



Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust Annual Report 2024

Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1194208

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2024



The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name

Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust

Charity registration number

1194208

Principal office

Flat 7
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Salford
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United Kingdom

The trustees

Akiva Heilpern
Aryeh Schonberg
Neil Berman (appointed 19.9.25)

Independent examiner

Gary Harris
Brulimar House
Jubilee Road,
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Manchester
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Structure, Governance and management

Year ended 31 December 2024



The charity was registered on the 23th April 2021, as a charitable incorporated organisation(CIO). It has three trustees.

The charity offers Animal assisted Therapy (AAT) to the local community. AAT is a guided interaction with animals aimed at utilising their positive and non-judgmental qualities to facilitate human wellbeing may it be social, emotional, physical or behavioural.

The types of animals used in our intervention schemes depend on the therapeutic goals of the individuals treatment plan and can range from a dwarf bunny to a Shetland pony.

The goals of Animal Assisted Therapy programs include:

- Improving motor skills and joint movement
- Increasing verbal communication and self esteem
- Developing social skills
- Providing a positive outlook on life
- Combating depression and anxiety
- Providing non-judgemental companionship for those in need
- Teaching traits of empathy and nurturing skills



Structure, Governance and management

Year ended 31 December 2024



What are the benefits of AAT therapy?

AAT therapy builds on the pre-existing human-animal bond. Interacting with a friendly animal can help many physical and mental issues. It can help reduce blood pressure and improve overall cardiovascular health. It can also release endorphins that produce a calming effect. This can help alleviate pain, reduce stress, and improve one's overall psychological state.

The charity uses the name of Seven Shepherds Farm, and it is proud to be servicing the community on various fronts.

With a focus on providing a both safe and recreational setting for mainstream children who can benefit from the positive effects of bonding with animals in a one on one or group session, we are proud to see incredible interaction and interest from the children.

Additionally, we offer one on one animal assisted therapy sessions for struggling children and young adults going through emotional, behavioural, and social difficulties. These too have been proved to be very effective and resulting in great change and advancement in the many individuals we take under our care.

Objectives and activities

To provide an animal sanctuary in the greater Manchester area for individuals, groups, and schools in the form of animal therapy treatment to promote relief from sickness suffering, and mental health. To relieve sickness, suffering and distress and to promote good health, especially but not exclusively amongst children and elderly people, through the advancement of education in relationships between people and companion animals.

Achievements and Performance



The Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust received £17,884 (2023: £44,242) in donations and grants for the year. Charitable expenditure was £23,175 (2023: £35,739). The total balance on the accumulated fund at year end was £194,812 (2023: £60,452). The trustees are aware of the reduction in donations received from the previous year. This was due to the site used for the purposes of its charitable activities becoming contaminated and therefore not fit for use. Since the year end, this site has been sold and a new site acquired.

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the activity and surplus of the charity. The impact is being felt within the community and positive feedback has been received. The trustees are satisfied with the progress and establishment of the charity.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 9 October 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Neil Berman

Neil Berman
Trustee



Independent Examiners Statement

Year ended 31 December 2024



I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

Gary Harris
Independent Examiner
Brulimar House
Jubilee Road,
Middleton,
Manchester
England
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9 October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2024



		2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	17,884	17,884	44,242
Charitable activities	5	—	—	250
Total income		<u>17,884</u>	<u>17,884</u>	<u>44,492</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	23,175	23,175	35,740
Total expenditure		<u>23,175</u>	<u>23,175</u>	<u>35,740</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(5,291)</u>	<u>(5,291)</u>	<u>8,752</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		60,452	60,452	51,700
Total funds carried forward		<u>55,161</u>	<u>55,161</u>	<u>60,452</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Statement of Financial Position

Year ended 31 December 2024



	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	196,057	57,523
Current assets			
Debtors	13	1,335	2,050
Cash at bank and in hand		315	2,420
		<u>1,650</u>	<u>4,470</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>1,995</u>	<u>720</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(345)</u>	<u>3,750</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		195,712	61,273
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>900</u>	<u>821</u>
Net assets		<u>194,812</u>	<u>60,452</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		139,651	—
Other unrestricted income funds		<u>55,161</u>	<u>60,452</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>194,812</u>	<u>60,452</u>
Total charity funds	16	<u>194,812</u>	<u>60,452</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 9 October 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

n Berman

Neil Berman
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024



1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Brullimar House, Jubilee road, Middleton, Manchester, M24 2LX, United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements did not require management to make judgements, estimates or assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)



Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)



An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)



Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)



4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations				
Donations Received	17,884	17,884	34,242	34,242
Grants	—	—	10,000	10,000
	<u>17,884</u>	<u>17,884</u>	<u>44,242</u>	<u>44,242</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gain/loss on disposal of tangible asset	—	—	250	250
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Operating costs	22,596	22,596	34,420	34,420
Support costs	579	579	1,320	1,320
	<u>23,175</u>	<u>23,175</u>	<u>35,740</u>	<u>35,740</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)



