



Arran Animal Rescue

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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Year ending 31 December 2023



Charity number SCO52202  
ARRAN ANIMAL RESCUE & SANCTUARY

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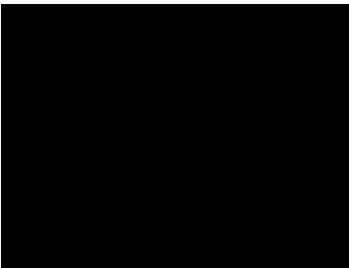
### **Reference and Administration details**

Arran Animal Rescue & Sanctuary is known as Arran Animal Rescue.

### **Registered Charity number**

SC052202

### **Charity's principal address**



### **Independent examiner**



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## **Structure governance and management**

The charity is governed by a charitable trust deed and constitution.

Recruitment of board/committee members is undertaken by means of active consultation and discussion and having regard to such officers and positions as may from time to time be deemed necessary. Appointment of individual board/committee members is by meeting of the full board and with unanimous vote on an annual basis.

## **Objectives and activities**

The charitable objectives of Arran Animal Rescue & sanctuary are:

1. To rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife on Arran that are sick, injured or disabled.
2. To provide a sanctuary and suitable environment for those animals where releasing would not be in their best interest and where more harm than good would be done by their release.
3. To provide suitable information, carry on events and activities which enable the public to better understand the needs of wildlife both at the rescue centre and in the wild.
4. To be part of the wider community enabling people of all ages and abilities to volunteer at the centre caring for the animals and learning about their needs, while helping the volunteers to gain new skills and gain confidence. In so doing helping their mental and physical well-being.

These objectives are met by means of the following activities:

- The ongoing education of people through our website, open days, afternoon opening and guided tours.
- Education talks in our new education centre
- Awareness and advice through our leaflet and Facebook page.
- Specific volunteering days for those young adults who are mentally or physically challenged.

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## Rescue and rehoming 2023

In our first year as a charity, from January to December 2023, our rescue admitted various animals in need. Among them were eight domestic baby bunnies whose owner could no longer care for them. Fortunately, within three months, we were able to find loving homes for all eight of them.

We also took in an adult female bearded dragon, who remains at the rescue as we're working on curbing her biting behaviour. Additionally, we admitted two adult male white rats whose owner struggled to handle them. After two months of care and rehabilitation, we successfully rehomed them, both free of any biting issues.

Four adult female guinea pigs were brought to us when their owner moved and decided not to take them along. All four were rehomed together with a kind lady who provided them with a loving environment.

A particularly unique case this year was a three-year-old miniature Shetland stallion suffering from laminitis. His owner requested that he stay at our sanctuary, where we continue to provide him with the care he needs.

Throughout the year, we rescued and rehabilitated 22 baby birds. We also cared for two badgers and two otters, sadly, all victims of road traffic accidents (RTAs). Additionally, we took in four birds of prey and eight hedgehogs, seven of which were successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild. Unfortunately, one hedgehog was unable to find food naturally due to an injury, so he now resides in a secure natural compound at our sanctuary.



We also rehabilitated and released four baby wild bunnies and one leveret.

A seal pup that came into our care was transferred to Hessehead, where they have a specialized rehab centre for seals.

One of the more challenging cases was a juvenile gannet who repeatedly returned to the beach after every release attempt. As a result, the gannet remains at our rescue for the time being, where we continue to assess and care for him.



Christmas was particularly busy with a buzzard arriving on Boxing Day as well as a call out to one of the local villages for a swan caught in a net. Luckily, after about half an hour of unravelling we were able to release him, no worse for the experience.

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## Our fundraising activities 2023

As a small rescue on an island, we have limited abilities to raise funds, so it is imperative that we explore every avenue for such. The cost of animal feed and food like everything on the island is delivered to the island via ferries. As such we are beholden to the ferry service which has been gradually less dependable. Costs have risen and, in some cases, deliveries cannot be made so we resort to other suppliers.

Donations come from a variety of courses, collecting boxes, visits to the rescue, event days, purchases of goods, online websites, including personal donations via one volunteer who works in tourism (alongside her other duties at the rescue) in which they donate their earnings to the rescue to ensure food and bedding supplies are maintained in quieter periods.

Where appropriate we also utilise the gift-aid system but in this first year that has been a small part of the fundraising.

## Grants 2023

A main success for us in this first year has been a Coop Community fundraise in which we were one of three charities nominated by our local store to have Coop community funds directed to us via Coop members. A massive result for us of £10622.51p which we have earmarked for one of our main objectives and will help create proper pathways through the rescue centre to help volunteers as well as visitors get around the site.

