Charity Registration Number: 1168059

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025

BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTRE



REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity name:	Blue Acre Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (referred to as Blue Acre in this document)
Charity registration number:	1168059
Charity location address:	Ham Island, Ham Lane, Old Windsor, Berkshire SL4 2JT
Charity business address:	12 Priory Way, Datchet Berkshire SL3 9JQ

Trustees

Caron North	Appointed January 2016
Bob Regan	Appointed January 2016
Veanne Filkins	Appointed November 2016

Fundraising Manager:

Sue Turner	Appointed April 2017

Bookkeeper:

Sue Shefford	Appointed July 2026

Accountants:

Parallel Accounting	Appointed 2021

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2025

The trustees have prepared and present their report and accounts for the period of January – December 2025.

Objectives

The charity's objectives, as set out on the Charities Commission website are:

- To rescue abused, abandoned and neglected horses, administering care and medical treatment as required. Work towards their rehabilitation and rehoming where appropriate.
- For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention through abuse, neglect or abandonment.
- To provide and maintain suitable facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals.
- To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which need care and attention through reasons of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
- To educate the public and raise awareness in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals through abuse, wilful negligence or simply lack of knowledge.

To fulfil these objectives Blue Acre operates on a site with 42 acres of grazing and stabling for 12 available. We operate with a small team of volunteers none of whom are paid, including the Trustees.

Overview

Blue Acre has existed as a horse rescue operation since 2002 but has had Registered Charity status since April 2016. The charity rescues mistreated, neglected or abandoned animals to the extent they can be cared for responsibly on the land, facilities and volunteer staff available. We are alerted to potential rescue cases by email or phone, namely:

- the general public alerting us to horses they see on private land
- the general public alerting us to horses who are loose on public highways
- emails from individuals who need to surrender their horses for various reasons

In all cases we follow legal guidelines under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 with regard to recovering animals and often work with the RSPCA and Police services regarding potential rescues.

HOWEVER, it must be clearly understood that most rehoming requests we receive are for ready made riding horses. Because we don't accept horses that are simply unwanted or those that haven't met the requirements of their owners, the majority of our rescues are difficult to rehome for riding purposes due to age, long term physical issues (which often require ongoing medication) or unpredictable behaviour due to past trauma. In such cases, the charity will provide permanent care and sanctuary for them at the Rescue enhancing their quality of life to its maximum potential until the end of their natural life. Should there come a time when this quality of life deteriorates then a decision to have the horse humanely euthanised is taken.

REHOMING PROCESS

Our ultimate aim is to rehome our rescues as either ridden or simply companions. We assess each animal's situation before trying to find them loving, permanent homes wherever possible, given the potential or limitations of each one.

Every horse we rescue is given a wellness check by our vet and spends time in a "quiet" space where they can observe their surroundings and also see and interact with our existing herd over a fenced boundary. Once settled into life with our herd, we start a programme of working to earn their trust and bring them to a point where they can be safely led, tied up, groomed and pick their feet up willingly as a minimum (essential for farrier visits). Once at this point, we start the process of assessing their suitability for riding, assuming they have no inhibiting health issues e.g. arthritis, but if a horse has been found wandering loose, we have no background information at all. It is during this process we might also identify mental or neurological issues, often due to possible previous trauma, rendering them as unsuitable or unsafe ridden prospects, which limits their rehoming potential. In this case, we would only offer them as companion horses with a signed agreement that they will not be ridden under any circumstances. Failing all of the above the horse will live at our farm for the remainder of its natural life.

Potential owners are invited to the farm to meet any suitable horses to handle and groom the animal or to ride if applicable. Following this a visit to the potential home is made to assess the suitability of the new home and its facilities. If successful and all parties agree, an adoption contract is signed detailing the purpose and any limitations on the use for each horse or pony. This document also states that the animal remains the property of our charity and cannot be sold under any circumstances, and if the current agreement can no longer be maintained, the horse is returned to Blue Acre Horse Rescue.

SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

We promote this via our website and social media, and it's proving popular. It gives people an opportunity to donate whilst sponsoring their chosen animal from our website https://www.blueacrerescue.co.uk/sponsorship, helping towards their living costs in return for a "meet and greet"; certificate, relevant updates and the opportunity to spend time with their animal at the rescue by appointment. This is valuable revenue for us as it's regular and therefore helps with monthly budgeting.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers fulfil a range of duties both at the farm and behind the scenes along with some who help at events and during street bucket collections on an "as needed" basis. During school breaks and at weekends we have some younger volunteers who work hard to help feed and clean the animals and their habitats. They also learn all aspects of horse management and many have become proficient riders which is key to the whole process of rehabilitating horses and ponies for rehoming.

We have several young people with additional needs who attend the rescue on a regular basis as volunteers, learning about the animals and how to care for them. We have also hosted young people considering a career with animals on their work experience weeks, working closely with local schools and their pupils taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

We also welcome older volunteers, who may be retired but still active, or who work shifts and look for something worthwhile to do on their non-work days.

2025 INTAKE/REHOME FIGURES
During this financial year our intake and rehoming/euthanasia figures are as follows:

Intake: 4
Rehomed: 6
Euthanised: 3

We are limiting the intake of horses to those who are truly in need. We've had to turn down so many requests to take in more horses but we simply don't have the infrastructure; volunteers or grazing to support any more. The work involved in caring for so many horses over the winter period is phenomenal, so we need to manage the resources we have in order to operate ethically and efficiently.

Activity and Achievements throughout 2025

- Our very old and dilapidated hay barn was demolished and a new building put on the same site. This was funded by grants from 3 Trusts totalling £30,000
- Recruited a group of new volunteers who are proving a huge success
- A dance evening was held at a local club
- We attended several local shows with our rescue ponies, shown by our young volunteers

Future Plans

- Build a cover over our outside feed pens to keep the ground and horses dry when feeding in wet weather.
- Repair old and rotting fencing around the farm – ongoing work
- Create an additional covered area to enable us to work with more horses. This is a large project needing a concrete base but would make a huge difference to how we operate and offer an improved working space for our vets and farriers.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January to December 2025
Below is the income statement for year ended 31 December 2025. Full accounts have been submitted and can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

	2025 £
Cost of Sales	26,597
Gross Loss	(26,597)
Administration expenses	18,618
Other operating income	64,032
Operating Profit	18,817
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	18,817
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-
Profit for the financial year	**18,817**

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BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059
(COMPANY NO: 1168059 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Ms Caron North
Mr Bob Regan
Ms Veanne Filkins

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Ms Caron North
Director

Approved by the board on: 2 October 2026

BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cost of sales	(26,597)	(39,348)
Gross loss	(26,597)	(39,348)
Administrative expenses	(18,618)	(19,268)
Other operating income	64,032	66,551
Operating profit	18,817	7,935
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	18,817	7,935
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
Profit for the financial year	18,817	7,935

BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	37,967	12,216
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		25,152	32,086
Net current assets		25,152	32,086
Net assets		63,119	44,302
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		63,119	44,302
Shareholders' funds		63,119	44,302

For the year ending 31 December 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 2 October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Land & buildings	3.33% Reducing Balance
Plant & machinery	20% Straight Line

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Plant & machinery	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation	At cost	At cost	
At 1 January 2025	-	30,134	30,134
Additions	30,876	315	31,191
At 31 December 2025	30,876	30,449	61,325
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	-	17,918	17,918
Charge for the year	-	5,440	5,440
At 31 December 2025	-	23,358	23,358
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	30,876	7,091	37,967
At 31 December 2024	-	12,216	12,216

5 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2024: 0).

BLUE ACRE HORSE RESCUE & REHABILITATION CENTRE, CHARITY NUMBER 1168059
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost of sales		
Purchases	21,745	31,556
Subcontractor costs	2,100	3,700
Other direct costs	2,752	4,092
	26,597	39,348
Gross loss	(26,597)	(39,348)
Administrative expenses		
Motor expenses	4,811	3,476
Service charges	1,124	-
Light and heat	-	272
Subscriptions	-	108
Repairs and maintenance	6,001	6,569
Depreciation	5,440	5,203
Sundry expenses	159	157
Advertising and PR	842	1,116
Other legal and professional	241	2,367
	18,618	19,268
Other operating income		
Other operating income	40,532	55,101
Government grants	23,500	11,450
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