

7th Heaven Hedgehog Rescue

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(A Community Interest Organisation)

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Charity registered name

7th Heaven Hedgehog Rescue

Charity registration number

1202714

Address

97 Grove Lane

Retford

DN22 6ND

Trustees

Susan Smith

Sally Brand

Julia Watt

Kathryn Spence

Debra Warner

Lesley Dunlop

7th Heaven Hedgehog Rescue is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The charity's purpose is to: Promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and preservation of the hedgehog species by

- providing first aid, treatment, and rehabilitation to sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs in Retford and the surrounding area with the aim of releasing such hedgehogs back into the wild wherever possible
- educating the public about the care, methods of treatment, conservation and habitat of hedgehogs with the aim of improving the survival rate of the species.

During 2024, the charity had 6 trustees, listed above. The trustees oversee the day to day work of the charity. The charity did not recruit any further trustees during the year.

During 2024, the charity:

- Raised funds for, and awareness of, its work through events and local media
- Engaged with national and local organisations concerned with the care of hedgehogs to coordinate efforts and ensure best practice
- Attended events and gave talks, and engaged on local social media about hedgehogs and the work of the charity to raise awareness and funds
- Provided first aid, treatment, and rehabilitation to hedgehogs, and released almost all (all those that were fit and safe to be released) to appropriate safe locations.

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The work of the charity is primarily undertaken by one trustee – Susan Smith – who although assisted by a small group of volunteer assistants, undertakes approximately 90% of the charity's work as an (at least) full-time unpaid job. Susan has been considering retiring from the Rescue for some time, and at the start of 2024 made the decision that she would not be able to continue devoting so much of her time and energy to it. Sue advised the other trustees that from 01 March 2024 she would retire from running the Rescue. Although stepping back from the significant workload of running a busy rescue, Sue will retain her interest in and care for local wildlife and hedgehogs in particular. None of the other trustees were in a position to commit the time required to take over the running of the rescue, nor were they able to identify anyone else who would be willing to do so. The trustees acknowledged the immense commitment and difference that Susan Smith has made over the many years that she has been the driving force for the care of and advocacy for hedgehogs and wildlife more generally in the local area.

The Rescue ceased to operate as such at the end of February 2024. Arrangements were made in advance for hedgehogs that were in the Rescue to be released if they were well enough, or to foster homes or other Rescues until they were. A small number of disabled hedgehogs remain with Susan Smith as they cannot be released into the wild. The Rescue's closure was communicated via the Rescue's social media, and the Rescue was removed from the lists of Rescues maintained by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, local veterinary clinics and RSPCA. Susan will direct any callers to other appropriate local facilities that are able to look after ill or injured hedgehogs.

Financial report

In 2024 (up to 28/02/2024):

- The charity's total income was £678.83:
 - donations & legacies - £678.83.
- The charity spent £854.70:
 - £854.70 on rescue operating costs.

Report approved by the trustees September 2025.