Our second achievement in this first year was a National Lottery award of £6,000 which we ringfenced for the new Education building which we shall build in 2024. This will house our promotional leaflets, educational information and provide education talks to people concerning the welfare and care of wildlife along with domestic pets.

Our third grant was from the local council a sum of £1,000 which we applied for to cover furnishing the Education Centre.

## General Fundraising 2023

We held a Go-Fund me fund raiser for a shelter for the Shetland pony, mentioned in our report and called Dickens, and managed to raise £550 of the £1000 needed to purchase the shelter. Happy to report that his shelter is now built, and he keeps warm and dry during the inclement weather. We held two Open days in the year as this is one of the most effective ways for us to promote the rescue and invite the public along to see and learn about the animals we care for.



We do not expect to achieve the same sums each year as the Coop community fund cannot be applied for each year, but we do hope to find other sources of grants and awards for the following year 2024.

Our plans for 2024 are to build the Education Centre where we can begin public talks on animal welfare and domestic pet care as well as produce leaflets and other material that we can circulate to both residents and island visitors.

We also need to carry on raising funds from a variety of sources to ensure we can care for the animals but also begin replacement housing and build a reserve for unexpected events.

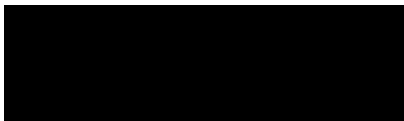
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### Reserves

As yet it is our first year and so we have not had the opportunity to build any kind of reserves, but this will be one avenue we shall look towards in the next two years to ensure there is a buffer there if donations and grants are lower than anticipated.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Arran Animal Rescue and Sanctuary



Date: 12 September 2024

# Arran Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

## Financial Activities

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Restricted Funds	
Restricted Donations	
Animal Feed	1,674.26
<b>Total Restricted Donations</b>	<b>1,674.26</b>
Restricted Grants	
North Ayrshire Council	1,000.00
The Co-op Community Fund	10,622.51
The National Lottery	6,000.00
<b>Total Restricted Grants</b>	<b>17,622.51</b>
Sponsored Donations	
Paypal Fundraiser (Shed for Pony)	550.00
Seagate Pingu	300.00
<b>Total Sponsored Donations</b>	<b>850.00</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>20,146.77</b>
Unrestricted Funds	
Account Opening Payment (BOS)	250.00
Donations from previous year	126.07
Refund Amazon	14.62
Unrestricted Donations	
Collection Tins	237.00
General (Unrestricted donations)	17,769.97
Santa Sparkle Event	750.00
<b>Total Unrestricted Donations</b>	<b>18,756.97</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>19,147.66</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£39,294.43</b>
TOTAL	<b>£39,294.43</b>
Expenditures	
Use of Restricted Funds	
Use of Restricted Donations	
Animal feed (Restricted)	1,697.39
Animals (Restricted)	20.79
<b>Total Use of Restricted Donations</b>	<b>1,718.18</b>
Use of Restricted Grants	
The Cooperative Community Fund	3,156.17
The National Lottery	2,959.14
<b>Total Use of Restricted Grants</b>	<b>6,115.31</b>
Use of Sponsored Donations	
Food for Pingu (Seagate Brewery)	300.00
Paypal Fundraiser (Shed for Pony)	550.00
<b>Total Use of Sponsored Donations</b>	<b>850.00</b>
<b>Total Use of Restricted Funds</b>	<b>8,683.49</b>

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## Financial Activities

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Use of Unrestricted Funds	
Animal Feed (Unrestricted)	
Fruit and Veg	3,612.52
General	6,797.59
Purpose made food stocks	2,027.34
<b>Total Animal Feed (Unrestricted)</b>	<b>12,437.45</b>
Animal Health Medicines and Supplements	57.07
Animal Housing maintenance	36.50
Bank Fees	35.00
Cleaning Materials	67.79
Cost of fundraising	180.17
Delivery Charges	28.39
Farrier	440.00
Fuel Purchase	956.41
Shed for Pony	366.66
Supplies	44.00
Uncategorised Expense	364.69
Veterinary Services	133.33
Volunteer Reinbursement	3,443.75
<b>Total Use of Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>18,591.21</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£27,274.70</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>£12,019.73</b>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<b>£12,019.73</b>



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## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Equipment and furniture	248.91
<b>Total Tangible assets</b>	<b>£248.91</b>
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	<b>£248.91</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	
Bank of Scotland	10,557.36
Cash Account	0.00
Starling Bank Account	243.29
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£10,800.65</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£10,800.65</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
VAT Control	-970.17
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£ -970.17</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£ -970.17</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£11,770.82</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£12,019.73</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£12,019.73</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	12,019.73
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£12,019.73</b>

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## **Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Arran Animal Rescue & Sanctuary**

**I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 December 2023 which are set out above**

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

#### **My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.**

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

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

