

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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1: TRUSTEES GENERAL OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The Trustees have had a busy year with managing extensions, organisational growth and our rehabilitation centre, now the largest in the country.

Expenditure has seen a growth as have donations bearing in mind that no member of the team receives any financial gain from the organisation.

Year on year, we see a large growth in our donations, and this is due to extended and prolonged awareness of what we do within the core business of the Trust. This has undoubtedly been increased via the use of our website and social media channels with many new offers being sourced and added to enhance our followers experience of the UK Wild Otter Trust.

The Trustees have more growth plans in place for 2022 at start with an aim for these to be implemented and completed no later than Spring 2023. This will be dependent on donations and grants that are being applied for (detailed information in **3**:

We are of the opinion that UKWOT will grow further and has already established itself as the leading specialist Eurasian otter organisation in the country.

This report has been produced by David Webb, Founder & Trustee February 2022

2: REHABILITATION

The orphaned cub rehabilitation has been a huge part of the organisation's operations during 2021.

During this period, we moved sites, dismantled and reused materials where possible and rebuilt the new centre from a baseline field. The centre boasts 12 purpose built rehabilitation enclosures, each of varying sizes but all of the same construction and design.

We have a large storage shed, tool shed and cub weighing room at the facility to ease the movement of the animals within our care. From January 2021 to January 2022, we had 35 animals through the centre with 22 being released and to date (February 2022) have 11 in care currently with a double release planned for this month weather dependent.

UKWOT have pioneered a very successful method of rehabilitation and releases (separate paper being produced to reflect this) and are able to provide a 100% release success rate to date.

Currently, the number of orphaned cubs coming in has slowed to an acceptable rate which is good news.

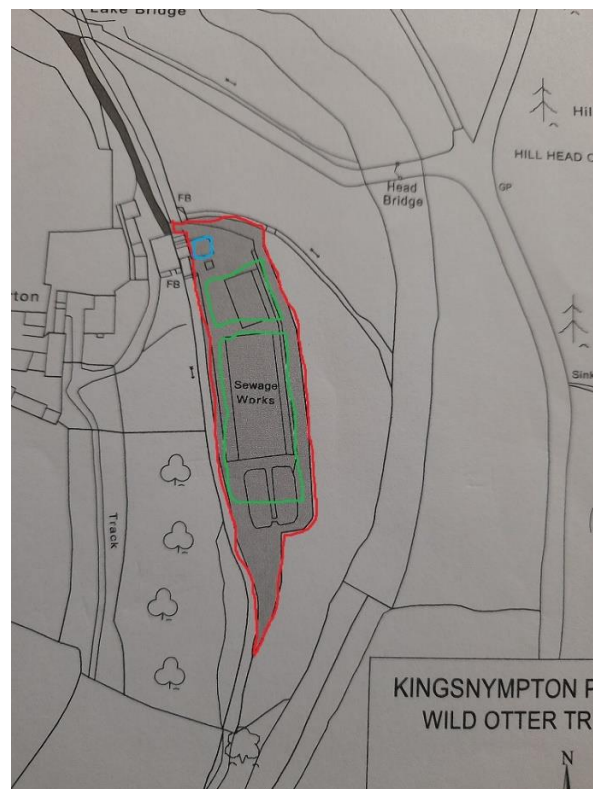


3: PROGRESSIVE EXTENTIONS TO CENTRE

Moving forward through 2022, our plans are to further extend the centre to hold 26 separate enclosures. This will be dependent on the success of grant applications and funding.

The demand for our services has been unusually high in 2021 and we do not want to have to refuse admissions of any animals. As such, we intend to have a complete centre that will have 26 enclosures.

The ongoing installation of enclosures is cost dependent for materials as currently we are experiencing a higher premium for this. The centre currently has 12 enclosures with another 4 currently in progress and another 10 in the planning stages.



4: YEARLY CONCLUSION

2021 has been our busiest to date. We have moved our rehabilitation centre due to various issues at the old centre and at the same time have expanded into the largest specialist rehabilitation centre in the country. We advise different countries on Eurasian otter rehabilitation methods including Poland, Sweden and the UK.

Our growth has been quick, but methodical and as an organisation, we are in a very good place with plans for extension in progress as covered in 3:

It has been a successful year for us with a very high success rate of rehabilitating orphaned cubs. 89% of cubs have got to the rehab stage, 100% of cubs that reached that stage have gone on to be released and the post release monitoring demonstrates a 100% success rate.

The volunteers have been instrumental in this success and are an integral and important part of our organisation.

Dave Webb

Founder

DAVE WEBB

Signed on behalf of the Trustee Team UKWOT

UK WILD OTTER TRUST

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2nd MAY 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS		
Grants	-	1,200.00
Donations & adoptions	24,477.02	17,625.94
Membership	25.00	575.00
Sale of merchandise	5,362.27	3,195.85
Fundraiser	1,217.73	2,117.35
Bank interest received	0.16	0.20
	31,082.18	24,714.34

PAYMENTS

Purchases of merchandise (adjusted for stock)	4,407.60	5,155.36
Feed	2,176.00	1,143.75
Veterinary costs	421.74	115.25
Equipment	1,328.50	1,653.38
Repairs & maintenance	14,260.36	10,811.75
Workwear	230.99	1,525.03
Public liability insurance	144.20	144.20
Advertising	109.59	431.64
Postage & stationery	834.20	268.69
Computer costs	341.61	122.87
Phone costs	10.00	40.00
Travel costs	257.41	454.65
Donations	1,797.65	962.45
Subscriptions & sundries	486.52	468.50
Interest paid	2.03	2.28
Motor expenses	659.42	-

27,467.82	23,299.80
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Balance(s) brought forward (from previous year)

3,035.05	1,620.51
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Balance(s) in hand at year-end

6,649.41	3,035.05
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Independent Examiners Report

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts presented a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with 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 130 of the charities act;

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the charities act 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 to be reached.

Signed: *Carole Bamer*

Date: *16 FEBRUARY 2022*

Name: *CAROLE BAMER*

Relevant professional qualification or body:

ICSA (Fellow)