Horse Sense Wirral

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31st October 2025

Registered Charity No: 1152111

Annual Report
for the year ended
31st October 2025

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Trustees and Advisers
for the year ended 31st October 2025

Trustees:	Amy Pirie Shaun Pirie Rachel Tyrie
Correspondence Address:	Pennant Park Stables Mertyn Downing Lane Whitford Holywell CH8 9EP
Managers – Finance	W Parker-Radley
Yard	J Woods
Yard Assistant	S Baker

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st October 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed and applicable law, including the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

History, Objectives and Activities of the Charity

Horse Sense Wirral became a registered charity 20th May 2013, since successful registration we have concentrated on increasing our public profile in order to increase income to stabilise our finances for the future, this includes holding public events, increasing online publicity and distribution of collection boxes amongst local shops.

Our objectives are to relieve pain and suffering in animals particularly horses and ponies by providing ample love and care including veterinary care when required in order to be able to find them a new home when recovered however, a number of ponies do have to stay within the sanctuary for life due to ongoing medical care and management.

Management and Governance Arrangements

The Charity is Managed and governed by the Trustees detailed on the previous page.

Procedures and Policy for Grant Making

The Charity has a Finance manager for the purpose of grant searching and applications. Our Trustees and volunteers also regularly compose and send applications to local business for donations of items required for repair works etc.

Financial Review, Investment Policy and Reserves

Over the last 12 months we have tried various methods of raising money including, visitor days, Family fun days, pony and small animal adoptions, virtual fostering, online raffles, online shows, collection tins, online auctions, cake sales, recycling of old horse rugs. Fundraising has been particularly hard due to the high cost of living increase. Those that have been successful we will continue to operate into 2026 and strive to come up with new ideas to try also applying for grants to make improvements to the running of the charity. Along with the support of the public donations is what enabled us to maintain the high standard of care we pride ourselves on.

Our main fundraising aim for 2026 other than day to day costs is to continue a high standard in all aspects of rescue and animal welfare as a charity.

Achievements and Performance of the Charity

2025 we made the decision to reduce our numbers, with the end of our tenancy being June 2026. We proceeded to use this time searching and applying for a suitable new home to continue our work. Our support network continues to steadily grow.

In 2024 we installed a wash room with solarium, this is a great addition as can also be used to dry off horses if time is of the essence. The solarium can be used for warmth to help with muscle along the back and help with raspatory issues.

The charity where honored to be a finalist in the BBC Make a difference awards.

We installed a Vet Room in 2022, making it easier for our vets to treat the animals on site, keeping our costs down.

After Covid – 19 we have built up our volunteer numbers, getting back to pre Covid numbers.

Since rescuing a pony (Copper) in August 2019, we established a good relationship with the Guardians of the Carneddau Mountain Ponies, making ourselves available to help with any poorly ponies and we also attended the annual gatherings in November each year with our Vet, Luke Edwards of Leahurst Equine Practice, to perform health checks on the herd and remove any in poor condition or injured. These ponies roam free on rough terrain over thousands of acres. After several very poorly ponies, we started looking more closely as to what the problems may be. We worked with the guardians and our vets to research any change in the environment, that may have affected their health. This enabled the guardians to implement changes were possible to keep this rare breed healthy.

Our reputation takes us down many avenues, we are keen to advise horse owners on welfare issues to enable them to make changes were necessary to keep their horses healthy. We are also happy to work with other rescues, and give advice to new rescues who like our principles to give a good foundation going forward.

Our biggest achievements so far are:-

To save and turn around the lives of 82 Carnaddeu ponies, rehabilitate and rehome. To erect a purpose built duck house with large pond, and erect more secure post and rail fencing.

Our Chair to be a finalist at the Daily Mirror Animal Hero Award ceremony held in London in 2014. To move to bigger better equipped premises. Although a huge undertaking we felt we needed to make the move in order to reach the demands put on the charity due to the current equine crisis. The premises are easier accessible for the public and has opened many doors already. We are proud to be able to work very closely with Leahurst Equine Practice and their students, offering hands on experience. We have also been awarded several grants, which has enabled us to demolish the old barbed wire fencing and rebuild with post and rail for the horses safety and so we are more accessible for the public on open days. We have converted one of our barns to an arena to make more suitable for our needs, giving us year round cover for rehabilitating the horses. We update our website and media sites regularly, which not only reaches the general public but allows us to publish animal welfare/information to help educate and inform the public.

The charity offered its services free of charge, to victims of a nearby gas explosion in New Ferry in 2017, to temporarily house any family pets effected. Working with the emergency services to enter the "No go zone" to rescue or to feed any pets to scared to come out of the rubble.

Our income and public support is steadily growing, since achieving Charity status.

Over the years we have built on a successful training program, working with schools, colleges and universities. We offer work experience throughout the year, and through recommendations, are receiving more requests to work alongside these establishments.

We have also built a strong relationship with vulnerable volunteers. We find those with mental health issues, such as OCD, PTSD and Anxiety adapt well working with the animals, and their tutors/guardians see a vast improvement.

Risk Assessment

We have a risk of infectious diseases to which we stay alert to, and call upon the professional knowledge of our veterinary practice to reduce the likelihood of such diseases spreading.

There are also risks of accidents as we work with horses (especially young and unhandled) to which we take steps to avoid as best as we can by, alerting everyone who comes in contact of the horses of the potential dangers and health and safety procedures we require i.e. protective hats/footwear. All our volunteers are required to sign a contract of employment, which also outlines safety procedures required.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, and remains available in case of need. The Trustees regularly discuss the portfolio of the charity and future requirements of the charity. The Trustees believe that it is prudent to ensure that there are sufficient funds to provide financial flexibility for the current running and future development of the Charities objectives and unforeseen events.

