

Charity registration number: 1194516



Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue

(A charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).)

Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects:

1. For the benefit of the public to further the conservation and preservation of the Hedgehog and other small wild mammal species
2. For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering and distress of hedgehogs and other small wild mammals who are sick, injured or orphaned and in need of care and attention by providing a rescue, care and rehabilitation service with the aim of releasing such mammals back into the wild whenever possible
3. To advance the education of the public in the study of hedgehogs and small wild mammals as to their care, methods of treatment, research, conservation and habitat

The objectives, activities, achievements and performance sections of this report clearly set out the activities which the charity undertakes for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act, 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by The Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity.

Principal activity

Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured or orphaned native hedgehogs and small wild mammals back to their natural environment. We carry out actions to conserve habitats and engage children and communities with the 5 pathways of nature connection play and awareness raising activities. We work with wildlife organisations and vets

Achievements and performance

The ongoing effects of human actions, habitat loss, climate extremes and unsustainable agricultural practices continue to have a devastating impact on British wildlife. The period 2024 into 2025 replicated the previous year's compliment of hedgehogs very often admitted in an emaciated, dehydrated and unstable condition, clearly unable to find sufficient nourishment to survive. This is now beyond simply being a 'worrying trend'.

We are pleased that we are now able to offer treatment and care to all small british native wild mammals and we wish to add more species to our list including potentially voles, shrews, moles and leverets etc eventually developing to foxes and badgers

This year's highlight was the erection and fitting out of our new treatment centre building complete with triage/microscope/oxygenator, incubators, kitchen, veterinary grade small mammal pods and storage cupboards and worktops

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Our outreach education talk 'The Life of a Hedgehog' ran numerous events raising awareness in schools and the local community

The Board of Trustees and the Charity's Management team are proud that in our care many hedgehogs and small wild mammals were successfully rehabilitated and returned to their natural habitats. However our team is just part of a wider one consisting of the people who keep us afloat; our benefactors and patrons who continue to donate to our charity and our students and volunteers for give their time and care too. We are, ofcourse, deeply grateful to the rescuers who discover a sick, collapsed or injured hedgehog or wild mammal and stop to pick them up instead of walking past, then keep them warm and find help. You are my hero's, all of you, without you so much wildlife would be lost.

Veterinary Support

We do not currently have a permanent in house vet but we have built up a mutually beneficial relationship with Elliott Payne, Veterinary Surgeon with Mounts Bay Veterinary Surgery and team. We accept referrals from our vet and we make appointments to them for small wild mammals

Impacts and Outcomes Summary

Wild Mammal Admissions

In 2024 we admitted and treated 106 wild mammals referred from members of the public, veterinary clinics, Cornwall RSPCA and other local hedgehog rescues. We have noticed a marked improvement on our hedgehog release rates compared to previous years which we attribute to adopting the research findings of Van de Leyer et al into the medication and protocols of roundworm and lungworm in hedgehogs. We wish to note that we place great importance on our attendance at the bi annual International Hedgehog Conference each January when the latest pertinent research on hedgehog survival and rehabilitation is delivered.

We have invested in two more in-patient incubators that can be pressed into use for neonates and any mammal requiring warmth, syringe feeds and 24 hours special care at home, ensuring continuous care beyond regular admission hours.

Wild Mammal Patients Facilities

- Construction of our new building in Sennen, Penzance by A 1 Construction including erection of concrete plinth, boarding out and gloss cladding
- Electricity supplied by solar panels and water via underwater spring serving an Ariston boiler supplied and fitted by DT Electrical/Plumbase.
- Kitchen units, sink, worktops and an ICU area unit supplied by Howdens and Jewsons and fitted by Mark Chapman.
- Insulation and sundries supplied by Leswidden Building Supplies
- St Just and flooring supplied by Kernow Carpets and fitted by Jill Dodds.

