

E1 WATERBIRD WELFARE

England & Wales · Charity number 1198441

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN LONDON E1 AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:I. WORKING TO ENABLE WILD WATERBIRDS TO THRIVE AND SURVIVE IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT;II. PROVIDING RESOURCES TO FACILITATE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION; III. ENHANCING HABITAT; AND IV. AND RAISING AWARENESS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Activities: The mission and purpose of E1WW is to promote the wellbeing and safety of the waterbirds of London E1 and surrounding areas, enabling them to thrive and survive in an urban environment, by providing resources to fund rescue and rehabilitation, enhance habitat and to raise awareness for the benefit of the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals

Geography

- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,774	£4,905	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,683	£6,749	-	-
2023-03-31	£6,140	£2,719	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paula Frances Jeffers	Chair	2022-03-30
Eileen Ann Donovan Mrs		2022-08-01
Michael Paul Jeffers		2022-03-30
Suzanna Mary Crowther		2022-03-30

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and income and expenditure statement for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity was formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") on 30 March 2022 having been granted charitable status by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on that date. It is registered charity number 1198441.

Recruitment, appointment and induction of Trustees

The Trustees are of the opinion that they are sufficient in number to administer the Charity's affairs at present, given its size and the nature of its activities. When additional or replacement Trustees are required, it is the responsibility of the existing/remaining Trustees to seek prospective appointees who are supporters of and in sympathy with the Charity's objectives. Such persons will be sought from among the Charity's supporters and will need to be both willing and able to make a valid contribution to the objectives of the Charity and its ongoing work. New Trustees are given a "Charity Trustee Welcome Pack" based on the Charity Commissioner's Guidance.

Organisational structure

The Trustees meet on a regular basis throughout the year (they met three times during the year to 31 March 2025) and communicate on an ongoing basis via a dedicated WhatsApp account. All financial decisions are made by the Trustees as a group, with formal approval of all expenditure being required by at least two Trustees.

The term of office for S Crowther came to an end on 31 March 2025 and she was unanimously reappointed to continue as a trustee at the Trustee meeting on 11 February 2025.

Risk assessment and management

The Charity has a written risk policy which is reviewed at each meeting of the Trustees in relation to the risks associated with the operations of the Charity. The current activities of the Charity are not considered to carry risk. Public liability insurance is taken out by the Trustees as required for running the fundraising market stall.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims of the Charity as set out in its constitution are as follows:

To promote the conservation of biological diversity and the natural environment in London E1 and surrounding areas for the public benefit by:

1. Working to enable the wild waterbirds to thrive and survive in an urban environment;
2. Providing resources to facilitate rescue and rehabilitation;

3. Enhancing habitat; and
4. Raising awareness in the local community.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The Charity seeks to raise funds and awareness to support the waterbirds of East London and surrounding areas. It seeks to keep the state of the habitat occupied by the local waterbirds under review, liaising with local authorities and other bodies where necessary in order to facilitate and fund improvements where needed. The Charity also works in collaboration with other appropriate organisations (i.e. waterbird rescue, rehabilitation and veterinary organisations) and seeks to raise funds to provide grants and equipment to support and facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation of injured, distressed and sick waterbirds. It maintains regular presence at local events and on social media to provide education and to raise awareness within the local community, in particular promoting kindness and responsible behaviour around wild birds.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on providing a public benefit. They are confident that the Charity's activities are in line with its charitable objectives and are achieving the purposes for which the Charity has been established.

The Trustees have discussed the issue of public benefit and are confident that the breadth and scope of the work the Charity undertakes, as disclosed in this report, complies with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and has due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Fundraising

The Charity has had another very successful year in respect of fundraising, with the Trustees continuing in their endeavours to raise money to support the running costs of the local Swan Ambulance, to purchase much needed rescue equipment and to improve the habitat of the local waterbirds where possible.

Funds are primarily raised through donations of cash from members of the public and also from the sales of donated items. The Charity is regularly hosted by the organisers of Wapping Docklands Market at Shadwell Basin who very kindly provide us with a market stall pitch for free. The Charity ran six fundraising market stalls at Shadwell Basin in the year to 31 March 2025. The Charity also seeks to sell donated items of value through online platforms, such as Vinted and Ziffit, and has a dedicated charity eBay account.

