

HOPE FOR HEDGEHOGS WOODSIDE

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity Number 1204277

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024

To 31 March 2025

Charity name: Hope for Hedgehogs Woodside

Charity registration number: 1204277

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To further the conservation and preservation of hedgehogs. To advance the education of the public in the study and care of hedgehogs.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity runs a hedgehog rescue for sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs primarily but not exclusively in the Gateshead area. The aim of the charity is to rescue, rehabilitate and release rehabilitated hedgehogs back into the wild wherever possible.</p> <p>The charity carries out its aim in line with professional guidance provided by veterinary input, The British Hedgehog Preservation Society and the Vale Wildlife and Rehabilitation Centre. Our work in the clinic includes assessments, treatments, medications and vet visits. Under our umbrella, we also oversee and offer support to two small rescues in Sacriston and Consett.</p> <p>Through talks, training and hands-on events, the charity provides opportunities for members of the public to study hedgehogs and to educate them in the care and conservation of hedgehogs and their habitat.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have all reviewed the Charity Commission statement on public benefit found on the website.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making.	Para 1.38	N/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment.	Para 1.38	N/a

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The trustees oversee the day to day running of the charity working closely with volunteers. The charity is run by volunteers and the trustees, who receive no remuneration.</p> <p>We currently have a pool of over 60 volunteers. We have 7 volunteers trained in administering medication, with a further 6 currently in medication training. A specialist WhatsApp group exists specifically for medically trained volunteers to communicate efficiently.</p> <p>All new trainees follow specific training protocols for hedgehog handling and cleaning.</p> <p>We have a team of around 30 foster carers who rehabilitate hedgehogs in their homes receiving continuous support and guidance from the charity.</p> <p>In September 2024 a specialist fundraising group involving 6 volunteers was created to focus our fundraising efforts strategically.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Hope for Hedgehogs started in 2019 with our founder running a small-scale independent rescue from her utility room. Through fundraising by supporters and many volunteers coming on board, the size of the rescue has progressed rapidly. We moved the rescue into a small, rented property in February 2023 and then into our current larger premises in September 2023. In early 2025 a full clinic redecoration was undertaken by volunteers.</p> <p>Our attainment of charitable status on 9th August 2023 was an achievement we were very proud of and has helped us to raise our profile with supporters, volunteers, veterinary services, local businesses and members of the public.</p> <p>Our focus is very much on the treatment, rehabilitation and release of the hedgehogs in our care. During the full calendar year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 a total of 724 sick or injured hedgehogs as well as orphaned babies were admitted. This is an increase of almost 30% on the previous year.</p> <p>Of these admissions, we were able to treat and successfully release an exceptional figure of over 80% of hedgehogs back to the wild.</p>

