Trustee Annual Report - Amberwood Animals CIO - 17th March 2025 to 13th November 2025

How have we met our aims and objectives this year?

In planning our activities for the year, the trustees have remained mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the charity's purposes reflect our overall objectives.

Animals: This is our first year as a registered charity and our focus has been on maintaining and improving the environment and care for the animals already living at the sanctuary. This has included improving housing, specifically shelters to offer shade through the extreme heat of the summer. This is a highly important consideration especially with the aging population of animals at our sanctuary. We have also installed industrial fans in the main shelters to help cool the environment for specific animals who need to be inside due to their care requirements. In addition we have created appropriate space for new animals that we have taken in who have been in need of rehabilitation, facilitating their quarantine during initial care protocols.

We have implemented automatic drinking systems making sure that the animals are receiving a clean supply of clean water at all times and we are currently involved in a project that will vastly improve the housing of the pigs in our care.

One of the main challenges we have overcome this year is to secure enough hay feed to maintain us right through the coming winter.

As our speciality is looking after large farm animals, opportunities for rehoming those who have come into our care has been limited due to the requirement to ensure that they are provided with a suitable long term home. We have however made new contacts with the limited number of potential rehomers available and whilst none have been able to meet our criteria to date, these conversations are ongoing and rehoming remains one of our objects.

Humans: The key focus in this first year has been to develop and nurture our regular and committed volunteer base which is key to achieving our

educational goals. Our volunteers are made up of local people who come on a regular basis to our weekly work parties, in search of friendship and connection for the benefit of their wellbeing; those further afield who often live in cities and are quite disconnected from the countryside in general, who come now and then to support us, and individuals who seek peace and purpose in their lives, and who come to us with a support worker from local alternative provisions.

We are now receiving a growing number of enquiries from these provisions and have started to actively collaborate with them to create more opportunities to work with the young people they support. We have specifically found that young neurodiverse adults can gain great benefit from spending time at the sanctuary, displaying noticeable and reported improvements in their confidence and self-worth as well as their social skills. This is a direction that we are keen to nurture in our second year and we are educating ourselves in ensuring that we create the right environment to host the people who need us. All of these groups receive education about the animals and their care through the process of actively participating in animal husbandry. We feel strongly that this specific area of our work is something that we want to expand on going forward.

Our volunteer sanctuary manager has been working closely with the vets who support the sanctuary in order to upskill in general veterinary care. This has enabled the ongoing training of volunteers in specific animal care procedures to continue with more volunteers gaining confidence in this crucial area of care.

We have a growing number of followers on our social media platforms where we offer videos which allow people to connect with and understand more about the animals who live here, the challenges they face and the way we look after them.

We have held various fundraising music events locally, and as far away as London, which have given us the opportunity to share our stories and experiences with a different audience which further promotes our educational objectives.

The sanctuary remains a peaceful nurturing environment which makes a difference to the animals and the people who volunteer here and these benefits remain central to our aims and objectives.

Profit and Loss

Amberwood Animals

For the period 17 March 2025 to 13 November 2025

	17 MAR-13 NOV 2025
Turnover	
Donations	15,281.69
Total Turnover	**15,281.69**
Cost of Sales	
Animal Care Costs	5,047.35
Animal PPE	89.47
Direct Expenses	4,850.96
Plant & Equipment Hire	1,564.32
Total Cost of Sales	**11,552.10**
Gross Profit	**3,729.59**
Administrative Costs	
Advertising & Marketing	44.64
Depreciation Expense	471.72
Insurance	416.16
Legal Expenses	33.00
Light, Power, Heating	386.15
Merchant Fees	156.66
Motor Vehicle Expenses	123.30
Printing & Stationery	4.95
Rent	11,095.99
Repairs & Maintenance	427.22
Subscriptions	12.99
Subsistence	4.10
Total Administrative Costs	**13,176.88**
Operating Profit	**(9,447.29)**
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	**(9,447.29)**
Profit after Taxation	**(9,447.29)**