The location of Shadwell Basin market and its local waterbird population (including an established swan pair) provides an ideal setting for awareness raising activity, with many visitors to the market stall coming to chat and seek advice regarding the local waterbirds. Storage space for donated items is very kindly donated by volunteers as is the cost (£36 per market day) of hiring a gazebo for the market stall.

Donations are very kindly made by local waterbird supporters, many of whom have required assistance with waterbirds in the past, as well as visitors to the market stall. We also have

an active FaceBook page which reports on the Charity's activities, many of which are in collaboration with other wildlife and waterbird organisations, such as the Swan Sanctuary and Swan & Waterbird Rescue Service.

Christmas cards and notelets were again donated by a volunteer to sell on the market stall to raise funds. Another volunteer designed the Christmas cards and notelets.

The Charity is registered under the HM Revenue & Customs Gift Aid scheme and keeps a record of cash donations qualifying for tax relief. The Charity is also registered under the PayPal Giving Fund through which it regularly receives donations.

Distribution of Funds

Whilst the local Swan Ambulance itself is provided by the Swan Sanctuary, the costs of running it are not and we continued to make grants towards the running costs via Swan & Waterbird Rescue Service. A new Swan Ambulance was funded by the Swan Sanctuary during the year and we contributed £1,000 towards the cost of the livery signage on the new ambulance. We also made a grant to a local Swan Sanctuary volunteer towards petrol and transportation costs and also the cost of rescue equipment.

A grant of £250 was made to the Lower Regent's Canal Coalition ("LRCC") as a small contribution towards the cost of replacing £5,000 worth of equipment that was stolen or destroyed during a break in at their premises. The work of LRCC is crucial to the welfare of the local waterbirds and wildlife in general, as they play a major role in maintaining the lower end of the Regent's Canal, including the maintenance of platforms for the wildlife and organising events to clear the litter from the waterway to maintain a safe environment for the wildlife.

The Charity funded numerous other projects, such as the provision of emergency rafts at various locations, the funding and renovation of rafts at Limehouse Marina, the provision of hazard tape and straw bales, and also various items of much needed rescue equipment amongst other things (see under "Projects and activities" for more detail).

Projects and activities

E1 Waterbird Welfare is not a rescue organisation but volunteers are often called upon to assist other wildlife organisations with waterbird rescues, often acting as first responders and support to shore up the safety of injured or displaced waterbirds and reporting back on rescue situations until an appropriately experienced/qualified rescuer can get to the scene.

We continue to keep the local community updated on our activities via our FaceBook page which is regularly updated with news and awareness raising information.

We continued to keep a constant eye throughout the year on the habitat occupied by the local waterbirds, liaising with local authorities and other bodies as appropriate to ensure the safety of and where possible the enhancement of the habitat of the local waterbirds. In particular to highlight a few areas:

- We continued to build relationships with local Marinas, in particular Limehouse Marina and Poplar Marina. As planned last year, we engaged in a joint project during the year to improve the environment of the waterbirds occupying Limehouse Marina, by funding and installing a number of floating platforms for the birds, including a large swan platform. We also designed and renovated two recycled floating platforms, one of which was floated in anticipation of the hatching of goslings in a location that would have been impossible for the family to return to. There are plans to renovate and install further floating platforms to replace the existing ones which are dilapidated.
- We received a number of reports from around the local area of nests that had been built on high inaccessible structures such as boats, in areas with little or no alternative means for the newly hatched young to be able to get off the water to brood with their parents, leaving them vulnerable to getting waterlogged and unable to survive. We designed, funded and built six small emergency rafts which were used in situations to provide ducklings and the young of other small waterbirds emergency access to dry space. We also funded, designed and built a number of emergency ramps that were deployed in emergency situations to provide re-access to nesting sites inaccessible to non-flighted newly hatched young, for example in situations where nests had been built on platforms too high for the young to access.
- We assisted with the rescue of and transportation of numerous young herring gulls that had fallen prematurely from their nests on high buildings in the local area, including the City of London. Volunteers transported the young gulls to South Essex Wildlife Hospital (SEWH), the cost of which was funded directly by volunteers.
- Once again, we arranged to install hazard tape at Spirit Quay to prevent the local waterbirds (in particular the ducks) from flying into the fencing protecting the swan nest in that location.
- Volunteers assisted on a number of occasions in reporting, monitoring and rescuing waterbirds impacted by fuel spills and other environmental issues on local waterways.
- There is very little in the way of natural nesting material for the waterbirds in the local area. We funded and supplied several bales of straw to various nesting sites in the local area, including Shadwell Basin, Spirit Quay, Limehouse Marina, South Dock, and Lower Regent's Canal.
- Volunteers assisted with numerous duckling rescues over the Spring/early Summer where ducks had nested on high buildings, boats and other unusual places, as well as acting as first responders for swans involved in territorials or mislandings.
- We continued our campaign to raise awareness of the importance of keeping dogs under control around waterbirds, creating and utilising laminated signage