		<p>Sadly, many of our admissions are already dying and many do die within hours of being brought into the hog hospital. In line with recommended practice, those hedgehogs that die within 48 hours of admission are not counted in our statistics.</p> <p>Currently, due to the large number of sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs in the area, in the height of the season, we continue to have between 80 to 100 hedgehogs in our care each week.</p> <p>Our hospital cannot accommodate so many hedgehogs, so we have a policy of fostering. We have a foster carer policy, and our foster carers are carefully trained and approved. We offer full support to foster carers and carry out regular weight and faeces checks for parasites to ensure the hedgehogs are thriving. We have an organised WhatsApp communication group to enable advice to be shared quickly and easily between foster carers.</p> <p>Wherever possible the hedgehogs are released back to the area in or near where they were found. We have a release policy supported by the Vale Wildlife to ensure optimal release conditions are achieved to maximise chances of survival. Prospective release sites are carefully checked and have to satisfy stringent criteria before releases will be permitted. Our special disabled hedgehogs are released into specifically selected secure sites.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set.	Para 1.41	<p>In September 2023 we were able to move to larger premises enabling us to accommodate more sick hedgehogs as well as make room for a designated crèche for sick babies. Having additional space also facilitated more volunteers being able to physically assist with the hedgehogs in the clinic.</p> <p>All our new volunteers are offered induction training in cleaning and feeding. We have a volunteer protocol and training manual, and volunteers receive a half day hands-on training session in the clinic before being able to assist in clinic.</p> <p>Additional training in feeding babies is also provided to those volunteers interested in taking on baby feeding shift work.</p> <p>We have an automated rota system allowing management of volunteers to man the clinic 7 days a week. This is particularly important during baby season when evening shift work is required. Since October 2023 we have employed a part time administrator who coordinates our team of volunteers and also</p>
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		<p>communicates with members of the public finding sick and injured hedgehogs and arranging to bring them into the rescue.</p> <p>We are now also able to keep careful records of all admissions and releases. Social media is very important to raise our profile and engage with the public and our supporters. Our administrator has been able to assist with setting up and monitoring our website and our other media platforms.</p> <p>We have a strong social media presence including Facebook and Instagram. We post a weekly Facebook update of all the hedgehogs in our care so that finders know how the hedgehogs they have brought to us are doing. This alleviates the need to give daily updates which although important are very time consuming.</p> <p>In spring 2024 the singer song writer Lewis Capaldi and his production team released a video that had been made about Hope for Hedgehogs and its founder Sandra. This has been a global phenomenon and has to date been viewed over 1.5 million times and received 26,000 likes on YouTube. Attached to the YouTube video a Just Giving link was set up to enable supporters to help with financial donations.</p> <p>We have partnered with the creators of the children's book Roly the Hedgehog, Frances Rodgers and Ben Grisdale, to raise awareness of hedgehogs and how to help them. This has proved a successful collaboration and enabled us to spread our message to more schools and local communities by dressing up in a full-size Roly Hedgehog costume!</p> <p>To raise awareness of the charity, in Spring 2024, our founder Sandra was featured in the television programme The Woodland Workshop. Sandra spoke about the work the charity does and the plight of hedgehogs. The programme has been repeated several times airing to a wide audience.</p> <p>The charity prides itself on its heavy reliance on regular and skilful use of samples checked under the microscope. Recently training sessions were arranged to share the expertise of our volunteers with other rescues. Sharing best practice and educating others is an area the charity would like to expand upon as it is vital to help improve survival of the hedgehog species.</p> <p>Hope for Hedgehogs provides opportunities for local communities to study hedgehogs and to educate them in the care and conservation of hedgehogs and their habitat. We conducted 13 talks at local schools,</p>
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		<p>Brownies and WI groups. Five of these events were delivered collaboratively with Gateshead Libraries and Heritage department at various local Gateshead primary schools, including Crookhill and Ryton. The children were enthusiastically engaged with the presentations and excited to interact with our real-life dress up character - Roly the Hedgehog</p> <p>These talks are proving a successful way of enabling us to educate the public in how they can help hedgehogs and respond effectively to the growing number of requests being received for us to provide speakers.</p> <p>We applied to the Local Councillors Fund and were successful in securing an award enabling us to purchase our own projector and screen for use during educational talks and events.</p> <p>We continue to make other funding applications for various grants including Lottery funding but have not been successful in this period.</p> <p>Ross the weatherman from the local news channel continues to be our high-profile patron for the charity. He has been our figurehead since 2023. This has resulted in several featured news items about the charity, the vulnerabilities of hedgehogs and how the public can help. Ross also now supports us as a foster carer too.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.	Para 1.41	<p>Our main fundraising stream is the one-off and regular donations we receive from our supporters.</p> <p>A specialist fundraising group has been created to focus our efforts strategically and concentrate our efforts to raise additional funds for the rescue. In particular we have attended numerous fairs to sell sales items, arranged a themed disco, sold donated hedgehog houses, sold cage and hedgehog sponsorship, sold scratch cards, undertaken raffles and Bonus Balls. We have also raised essential funds through selling goods directly from the clinic.</p> <p>In 2023 we raised £3,500 following a successful silent online auction of hedgehog doodles created and donated by various national and international celebrities. This year we arranged a ticketed 'hog-doodle' auction event. This was well attended but it is anticipated that the online format for the event will be run again in the future as the funds raised were far greater than funds generated from an in-person event.</p>

