



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	10	07	2024		31	10	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Footprints Animal Sanctuary

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1209075

Charity's principal address Bower End Farm

Bower End Lane

Crewe

Postcode

CW3 9NG

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	Lisa Sherwani	Chair		
2	Hayley Harford			
3	Jamie Stephenson			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	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)	CIO – Foundation (registered 10/07/2024)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by committee following resolution of 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.

The organisation structure was made up of 3 Trustees all of whom were also committee members. A further 1 committee members served in this period.

In addition to the committee and trustees, volunteers working with us in the organisation also support the following roles:

Events co-ordinator
Fundraising co-ordinator
Public relations
Rehoming co-ordination
Website management
Merchandise

We have liability insurance and employment insurance in place and complete regular risk assessments for our on-site activities.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.

To promote humane behaviour toward animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals in need and to educate the public in matters pertaining to 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)

Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO works to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, with a particular focus on the rescue, rehabilitation and long-term welfare of animals that have experienced neglect, abuse or abandonment.

The charity provides appropriate veterinary treatment, behavioural support and daily care for animals within its care, many of which would otherwise have no viable alternative.

During the year, the charity continued to operate a foster-based rescue model, enabling animals to be cared for in safe, supportive environments while they recover and, where appropriate, are prepared for rehoming.

Animals assessed as unsuitable for rehoming due to age, health or behavioural needs are supported on a long-term or permanent basis, ensuring their ongoing welfare and quality of life.

In addition to direct animal care, the charity actively promotes humane behaviour towards animals by raising public awareness of animal welfare issues. This is achieved through the charity's website, social media channels, and attendance at events, where information is shared to educate the public on responsible ownership, the prevention of cruelty, and the importance of compassion towards animals.

The charity also works collaboratively with other rescue organisations by sharing information and resources to support wider rehoming efforts and improve outcomes for animals across the sector. All activities are carried out entirely by volunteers, ensuring that funds raised are directed primarily towards animal care and welfare.

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.

Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO recognises that its work is delivered entirely by volunteers and that supporting their wellbeing is essential to the effective delivery of the charity's objectives. Many volunteers are involved in emotionally demanding roles, including animal rescue, rehabilitation and end-of-life care, and the trustees are mindful of the potential impact this can have on mental health.

The charity places a strong emphasis on creating a supportive and inclusive volunteer environment. Volunteers are encouraged to work within their personal limits, to communicate openly about challenges they may face, and to support one another through peer networks. Trustees and committee members maintain regular contact with volunteers to ensure concerns can be raised and addressed promptly, helping to reduce stress and prevent burnout.

Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO also provides opportunities for individuals seeking experience within animal welfare and related fields. During the year, the charity supports student placements, offering practical, supervised experience in animal care, welfare practices and the operation of a volunteer-led charity. These placements contribute to the education and development of students while also helping to promote responsible, compassionate approaches to animal welfare.

By supporting volunteers' mental wellbeing and providing educational placement opportunities, the charity not only sustains its capacity to deliver direct animal welfare activities but also contributes to the wider

public benefit through skills development, education and the promotion of positive mental health within the community.

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the reporting period, Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO continued to provide lifelong sanctuary and specialist care to rescued farm animals, responding to ongoing requests for help and accepting animals in need where resources allowed. Animals were taken into the charity's care from a range of circumstances, including neglect, abandonment and loss of home.

Throughout the year, the charity managed a number of animals with complex and chronic health needs, including several pigs requiring intensive daily care, ongoing veterinary treatment and long-term management of illness. This work required significant time, expertise and financial commitment, and ensured that animals with serious health conditions were able to live in comfort and dignity.

Inevitably, as a sanctuary supporting elderly and medically vulnerable animals, the charity also experienced the loss of some residents during the year. Animals that passed away did so having received compassionate, individualised care, pain management and comfort, with quality of life remaining the primary consideration throughout.