7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
Operating costs	22,596	–	22,596	34,420
Governance costs	–	579	579	1,320
	<u>22,596</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>23,175</u>	<u>35,740</u>

8. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,118</u>	<u>1,118</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>900</u>	<u>720</u>

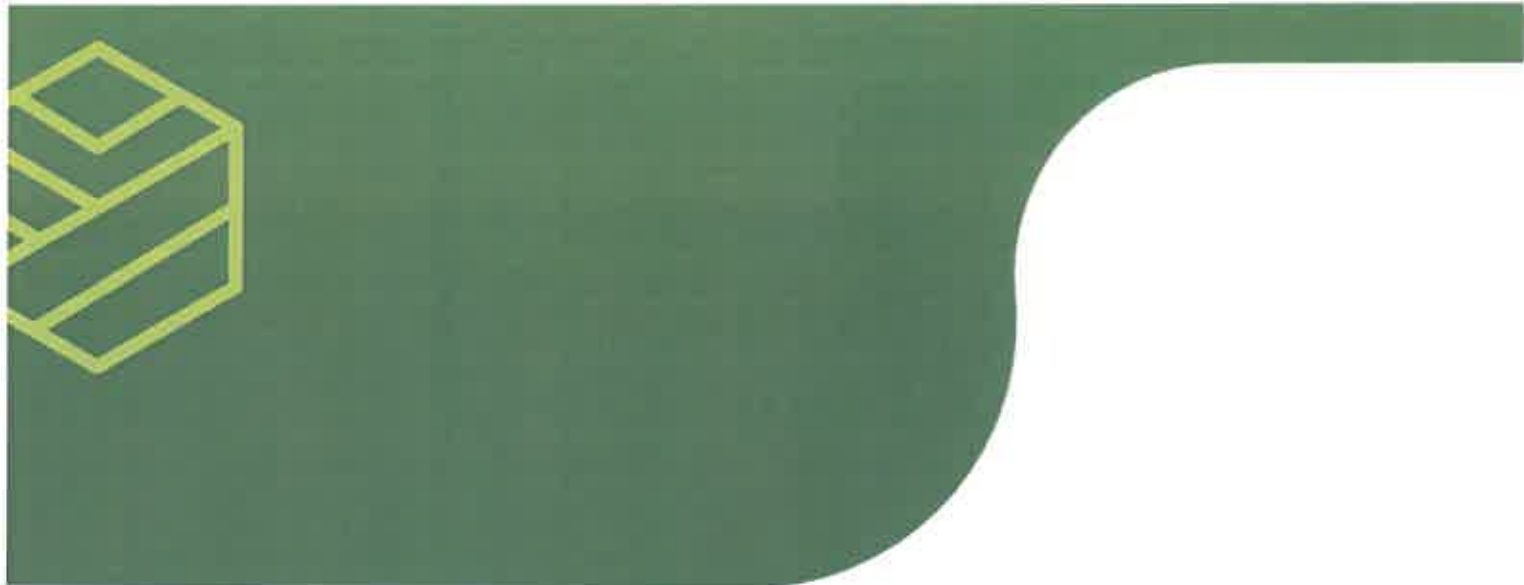
10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2023: 2).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.



12. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property £	Motor vehicles £	Farm Animals £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	50,349	4,470	4,940	59,759
Revaluations	139,651	—	—	139,651
At 31 December 2024	<u>190,000</u>	<u>4,470</u>	<u>4,940</u>	<u>199,410</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	—	2,235	—	2,235
Charge for the year	—	1,118	—	1,118
At 31 December 2024	<u>—</u>	<u>3,353</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,353</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	<u>190,000</u>	<u>1,117</u>	<u>4,940</u>	<u>196,057</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>50,349</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>4,940</u>	<u>57,524</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	<u>1,335</u>	<u>2,050</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,995</u>	<u>720</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>900</u>	<u>821</u>



16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 202 4	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	60,452	17,884	(23,175)	–	55,161
Revaluation reserve	–	–	–	139,651	139,651
	<u>60,452</u>	<u>17,884</u>	<u>(23,175)</u>	<u>139,651</u>	<u>194,812</u>

	At 1 January 202 3	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	51,700	44,492	(35,740)	–	60,452
Revaluation reserve	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>51,700</u>	<u>44,492</u>	<u>(35,740)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>60,452</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	56,406	56,406
Current assets	1,650	1,650
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,995)	(1,995)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(900)	(900)
Net assets	<u>55,161</u>	<u>55,161</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	57,523	57,523
Current assets	4,470	4,470
Creditors less than 1 year	(720)	(720)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(821)	(821)
Net assets	<u>60,452</u>	<u>60,452</u>

Mission Statement

Reaching hearts, changing lives

Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust delivers Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) that improves emotional and mental health for children, teens, and vulnerable people. Our approach helps participants build confidence, strengthen social skills, and develop lasting emotional resilience through guided interaction with animals and nature.