		<p>Several supporters / volunteers have raised sponsorship for the charity through participating in the Great North Run.</p> <p>We have embarked upon passive fund raising by branding donation boxes and handing those out to local businesses. We hope to expand on this funding stream in future.</p> <p>Further community events are planned and branded banners to make our stands more eye catching have been made by talented volunteers. Flyers and posters have been printed to offer advice about helping hedgehogs and these are distributed at all such events.</p> <p>The charity has teamed up with local makers to offer bespoke Hope For Hedgehogs merchandise such as keyrings and tote bags. These are proving popular and they help to raise the profile of the charity. We have branded clothing which our volunteers are encouraged to buy and wear, again to raise awareness and show they are part of the ever-growing team. These items are also sold to raise funds for the charity.</p> <p>Our 'Sponsor a Cage' promotion proved to be popular, especially over the Christmas period.</p> <p>Fundraising events as well as raising money also increases awareness of the vulnerabilities of hedgehogs. The charity will continue to have a visible presence at as many local community events as possible.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/a
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year ended 31 March 2025 the receipts were £38,616 and payments were £42,630. Net funds were £10,691
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover regular monthly expenses such as rent and medication for the coming financial period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves of approximately £10,691 were held at 31 March 2025.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Our primary funding comes from direct bank donations. We also receive cash donations from visitors to the clinic and donations via donation platforms, such as Just Giving and PayPal Giving Fund.</p> <p>For the first time this year branded donation boxes have been handed out to local businesses. This has proved a successful venture.</p> <p>Fund raising events are varied from raffles to silent auctions. Tabletop sales at local community events raise a small amount of funds, although time consuming are still worthwhile to raise awareness.</p> <p>Sponsorship of cages has also proved popular. Hedgehog adoptions are also sold through the charity's website. Fundraising events raise money and increase awareness of the environmental threats to hedgehogs.</p> <p>A small amount of income is generated from educational events and talks.</p> <p>The Lewis Capaldi video is continuing to raise donations, and a large donation was given by the producers of the video.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The charity is a victim of its own success; by raising awareness of the vulnerability of hedgehogs more members of the public are bringing in sick and injured hedgehogs to the rescue. This results in a heavy burden on the volunteers, particularly those trained to administer medicines. More volunteers have been trained which has enabled the burden to be shared however more volunteers need to be recruited and trained to cover shifts going forward.</p> <p>Larger premises will also soon be needed to accommodate all the sick hedgehogs admitted to the care of the charity. Looking after sick hedgehogs 365 days a year is an emotionally draining and time-consuming commitment. Unfortunately, some volunteers are only able to devote to the role for a short period of time which is disappointing as the charity invest heavily in providing appropriate training to their volunteers.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 9 August 2023
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees at a scheduled trustee meeting. The proposed person is nominated then seconded by trustee members and appointed by a simple majority.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are provided with written information on their role and responsibilities. This information includes links to all the Charity Commission advice and guidance. The role of a trustee is then explained and reinforced at the trustees' inaugural trustee meeting.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is a small organisation with a chair, treasurer/secretary and two additional trustees who are responsible for running the charity. Apart from a paid part time administrator the charity is run entirely by volunteers. Within the clinic the general cleaning and feeding is all done by volunteers. The main medical care is done by the chair of trustees and five of the trained volunteers under the guidance of our veterinary practice Medi Vet Veterinary Group at Lowfell and vet Jim McLellan oversees our clinic. Two trustees are responsible for the smooth running of the clinic and the care of the hedgehogs, and they liaise regularly with each other and the clinical team to ensure this is done. Several WhatsApp groups have been created to assist with communication. The charity has arrangements with Wallington Hall, and Bradley Gardens as well as other properties with secure walled gardens suitable for the release of disabled hedgehogs.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity supports two small hedgehog rescues in Sacriston and Consett.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hope For Hedgehogs Woodside
Other name the charity uses	N/a
Registered charity number	1204277
Charity's principal address	9 Barmoor Terrace Ryton Newcastle upon Tyne NE40 3BB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sandra Marilyn Lowe	Chair		
2	Deborah Kay Champion			
3	Tracy Maria Weston	Treasurer/Secretary		
4	Jane-Louise Hodson-Hamilton		Appointed 8 August 2024	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved.

