



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Charity name:** Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue

**Charity registration number:** 1194050

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | <p>For the benefit of the public:</p> <p>A to rescue, rehabilitate and release wild animals who need assistance due to being sick, injured or orphaned providing medical care, relief of pain and suffering and suitable rehabilitation facilities for all British wildlife</p> <p>B. the provision of advice and education to the public to advance and promote the appreciation, respect and welfare of British wildlife</p> <p>C. To provide an emergency animal rescue service responding to members of the public in need of assistance to find a wild animal in distress</p> |
| 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 | <p>We operate a 24/7 Wildlife Ambulance service.</p> <p>We also operate a rehabilitation centre between 9am and 10pm</p> <p>All rescues and admissions are generated by a call from a member of the public who have found wildlife that is sick, injured or orphaned.</p> <p>We also offer advice over the phone to anyone who calls us, where the animal may just need monitoring or referral elsewhere.</p>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          | <p>The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                  | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making                                           | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      |  |
| Other                                                            |                |  |

**Achievements and Performance**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 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      | <p>Our post 48 hour success rate with Deer is over 80%.</p> <p>Worked closely with vets – educate each other, sharing best practices.</p> <p>Reviewed and improved our working practices to ensure that they remained appropriate and relevant to deliver the best possible outcomes.</p> <p>Improved specialist protocols for a variety of species.</p> <p>Worked closely with other organisations – other wildlife centres and police (road traffic accidents).</p> <p>Recruited and trained many new volunteers.</p> <p>Organised and ran two large fundraising events which provide community activities, engagement and education.</p> |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                              |           |  |
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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period            | Para 1.21 | <p>OWR accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis as income is &lt;£250k.</p> <p>The charity ended the year with a gross annual income of £249.9k (PY £169.9k) and receipts, net of expenses totalling £69.3k (PY £12.4k)</p> <p>£161.8k of the gross annual income was unrestricted of which 85% £137.6k was generated from donations. 3% £4.5k, came from fundraising and the remaining 12% was from grants of £1.8k, and £17.8k related to reclaiming gift aid from HMRC.</p> <p>A total of £88.1k (PY £7.9k) from the annual income related to restricted income (before expenses incurred).</p> <p>Of the closing cash balance of £87.1k (PY£17.7k) is analysed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- £74.4k is restricted. £62.3k relates to a fundraising project to purchase land for our future home. This project is still ongoing at the time of report submission. The remainder £12.1k comprises of a £11.2k grant and £1k donations for a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance which was purchased in Sept 2024.</li> <li>- £6.7k (PY £1k) reserves</li> <li>- £5.9k (PY £9.3k) ongoing operations</li> </ul> <p>Expenditure predominantly came from ongoing running costs and wages.</p> <p>Fixed assets capitalised and depreciated amounted to £28.7k written down value, £14.9k of which were purchased in the 2023/24 FY. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis, over 5 years for all assets. We have no freehold or leasehold property.</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The Trustees have identified optimum level of reserves to be calculated to be between the minimum level up to the equivalent of six months of unrestricted operating costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Amount of reserves held                                                        | Para 1.22 | £6.7k reserves are held at end of 2023/24 an increase of £5.7k from 2022/23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                              | Para 1.22 | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                          | Para 1.24 | No fund deficit has been identified.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | Reducing any going concern uncertainties continues to be a priority in future years by identifying further income streams, such as increasing grants, to strengthen reserves and improve resilience.<br>Recent changes in Government policy regarding minimum wages and employers NI rates will put significant pressure during 2025/26 |
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 |  |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |  |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 |  |
| Other                                                                           |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | We have a constitution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | We are a 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 | <p>Trustees can be nominated by any Trustee/the Founders – decision made as per other decisions within our constitution – by majority.</p> <p>Our constitution uses the standard constitution provided by the Charity Commission:</p> <p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue                     |
| Other name the charity uses |                                                 |
| Registered charity number   | 1194050                                         |
| Charity's principal address | Woodway Road,<br>Blewbury<br>Didcot<br>OX11 9HW |
|                             |                                                 |

### **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  | Joanna Pyle     | Chair           |                                   |                                                               |
| 2  | Suzanne Clough  | Treasurer       |                                   |                                                               |
| 3  | Katey Buscombe  |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 4  | Annaliese Byard |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 5  | Susan Renn      |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 6  |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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| 18 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 19 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 20 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