Endorsements

Animal Assisted Therapy is a known and effective intervention for a wide range of developmental and emotional disorders. The physical, mental and psychological gains have tremendous therapeutic benefits. I plan to refer many clients to this new and innovated service.

MD Kantor - Pathways

As someone who has witnessed first-hand, the benefits that expressive therapies bring to children's lives, I full heartedly endorse this ambitious project. Therapies such as these, help children get in touch with inner world enabling them to find their inner resources to overcome challenges that can stymie their growth. I wish everyone involved much Hatzlacha and look forward to building partnerships with this unique organisation.

Robbi Y J Pearlman - Broughton Jewish Primary School

I have become quite convinced of the high benefits of AAT. Given the rising numbers of children and young people with mental health issues and learning difficulties this project is very welcome. Once in place, I believe that this project will have a wider appeal – as an oasis of calm and comfort for individuals of all ages seeking to shed their anxieties, hypertension and stresses.

Nava Kestenbaum - Interlink Manchester

It is well known that having a pet to cuddle and to care for and for the child to consider as a personal friend, totally unthreatening, can instil within the child self-confidence and feelings of empathy towards others which were lacking previously. I look forward to being part of this great step forward in the education of our children and thank you all profusely for all your efforts in advancing this project.

R. Eli Cohen - Etz Chaim



Interlink



Case Studies



Reuven's Story

At eight, Reuven never stopped moving. His mind raced faster than his body, and his energy spilled into frustration, tears, and silence. Teachers called him "distracted" and "restless." At home, his parents watched helplessly, loving his spunk but fearing the storm.

A friend suggested Woodland Wellbeing. Therapy with animals. It sounded strange. Unpredictable. Too soft, too uncertain. But something in them said: try.

The first time Reuven met Max, a gentle therapy pony, something shifted. The boy who couldn't sit still, paused. He brushed Max's coat, led him slowly, and felt the warmth of another heartbeat beside his own. No charts. No lectures. Just presence. And bit by bit, patience, trust, and calm began to take root.

At home, mornings grew quieter. Small victories in focus and effort appeared in school reports. At the dinner table, laughter returned. A quiet confidence settled, unseen but unmistakable.

By the year's end, Reuven was transformed. The boy who never stopped moving had learned to relax, to breathe, and to connect.



Our Goals

1. Grow Confidence:

Children build patience, empathy, and resilience through hands-on experiences with our animals—learning to care, follow routines, and manage emotions in real time.

2. Train More Guides:

We equip new therapists with the skills to bring animal-assisted therapy to more children, spreading care, calm, and connection across the region.

3. Open the Gates:

Community days welcome families, schools, and local groups to experience the farm, meet the animals, and see therapy in action.

4. Expand the Farm:

Renovate, add animals, and create new spaces for activities—turning the farm into an even richer place for learning, growth, and joy.

5. Stronger Together:

Partner with schools, special needs services, and social care teams across Greater Manchester to nurture wellbeing and build a more connected community.

Statement from the Chair – Aryeh Schonberg



“Reflecting on the progress of Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust fills me with immense pride and gratitude. This year, we have witnessed firsthand the life-changing impact that Animal Assisted Therapy brings to children, teens, and adults. With each session, we see individuals flourish—whether a child who finds their voice through interaction with gentle animals or a teen struggling with self-confidence who learns to connect and trust.

The therapeutic bond between humans and animals is profound, and our charity is dedicated to nurturing this connection. Our success this year has only strengthened our resolve to expand our outreach, particularly with the new equine therapy initiative. As we look ahead, our goal is to increase our impact, offering more sessions, expanding our facilities, and bringing on additional skilled therapists. Together, we are building a sanctuary of hope, healing, and growth for all who seek it.”





Objectives and activities:

The Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust operates an animal assisted therapy farm in Greater Manchester, providing animal-assisted therapy to support mental health, emotional resilience, and overall wellbeing. The Trust is dedicated to relieving distress and fostering positive, nurturing relationships between people and animals. Its work particularly benefits children and vulnerable individuals through therapeutic and educational programs designed to build confidence, connection, and care. In 2025, the Woodland Wellbeing Charitable Trust plans to relocate to Greylands Farm on Lumns Lane, Swinton, Manchester. This historic four-acre property, long held by the same family, is envisioned to become a fully equipped therapeutic and community centre. The move represents a significant step toward expanding the Trust's mission, offering enhanced facilities, outdoor spaces, and dedicated therapy environments to better serve the community.



As part of this expansion, we hope to:

- Renovate and adapting the farm's facilities for therapeutic use
- Purchase new equipment to support its growing programs
- Train additional therapists to meet increased community need
- Extend services to more children, families, and local groups
- Introduce community days, allowing visitors to engage with the animals and experience the benefits of nature-based therapy firsthand

This development marks a significant milestone in the Trust's ongoing mission to provide accessible, compassionate, and effective animal-assisted therapy throughout Greater Manchester.





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