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Description of the assets held in this capacity.	N/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects.	N/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/a

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Doug Maltman FMAAT, Connected Voice Business Services	One Strawberry Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4BX

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Sandra Lowe (Signed remotely)	
Full name(s)	Sandra Marilyn Lowe	
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	11.12.2025
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the financial statements of Hope for Hedgehogs Woodside for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 14 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Doug Maltman FMAAT
Fellow Member of the Association of Accountancy Technicians
Connected Voice Business Services
One Strawberry Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4BX
Date: 12.12.2025

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	Funds	Funds	2025	For the period
		£	£	£	09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
					£
Receipts from:					
Donations and legacies	6	30,212	-	30,212	18,546
Charitable activities					
Other trading activities	7	8,354	-	8,354	13,336
Total receipts		38,566	-	38,566	31,882
Payments on:					
Raising funds	8	2,273	-	2,273	1,211
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	9	40,307	-	40,307	23,195
Total payments		42,580	-	42,580	24,406
Reconciliation of funds					
Net of receipts/payments		(4,014)	-	(4,014)	7,476
Exceptional item	5	-	-	-	7,229
Cash funds brought forward		14,705	-	14,705	-
Cash carried forward		10,691	-	10,691	14,705

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
	Notes	Funds £	Funds £	2025 £	£
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Cash at bank and in hand	15	10,691	-	10,691	14,705
<u>Assets retained for own use</u>	14				
Equipment				6,981	3,347
Assets: amounts receivable within one year	13			590	1,034
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	16			420	360
Total net assets or liabilities				7,151	4,021
<u>Funds of the charity</u>					
Unrestricted income funds				10,691	14,705
Restricted income funds				-	-
Total funds				10,691	14,705

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 11.12.2025

and are signed on its behalf by: Tracy Weston
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Hope for Hedgehogs Woodside meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £10,691 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of receipt have been met.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of receipts and payments, unless required or permitted by SORP.

3.3 Grants and donations

Receipts from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has received the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met.

3.4 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received.

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3.6 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the payment was incurred.

4.5 Liabilities

The charity has liabilities which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024 £
	Funds £	Funds £	2025 £	
5 Exceptional item				
Funds prior to Charity registration	-	-	-	7,229
	-	-	-	7,229
Analysis of receipts				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024 £
	Funds £	Funds £	2025 £	
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	29,881	-	29,881	18,261
Other	331	-	331	285
	30,212	-	30,212	18,546
7 Other trading activities				
Clothing sales	877	-	877	868
Fundraising events	7,477	-	7,477	12,468
	8,354	-	8,354	13,336

Receipts were £38,566 (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £31,882) of which £38,566 was unrestricted or designated (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £31,882) and £0 was restricted (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £0)

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Analysis of payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
	Funds £	Funds £	2025 £	£
8 Raising funds				
Staging fundraising events	2,273	-	2,273	1,211
	<u>2,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>1,211</u>
9 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Medication costs	5,098	-	5,098	3,158
Vet costs	1,580	-	1,580	514
Donations made	-	-	-	100
Equipment	5,574	-	5,574	3,656
<u>Support costs</u>				
Self employed staff	14,582	-	14,582	3,472
Premises costs	1,831	-	1,831	2,287
Rent	7,344	-	7,344	4,516
Mobile costs	525	-	525	40
Utility costs	1,371	-	1,371	399
Waste collection	676	-	676	501
Professional fees	-	-	-	906
Subscriptions	280	-	280	-
Other payments	1,086	-	1,086	3,646
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	360	-	360	-
	<u>40,307</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,307</u>	<u>23,195</u>

Payments on charitable activities were £42,630 (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £24,406) of which £0 was unrestricted or designated (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £24,406) and £0 was restricted (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £0)

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10 Fees for examination of the accounts

		For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
	2025 £	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	420	360
	420	360

There were no other fees paid to the examiner.

