

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
WILLOW TREE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

TRUSTEES	Mrs C A M Drain Mrs J A Yarwood Mrs C Ryan
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	262538
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are to rescue and acquire by purchase or otherwise, any animals of any kind whatsoever which are ill-treated, ill-used, abandoned or have otherwise fallen on bad times, to look after, maintain and protect for such period and in such manner as the trustees may think fit any animal of any kind whatsoever which through old age, sickness or otherwise is unable to care for itself and to arrange for the humane destruction of any animal when considered desirable.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The charity is an independent society, unconnected with any other organisation, which relies entirely upon gifts and voluntary contributions.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees' powers of investment of surplus funds are not restricted.

Reserves policy

The trustees review the charity's reserves frequently and aim to have liquid funds to cover net operating costs for five years with any surplus available for capital expenditure.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of new trustees is governed by the deed of trust. New trustees are appointed by Mrs C Drain.

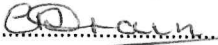
Organisational structure

The charity operates from Willow Tree Farm, Gainsford, Loppesfield, Essex.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28-10-2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Mrs C A M Drain - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
WILLOW TREE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Willow Tree Sanctuary for Animal Welfare

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Willow Tree Sanctuary for Animal Welfare (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 the Trust 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 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.



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Date: 22/10/24

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	29,346	15,735
Investment income	3	32,640	8,738
Total		<u>61,986</u>	<u>24,473</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	4		
Sanctuary		65,532	52,953
Other		2,800	1,700
Total		<u>68,332</u>	<u>54,653</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		2,572	(11,994)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,774)	(42,174)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		1,125,750	1,167,924
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,121,976</u></u>	<u><u>1,125,750</u></u>

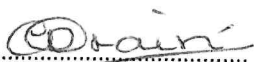
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WILLOW TREE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	3,375	4,500
Investments	10	218,372	215,801
		<u>221,747</u>	<u>220,301</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	743	744
Cash at bank and in hand		910,567	910,637
		<u>911,310</u>	<u>911,381</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,081)	(5,932)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>900,229</u>	<u>905,449</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,121,976</u>	<u>1,125,750</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,121,976</u>	<u>1,125,750</u>
FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		1,121,976	1,125,750
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,121,976</u>	<u>1,125,750</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28-10-2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


C A M Drain - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

WILLOW TREE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Legacies are taken into account on receipt from the estate benefactor. Donations and monies from fund raising events are taken into account in the year received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost to the SOFA.

Governance costs

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in its delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 10% on reducing balance
Plant and machinery	- 10% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The charity currently has no restricted funds.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Investments

Investments are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the reporting date. The methods in determining the fair value is simply to review the specific funds value per share at the reporting date from the business website.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	11,516	14,644
Legacies	17,512	630
Wayleaves, rent, etc	318	461
	<u>29,346</u>	<u>15,735</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>32,640</u>	<u>8,738</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Sanctuary	<u>59,360</u>	<u>6,172</u>	<u>65,532</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other resources expended	-	-	2,800	2,800
Sanctuary	<u>3,213</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>2,894</u>	<u>6,172</u>
	<u>3,213</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>5,694</u>	<u>8,972</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	25,144	26,455
	<u>25,144</u>	<u>26,455</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Employees	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	15,735
Investment income	8,738
Total	<u>24,473</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Sanctuary	52,953
Other	1,700
Total	<u>54,653</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(11,994)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(42,174)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	1,167,924
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,125,750</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	24,959	10,208	9,650	44,817
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	24,959	10,208	5,150	40,317
Charge for year	-	-	1,125	1,125
At 31 December 2023	24,959	10,208	6,275	41,442
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	-	-	3,375	3,375
At 31 December 2022	-	-	4,500	4,500

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 January 2023	215,801
Revaluations	2,571
At 31 December 2023	218,372
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	218,372
At 31 December 2022	215,801

The Investment is in a mixed portfolio fund.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2021	27,794
Valuation in 2022	(11,993)
Valuation in 2023	2,571
Cost	200,000
	218,372

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	513	-
Prepayments	-	519
Accrued income	230	225
	<u>743</u>	<u>744</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	-	442
Other creditors	11,081	5,490
	<u>11,081</u>	<u>5,932</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,125,750	(3,774)	1,121,976
	<u>1,125,750</u>	<u>(3,774)</u>	<u>1,121,976</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,125,750</u>	<u>(3,774)</u>	<u>1,121,976</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	61,986	(68,332)	2,572	(3,774)
	<u>61,986</u>	<u>(68,332)</u>	<u>2,572</u>	<u>(3,774)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>61,986</u>	<u>(68,332)</u>	<u>2,572</u>	<u>(3,774)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,167,924	(42,174)	1,125,750
	<u>1,167,924</u>	<u>(42,174)</u>	<u>1,125,750</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,167,924</u>	<u>(42,174)</u>	<u>1,125,750</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	24,473	(54,653)	(11,994)	(42,174)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,473</u>	<u>(54,653)</u>	<u>(11,994)</u>	<u>(42,174)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,167,924	(45,948)	1,121,976
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,167,924</u>	<u>(45,948)</u>	<u>1,121,976</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	86,459	(122,985)	(9,422)	(45,948)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,459</u>	<u>(122,985)</u>	<u>(9,422)</u>	<u>(45,948)</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	11,516	14,644
Legacies	17,512	630
Wayleaves, rent, etc	318	461
	29,346	15,735
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	32,640	8,738
Total incoming resources	61,986	24,473
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	25,144	26,455
Rates and water	2,398	3,087
Insurance	2,022	2,974
Light and heat	1,760	2,068
Repairs and renewals	599	1,807
Feeding costs	2,073	2,629
Horse Livery, kennels, etc	15,089	1,100
Veterinary fees and medicines	10,275	5,200
	59,360	45,320
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone and internet	523	513
Postage and stationery	14	178
Miscellaneous	279	230
Motor and travelling expenses	1,272	1,172
Book-keeping	-	283
Motor vehicles	1,125	1,500
	3,213	3,876
Finance		
Bank charges	65	69
Governance costs		
Independent examination	3,000	-
Accountancy and legal fees	2,694	5,388
	5,694	5,388

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Total resources expended	68,332	54,653
Net expenditure before gains and losses	(6,346)	(30,180)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	2,572	(11,994)
Net expenditure	(3,774)	(42,174)

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