



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Period end date

Period start date To 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Charity name: PENNY'S ARK

Charity registration number: 1205298

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention in Europe and the UK and, in particular through the rehabilitation of rescue animals, to provide and maintain rescue homes, or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.</b>
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><b>During the year, the charity continued its work to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals in need across the UK and parts of Europe. Our main activities included the provision of shelter, veterinary care, and behavioural rehabilitation for animals that have been neglected, abandoned, or mistreated.</b></p> <p><b>The charity partnered with rescue centres in Romania and maintained a network of foster carers to provide safe, temporary homes for animals awaiting adoption. We supported rehoming initiatives by carefully matching animals with suitable adopters and providing post-adoption support and education.</b></p> <p><b>In addition to direct rescue work, the charity engaged in public education and outreach to promote responsible pet ownership and animal welfare awareness. We funded campaigns to reduce stray populations through spay-and-release programmes and continue to advocate and promote animal welfare through social media and public events.</b></p> <p><b>These activities directly support our charitable objectives by relieving animal suffering, improving welfare outcomes, and contributing to the wider public</b></p>

		<b>benefit through education and community engagement</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when carrying out their duties and in planning the charity's activities for the year. All charitable activities undertaken were reviewed to ensure they continue to deliver public benefit in line with the charity's aims and objectives.</b>

## 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><b>As a small charity, Penny's Ark continues to rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters. Our work is funded through public donations, with many kind donors also opting to include Gift Aid, allowing us to increase the value of their contribution at no extra cost to them. We are deeply grateful for this continued support, which enables us to carry out our mission of helping animals in need both in the UK and abroad.</b></p> <p><b>We have successfully assisted various Social Services departments around the country in rehoming pets whose owners have sadly passed away or moved into a care setting. It is therefore also part of our own policy that we ask potential adopters to consider what provisions have been made for their pets should the unthinkable happen. We also insist that Penny's Ark be contacted so we can offer assistance and support when needed.</b></p> <p><b>We are fortunate to have the expertise of a behaviourist who volunteers with us to help assess, rehabilitate and support animals and their adopters/fosters with behavioural challenges.</b></p> <p><b>The ongoing cost-of-living crisis has had a noticeable impact on our operations. We have seen a decline in adoption rates, coupled with rising veterinary and care costs both in the UK and overseas. Many pet owners are facing heartbreaking decisions about giving up their animals due to financial pressures. Wherever possible, Penny's</b></p>

		<p>Ark steps in to offer support before rehoming becomes necessary. We provide help with pet food, behavioural guidance, and veterinary funding to help families keep their dogs in their homes. These efforts are made possible thanks to our community of over 270 members who contribute funds dedicated to these causes.</p> <p>Beyond our UK work, we continue to work closely with partner rescue centres in Romania to save dogs from kill shelters and unsafe environments. Our dedicated colleagues in Romania continue to work with the animals in their care, working to successfully rehabilitate them in preparation to be rehomed in the UK. Many of these dogs have now found loving homes in the UK, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our supporters. We promote them via our website, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok accounts to encourage more adoptions and the joy that animal companionship can bring to both animal and human alike. Penny's Ark is making and will continue to make a difference one dog at a time.</p> <p>During the reporting period, Penny's Ark successfully rehomed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 UK dogs</li> <li>• 65 EU dogs</li> <li>• 6 dogs currently in foster care</li> </ul> <p>While we are proud of these achievements, the demand for rehoming remains overwhelming. As a small charity, we regret that we are only able to respond to a fraction of the requests we receive from adult social care teams, veterinary practices, and individual owners.</p> <p>Our support for Romanian rescue centres continues despite the challenges posed by changing UK import and animal health regulations, including recent updates surrounding <i>Brucella canis</i> testing requirements. We remain committed to operating responsibly and ensuring the health and welfare of all animals transported to the UK.</p> <p>An essential part of our mission is to respond swiftly to medical emergencies. Penny's Ark provides funding for both emergency and ongoing veterinary care</p>
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		<p>for dogs in the UK and the EU. These interventions often mean the difference between life and death for the animals we support. We also raise funds and support spay-and-release campaigns in Romania to help manage stray populations humanely and prevent future suffering.</p> <p>This year, we were honoured to be nominated and shortlisted for the Animal Award in the BBC Radio Merseyside Make a Difference Awards, recognising the dedication of our volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly to improve animal welfare.</p> <p>Despite the many challenges facing the animal welfare sector, Penny's Ark remains steadfast in its commitment to making a difference one dog at a time.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Steady income and credit in bank and PayPal accounts. Limited reserves for emergency operations and increased purchases for transportation and food.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Reserves are held to cover any emergency expenses for additional costs such as medical procedures, urgent transportation and to ensure a steady supply of food/shelter supplies.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£2,165</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>No uncertainties.</b>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? ( <a href="#">e.g unincorporated association</a> , CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled	Para 1.25	<b>Trustees are appointed by election of the existing trustees, and subject to approval at a duly convened meeting. Trustees are recruited based on their skills, experience, and commitment to the charity's aims.</b>

to appoint one or more trustees		
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## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Penny's Ark
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1205298
Charity's principal address	3 Rookery Road SOUTHPORT Merseyside PR9 7JQ

### **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	Lindsey Church	Chair	Whole Year	
2	Irene Doherty	Trustee	11 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	
3	Sally Anne Kelly	Trustee	Whole Year	
4	Louise Sparshott-Garrick	Trustee	Whole Year	
5	Elizabeth May Church Fitzgerald	Trustee	Whole Year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## 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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

## 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)		
Full name(s)	Lindsey Church	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	12/10/2025	





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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date

10/19/23

To

Period end date


4/11/25

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	65,135	-	-	65,135	-
Tickets	946	-	-	946	-
Gift Aid	1,183	-	-	1,183	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>67,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,264</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>67,264</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>67,264</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Kennel & Food Costs	29,814	-	-	29,814	-
Transport Costs	14,377	-	-	14,377	-
Veterinary Fees	10,712	-	-	10,712	-
Ticket Costs	771	-	-	771	-
Administration & Software Costs	1,224	-	-	1,224	-
Bank Fees	287	-	-	287	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57,185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,185</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>57,185</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>57,185</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>-</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Accounts	10,079	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>10,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		SALLY KELLY	29 Jan 26	



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Penny's Ark

#### On accounts for the year ended

11 April 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1205298

#### Set out on pages

One and Two

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 11 / 04 / 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 no concerns and 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.

Signed:

Date:

18/08/2025

Name:

Alan Cowperthwaite

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

FCCA

Address:

2 High Street, Burnham on Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**