11 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

The charity currently does not employ staff.

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024: £nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the charity manager . The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £0.

12 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 Stock

	Stock For distribution £	For resale £
Charitable activities:		
Opening	1,034	-
Added in period	-	-
Expensed in period	(444)	-
Impaired	-	-
Closing	590	-

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14 Assets retained for own use	Total 2025	Total For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
	£	£
Equipment	6,981	3,347
	<u>6,981</u>	<u>3,347</u>

15 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
	£	£
PayPal account	650	108
Cash at bank	9,960	14,488
Cash in hand	81	109
	<u>10,691</u>	<u>14,705</u>

16 Liabilities (payable within 1 year)

	2025	For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the accounts	420	360
	<u>420</u>	<u>360</u>

17 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

18 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	14,705	38,566	(42,580)	-	10,691
Totals	14,705	38,566	(42,580)	-	10,691

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

19 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (For the period 09.08.2023 to 31.03.2024 -£nil)

Hope for Hedgehogs Treasurers Report.

01/04/24 – 31/03/25

This report relates to our first full year as a charity for the tax year 24/25.

Hope for Hedgehogs (H4H) holds 2 accounts. One is a Barclays Current Account which is our account used for all incoming and outgoing transactions. We also hold a PayPal Account. The PayPal account is used ONLY for donations. Periodically, these funds are transferred to the main Barclays current account.

On the 31st March 2024 (end of previous tax year), these were our respective bank balances:

Barclays Current Account	£14,488.23
PayPal account	£107.25
Petty Cash	£109.25
Total	£14,704.73

At the end of the new reporting period 31/03/25, these were the new balances:

Barclays Current Account	£9,960.34
PayPal account	£648.45.
Petty cash	£81.17 (copy of cash transactions in Accounts file)
Total	£10,689.96

The credits and debits for Barclays current account in reporting period 01/04/24 – 31/03/25 were as follows:

Date	Total credits	Total debits	Balance
31/03/24	-	-	14,488.23
01/04/24 – 30/04/24	3681.45	3594.47	14,575.21
01/05/24 – 31/05/24	2711.84	3209.37	14,077.68
01/06/24 – 30/06/24	3139.30	3381.68	13,835.30
01/07/24 – 31/07/24	4979.07	5250.23	13,564.14
01/08/24 – 31/08/24	4113.10	2635.65	15,041.59
01/09/24 – 30/09/24	3939.97	3352.28	15,629.28
01/10/24 – 31/10/24	2577.57	4323.78	13,883.07
01/11/24 – 30/11/24	3773.85	3452.71	14,204.21
01/12/24 – 31/12/24	2255.96	1293.74	15,166.43
01/01/25 – 31/01/25	2190.92	4938.79	12,418.56
01/02/25 – 28/02/25	1887.19	2911.24	11,394.51
01/03/25 – 31/03/25	2599.95	4034.12	9,960.34
31/03/25	-	-	9,960.34
Total credits / debits	37,850.17	42,378.06	9,660.34

The credits and debits for PayPal account in reporting period 01/04/24 – 31/03/25 were as follows:

Date	Total credits	Total debits	Balance
31/03/24	-	-	£107.25
01/04/24 – 31/03/25	£1473.50		£1580.75
01/04/24 – 31/03/25	-	£82.30 (PayPal Fees)	£1498.45
01/04/24 – 31/03/25	-	£850 (Transferred to Barclays Current Account)	£648.45
31/03/25	-	-	£648.45

Income

Donations

Our main source of regular income is donations.

For the reporting period, H4H received a total of £29,707.03 in donations, of which £1,391.20 (net) was donated through PayPal - £850 of this was transferred to Barclays Current account. £5,000 of this overall total was through direct donations (a combination of new Standing Orders and stand-alone payments).

We now have our own Charity Account on Just Giving, which has helped to increase revenue by just over £5,500 from last year's figure. We have also engaged with other donation platforms including PayPal Giving Fund, Charities Trust, Easy Fundraising and Give Wheel, which in total has added a further £2,182 to our donation total.

