



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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**

During our second year as a registered charity we have seen further development in many areas, most notably the inclusion of our vet Gabriel Giol to the Waterfowl Sanctuary team, and our subsequent recognition as a veterinary practice.

Before becoming a registered charity we had always struggled to find a commercial veterinary practice that was willing, competent and able to operate on our patients. As we continued to become widely known throughout the UK rescue community it was our priority to find a knowledgeable veterinary surgeon to associate themselves with our organisation and thus progress us to this next important stage.

Gabriel Giol loved what he saw at the Waterfowl Sanctuary and so with his assistance we became registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as a veterinary practice and began purchasing the necessary equipment to allow him to work in our hospital building. It was a proud moment when the first surgery took place during September 2023, and a pivotal development in the growth of The Waterfowl Sanctuary. Working with Gabriel has allowed our team of dedicated volunteers to learn new skills and further develop their experience in working with our avian residents.

Our hospital facilities continued to expand during the year, with the completion of a second wet room in which several swans can comfortably be accommodated while under observation or undergoing treatment. Our treatment room is now fully functional, providing a clean and tidy place to assess and tend to patients. Partial progress on our operating theatre was made during the year, but in the meantime surgical operations are being capably performed in the treatment room.

Climate change has proven to be an increased challenge this year, and the unrelenting rain during formerly drier parts of the year has resulted in stressful and difficult times for the team during the busy duckling season. Multiple outdoor enclosures on grass have proved effective in the past as housing for orphans and families, but new approaches are being considered for next year to provide a better structure for protecting young and delicate birds from the elements.

Over 650 ducklings and goslings have been raised here throughout the year, mostly rescued from being trapped in gardens or enclosed areas and unable to walk free with their mother. Many were also brought in that had become separated from their families during their travels. Over 300 swans received our help in this period, and as a result our knowledge and experience has broadened significantly.

## **Financial Review**

### Financial Position

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the Charity generated donations of £63,741 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 and facilities, as detailed in 'Achievements and Performance' above.

At the end of the period the charity had generated a surplus of £30,996, which will allow us to maintain operations over the next 12 months as well as continuing the development of our hospital and accommodation facilities.

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 April 2023 – March 2024. The Trustees are satisfied that the year-end surplus of £30,996 will allow the maintenance of current operations over the coming year as well as providing the resources required for the future development of the hospital facility.

## 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.


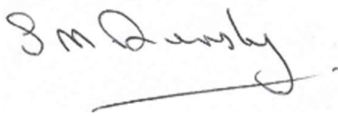
## Reference and Administrative details

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)		
Full name(s)	Graham Edward Porter	Stuart Dunsby
Position(eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	30 <sup>TH</sup> January 2025	





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The Waterfowl Sanctuary

No. (if any)  
1105417

### Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary receipts	63,741	-	-	63,741	46,557
Non-cash donations	-	-	-	-	8,237
Interest received	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>63,891</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,891</b>	<b>54,794</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of charitable activities	36,108	-	-	36,108	43,897
Cost of generating voluntary receipts	200	-	-	200	127
Value of non-cash donations	-	-	-	-	8,237
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,308</b>	<b>52,261</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,583</b>	<b>2,533</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,413	-	-	3,413	880
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>30,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,996</b>	<b>3,413</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at hand	30	-	-
	Bank accounts	30,029	-	-
	Paypal balance	937	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid owed (2022-23)	5,184	-	-
	Gift Aid owed (2023-24)	2,887	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Ponds, filters, bird housing, medical equipment.	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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

*R McCallery*

R McCallery

30/01/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

THE WATERFOWL SANCTUARY

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1196417

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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:

20/01/25

Name:

GRAYHAM DBB-FULLER

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

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT  
ACCOUNTANTS (CIMA)

Address:

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HIGH WYCOMBE

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, HP11 1QQ

**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.

NO ISSUES OF CONCERN FOUND.





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