provided by the Metropolitan Police Wildlife Crimes Unit in local spaces where there have been incidents involving off leash dogs and waterbirds. We participated in the Tower Hamlets "Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order" highlighting the current dangers to local wildlife and the need to provide more protection from uncontrolled dogs.

- We continued to provide of public information "dos and don'ts" flyers regarding feeding the waterbirds and information signs above swan nests. We arranged a litter pick at the swan nest on the Regent's Canal and also Spirit Quay and also removed more hazardous netting from the rafts at South Dock. We also organised the collection of unwanted bedding for use in the Swan Ambulance for transportation of injured birds.
- Trustees and volunteers also give their time and resources freely to assist in the collection, transportation and temporary housing of sick and injured birds (and on occasion other wild animals) to assist other local rescue organisations.

Financial review

The Trustees were pleased to note that a total of £4,774 was raised in the year against a target of £4,000. A surplus of £1,355 was brought forward from the year ended 31 March 2024 giving rise to available funds during the year of £6,129. A total of £4,905 was expended during the year leaving a cash balance at 31 March 2025 of £1,224.

Policy on reserves


It has been the Trustees' aim to ensure that funds raised are earmarked and expended on matters pertaining to its cause as soon as practicably possible. As a rule of thumb, it is the Trustees' aim to seek to retain a reserve of £500 in case of unforeseen emergencies such as the need for the provision of emergency equipment or urgent transportation of sick or injured birds in the absence of the availability of the Swan Ambulance or a volunteer with a car.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The Trustees will continue to seek to raise funds and awareness through local events. We will continue to review local nesting sites and areas frequented by waterbirds with a view to improving the environment for them. The Trustees will continue to build relationships and networks with local authorities, businesses and other organisations to facilitate this, and will continue to contribute towards the cost of running the local Swan Ambulance.

This report is approved by the Trustees of the Charity and signed on its behalf by:



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P F Jeffers
Trustee

provided by the Metropolitan Police Wildlife Crime Unit in local spaces where there have been incidents involving off leash dogs and water birds. We have also been involved in the Tower Hamlets Dog Control Public Space Partnership, highlighting the current dangers to local wildlife and protection from uncontrolled dogs.

E1 Waterbird Welfare Receipts and payments
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	£	£
Balance brought forward from 1 April 2024		1,355

Receipts

Charitable donations received in the period [note 1]		
- Donations qualifying for Gift Aid	1,895	
- HMRC Gift Aid	378	
- Donations (other)	825	
Sales of donated items [note 2]	1,662	
Bank Interest	<u>14</u>	

Total receipts 4,774


Total funds available 6,129

Payments

Grants allocated in the period [note 3]	3,450	
Funding of rescue equipment and supplies [note 4]	409	
Funding of floating rafts [note 4]	840	
Public liability insurance [note 5]	141	
Administrative expenses [note 6]	<u>65</u>	
Total payments		<u>4,905</u>

Surplus carried forward **£1,224**

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 P J Jeffers
 Trustee

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Supporting notes to the accounts

Note 1
Charitable donations

Throughout the year donations totalling £1,895 were made under the Gift Aid Scheme, qualifying for tax relief. The relevant Gift Aid declarations were obtained from donors. Donations totalling £825 were made through the Charity's PayPal Giving Fund account.