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- Twenty new subsidised veterinary grade cages installed by Poltec Ltd and funded by a very successful Crowdfunder and live match funding by Aviva Community employees (raising £10,315)
- The purchase of two more in patient incubators that can be used for neonates and any mammal requiring warmth, syringe feeds and 24 hours special care at home, ensuring continuous care beyond regular admission hours
- New resources including; printer/scanner, nebuliser box, thermal imaging camera (kindly donated by Penzance Community Fire Station) and an infra red thermometer

Despite having to close while this work was completed we admitted 94 hedgehogs, 4 wild rabbit kits and 6 wood mice and answered 329 telephone calls. This was our first year for admitting all small wild mammals.

In 2024 patient admissions saw a sharp rise in numbers of hedgehogs admitted due to human related causes including strimmer injuries, road casualty accidents and dog attacks highlighting the need to stress how important preventative actions can be to the species

Education and Training

"The Life of a Hedgehog Talk" presentation was delivered in person at numerous public events including The Pixel, Penzance, Bosavern Community Fair, Pendeen W.I. and during our Hedgehog Awareness Week event at The Queens Hotel in Penzance

An induction training presentation has recently been written for all new volunteer Wildlife Carers.

Essential training includes updating safeguarding in schools and colleges/NSPCC online CPD and updating of enhanced disclosure/DBS for the Manager to comply with our safeguarding policy and attending CPD British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council online training to comply with our registration

Social media continues to be at the heart of our public awareness educational strategy including daily diary posts. Work is currently being undertaken to launch our brand new website during summer of 2025

We look forward to attending the International Hedgehog Rehabilitators Conference in Copenhagen in January 2026

We gave an interview sharing our charities work, hedgehog decline and how we can help hedgehogs on Coast fm, covering the whole of west Cornwall.

Our Legal Responsibilities

Currently there is no wildlife care licensing in England, however there are informal standards set out by the British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (BWRC) of which we are registered and must comply with and the British Veterinary Zoological Standards (BVZS)

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The Animal Welfare Act 2006

In accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, 2006 **the welfare of the animal is always paramount**

Section 4 - we could be prosecuted if we release a front leg amputee and under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 schedule 6 if we release an imprinted hedgehog
The Animal Welfare Act 2006 states animals have 5 needs (also known as freedoms);

1. Suitable diet
2. Suitable environment
3. Protection from pain
4. The ability to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
5. The need to be housed with, or apart from other animals

Medicines Act 1968 - prescriptions only for drugs.

Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)

These acts protect hedgehogs and other species from being taken, kept, disturbed and habitats interfered with or destroyed. Generally once an animal is injured, sick or orphaned/abandoned then it can legally be taken from the wild for **suitable** care and treatment. The important word here is **suitable**.

If a member of the public takes in a hedgehog without reaching out for care and treatment from a proper rescue or vet then they are in breach of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and The Animal Welfare Act 2006 because they are neglecting to keep the animal free from pain and give suitable care and treatment

In 2009 hedgehogs were added to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan meaning that local district councils have a duty to protect them.

Some species listed on schedule 9 of the WCA require a licence to keep them in captivity. It is an offence to release any non indigenous species or a species listed on schedule 9 of the WCA such as the grey squirrel and muntjac deer

Wild Mammals Protection Act 1996

We need to find exactly where the animal was found and the contact details. The importance of this cannot be underestimated and we give annual statistics to bodies such as the Wildlife Trust and research students

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Volunteers

We have two new Volunteer Wild Mammal Carers and two Soft Release Foster Carers
We have a new whatsapp group of 10 voluntary drivers which is proving very successful and has broadened our geographical reach.

