed & Bedding	2,163	0	2,163	1,289
Website	0	0	0	25
Utilities	953	0	953	1,083
Rent of Premises	100	0	100	100
Insurance	1,081	0	1,081	997
Office Supplies	13	0	13	0
Maintenance/Machinery/Fuel/Etc	3,787	0	3,787	2,645
Sundry	157	0	157	173
Non Domestic Rates (Exempt)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,181	0	11,181	8,938
NET INCOME-EXPENDITURE	515	0	515	2,019
Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	515	0	515	2,019

1.1.2 Reconciliation of Accounts

Reconciliation of Funds, Financial Year To 31 Dec 22				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total	Total
Funds Brought Forward	1,551	-	1,551	1,921
Movement After Transfers	515	0	515	2,019
Total Funds Carried Forward	2,066	0	2,066	3,940

1.1.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Movements in Funds for the Financial Period To 31 Dec 22

Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01 Jan 22	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31 Dec 22
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Bank, Current Account	1,551	11,696	11,181	0	2,066
Petty Cash	726	638	158	0	1,206
PayPal Account	254	0	94	0	160
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds	2,531	12,334	11,433	0	3,432
Debtors {Unreconciled Income}	0				0
Creditors {Unreconciled Expenditure}	0				0
Net Cash Funds	2,531				3,432
Non-Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01-Jan-22	Additions in Period	Disposals in Period	Depr/Revals in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31-Dec-22
Assets	12,181	0		-2,570	9,611
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Funds	12,181	0	0	-2,570	9,611
Total Funds (Net)	14,712				13,043

1.1.4 Balance Sheet as at 31-Dec-22

Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 22

	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
Assets	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total £	Total £
Tangible assets	11,077	0	11,077	12,181
Other assets	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Assets	11,077	0	11,077	12,181
Cash				
Cash at bank and in hand	3,432	0	3,432	3,857
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Creditors {Due within one yr}	0	0	0	0
Net Cash	3,432	0	3,432	3,857
Total assets less current liabilities	14,509	0	14,509	16,038
Total Fixed Assets	11,077	0	11,077	12,181
Total Current Assets	3,432	0	3,432	3,857
Current Funds			14,509	16,038

1.1.5 **Approval of the Board of Trustees**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Bonnett', written over the 'Name' label.

Date:

24 OCTOBER 2023

1.2 Notes to the Accounts

a) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.

No Trustees received any reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the financial year.

b) Salaries & Professional Fees

No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.

In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors.

c) Fixed Assets

The charity has not purchased or disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;

d) Creditors & Debtors

Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.

e) Rounding Discrepancies

All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.