



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 Period start date To 31/12/2024 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 twelve 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 2024 as previous years, although we finished the year with a large quantity of donated goods to be listed on eBay and other online platforms which we hope will generate good income. Following the generous legacy received in 2023, the year and funds were put to good use in dramatically improving the facilities at the sanctuary for the equines; particularly the winter facilities as we are on clay which becomes almost unusable in winter. We now have two lovely concrete yards with cover and feeders, a smaller yard with a field shelter in one of the winter paddocks, a purpose built hay barn fully stocked with hay, and toilet facilities for volunteers. We have also been fortunate enough to secure planning permission for a mobile home, which means that we can now have two volunteers living on site which has been absolutely invaluable with several equines coming (and sadly departing), some requiring intensive
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		daily care which has been so much easier and safer with people living on site. The trustees were pleased that we closed the year with no debts or liabilities outstanding, and the main focus going forward
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	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	Although a substantial sum was spent on improving facilities for care of the equines – along with a few large vet bills – which meant that on paper we spent more than we generated in the period, no funds were materially in deficit at the year end
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 continue to consider that the principal risk facing the charity at the present time is the ongoing economic climate in the UK. The effects of the rising cost of living have hit the charity sector hard with people having less disposable income to donate to such causes, coupled with the drive by government and businesses to do away with cash in favour of digital/online methods of payment means that less people carry cash which has led the trustees to determine that historically profitable sources of fundraising such as in person events, stalls, and

		collection boxes in shops are no longer viable as sources of income
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

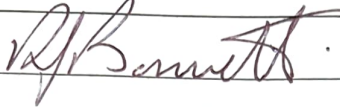
Other optional information

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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 BENNETT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR-	
Date	29-10-2025.	

Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary

Regd Charity No. 1192209

Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees

Robert Bonnett (Chair)

Sara Caton (Secretary)

Gordon Hall (Treasurer)

1.1.1 Receipts & Payments

Statement of Financial Activity, Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 24				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	1,375	0	1,375	3,388
Ebay Sales	0	0	0	0
BPS Payments	1,819	0	1,819	1,883
PayPal Giving Fund	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Legacies	5,933	0	5,933	48,213
Commission Sales (Petty Cash)	0	0	0	663
TOTAL INCOME	9,127	0	9,127	54,147
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Farrier/Vet/Medicines/Etc	5,032	0	5,032	2,315
Feed & Bedding	1,689	0	1,689	2,150
Website	130	0	130	0
Utilities	862	0	862	1,378
Rent of Premises	100	0	100	170
Insurance	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/Machinery/Fuel/Etc	1,487	0	1,487	262
Sundry	1,061	0	1,061	145
Equipment & Supplies	1,862	0	1,862	0
Buildings	37,767	0	37,767	0
Maintenance	3,261	0	3,261	0
Non Domestic Rates	1,720	0	1,720	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	54,971	0	54,971	11,181
NET INCOME-EXPENDITURE	-45,844	0	-45,844	42,966
Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-45,844	0	-45,844	42,966

1.1.2 Reconciliation of Accounts

Reconciliation of Funds, Financial Year To 31 Dec 24				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total	Total
Funds Brought Forward	42,966	-	42,966	2,081
Movement After Transfers	-45,844	0	-45,844	47,727
Total Funds Carried Forward	-2,878	0	-2,878	49,808

1.1.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Movements in Funds for the Financial Period To 31 Dec 24					
Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01 Jan 24	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31 Dec 24
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Bank, Current Account	49,944	9,129	54,971	0	4,102
Petty Cash	663	0	0	0	663
PayPal Account	0	0	0	0	0
Donated Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash Funds	50,607	9,129	54,971	0	4,765
Debtors {Unreconciled Income}	0				0
Creditors {Unreconciled Expenditure}	0				0
Net Cash Funds	50,607				4,765
Non-Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01-Jan-24	Additions in Period	Disposals in Period	Depr/Revals in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31-Dec-24
Assets	9,973	800	0	992	9,781
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Funds	9,973	800	0	992	9,781
Total Funds (Net)	60,580				14,546

1.1.4 Balance Sheet as at 31-Dec-24

Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 24				
Assets	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total £	Total £
Tangible assets	9,781	0	9,781	9,973
Other assets	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Cash Assets	9,781	0	9,781	9,973
Cash				
Cash at bank and in hand	4,765	0	4,765	49,392
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Creditors {Due within one yr}	0	0	0	0
Net Cash	4,765	0	4,765	59,365
Total assets less current liabilities	14,546	0	14,546	69,338
Total Fixed Assets	9,781	0	9,781	9,973
Total Current Assets	4,765	0	4,765	49,392
Current Funds			14,546	59,365

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 'R. Bonnett', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Date: 29-10-2025

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.