Note 2
Sales of donated items

Donated items were sold throughout the year at local fundraising events (Shadwell Basin Market) and also on-line through relevant platforms such as Vinted and Ziffit.

	2025 £	2024 £
Note 3		
Grants allocated in the period		
Swan and Waterbird Rescue Service	1,500	2,250
Local Swan Sanctuary volunteer (AM)	700	600
East End Polo Club (flight defenders for goal posts)	-	70
The Swan Sanctuary	1,000	-
Lower Regents Canal Coalition	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>£3,450</u>	<u>£2,920</u>

Note 4
Funding of rescue equipment, supplies and rafts

The following items were purchased in the year:

	£
Renovation of rafts at Limehouse Marina	334
Provision of emergency rafts	189
One swan raft for (Limehouse Marina)	317
Emergency ramps	50
Bales of straw for nesting rafts	111
Rescue nets and extending poles	75
Emergency bird carriers/hot water bottles	161
Hazard tape	<u>12</u>
Total	<u>£1,249</u>

It should also be noted that other items were also donated during the year, including another new table for the market stall, the cost of a canopy for each market stall and several sacks of waterbird pellets and food. Storage space for market stall stock is also

donated by a volunteer and the pitch at Shadwell Basin Saturday Market was donated free by the organisers of the market.

Note 5

Public liability insurance

The Trustees are required to take out public liability insurance to be able to participate at Shadwell Basin Market.

Note 6

Administrative expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Domain name licence (info@e1ww.co.uk)	-	26
PayPal admin charges	-	4
iZettle charges/credit card machine	<u>65</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>£65</u>	<u>£50</u>

The domain name licence was cancelled during the year ended 31 March 2024 and exchanged for a free Gmail account. All PayPal payments are now made through the PayPal Giving Fund.

1,230	1,000
500	700
70	-
-	1,000
-	<u>250</u>
<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,700</u>

Total

Lower Regent Canal Corridor

The Swan Sanctuary

East End Polo Club (light detectors for goal posts)

Local Swan Sanctuary volunteer (ASM)

Swan and Wistard Reserve Swans

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Total

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Emergency bird canisters/water bottles

Harvest traps

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Fundraising

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Eight E1WW "hi-vis" jackets were donated during the year, along with Christmas cards and notelets to sell on the market stall to raise funds. A volunteer designed the Christmas cards and notelets.

The Charity is registered under the HM Revenue & Customs Gift Aid scheme and keeps a record of cash donations qualifying for tax relief. The Charity is also registered under the PayPal Giving Fund through which it regularly receives donations.

Distribution of Funds

During the year, the Charity purchased much needed equipment including an emergency ladder for the Swan Ambulance that was urgently needed to facilitate the complicated rescue of a swan with an injured wing trapped at East India Dock. The ladder has since been used in other emergencies.

The Charity also purchased 18 specialist swan rescue jackets (used for the transportation of injured swans) for the Swan Ambulance and also to distribute strategically to local volunteers to ensure ready availability in key locations where swan and goose rescue is likely to occur. These are bespoke pieces of equipment produced by Ratsey & Lapthorne (Cowes) Ltd and cost £90 each (although we managed to negotiate a discounted rate for bulk purchase). We also purchased an emergency buoyancy device (a second one was donated) to assist with local rescues, along with nets and long poles needed for rescues.

Whilst the local Swan Ambulance itself is provided by the Swan Sanctuary, the costs of running it are not and we continued to make grants towards the running costs via Swan & Waterbird Rescue Service. We also made a grant to a local Swan Sanctuary volunteer towards the cost of a kayak which has since proved invaluable in local waterbird rescues.

The Charity funded numerous other projects, such as the provision of emergency rafts at Spirit Quay, various nesting rafts at Shadwell Basin, the provision of hazard tape and flight diverters amongst other things (see under "Projects and activities" for more detail).

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We continue to keep the local community updated on our activities via our FaceBook page which is regularly updated with news and awareness raising information.