The charity's work in managing both new intakes and end-of-life care reflects its commitment to relieving animal suffering at all stages, while maintaining transparency, compassion and high welfare standards in challenging circumstances.

Section E	Financial review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Transfer of operations and opening funds

On 10 July 2024, the operations and assets of the predecessor organisation, Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIC, were formally transferred to Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO.

As part of this transition, an opening balance of £7,238 was brought forward into the CIO. This balance reflects the net funds transferred from the CIC to establish the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation's starting operating capital.

During the financial period, all inherited trade liabilities and administrative obligations from the predecessor entity were fully settled out of operating cash flows.

The charity ended the reporting period with a healthy net cash position of

£13,274, leaving zero outstanding liabilities carried forward into the next financial year.

Reserves Policy & Financial Management

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining an appropriate level of reserves to ensure the charity's financial stability and its ability to continue meeting its obligations to animals in its care. As an animal sanctuary supporting rescued animals with ongoing and sometimes unpredictable needs, the charity may incur sudden and significant costs, particularly in relation to veterinary treatment, animal feed, housing, and essential site maintenance.

During the financial period, the charity generated total income of £84,310 and incurred total expenditure of £78,275 resulting in a surplus of £13,274. At the end of the reporting period, the charity held unrestricted cash reserves of £7,464.

In addition to providing a buffer for unexpected costs, a proportion of the charity's reserves is retained to meet known annual commitments. Certain core expenses, such as insurance, rent and other essential overheads, are paid annually rather than spread evenly throughout the year. The trustees therefore ensure that sufficient funds are held at appropriate points in the year to meet these obligations as they fall due.

The charity does not seek to accumulate excessive reserves. The level of reserves held reflects the trustees' intention to maintain sufficient funds to meet short-term operating costs, respond to emergency veterinary situations, and manage fluctuations in income, while ensuring that the majority of funds raised are applied directly to the care and welfare of animals.

In determining reserve levels, the trustees carefully balance the number of animals accepted into the charity's care against the funds available, recognising the long-term financial commitments involved in providing sanctuary to animals with chronic health or welfare needs. The level of reserves is reviewed regularly by the trustees as part of their ongoing financial oversight, with animal welfare remaining the primary consideration in all decisions.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None. The charity had no funds materially in deficit during or at the end of the reporting period.

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.

Principle sources of funds includes: Donations, events, fundraising, sale of merchandise, sponsorship of animals.

We have paid for all veterinary treatment required for all of the animals in our care and the direct charitable costs including the animal feed, maintenance of enclosures and land rent as required.

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 name(s)	Jamie Stephenson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	29/7/26	

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO
for the year ended 31 October 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 October 2025 which are set out on the pages above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

I report in respect of my examination of Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Footprints Animal Sanctuary CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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 26/08/2026

Daryl Denson ACMA
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Footprints Animal Sanctuary

No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/07/2024	To	Period end date 31/10/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sales & fundraising	27,190	-	-	27,190	-
Donations	51,311	5,810	-	57,121	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,501	5,810	-	84,311	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,501	5,810	-	84,311	-
A3 Payments					
Animal feed	30,251	-	-	30,251	-
Animal health care	138	-	-	138	-
Costs of merchandise sold	2,557	-	-	2,557	-
Farm expenses	6,108	-	-	6,108	-
Fundraising activities	2,005	-	-	2,005	-
Rent	17,210	-	-	17,210	-
Repairs & maintenance	2,781	-	-	2,781	-
Veterinary fees	12,568	-	-	12,568	-
Waste disposal	1,334	-	-	1,334	-
Administration costs	3,323	-	-	3,323	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	78,275	-	-	78,275	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	78,275	-	-	78,275	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	226	5,810	-	6,036	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,238	-	-	7,238	-
Cash funds this year end	7,464	5,810	-	13,274	7,238

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance	7,464	5,810	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,464	5,810	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jamie Stephenson	29/7/2026