



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			TO	Period end date		
	01	12	2025		31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity's name	HOOVES AND TAILS
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1205698
Charity's principle address	2 Lady St John Square, Goldings North Road Hertford, Hertfordshire SG14 2WS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of the person (body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Isabel Dowsett	Chair		
Simon Leadbeater	Trustee		
Nermin Sigisrtmac	Trustee		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Names	Date if not acted for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by management/trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the suffering of unwanted, abandoned and neglected animals that need care, protection and treatment by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, by the provision of a rescue, re-homing and the accommodation of such animals. To advance public education in matters concerning animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity provides a safe and permanent sanctuary for rescued farm animals, ensuring they can live out the rest of their lives in comfort, safety and dignity. Animals in our care receive appropriate shelter, nutrition and veterinary attention, including specialist care for illness, injury and age-related conditions. Our work is focused on improving animal welfare and preventing suffering caused by neglect, abandonment or poor living conditions.

We achieve our charitable aims through the following activities:

- **Rescue, rehabilitation and lifelong care**

We work in collaboration with other animal rescues, welfare organisations and individuals to alleviate animal suffering caused by neglect, illness, maltreatment or unsafe environments. Where appropriate, we respond to reports of animals in distress, remove them from harmful situations and bring them to safety. Animals are either provided with lifelong care at the sanctuary or supported into suitable alternative placements where this best meets their needs.

- **Education and awareness**

We promote kindness, compassion and responsible treatment of animals by educating the public about animal welfare. Through digital platforms, communications with supporters and private sanctuary visits, we raise awareness of animal cruelty prevention, appropriate animal care, and the benefits of sponsoring or supporting rescued farm animals. These activities help build long-term understanding and engagement with animal welfare issues.

- **Public engagement and volunteering**

The charity offers opportunities for members of the public to interact with and learn about farm animals through volunteering, visits and fundraising activities. These experiences help people form meaningful connections with animals, challenge perceptions of farm animals, and encourage compassionate behaviour, while also supporting the sustainability of the sanctuary.

- **Fundraising and sustainability**

To support our ongoing work, the charity undertakes fundraising activities including seeking donations and grants, offering animal sponsorships, and hosting private visits. These activities generate essential income to meet the costs of animal care, veterinary treatment, feed, and sanctuary maintenance.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and confirm that the charity's activities are carried out for the benefit of the public.

Public Benefit

The charity provides public benefit in the following ways:

- **Animals in need**

The primary beneficiaries of the charity's work are unwanted, abandoned and neglected animals. Through rescue, rehabilitation and lifelong care, the charity improves their welfare and quality of life.

- **The wider community**
The sanctuary acts as a focal point for people who share values of compassion and kindness towards animals. Visitors and volunteers engage directly with the animals, fostering community involvement, social connection and shared responsibility for animal welfare.
- **Animal lovers and sponsors**
The charity provides opportunities for individuals to sponsor animals, allowing them to support animal welfare without the responsibility of direct care. Sponsorships increase public engagement while contributing to the animals' ongoing care.
- **Volunteers and supporters**
Volunteers benefit by gaining a sense of purpose, fulfilment and practical experience in animal care and sanctuary operations, while contributing their time and skills to further the charity's objectives.
- **Educational groups and learners**
Educational visits and volunteering opportunities help raise awareness of animal welfare, encourage empathy and compassion, and provide hands-on learning experiences related to sanctuary management and animal care.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout the year, the charity continued to care for all animals in its care, ensuring their welfare, safety and day-to-day needs were met. This year proved exceptionally challenging due to prolonged dry weather and drought conditions. The lack of grass meant that animals required hay feeding throughout the summer months, rather than only during winter. This significantly increased costs at a time when donations were already under pressure. Although conditions improved later in the year, providing some financial relief, overall expenditure remained high. The cost of animal care continued to rise, with animal feed and veterinary expenses remaining the charity's largest areas of spend. Veterinary fees, medication and specialist care increased, particularly as several animals in the flock are ageing and now require ongoing treatment, including regular medication for conditions such as arthritis. In addition to animal care, the charity continued to maintain the sanctuary grounds and facilities. Ongoing work included fencing repairs, barn maintenance and general upkeep to ensure a safe and secure environment for both animals and volunteers. On a positive note, the charity experienced increased engagement through its animal sponsorship programme, with more residents being sponsored during the year. Sponsorship remains an important source of regular income, particularly given the ongoing challenge of fundraising for farm animals. While donations have continued to grow gradually, the trustees recognise that further development of fundraising activities remains necessary. Volunteer support remained a vital part of the charity's operations. The charity successfully recruited new volunteers during the year and continued to build its volunteer network. Volunteers assisted with essential tasks including hoof trimming, rounding up, sanctuary maintenance, mucking out, seasonal clean-ups and general husbandry support. During the year, the charity sadly lost one sheep. While losses are always difficult, overall animal welfare remained stable, and no other animals were lost during the reporting period. The trustees remain committed to continuing and developing the charity's work, ensuring high standards of animal welfare while adapting to rising costs and external challenges.
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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim of the charity is to ensure that the charity's ongoing and future activities are reasonably protected from unexpected variances in its income and expenditure.