We continued to keep a constant eye throughout the year on the habitat occupied by the local waterbirds, liaising with local authorities and other bodies as appropriate to ensure the safety of and where possible the enhancement of the habitat of the local waterbirds. In particular:

- We were actively involved in the Wapping Greening Project, in respect of the installation of new floating reed beds and rafts at Spirit Quay. This involved liaising with Tower Hamlets Council Green Team regarding the design of the project to ensure safety of the waterbirds, and also fielding a team of volunteers to help with the implementation and installation of the new floating platforms. There was a significant unexpected delay between the removal of the existing rafts and the installation of the new rafts, due local council funding issues, leaving the waterbirds at Spirit Quay vulnerable with little means to shelter during the winter months. The Charity lobbied the local council regarding the delay in installing the new rafts and in the interim provided emergency rafts to protect the waterbirds over the winter months. Following the completion of the Wapping Greening Project, the emergency rafts were redeployed to other locations with waterbirds urgently in need of additional nesting/resting facilities.
- The summer brought with it the usual large number of baby herring gulls falling prematurely from their nests on high buildings. We assisted with the rescue of and transportation of numerous young gulls to South Essex Wildlife Hospital (SEWH), the cost of which was funded directly by volunteers. The Charity also contributed towards the provision of some boxes to safely transport the birds to SEWH.
- We liaised with Thames 21 regarding the floating rafts on the Limehouse Cut. It had been noted that netting had been left on the rafts when they were newly planted several years ago. In addition to presenting a serious hazard with waterbirds becoming entangled in the netting, it was also making it impossible for waterbirds to access the rafts, leaving the young exposed and vulnerable to predators and thus impossible for ducklings, cootlets and moorhen chicks to survive in that location. With permission and assistance from Thames 21, we undertook a project to remove the netting (which was no longer required for the now mature plants) and install ramps to enable access for young waterbirds. We have been delighted to note that a healthy number of ducklings survived into adulthood over the summer.
- In August 2023 we worked with Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre (SBOAC) to provide a new swan raft after the resident swan pair nested on the Activity Centre's pontoon last year, disrupting the Centre's activities. We funded the cost of the new swan nesting raft which was installed with assistance from the Activity Centre. The raft was enthusiastically received by the family and their six cygnets. Unfortunately, the raft was seriously vandalised and broken beyond use shortly after it was installed. Emergency repairs were undertaken, and we took the opportunity to have the raft enlarged. We also worked with the local council and the Activity Centre to review the location of the raft to attempt to reduce the risk of further vandalism. The swan pair went on to produce five cygnets on the raft in May 2024.

- We installed hazard tape at Spirit Quay following reports of waterbirds flying into the fencing protecting the swan nest.
- We liaised with the East End Canoe Club regarding the suspension of goal post ropes across the Limehouse Cut, creating a potential flight hazard for local waterbirds. We funded flight diverters to suspend from the goal post ropes to make them more visible and thus less likely to cause serious harm to birds in flight.
- We met with the Canary Wharf Environmental team to liaise regarding the design of the Eden Wharf project to ensure suitability for the local waterbirds, in particular the use of netting around the floating platforms used to protect the new plant growth but potentially hazardous to the waterbirds. It is hoped that this new development will provide much needed additional safe habitat for local waterbirds.
- We continued to build relationships with local Marinas, in particular Limehouse Marina and Poplar Marina with a view to engaging in a joint project to improve the environment of the waterbirds occupying the marinas. There are plans to install new floating rafts to replace the existing ones which are now dilapidated beyond repair. It is expected that this project will be completed in time for the 2025 nesting season.
- There is very little in the way of natural nesting material for the waterbirds in the local area. We funded and supplied several bales of straw to various nesting sites in the local area.
- Volunteers assisted with numerous duckling rescues over the Spring/early summer where ducks had nested on buildings, boats and other unusual places, as well as acting as first responders for swans involved in territorials or mislandings.
- Other sundry projects included the provision of public information “dos and don’ts” signs above swan nests; a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of keeping dogs under control around waterbirds; arranging a litter pick at the swan nest on the Regent’s Canal; removing more hazardous netting from South Dock; organising the collection of unwanted bedding for use in the Swan Ambulance for transportation of birds; repairing the swan raft at Limehouse Marina.
- Trustees and volunteers also give their time and resources freely to assist in the collection, transportation and temporary housing of sick and injured birds to assist the rescue organisations that the Charity works with.