Student Placements

We expanded our educational work placement provision in 2024. We have provided 3 placements from Cornwall County Council S.E.N.D. in relation to Post 16 Special Educational Needs students, one student from Cornwall Employment Support, two Penwith College student's work placements, one Duke of Edinburgh student placements, one Duchy College Animal Management student and a resident long term Truro and Penwith College Wildlife Vet student. We have also hosted work/charity hours for an employee from the Civil Service

Financial review

Total income for the year amounted to £21,518 (2024: £8,222) with total expenditure including capital of £26,964 (2024: £4,047) leading to a reduction in cash of £5,446 (2024: increase of £4,175)

This year our fund raising efforts focussed upon raising funds to erect our hedgehog and small mammal treatment centre building and purchase a veterinary grade caging system raised from the following income:

Crowdfunding £11,694

Grants from Trusts £5,555

Parish Council grant £150

Donations £2,721

Fundraising £1,398

We were also affected by significant rises in the cost of veterinary medications and support, animal feed and bedding.

Our thanks extend to the following grant funders for their donations towards general funds or special projects:

- Animal Friends Insurance
- Sennen Parish Council
- British Hedgehog Preservation Society
- Golden Giving
- Tesco
- Rose Animal Welfare Trust

Structure, governance and management

Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), charity number 1194516. It was registered on the 18th May, 2021 with the Charity Commission

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Governing document

The governing document was agreed on registration and is taken from the charity commission standard for a foundation style CIO whose only voting members are the trustees.

Organisation

The charity is governed by Trustees who hold quarterly meetings, or more if deemed necessary. Our governing document states we should strive to have a minimum quorum of 3 trustees. Further Trustees may be appointed following the assent of all present trustees at a meeting or meetings. Further Trustees must be carefully chosen, giving due care and attention to the charity's governing document, ethos and values and the potential Trustee's own expertise relating to the charity's purposes, public benefit requirements, charity law and ability to move the charity forward.

New Trustee's would receive a copy of the charity's governing document and associated objects and activities and would have access to the Charity Commission's website and the "Essential Trustee Guidance" stating their responsibilities and copies of our previous meeting minutes, annual reports and accounts.

Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue have registered and signed up to the Fundraising Regulator Code of Practice to demonstrate our commitment to high fundraising standards and best practice to give greater confidence to our donors and patrons. In the event of the need to purchase any large capital items these should be presented to the Trustees for authorisation.

The Charity's Organisation and Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity carries out its purposes and plans for the future to the public benefit and in compliance with the governing document. The day to day running of the rescue charity is carried out by the charity's founder and Operations/Animal Care Manager with support, when necessary, from our Wildlife Carer/s or our Volunteer Drivers. All staff are currently employed on a voluntary vocational basis, we do not, as yet, employ any paid staff. The trustees would like to express their thanks to our volunteers and patrons, we are humbled by your support, dedication and generosity.

We currently have the following policies which are updated annually; bullying and harassment, complaints handling, financial reserves, internal charity financial controls, risk management, safeguarding, serious incident, social media, trustee conflicts of interest and volunteer management.

Risk management

The trustees regularly review the risks to the Charity from both external factors and its operations. The trustees consider that they have taken appropriate steps to reduce such risks.

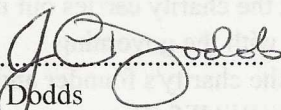
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Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge and give our sincere gratitude to the following:

- All our supporters, donors and long term patrons to whom we are indebted for their financial support
- Our dedicated and loyal volunteers and students - we could not function effectively without them
- The members of the public who donate goods or purchase goods from our market stalls.
- All the local businesses who continue to support us and who have helped us complete our first treatment centre building
- The foster carers who have been soft release hosts to various species and who have enabled the animals to be released back into the wild responsibly

Approved by the Board on 30th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


