



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period 5 November 2021 to 31 March 2023

Charity name: The Waterfowl Sanctuary

Charity registration number: 1196417

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are to promote humane behaviour towards waterfowl by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for waterfowl which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to waterfowl welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among waterfowl.

The Trustees are aware of their obligation to have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Our many volunteers play a hugely important role in the running of our charity by rescuing birds, assisting with patient treatment and caring for our residents. The Trustees would like to thank all our volunteers for their contribution to the success of our charity.

Achievements and Performance

This year has seen exciting changes notably reaching the important milestone of becoming a registered charity. There has been a great need to help our wild waterfowl in Cambridgeshire and the surrounding counties, made apparent by the daily calls received from the public for us to rescue or receive birds requiring care. As our growing reputation has increased demand on our services, we have needed to adapt and improve our on-site facilities accordingly.

During this year we have built two additional swimming enclosures complete with water filters and sheds and these have been home to many convalescing ducks, geese and swans as they progress through the stages of rehabilitation. Over 500 ducklings and goslings have been raised here, mostly rescued from being trapped in gardens and unable to walk free with their mother. Many were also brought in that had been lost during their travels. 378 swans received our help in this period and as a result our knowledge and experience had broadened significantly. We are very fortunate that several of our volunteers work in professional healthcare, and so our in-house skills for wound management developed with each case. We were able to publicise some of our successes so that others may learn from our efforts.

Much of the infrastructural development to date has been financed by the owners of the site personally, but as public support increases we hope to sustain growth and cover our operating costs through ongoing donations. A bungalow on site, formerly used for storage, has become the focus for growth with the intention of becoming a fully equipped hospital.

A 3m x 3m wet room in the hospital building was completed in early 2023. This can comfortably contain several swans whilst they receive treatments prior to moving on to the outside swimming enclosures.

Wildlife is rarely cared for by commercial vets, and so rehabilitation rescues and sanctuaries are the organisations that are best suited to care for patients that may require some short to long term care. The vision for next year will be to complete the hospital building with more wet rooms, a treatment room, a ward and a veterinary surgery so that operations can be performed on-site.

Financial Review

Financial Position

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the Charity generated donations of £54,794 in the period. These funds were used for the Charity's general operating costs (feed, medical supplies and fuel costs), and to improve site infrastructure as detailed in 'Achievements and Performance' above.

At the end of the period the charity had generated a surplus of £3413, which is sufficient to maintain operations for 3 months.

The Trustees have no concerns regarding the financial stability of the Charity.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have considered Charity Commission guidance on reserves.

The Waterfowl Sanctuary aims to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities ensuring that the Charity is able to continue over a period of at least 3 months should a shortfall in income occur. It also takes account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time.

Therefore, the Trustees have set a minimum reserves level of £3,000 at the end of the financial period November 2021- March 2023. The Trustees are satisfied that the year-end surplus of £3413 serves to meet this minimum level.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Foundation model constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 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.

Reference and Administrative details


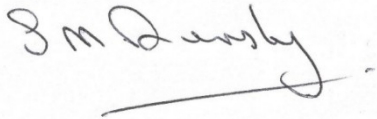
Charity name	The Waterfowl Sanctuary
Registered charity number	1196417
Charity's principal address	Clyde Farm Silver Street Godmanchester PE29 2LF
Names of trustees who manage the charity	Graham Edward Porter (Chair) Rebecca Mary McCaffry Ann Margaret Porter Rachel Olivia Young Lesley Ann Christine Percival Stuart Dunsby All trustees served throughout the accounting period.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Graham Edward Porter	Stuart Dunsby
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Position(eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Trustee
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Date

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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 11/5/2021	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Voluntary receipts	46,557	-	-
Non-cash donations	8,237	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,794	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,794	-	-
A3 Payments			
Cost of charitable activities	43,897	-	-
Cost of generating voluntary receipts	127	-	-
Value of non-cash donations	8,237	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	52,261	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	52,261	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,533	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	880	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,413	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds
		to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	331
	Bank account	2,593
	Paypal balance	489
	Total cash funds	3,413
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK

Unrestricted funds

	Details	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		


	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Ponds, filters, bird housing, medical equipment	General

	Details	Fund to which liability relates
B5 Liabilities		

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

Signature

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Period end date 3/31/2023	

Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £
46,557	-
8,237	-
-	-
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-	-
-	-
54,794	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
54,794	-
43,897	-
127	-
8,237	-
-	-
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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-	-
-	-
OK	OK

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to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
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-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-	-
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-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Waterfowl Sanctuary

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

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Set out on pages

Pages 1&2

(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 31/03/2023.

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:

23.04.2024

Name:

Jocelyn Turner FCA

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

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No areas of concern noted.



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