Financial review

The Trustees were pleased to note that a total of £4,683 was raised in the year against a target of £4,000. A surplus of £3,421 was brought forward from the year ended 31 March 2023 giving rise to available funds during the year of £8,104. A total of £6,749 was expended during the year leaving a cash balance at 31 March 2024 of £1,355.

Policy on reserves

It has been the Trustees' aim to ensure that funds raised are earmarked and expended on matters pertaining to its cause as soon as practicably possible. As a rule of thumb, it is the Trustees' aim to seek to retain a reserve of £500 in case of unforeseen emergencies such as the need for the provision of emergency equipment or urgent transportation of sick or injured birds in the absence of the availability of a volunteer with a car.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The Trustees will continue to seek to raise funds and awareness through local events. We will continue to review local nesting sites and areas frequented by waterbirds with a view to improving the environment for them. The Trustees will continue to build relationships and networks with local authorities, businesses and other organisations to facilitate this, and will continue to contribute towards the cost of running the Swan Ambulance.

This report is approved by the Trustees of the Charity and signed on its behalf

by:

P F Jeffers

**P F Jeffers
Trustee**

15/1/2025

**E1 Waterbird Welfare
Receipts and payments
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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	£	£
Balance brought forward from 1 April 2023		3,421
Receipts		
Charitable donations received in the period [note 1]		Note 2
- Donations qualifying for Gift Aid	1,563	
- HMRC Gift Aid	240	
- Donations (other)	883	
Sales of donated items [note 2]	1,984	
Bank Interest	<u>13</u>	
Total receipts		4,683
Total funds available		8,104
Payments		
Grants allocated in the period [note 3]	2,920	
Funding of rescue equipment and supplies [note 4]	1,810	
Funding of floating rafts [note 4]	1,842	
Public liability insurance [note 5]	127	
Administrative expenses [note 6]	<u>50</u>	
Total payments		6,749
Surplus carried forward		£1,355

It should also be noted that other vital items were also donated during the year, including a new table for the market stall, the cost of a canopy for each market stall, three large bird carriers, a swan jacket, several nets/poles, duckling carriers and several sacks of waterbird pellets and food. Storage space for market stall stock was also donated by a volunteer and

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Note 1

Charitable donations

Throughout the year donations totalling £1,563 were made under the Gift Aid Scheme, qualifying for tax relief. The relevant Gift Aid declarations were obtained from donors. Donations totalling £883 were made through the Charity's PayPal Giving Fund account.

Note 2

Sales of donated items

Donated items were sold throughout the year at local fundraising events (Shadwell Basin Market, York Rise) and also on-line through relevant platforms such as Vinted and Ziffit.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Note 3		
Grants allocated in the period		
Swan and Waterbird Rescue Service	2,250	1,500
Local Swan Sanctuary volunteer (AM)	600	595
East End Polo Club (flight defenders for goal posts)	70	-
Swan Support (registered charity) (replacement rescue kit)	-	60
Hollow & Eagle Ponds (AI feeding programme)	-	200
Total	<u>£2,920</u>	<u>£2,355</u>

Note 4

Funding of rescue equipment, supplies and rafts

The following items were purchased in the year:

	£
Equipment for Limehouse Cut habitat project	100
Purchase of 18 bespoke swan rescue bags	1,415
Emergency rope ladder for Swan Ambulance	144
Buoyancy Aid	23
Bales of straw for nesting rafts	74
Five duck/coot nesting rafts	1,155
One swan raft (Shadwell Basin)	473
Repairs and extension to swan raft	214
Total	<u>£3,598</u>

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the pitch at Shadwell Basin Saturday Market was donated free by the organisers of the market.

Note 5

Public liability insurance

The Trustees are required to take out public liability insurance to be able to participate at Shadwell Basin Market at a cost of £28.89 per market day.

Note 6	2024	2023
Administrative expenses	£	£
Domain name licence (info@e1ww.co.uk)	26	17
PayPal admin charges	4	9
iZettle charges (market credit card machine)	<u>20</u>	<u>38</u>
Total	<u>£50</u>	<u>£64</u>

The domain name licence was cancelled during the year and exchanged for a free Gmail account.