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Jill Dodds
Trustee

Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue

Statement of Receipts and Payments

for the year ended 31 May 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted income funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Prior year funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>				
Appeals and donations	2,721	-	2,721	991
Crowdfunder	(170)	11,864	11,694	-
	<u>2,551</u>	<u>11,864</u>	<u>14,415</u>	<u>991</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
<i>Grant Income:</i>				
Other grants	-	-	-	6,600
Animal Friends	-	2,055	2,055	-
Astor Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Marsh Foundation	-	2,500	2,500	-
Parish Council	-	150	150	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,705</u>	<u>5,705</u>	<u>6,600</u>
<i>Other trading activities</i>				
Fundraising Income	1,398	-	1,398	631
Total Income and Endowments	<u>3,949</u>	<u>17,569</u>	<u>21,518</u>	<u>8,222</u>
Expenditure on:				
<i>Generating Income</i>				
Fundraising costs	270	-	270	606
Merchandise	132	-	132	-
	<u>402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>606</u>
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
<i>Direct costs</i>				
Vet fees and medication	1,876	-	1,876	110
Foodstuffs	1,585	-	1,585	831
Hutching and Bedding	-	788	788	320
Volunteer Costs	18	-	18	-
	<u>3,479</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>4,267</u>	<u>1,261</u>

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Support costs				
Staff training	87	-	87	381
Staff Welfare	50	-	50	-
Rent and rates	802	-	802	-
Light, heat and power	-	-	-	-
Insurance	160	-	160	-
Building Repairs and maintenance	-	376	376	-
Equipment repairs and renewals	41	1,318	1,359	886
Computing costs	654	-	654	-
Printing, postage and stationery	315	-	315	561
Subscriptions	60	-	60	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	352
Cleaning	76	-	76	-
Travel and subsistence	105	-	105	-
Advertising & Marketing	387	-	387	-
Total Support Costs	2,737	1,694	4,431	2,180
Total Charitable Expenditure	6,216	2,482	8,698	3,441
Total Expenditure	6,618	2,482	9,100	4,047
Net cash surplus / (deficit)	(2,669)	15,087	12,418	4,175
Treatment Centre	-	(17,864)	(17,864)	-
Other capital expenditure	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(2,669)	(2,777)	(5,446)	4,175
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total cash funds brought	2,087	4,600	6,687	2,512
Total cash funds carried forward	(582)	1,823	1,241	6,687

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 May 2025

	2025	2024
Note	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	17,864	-
	<u>17,864</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,242	6,687
	<u>1,242</u>	<u>6,687</u>
Net current assets	<u>1,242</u>	<u>6,687</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	19,106	6,687
Net assets	<u><u>19,106</u></u>	<u><u>6,687</u></u>
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted funds 3	1,823	4,600
Unrestricted funds 3		
Other reserves	17,864	-
Unrestricted income funds	<u>(581)</u>	<u>2,087</u>
Total unrestricted funds	17,283	2,087
Total charity funds	<u><u>19,106</u></u>	<u><u>6,687</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 May 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Board on 30th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Jill Dodds
Trustee

Hedgepigs and Hoglets Rescue

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as is permitted for charities with an income below £250,000 by the Charity Commission. This basis for preparing the accounts is not designed to show a true and fair view of the charity's financial activity and position.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102

1.2 Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are amounts that are allocated for specific purposes by the charity itself.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Revaluation funds are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

3 Analysis of funds

	As at 6 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	As at 31 May 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Treatment Centre	4,600	17,419	(2,481)	(17,864)	1,674
	<u>4,600</u>	<u>17,569</u>	<u>(2,481)</u>	<u>(17,864)</u>	<u>1,824</u>
General Funds					
Unrestricted funds	2,087	3,950	(6,619)	-	(582)
Designated funds					
Capital assets	-	-	-	17,864	17,864
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>2,087</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>(6,619)</u>	<u>17,864</u>	<u>17,282</u>
Total funds	<u>6,687</u>	<u>21,519</u>	<u>(9,100)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,106</u>

4 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
Tangible assets	17,864	-	17,864	-
Current assets	(582)	1,824	1,242	6,687
Net Assets	<u>17,282</u>	<u>1,824</u>	<u>19,106</u>	<u>6,687</u>