CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 Period start date To 31/12/2025 Period end date

Charity name: Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary

Charity registration number: 1192209

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**To provide a lifelong home for elderly equines and those with complex needs**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**The charity continued to provide a safe home for up to twelve equines of age and complex care requirements and provided information and assistance to the public regarding care and welfare where requested along with associated fundraising activities via regular donations of goods, services, standing orders, and online sales of donated goods**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The trustees have conducted all charity affairs in accordance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**N/A**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**N/A**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**Our volunteers made substantial contributions during the financial year by way of assistance with care of the equines, fundraising activities, and maintenance of the equine's environment**

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**The charity has continued to ensure ongoing quality of life to its beneficiaries by ensuring that their welfare needs are attended to. Many of the charity's beneficiaries have complex care requirements which would not be easily met in a normal environment. The charity continued to provide support and advice to members of the public with welfare concerns about their own or other equines.**

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The charity did not undertake as many fundraising events in 2025 as previous years. We were very busy caring for a number of equines until end of life with increasingly complex needs. We finished the year with a large quantity of donated goods to be listed on eBay and other online platforms for 2026 which we hope will generate good income.** **We continued to improve the facilities for the equines at the sanctuary.** **The trustees were pleased that we closed the year with no debts or liabilities outstanding, and the main focus going forward**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Reserves are to be held in the event that fundraising yield drops below an amount sufficient to care for the equines for six months or in the event that they must be rehomed due to closure of the charity. Reserve fund level to be built up and maintained at not less than £5,000.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£1,500**

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**We have sadly lost our two eldest equines in this financial year; a considerable amount having been spent on consequential vets and disposal fees. However, no funds were materially in deficit at the year end and 2026 proved a more successful year with funds replenished**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**None**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	**The charity's principle source of funds in 2025 was via RPA scheme, legacies, donations of sundry supplies, and smaller cash donations**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**N/A**
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**The trustees continue to consider that the principal risk facing the charity at the present time is the ongoing economic climate in the UK, as in previous years. The effects of the rising cost of living – particularly fuel and energy prices - have hit the charity sector hard with people having less disposable income to donate to such causes, coupled with the drive by government and businesses to do away with cash in favour of digital/online methods of payment means that less people carry cash which has led the trustees to determine that historically profitable sources of fundraising such as in person events, stalls, and collection boxes in shops are no longer viable as sources of income. Instead, our focus is shifting more towards diversifying income streams, and donated goods which can be sold online**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	**Constitution**

(trust deed, royal charter)		
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Trustees are selected based on their knowledge of charity operation and law, and professional experience in both of those areas. Trustees are elected by way of proposal for nomination and majority vote at an AGM. No persons or bodies are entitled to appoint trustees unilaterally.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	**The board of trustees follows the Charity Commission guidelines for the induction of trustees including issuing on appointment a copy of the guidance publication "The essential Trustee"**
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**N/A**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**N/A**
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary
Other name the charity uses	Wealden Horse Rescue Centre (former name)
Registered charity number	1192209
Charity's principal address	Batts Bridge Park Down Street Piltdown East Sussex, TN22 3XU

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	Robert Bonnett	Chair		
2	Gordon Hall	Treasurer		

3	Sara Caton	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Rural Consultant	Robin Hobson	Laurence Gould Partnership

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	G Hall	
Full name(s)	GORDON HALL	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER.	
Date	29-10-26.	

Wealden Horse & Pony Sanctuary

Regd Charity No. 1192209

Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Trustees

Robert Bonnett (Chair)

Sara Caton (Secretary)

Gordon Hall (Treasurer)

1.1.1 Receipts & Payments

Statement of Financial Activity, Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 25				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	*Restricted*	*Total*	*Total*
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£	£	£
Cash Donations	585	0	585	1,375
Ebay Sales	19	0	19	0
BPS Payments	3,387	0	3,387	1,819
Legacies	2,615	0	2,615	5,933
TOTAL INCOME	**6,606**	**0**	**6,606**	**9,127**
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Farrier/Vet/Medicines/Etc	4,553	0	4,553	5,032
Feed & Bedding	1,187	0	1,187	1,689
Website	130	0	130	130
Utilities	1,105	0	1,105	862
Rent of Premises	100	0	100	100
Insurance	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0
Vehicles/Machinery/Fuel/Etc	107	0	107	1,487
Sundry	517	0	517	1,061
Equipment & Supplies	810	0	810	1,862
Buildings	0	0	0	37,767
Maintenance	37	0	37	3,261
Non Domestic Rates	0	0	0	1,720
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**8,544**	**0**	**8,544**	**11,181**
NET INCOME-EXPENDITURE	-1,938	**0**	-1,938	-45,844
Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-1,938	**0**	-1,938	-45,844

1.1.2 Reconciliation of Accounts

Reconciliation of Funds, Financial Year To 31 Dec 25				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd	*Restricted*	*Total*	*Total*
Funds Brought Forward	4,893	-	4,893	**42,966**
Movement After Transfers	-1,938	0	-1,938	-45,844
Total Funds Carried Forward	**2,955**	**0**	**2,955**	**-2,878**

1.1.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Movements in Funds for the Financial Period To 31 Dec 25

Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01 Jan 25	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31 Dec 25
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Bank, Current Account	4,893	6,606	8,544	0	**2,955**
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0	**0**
PayPal Account	0	0	0	0	**0**
Bank, Reserve Account	1,000	500	0	0	**1,500**
Total Cash Funds	**5,893**	7,106	8,544	0	**4,455**
Debtors *{Unreconciled Income}*	0				**0**
Creditors *{Unreconciled Expenditure}*	0				**0**
Net Cash Funds	**5,893**				**4,455**

Non-Cash Funds	Bt'Fwd at 01-Jan-25	Additions in Period	Disposals in Period	Depr/Revals in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31-Dec-25
Assets	9,781	0	0	976	**8,755**
Investments	0	0	0	0	**0**
Total Non-Cash Funds	**9,781**	**0**	**0**	**976**	**8,755**
Total Funds *(Net)*	**15,674**				**13,210**

1.1.4 Balance Sheet as at 31-Dec-25

Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 25

	Current Financial Year,			*Last Year*
Assets	Unrestr'd	Restricted	Total £	*Total £*
Tangible assets	8,755	0	**8,755**	*9,781*
Other assets	0	0	**0**	*0*
Total Non-Cash Assets	8,755	0	**8,755**	*9,781*
Cash				
Cash at bank and in hand	4,455	0	**4,455**	*4,765*
Debtors	0	0	**0**	*0*
Creditors *{Due within one yr}*	0	0	**0**	*0*
Net Cash	4,455	0	**4,455**	*4,765*
Total assets less current liabilities	13,210	0	**13,210**	*14,546*
Total Fixed Assets	8,755	0	8,755	*9,781*
Total Current Assets	4,455	0	4,455	*4,765*
Current Funds			**13,210**	***14,546***

1.1.5 **Approval of the Board of Trustees**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 

Name GORDON HALL Date: 29-10-26

1.2 Notes to the Accounts

a) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses
Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.
No Trustees received any reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the financial year.

b) Salaries & Professional Fees
No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.
In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors.

c) Fixed Assets
The charity has not purchased or disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;

d) Creditors & Debtors
Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.

e) Rounding Discrepancies
All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.