E1 WATERBIRD WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1198441

Accounts

E1 Waterbird Welfare
Reference and Administrative Details
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees
P F Jeffers
S Crowther
M P Jeffers
E Donovan (appointed 1 August 2022)

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Report and Accounts
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Flat 1
26 Narrow Street
London
E1A 8DG

Charity registration number
1198441

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HMRC Charities reference number
2016748



**E1 Waterbird Welfare
Reference and Administrative Details
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

Trustees

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Registered Charity number

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E1 Waterbird Welfare

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report and income and expenditure statement for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity was formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") on 30 March 2022 having been granted charitable status by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on that date. It is registered charity number 1198441.

Recruitment, appointment and induction of Trustees

The Trustees are of the opinion that they are sufficient in number to administer the Charity's affairs at present, given its size and the nature of its activities. When additional or replacement Trustees are required, it is the responsibility of the existing/remaining Trustees to seek prospective appointees who are supporters of and in sympathy with the Charity's objectives. Such persons will be sought from among the Charity's supporters and will need to be both willing and able to make a valid contribution to the objectives of the Charity and its ongoing work. New Trustees are given a "Charity Trustee Welcome Pack" based on the Charity Commissioner's Guidance.

Organisational structure

The Trustees meet on a regular basis throughout the year (they met seven times during the year to 31 March 2023) and communicate on an ongoing basis via a dedicated WhatsApp account. All financial decisions are made by the Trustees as a group, with the formal approval of all expenditure being required by at least two Trustees.

Risk assessment and management

The Charity has a written risk policy which is reviewed at each meeting of the Trustees in relation to the risks associated with the operations of the Charity. The current activities of the Charity are not considered to carry risk. Public liability insurance is taken out by the Trustees as required for running the fundraising market stall.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims of the Charity as set out in its constitution are as follows:

To promote the conservation of biological diversity and the natural environment in London E1 and surrounding areas for the public benefit by:

1. Working to enable the wild waterbirds to thrive and survive in an urban environment;
2. Providing resources to facilitate rescue and rehabilitation;
3. Enhancing habitat; and
4. Raising awareness in the local community.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The Charity seeks to raise funds and awareness to support the waterbirds of East London and surrounding areas. It seeks to keep the state of the habitat occupied by the local waterbirds under review, liaising with local authorities and other bodies where necessary in order to facilitate and fund improvements where needed. The Charity also works in collaboration with other appropriate organisations (i.e. waterbird rescue and veterinary organisations), and seeks to raise funds to provide grants and equipment to support and facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation of injured, distressed and sick waterbirds. It maintains regular presence at local events and on social media to provide education and to raise awareness within the local community, in particular promoting kindness and responsible behaviour around wild birds.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on providing a public benefit. They are confident that the Charity's activities are in line with its charitable objectives and are achieving the purposes for which the Charity has been established.

The Trustees have discussed the issue of public benefit and are confident that the breadth and scope of the work the Charity undertakes, as disclosed in this report, complies with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and has due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The Charity completed its first full year of operation in the period covered by these accounts. A charity bank account was opened with Metro Bank and approval was obtained from HMRC for the Gift Aid scheme. Seven fundraising and awareness raising events were held during the year in the local area to raise awareness of the local waterbirds and also to raise funds from selling donated vintage items and bric-a-brac. Trustees and volunteers also organised a local collection of unwanted bedding and towelling urgently needed for the transportation and rehabilitation of sick and injured birds being cared for by local rescue organisations.

Representations were made to the local council regarding development activity potentially affecting the local waterbirds, with regular communication with the local authority and other bodies regarding, amongst other things, the safety of local water features, hazardous netting on reed rafts on the local canals and the provision of safe nesting rafts in the local area. Avian Botulism and Avian Influenza, along with the extreme weather during the year presented significant challenges to rescuers, and grants were made to help fund additional kit required to deal with these challenges. Funds raised were also used to purchase much needed rescue equipment and a grant was made to help fund the running of the Swan Ambulance.

Trustees and volunteers also give their time and resources freely to assist in the collection, transportation and temporary housing of sick and injured birds to assist the rescue organisations that the Charity works with.