We aim to keep a minimum level of unrestricted general fund, currently set at £1000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

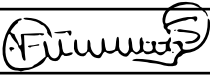
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full names(s)	Isabel Fadime Dowsett	Nermin Sigirtmac
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Secretary	Trustee

Date	4th January 2026
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**HOOVES AND TAILS INCOME AND EXPENSES SUMMARY FOR THE
FINANCIAL PERIOD 01 December 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Date	Description	Income	Expenses
03 Jan 25	VAT Returns		4.2
06 Jan 25	Donations	200	
08 Jan 25	VAT Claims	71.57	
09 Jan 25	Sanctuary Purchase		16.39
13 Jan 25	Hay		210
05 Feb 25	Hay		250
06 Feb 25	Donations	200	
10 Feb 25	Sanctuary Purchase		26.2
21 Feb 25	Sanctuary Camera		10.26
21 Feb 25	Hay		105
24 Feb 25	Sponsorships	30	
03 Mar 25	Animals Feed		82.02
06 Mar 25	Donations	200	
07 Mar 25	Vet Bills		88.35
07 Mar 25	Hay		250
07 Mar 25	Sponsorships	60	
17 Mar 25	Donations	69	
18 Mar 25	Medications		109.74
20 Mar 25	Currency Conversion Fee		0.4
20 Mar 25	Currency Conversion Fee		1.41
20 Mar 25	Pet Supplies		14.61
20 Mar 25	Pet Supplies		51.61
21 Mar 25	Refund	0.59	
21 Mar 25	Supplies		21.79
24 Mar 25	Medications		23.76
25 Mar 25	Animals Feed		19.67



02 Apr 25	Vet Bills		125.72
04 Apr 25	Grant	500	
07 Apr 25	VAT Returns		4.2
07 Apr 25	Donations	200	
10 Apr 25	VAT claims	35.76	
14 Apr 25	Medications		21.68
14 Apr 25	Animals Feed		57.93
22 Apr 25	Sanctuary Supplies		4.37
02 May 25	Sanctuary Email		10
06 May 25	Donations	200	
08 May 25	Animals Feed		19.67
12 May 25	Animals Feed		44.89
14 May 25	Sanctuary Supplies		19.99
19 May 25	Sanctuary Supplies		18.16
23 May 25	Animals Feed		20.49
02 Jun 25	Animals Feed		13.47
03 Jun 25	Vet Bills		211.74
03 Jun 25	Donations	50.67	
06 Jun 25	Donations	200	
09 Jun 25	Animals Feed		66.44
10 Jun 25	Sanctuary Supplies		11.99
13 Jun 25	Sanctuary Supplies		9.09
17 Jun 25	Animals Feed		22.35
17 Jun 25	Animals Feed		31.1
17 Jun 25	Sanctuary Supplies		37.98
26 Jun 25	Animals Feed		82.95
27 Jun 25	Hay		145
30 Jun 25	Sanctuary Supplies		15.13
07 Jul 25	VAT Returns		5.4
07 Jul 25	Animals Feed		14.5
07 Jul 25	Sponsorships	150	



07 Jul 25	Donations	200	
10 Jul 25	VAT Claims	88.66	
17 Jul 25	Hay		250
18 Jul 25	Sanctuary Camera		10.04
21 Jul 25	Sanctuary Supplies		54.91
30 Jul 25	Purchase		54.91
06 Aug 25	Vet Bills		65.96
06 Aug 25	Donations	200	
12 Aug 25	Animals Feed		112.25
15 Aug 25	sanctuary Supplies		29.43
18 Aug 25	Sanctuary Supplies		4.4
19 Aug 25	Sanctuary Supplies		9.99
22 Aug 25	Donations	90.44	
26 Aug 25	Animals Feed		7.25
26 Aug 25	Sanctuary Supplies		25.5
26 Aug 25	Sanctuary Insurance		153.81
27 Aug 25	Sanctuary Supplies		25.73
03 Sep 25	Sanctuary Supplies		19.99
08 Sep 25	Vet Bills		245.71
08 Sep 25	Donations	200	
15 Sep 25	Fencing Materials		215.42
18 Sep 25	Currency Conversion Fee		0.73
18 Sep 25	Sanctuary Supplies		26.69
19 Sep 25	Hay		210
19 Sep 25	Donations	160	
30 Sep 25	Donations	100	
01 Oct 25	Donations	50	
06 Oct 25	VAT Returns		5.4
06 Oct 25	Donations	200	
09 Oct 25	VAT Claims	100.19	
13 Oct 25	Sanctuary Supplies		8.38



13 Oct 25	Sanctuary Supplies		20.49
27 Oct 25	Website		38.4
31 Oct 25	Donations	102.38	
03 Nov 25	Sanctuary Supplies		15.99
03 Nov 25	Sanctuary Supplies		15.99
05 Nov 25	Web Hosting		181.44
06 Nov 25	Donations	200	
10 Nov 25	Sanctuary Supplies		14.09
10 Nov 25	Sanctuary Supplies		94
13 Nov 25	Sponsorships	60	
17 Nov 25	Animals Feed		96.56
17 Nov 25	Web Hosting		403.2
18 Nov 25	Postage		3.6
24 Nov 25	Hay		210
08 Dec 25	Sanctuary Supplies		48.97
08 Dec 25	Donations	200	
10 Dec 25	Sanctuary Camera		10.12
10 Dec 25	Sanctuary Supplies		20.89
15 Dec 25	Hay		450
15 Dec 25	Donations	43.96	
23 Dec 25	Sponsorships	52	
Totals		4,215.22	5,459.89