Crucially this year, we were successful in our first funding bid, securing £610 from Gateshead Council Local Councillors' Fund (LCF), to purchase a projector and screen.

Donations paid to primary Barclays Account	Amount
Direct Bank Donations	£16,109.18
PayPal Donations (transferred to bank)	£850
Just Giving	£8,720.84
Stripe Payments (Donations through Website)	£717.25
Gateshead Council Grant	£610
Donation towards medical bills from British Hedgehog Preservation Society	£300
PayPal Giving Fund	£1,580.38
Charities Trust	£29.61
Easy Fundraising	£323.84
Give Wheel	£248.57
Total Donations	£29,165.83

Donations paid to PayPal Account (Excluding £850 transferred to Barclays)	£541.20
Total Donations (including PayPal)	£29,707.03

Fundraising

We have worked really hard to raise funds for the rescue.

To do this, we have attended numerous fairs to sell sales items, arranged a disco, sold donated hedgehog houses, sold cage/ hedgehog sponsorship, arranged a ticketed 'hog-doodle' auction event, sold scratch cards, ran raffles and Bonus Balls.

We have also raised essential funds through selling goods directly from Clinic.

A summary of our fundraising is shown below:

Fundraising Event	Funds Raised	Associated Costs (cost of sale items, cost of table, etc)	Net Profit	Actual payments to bank (card, transferred cash and direct bank payments)
Fairs / Events attended				
Barmoor Fair	£163	£78	£85	£163
Hope for Hedgehogs Disco	£566	£200	£366	£566
Party in the Park	£50	£26	£24	£50
Wylam Fair	£359.28	£91	£268.28	£359.28
Brighten Ryton Fair	£255.20	£64	£191.20	£255.20
Lush Charity Pot Weekend	£349	£37	£312	£349
Hog Doodle Event	£639.93	£20	£619.93	£639.93
Miner's Lamp Café	£92	£32	£60	£92
Duck Race	£61	£31	£30	£61
Crawcrook Fair	£171.73	£58	£113.73	£171.73
Barmoor Hub Christmas	£188.34	£42	£146.34	£188.34
Station East Event	£146.08	£30	£116.08	£124.08
Sub Total (Fairs)	£3041.56	£709	£2332.56	£3019.56
Raffles / Bonus Ball				
Bonus Ball	£371	Nil	£371	£371
Scratchcard	£80	Nil	£80	£80
Raffle	£76	Nil	£76	£76
Sub Total (Raffles)	£527	Nil	£527	£527
Misc Sales				
Sale of Hedgehog Houses	£1,260	Nil	£1,260	£1,260
Cage/ hedgehog Sponsorship	£530	Nil	£530	£530
Name badges	£125	£10	£115	£125
Direct sales and pop-up shop	£2015.41	£1859	£156.41	£2015.41
Sub total (Misc sales)	£3,930.41	£1869	£2,009.58	£3930.41
Total Fundraising	£7,541.25	£2578	£4869.14	£7,476.97

H4H Clothing

Many of our volunteers choose to purchase special T-Shirts / hoodies / fleece tops which we print with our logo. We order these requested items in bulk. The volunteers pay either cost price, or voluntarily pay slightly more as an extra donation. We also order printed H4H caps and beanie hats for sale at Fairs. Volunteers may also purchase these if they wish, for the usual fair selling price.

Total receipts for all H4H clothing during the reporting period = £876.65

Miscellaneous Income

09/04/24	Kerry Turner	Owl Stand Repayment	£12.49
13/01/25	B & Q	Refund	£30
17/02/25	Pawz for Thought	Reimbursement of vet fees	£124.20
31/03/25	Amazon	Goods refund	£164.03
Total of Miscellaneous income			£330.72

Total Income

Donations	£29,707.03
Fundraising	£7,476.97
H4H Clothing	£876.65
Miscellaneous	£330.72
Total	£38,391.37