Financial review

The Trustees were pleased to note that a total of £6,140 was raised in the year against a target of £4,000. A total of £2,719 was expended during the year leaving a cash balance at 31 March of £3,421. Of the balance at the year end, £2,500 has been earmarked (and has since been expended) for a grant to Swan and Waterbird Rescue Services and the purchase of urgently needed rescue equipment.

Policy on reserves

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Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The Trustees will continue to seek to raise funds and awareness through local events. Over the summer it is proposed to review local nesting sites and areas frequented by waterbirds with a view to putting in place a plan as necessary to improve the environment for the local waterbirds, in advance of Spring 2024. The Trustees will continue to build relationships and networks with local authorities, businesses and other organisations to facilitate this. Now that the Charity has come to the end of its first full year of operations, the Trustees are exploring the potential for seeking external grants, in particular to fund repairs and replacement of local nesting platforms.

**This report is approved by the Trustees of the Charity and signed on its behalf on
30 August 2023 by:**



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P F Jeffers
Trustee

E1 Waterbird Welfare

Receipts and payments

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Receipts

Charitable donations received in the period [note 1]

- Donations qualifying for Gift Aid 950

- Donations (other) 1,435

Sales of donated items [note 2] 3,755

6,140

Payments

Grants allocated in the period [note 3] 2,355

Purchase of kit and supplies [note 4] 194

Public liability insurance [note 5] 107

Administrative expenses [note 6] 63

2,719

Surplus for the period £3,421

This report is approved by the Trustees of the Charity and signed on its behalf on

30 August 2023 by:

[Signature]

P F Jeffers

Trustee

E1 Waterbird Welfare
Year ended 31 March 2023
Supporting notes to the accounts

Note 1

Charitable donations

Throughout the year donations totalling £950 were made under the Gift Aid Scheme, qualifying for tax relief. The relevant Gift Aid declarations were obtained from donors. Donations totalling £684.10 were made through the Charity's PayPal Giving fund account and a further £750 was donated from the local community fund of a film production company working in the local vicinity.

Note 2

Sales of donated items

Donated items were sold throughout the year at local fundraising events (Shadwell Basin Market, Mile End Pavilion, York Rise) and also on-line through relevant platforms such as Vinted and Ziffit.

Note 3

Grants allocated in the period

	£
Swan and Waterbird Rescue Service	1,500
Local Swan Sanctuary volunteer (AM)	595
Hollow & Eagle Ponds (AI feeding programme)	200
Swan Support (registered charity) (replacement rescue kit)	<u>60</u>
Total	<u>£2,355</u>

Note 4

Purchase of kit and supplies

The following items were purchased in the year:

	£
2 duckling carriers	24
3 metre pole	36
3 large bird carriers	67
1 duck carrier	21
Bale of straw for nesting raft	18
Emergency cold weather waterbird food	<u>28</u>
Total	<u>£194</u>

It should also be noted that other vital items were also donated during the year, including a marketing banner, 3 tables for the market stall, the loan of a canopy, 3 large bird carriers, a swan jacket, several nets/poles, duckling carriers and several sacks of waterbirds pellets and food. Storage space for market stall stock was also donated by a volunteer and the pitch at Shadwell Basin Saturday Market was donated free by the organisers of the market.

Since the end of the period, the Trustees have also funded 14 urgently needed specialist swan/geese jackets and an emergency rope ladder for difficult rescues.

Note 5

Public liability insurance

The Trustees are required to take out public liability insurance to be able to participate at Shadwell Basin market at a cost of £21.39 per market day.

Note 6

Administrative expenses

Domain name licence (info@e1ww.co.uk)	£ 17
PayPal admin charges	9
iZettle charges (market credit card machine)	<u>38</u>
Total	£64

Note 7

Sales of donated items were sold throughout the year at local fundraising events (Shadwell Basin Market, Mile End Pavilion, York Rise) and also on-line through relevant platforms such as Vinted and eBay.

Note 8

Grants allocated in the period	
Swan and Waterbird Rescue Service	1,200
Local Swan Sanctuary volunteer (AM)	292
Hollow & Eagle Ponds (AI feeding programme)	200
Swan support (registered charity) (replacement rescue kit)	<u>60</u>
Total	£3,352

Note 9

Purchase of kit and supplies	
The following items were purchased in the year:	
3 duckling carriers	24
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1 duck carrier	21
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