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                                                                               | None |
| 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 |
|-----------------|------|---------|
|                 |      |         |
|                 |      |         |
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#### 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

N/A

## Other optional information

N/A

## 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)                          | Joanna Pyle                                                                       |  |
| Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair                                                                             |  |
| Date                                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025                                                         |  |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

1st April 2023

To

31st March 2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Donations                                             | 137,560                                      | 61,857                                  | -                                      | 199,417                         | 134,517                       |
| Fundraising                                           | 4,555                                        | 8,700                                   | -                                      | 13,256                          | 19,322                        |
| Grants                                                | 1,850                                        | 11,529                                  | -                                      | 13,379                          | 7,211                         |
| Sponsorship                                           | -                                            | 80                                      | -                                      | 80                              | -                             |
| Misc / Refunds                                        | 17,854                                       | 5,969                                   | -                                      | 23,823                          | 8,891                         |
|                                                       | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)                | 161,819                                      | 88,135                                  | -                                      | 249,954                         | 169,941                       |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
|                                                       | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | 161,819                                      | 88,135                                  | -                                      | 249,954                         | 169,941                       |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Wages                                                 | 107,516                                      | -                                       | -                                      | 107,516                         | 61,463                        |
| Patient Food                                          | 4,437                                        | 1,166                                   | -                                      | 5,603                           | 4,315                         |
| Rent & Bills                                          | 27,192                                       | 248                                     | -                                      | 27,440                          | 34,237                        |
| Medical                                               | 5,483                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 5,483                           | 2,357                         |
| Ambulance / Fuel                                      | 3,754                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 3,754                           | 5,214                         |
| Hospital / Rehab area                                 | 6,051                                        | 1,091                                   | -                                      | 7,142                           | 22,706                        |
| Fundraising                                           | 2,429                                        | 4,620                                   | -                                      | 7,049                           | 10,282                        |
| Staff / Volunteer Fuel                                | 2,501                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 2,501                           | 2,081                         |
| Staff / Volunteer Refreshment                         | 224                                          | -                                       | -                                      | 224                             | -                             |
| Admin                                                 | 2,800                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 2,800                           | 916                           |
| Misc                                                  | 6,639                                        | 401                                     | -                                      | 7,040                           | 75                            |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 155,749                                      | 6,724                                   | -                                      | 162,472                         | 143,648                       |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                                              |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Fixed Assets                                          | 522                                          | 17,594                                  | -                                      | 18,116                          | 13,827                        |
|                                                       | -                                            | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 522                                          | 17,594                                  | -                                      | 18,116                          | 13,827                        |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | 156,271                                      | 24,318                                  | -                                      | 180,588                         | 157,474                       |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | 5,548                                        | 63,817                                  | -                                      | 69,366                          | 12,466                        |
| A5 Transfers between funds                            | -                                            | 3,813                                   | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| A6 Cash funds last year end                           | 10,531                                       | 7,211                                   | -                                      | 17,742                          | 5,275                         |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | 12,266                                       | 74,841                                  | -                                      | 87,108                          | 17,741                        |

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## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories    | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash at Bank                                           | 5,536                              | 74,841                           | -                               |
|               | Reserves                                               | 6,730                              | -                                | -                               |
|               |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>12,266</b>                      | <b>74,841</b>                    | <b>-</b>                        |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) |                                    |                                  |                                 |

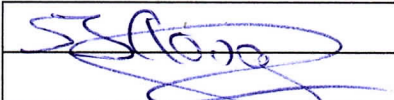
|                          | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

|                      | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|                                              | Details                      | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Assets BfV from Previous yrs |                             | 21,627          | 13,780                   |
|                                              | Purchased 2023/24            | Restricted                  | 17,594          | 14,439                   |
|                                              | Purchased 2023/24            | Unrestricted                | 522             | 479                      |
|                                              |                              |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                              |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                              |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                              |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                              |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                              |                             | -               | -                        |

|                | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

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

| Signature                                                                           | Print Name | Date of approval |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
OXFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE RESCUE

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1194050

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

20/1/2025

Name:

E. S. Winfield

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

Chartered Accountant

Address:

111 Colston House, 111 Colston Lane  
Oxford, Oxfordshire  
OX10 6HP

### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.