Future Plans

The Trustees intend to continue to fulfill the objectives of the Charity by increasing publicity and fundraising. Our aim in 2026 is to relocate to new premises, continue to raise awareness and to educate and give support to the general public on welfare matters. Our aim is to be the best we can in our field.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the

charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008 and Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

The Trustees have appointed Keith Penny to undertake the independent examination of the Trust for the financial year ending 31st October 2025.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Amy Pirie
Shaun Pirie
Rachel Tyrie

New Trustees are appointed by Deed of Appointment by the continuing Trustees.

The Trustees received no emoluments during the year. There are no other employees.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on DATE 18.08.26



Amy Pirie
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Horse Sense Wirral

Charity Number 1152111

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st October 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

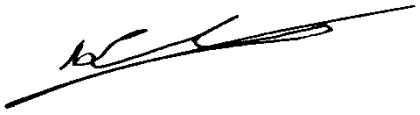
Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Keith Penny FCA

Date: 18/08/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st October 2024

	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income:				
Fundraising activities				
other donations received	17,000	198,457	215,457	194,715
Liveries and Storage	-	13,233	13,233	13,285
Total Incoming resources	17,000	211,690	228,690	208,000
Resources expended				
Charitable Activities				
Charitable activity costs	21,000	217,549	238,549	194,392
Governance costs				
Professional fees	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	21,000	217,549	238,549	194,392
(Deficit)/Surplus in Year	(4,000)	(5,859)	(9,859)	13,608

All activities of the Charity are continuing.

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Balance Sheet

at 31st October 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets	**2**		20,029		23,029
Current Assets					
Debtors, Prepayments and Stock		12,774		11,992	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,590		13,837	
		18,364		25,829	
Current Liabilities		6		612	
Net Current Assets			18,358		25,217
Total Assets Less Liabilities			38,387		48,246
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	**3**		18,358		23,029
Restricted funds	**3**		20,029		25,217
Total Funds			38,387		48,246

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st October 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP 2005 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 issued under the Charities Act 2011.

Grants and Donations Received

Grants, donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year to which they relate.

Investment Income

Investment income is recognised in the year in which it is receivable.

Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity (number 1152111) and in the opinion of the Trustees, the exemptions from the charge to tax on income and capital gains under Section 505 ICTA and Section 256 TCGA 1992 are satisfied. Accordingly no liability to taxation arises.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Cash Flow

The trust is exempt from the requirements to include a cash flow statement as part of its financial statements on the basis that it is a small reporting entity.

Fund Accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 3.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st October 2025

2. Fixed Assets

Cost as at 31st October 2024	64,375
Additions	1,500
Disposals	(3,500)
Cost at 31st October 2025	62,375
Depreciation - at 31st October 2024	41,346
- in Year	4,000
- on disposals	(3,000)
Depreciation as at 31st October 2025	42,346
Net Book Value at 31st October 2025	20,029
Net Book Value at 31st October 2024	23,029

3. Movement in Reserves Year Ended 31st October 2024

	At 1.11.23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Surplus (Deficit)	Transfer	At 31.10.24
Unrestricted funds:						
General funds	12,595	197,000	179,392	17,608	(4,986)	25,217
Restricted funds						
Fixed assets	22,043		4,000	(4,000)	4,986	23,029
Bedding/Vet's Fees/Fencing		11,000	11,000	-		-
	34,638	208,000	194,392	13,608	-	48,246

Movement in Reserves Year Ended 31st October 2024	At 1.11.24	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Surplus) (Deficit)	Transfer	At 31.10.25
Unrestricted funds:						
General funds	25,217	211,690	217,549	(5,859)	(1,000)	18,358
Restricted funds						
Fixed assets	23,029	17,000	21,000	(4,000)	1,000	20,029
Bedding/Vet's Fees/Fencing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	48,246	228,690	238,549	(9,859)	-	38,387

4. Contingencies and Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or financial commitments at 31st October 2025.

5. Trustee Expenses and Remuneration

No expenses or remuneration were paid to any of the Trustees.

Amy and Shaun Pirie live on the site, rent free. The house is used as offices and by volunteers.

6. Post Balance Sheet Events

Since the year end, our tenancy at Thornton Hough has ended and we have moved successfully to Pennant Park Stables.

7. Contingent Liabilities

Following our move, the Landlord may claim dilapidations and other costs but, at this time, we have no idea of the amount, if any.

There is a substantial water bill which we claim should be settled by our ex-Landlord and the water company has agreed this but, as yet, it has not been settled.

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Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31st October 2025

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 £
Grants, donations and fundraising	17,000	198,457	215,457	194,715
Liveries and storage		13,233	13,233	13,285
Income	17,000	211,690	228,690	208,000
Bank Charges		4,159	4,159	3,389
Vet Fees	8,500	61,789	70,289	32,255
Feed Bedding and Laundry	8,500	62,814	71,314	73,029
Rent		41,275	41,275	38,065
Insurance		3,593	3,593	2,801
Event Costs		8,458	8,458	7,387
Fencing and Repairs		4,851	4,851	7,500
Printing and Stationery		546	546	463
Travel		1,885	1,885	482
Sundry		2,342	2,342	2,455
Phone		1,914	1,914	2,398
Utilities		22,825	22,825	20,168
Legal		1,098	1,098	-
Depreciation	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Expenditure	21,000	217,549	238,549	194,392
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(4,000)	(5,859)	(9,859	13,608