Expenditure

Our expenditure for the period 01/03/24 – 31/03/25 is broken down as follows:-

Expenditure Reason	Amount	Total
Rent	£7344.00	£7344
Utilities		
British Gas Lite	£1371.46	
Gateshead Council Bin Collection	£676.00	£2047.46
Insurance		
Contents, Volunteer and Public Liability	£261.50	
Buildings	£292.10	£553.60
Communication		
Mobile phone	£60	
Internet	£127.14	
Website name and fee	£124.79	
Photocopier Rental	£152.91	
M.S.Office	£59.99	£524.83
Hedgehog Care		
Medication	£5098.48	
Vet Bills	£1579.74	£6678.22
Just Giving Subs	£198	£198
Admin Assistant Salary (Talent 84)	£14,582.34	£14,582.34
Admin Clerk Expenses	£100	£100

Premises Clinic Redecoration Plumbing work	£1088.69 £69.00	£1157.69
Fundraising Table booking fee for fairs Items to sell at fairs Cage plaque Disco	£70 £1108.45 £4.55 £100	£1283.00
Stationery Name Badges Printer paper Printer inks Other stationery	£24.99 £14.50 £98.54 £310.58	£448.61
Miscellaneous Items for Clinic Incubators Heater for clinic Hutches / brooders Drawers Miscellaneous	£2440.30 £62.97 £437.37 £30 £1986.34	£4956.98
TCU TCU Clothing (Uniform and hats / caps for fairs) TCU reimbursement payment.	£625.20 £364.80	£990
Gateshead Local Councillors' funded items purchased – projector and screen (as per Local Councillors Fund)	£617.28	£617.28
Miscellaneous Connected Voice Accounts Examination Cake for volunteers Spikes and Feathers Rescue support Unpaid (returned) cheque	£360 £50 £148.48 £337.57	£896.05
Overall Total		£42,378.06

Expenditure

Premises

Our bills for rent and utilities for 94/95 totalled £9,391.46 which equates to roughly 22% of expenditure.

The Clinic was in great need of redecoration and maintenance, which totalled £1157.69 and the additional Clinic items we needed to purchase totalled £4,956.98.

Hedgehog Expenses

We spent £6,678.22 on hedgehog care expenses for vet bills and medication. Costs for food and consumables have been included in the overall miscellaneous Clinic total.

Admin Assistant Salary

Our biggest expenditure for the reporting period was Admin Assistant salary @ £14,582.34 which has resulted in an almost £5,000 lower balance at the end of March 25.

Whilst this amounted to just over 34% of our total expenditure, the Trustees agreed that the needs of the Clinic had to come first due to the huge admin workload, resulting in the requirement to increase admin hours, during the busiest periods.

Admin Clerk Expenses

£100 was issued to Admin Clerk to pay for low-cost expenses, such as postage for sponsor certificates.

Fundraising

Our fundraising expenditure for the reporting year was £1283, down by just over £1000 from last year. This reduction is likely attributed to the residual stock we carried forward from the previous year. Additionally, many of our sales items are hand-made goods, often donated by supporters of our Charity.

TCU Clothing / Uniform

Our total TCU Clothing / uniform costs were £990 for this reporting period.

Stationery

H4H uses a lot of printer cartridges and printing materials as each hedgehog needs admission and meds forms. Our total stationery expenditure was £448.61.

H4H Website

Our website name cost us £22.79 in this reporting period.

Spikes and Feathers Animal Rescue.

H4H sponsors Spikes and Feathers rescue in Sacriston, County Durham. To help ease the rescue's financial burden, the H4H Trustees agreed to reimburse their hedgehog food and medication expenditure to the value of £148.

Local Councillor's Fund (LCF)

Following a grant of £610 from Gateshead LCF, we were able to purchase a projector and screen at a cost of £617.28. These items are essential as we conduct lots of talks throughout our local community.

Unpaid Cheque

An unpaid cheque for £337.57 from PayPal Giving Fund was returned to our bank. Following discussion with the bank, they were unable to advise why this had happened. On contacting the issuer, this payment was later re-issued to us on a subsequent cheque.

Report completed by
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18/11/25