



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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

Another year has passed and the sanctuary has been busier than ever. Our reputation for excellence is spreading, and patients are being brought to us from further afield. Throughout the year, we cared for around 400 swans and over 700 ducklings.

During 2024-25 our focus remained on improving the facilities and infrastructure, perhaps most notably with the completion of a new enclosure area, 'Duckingham Palace'! Each year we care for several hundred ducklings – who mostly arrive with their mother and so separate enclosures are necessary to keep the families together prior to their release at 4 weeks of age. Duckingham Palace provides 10 rooms of 8ft x 4ft, each on a sloping concrete base to drainage with a watertight roof above allowing all ducklings to remain dry in all weathers. Increased rainfall in previous years had been a significant concern for us, and we are pleased to report that this new enclosure space has proved to be a great investment.

Another milestone in our improvement roadmap was the purchase and installation of our own x-ray machine within the surgery room. This machine has been frequently used not only for bone examination but also to aid diagnosis and treatment of the sad and common occurrence of hooks and metal projectiles found within water birds.

The hospital building has seen many improvements during this year. All windows and doors were replaced with double glazing which has greatly improved the insulation of the building in comparison to previous years. Oil filled radiators currently provide warmth during colder months, but the intention is to install hot/cold air conditioning which will have the added advantage of dehumidification.

Each year is a challenge, but thankfully with excellent volunteers, some staff on the payroll and a steadily growing amount of financial support from our donors we continue to grow in strength and capability. There is much potential at Clyde Farm for further capacity and infrastructure improvements and we will endeavour to continue our trajectory of development and growth in future years.

Financial Review

Financial Position

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the Charity generated donations of £74,325 in the period, an increase of over £10,500 on the previous year. These funds were used for the Charity's general operating costs (feed, medical supplies and fuel costs), as well as improvements to site infrastructure and facilities, as detailed in 'Achievements and Performance' above. The Charity invested £19,621 in these improvements throughout the year, drawing upon our reserves.

At the end of the period the charity's cash funds stand at £29,774, which will allow us to maintain operations over the next twelve months. We hope to continue the development of our hospital and accommodation facilities as funds allow.

During the year, Charity reserves were held in a 35-day notice high-interest bank account, generating over £1000 in interest. However, this approach was incompatible with the changing needs of the Charity. In order to navigate short-term cashflow issues, two interest-free loans of £2,000 (May) and £12,000 (August) were made to the Charity by the Chair of Trustees. This strategy enabled the Charity to purchase the x-ray machine without additional delay. The loan was repaid in full in September, and a more flexible banking arrangement has been put in place for the 2025/26 financial year.

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 £6,000 at the end of the financial period April 2024 – March 2025. The Trustees are satisfied that the year-end surplus of £29,774 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.


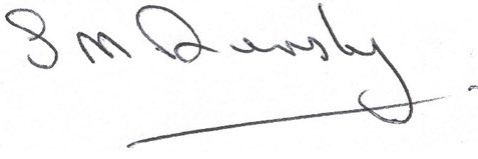
Reference and Administrative details

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 Porter	Stuart Dunsby
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	27 January 2026	



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Charity Name
The Waterfowl Sanctuary

No (if any)
1196417

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts	74,325	-	-	74,325	63,741
Interest received	1,060	-	-	1,060	150
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75,385	-	-	75,385	63,891
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	75,385	-	-	75,385	63,891
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	75,990	-	-	75,990	36,108
Cost of generating voluntary receipts	618	-	-	618	200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	76,607	-	-	76,607	36,308
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,607	-	-	76,607	36,308
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,222	-	-	- 1,222	27,583
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,996	-	-	30,996	3,413
Cash funds this year end	29,774	-	-	29,774	30,996

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	31	-	-
	Bank accounts	28,965	-	-
	Paypal balance	778	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,774	-	-

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

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	545	-	-
	Gift Aid outstanding (2024/25)	758	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Ponds, filters, bird housing, medical equipment.		-	-
			-	-
	X-ray machine (at cost)		-	10,524
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

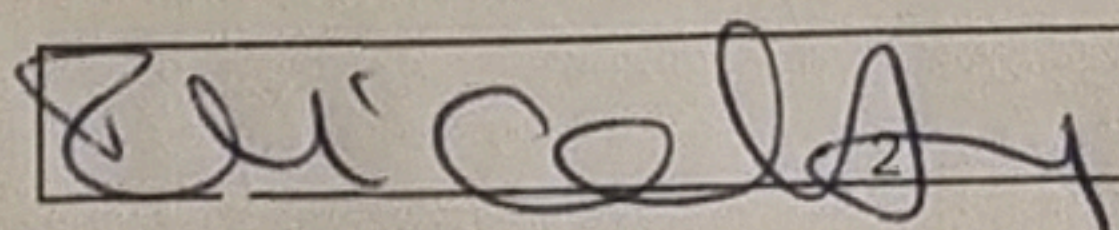
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



REBECCA MCCAFFERTY

27/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Waterfowl Sanctuary

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1196417

Set out on pages

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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 31 March 2025.

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:

P. Simons

Date:

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Name:

PETER SIMONS

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

Association of International
Certified Professional Accountants

Address:

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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.

1. I AM a friend and former colleague of Rebecca McCaffrey but I have no conflict of interest in inspecting these accounts.

2. The accounts are prepared on Receipts and Payments basis. The Trustees will want to maintain an understanding of the levels of operating expenses and the costs of improvements; or fixed costs and discretionary improvements / investment.

3. This charity is very dependant on the two principals so for it to be a on-going concern succession or contingency plans are needed.