Trustees' Annual Report 2024-2025

Tiny Paws MCR | From 2nd April 2024 to 1st April 2025

Registered Charity Number 1186507

19 Laburnum Drive, Bury, BL9 8NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
1.	Suzanne Wright	
2.	William Herbert	
3.	Nicola O'Brien	
4.	[redacted]	
5.	Amy Blair	

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO Foundation Model Constitution – 3rd November 2019
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed by the current trustee panel every 3 years or sooner if required

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

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic species of rodents and rabbits 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The charity paused intakes at the end of March 2024 due to SW & BH's house move, except for a small number of emergency cases. SW & BH moved to a new house at the end of March 2025, which has more outdoor space available for charity use, including an external garage.

Space was identified at the new property for 4 full sized rabbit enclosures and a fundraiser was started.

3 guinea pig enclosures were set up inside the garage.

4 hamster/mouse/gerbil enclosures and 3 rat/degu/chinchilla enclosures were set up inside the house.

The charity receives a very high volume of requests to take in animals from the public, which sadly far surpass our capacity. We operate a waiting list for rescue space and advise on alternative reputable rescue organisations where we are unable to assist. We are very aware that the demand for rescue space exceeds availability on a wider scale in the UK. The figures below provide a snapshot of the situation.

Species	Number requested to take in	Taken in
Chinchilla	12 (17)	0
Degu	14 (12)	0
Gerbil	33 (24)	0
Guinea pig	151 (105)	0
Hamster (all species)	77 (58)	5
Mouse (fancy)	87 (179)	0
Rabbit	374 (360)	1
Rat	109 (96)	1
Total	851 (870)	7

Surrender requests were prioritised based on the animal(s) welfare, and where we were not able to accept the animal(s), enquirers were directed to other potential sources of help.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Space for an outbuilding to house small rodents has been identified, and fundraising will commence in the next reporting year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Species	Taken in	Rehomed	Deceased	Awaiting Adoption	Sanctuary Resident
Chinchilla	0	0	0	0	0
Degu	0	0	0	0	0
Gerbil	0	2	0	0	0
Guinea pig	0	0	0	2	0
Hamster (all species)	5	5	0	0	0
Mouse (fancy)	0	8	8	0	11
Rabbit	1	1	1	4	0
Rat	0	8	4	1	0
Spiny mouse	0	3	0	0	0
Total	**5**	**27**	**13**	**7**	**11**

Animal deaths remain stable, reflecting the vulnerable nature and short natural lifespans of small animals. Evidenced by the accounts, animals receive prompt and extensive specialist veterinary care.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has an agreed level of **£8000** of unrestricted funds in reserve for the running of the charity, in particular to allow prompt veterinary treatment of any animals when required. The charity currently holds funds in excess of the agreed reserves level, which it plans to use for new housing and facilities after SW & BH's relocation.

Further financial review details

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signatures	S Wright		WB Herbert	ABlair	[redacted]
Names	Suzanne Wright	Nicola O'Brien	William Herbert	Amy Blair	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Date	01/28/2026	01/28/2026	01/29/2026	01/28/2026	01/30/2026

Section A: Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations and Legacies				
Donations and gifts	17,717	-	17,717	28,269
Grants	-	-	-	-
Income from other trading activities				
Merchandise sales	6,055		6,055	6,476
Auctions & raffles	277	-	277	646
Total receipts	24,049	-	24,049	27,686
A2 Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Veterinary care & treatment	9,174	-	9,174	17,200
Animal care (Bedding, food, housing, equipment, enrichment)	2,470	-	2,470	4,249
Storage	2,574	-	2,574	953
Travel	25	-	25	395
Waste Disposal	886	-	886	842
Insurance	181	-	181	206
Stationery	31	-	31	140
Website	78	-	78	70
Raising Funds				
Merchandise	1,076	-	1,076	3,805
Postage	406	-	406	630
Fundraising	1,181	-	1,181	591
Donorbox fees	41	-	41	35
Mailchimp	312		312	318
Other				
Grants to other charities	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,435	-	18,435	29,434
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,614	-	5,614	5,957
A3 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	30
A4 Cash funds last year end	14,012	-	14,012	8,056

Cash funds this year end	19,626	-	19,626	14,043

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds
		to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	**18,323**
	Paypal	**880**
	Cash	**423**
	Total cash funds	19,626

Trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

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