

E1 Waterbird Welfare
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for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Registered office
Flat 1

Report and Accounts

26 Narrow Street
London

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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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

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' desire 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. 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

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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

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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)	60
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	28
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)

PayPal admin charges

iZettle charges (market credit card machine)

Total

£1 Waterbird Welfare

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Note 1

Charitable donations

Throughout the year donations totalling £250 were made under the

qualifying for tax relief. The relevant Gift Aid receipt is

Donations totalling £684.10 were made through the Charity's PayPal account

and a further £750 was donated from the local community.

company working in the local vicinity.

£64

£38

£9

£17

£

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Note 3

Grants allocated in the period

Swan and Waterbird Rescue Service

Local Swan Sanctuary volunteer (AM)

Hollow & Eagle Ponds (AI feeding programme)

Swan Support (registered charity) (replacement rescue kit)

Total

£3,325

£60

£200

£292

£1,200

Note 4

Purchase of kit and supplies

The following items were purchased in the year:

3 duckling carriers

3 metre pole

3 large bird carriers

1 duck carrier

Base of straw for nesting raft

Emergency cold weather waterbird food

Total

£194

£28

£18

£21

£67

£36

£24

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