



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 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 eleven 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 not undertake as many fundraising events in 2023 as previous years due to a variety of factors and therefore cash donations were not as high as previous years. During the year the trustees undertook a review of fundraising practices and made some changes which will be implemented in the following years. One of the issues for 2023 has been eBay and the change over to managed payments, which required substantial correspondence with eBay. The commission sales were however still a profitable enterprise. Feed and bedding costs have continued to rise, although with some adjustments to regimes, increases to costs were minimised. Maintenance costs in the year were minimal, partly thanks to the works carried out in previous years to ensure the longevity of our buildings and equipment. The trustees are pleased to have been able to increase the reserve fund held to £1000 during the year, partly thanks to a very generous legacy received in December.
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		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	£1,000
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

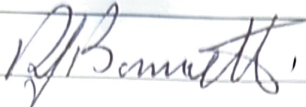
N/A

Other optional information

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	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	27 - OCTOBER 2024.	

Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary

Regd Charity No. 1192209

Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Trustees

Robert Bonnett (Chair)

Sara Caton (Secretary)

Gordon Hall (Treasurer)

1.1.1 Receipts & Payments

Statement of Financial Activity, Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 23				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	3,388	0	3,388	9,958
Ebay Sales	0	0	0	218
BPS Payments	1,883	0	1,883	1,175
PayPal Giving Fund	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Legacies	48,213	0	48,213	0
Commission Sales (Petty Cash)	663	0	663	345
TOTAL INCOME	54,147	0	54,147	11,696
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Farrier/Vet/Medicines/Etc	2,315	0	2,315	2,928
Feed & Bedding	2,150	0	2,150	2,163
Website	0	0	0	0
Utilities	1,378	0	1,378	953
Rent of Premises	170	0	170	100
Insurance	0	0	0	1,081
Office Supplies	0	0	0	13
Maintenance/Machinery/Fuel/Etc	262	0	262	3,787
Sundry	145	0	145	157
Non Domestic Rates (Exempt)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,420	0	6,420	11,181
NET INCOME-EXPENDITURE	47,727	0	47,727	515
Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	47,727	0	47,727	515

1.1.2 Reconciliation of Accounts

Reconciliation of Funds, Financial Year To 31 Dec 23				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total	Total
Funds Brought Forward	2,081	-	2,081	1,551
Movement After Transfers	47,727	0	47,727	515
Total Funds Carried Forward	49,808	0	49,808	2,066

1.1.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Movements in Funds for the Financial Period To 31 Dec 23					
Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01 Jan 23	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31 Dec 23
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Bank, Current Account	2,081	51,038	3,978	0	49,141
Petty Cash	384	663	796	0	251
PayPal Account	0	0	0	0	0
Donated Goods	0	2,446	2,446	0	0
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds	2,465	54,147	7,220	0	49,392
Debtors {Unreconciled Income}	0				0
Creditors {Unreconciled Expenditure}	0				0
Net Cash Funds	2,465				49,392
Non-Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01-Jan-23	Additions in Period	Disposals in Period	Depr/Revals in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31-Dec-23
Assets	11,077	0	0	-1,104	9,973
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Funds	11,077	0	0	-1,104	9,973
Total Funds (Net)	13,542				59,365

1.1.4 Balance Sheet as at 31-Dec-23

Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 23				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total £	Total £
Assets				
Tangible assets	9,973	0	9,973	11,077
Other assets	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Assets	9,973	0	9,973	11,077
Cash				
Cash at bank and in hand	49,392	0	49,392	3,432
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Creditors {Due within one yr}	0	0	0	0
Net Cash	49,392	0	49,392	14,509
Total assets less current liabilities	59,365	0	59,365	25,586
Total Fixed Assets	9,973	0	9,973	11,077
Total Current Assets	49,392	0	49,392	3,432
Current Funds			59,365	14,509

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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

27th Oct 2024

Date:

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.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name:

Wealden Horse and Pony Sanctuary

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1192209

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page number of the report)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**

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:

27/10/24

Name:

Nick Johnson

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

Address:

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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.