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Charitable thoughts...



As anyone who is involved in a charity that needs to engage with their bank will know, the banks' procedures are not attuned to the needs of charities. Simply changing the name on an account when an officer of the charity changes can be an unnecessarily complex affair, as a local sight-loss charity I volunteer with found out earlier this year.

Hopefully, a letter sent to the major banks by the three bodies responsible for overseeing charities in the UK nations will result in those banks adopting a more helpful approach to charities' banking needs. We'll have to wait to see if they're listening.

- Dealing with banks is only one of the many challenges facing charities today. A number of organisations use the services of third-party fundraisers – subcontractors is how the Fundraising Regulator styles them. They in turn sometimes outsource the work to others – 'sub-subcontractors'.

It can be a complex relationship, and one which the regulator has concerns about, particularly when the charity itself has no direct involvement with those sub-subcontractors. The regulator is therefore carrying out a market inquiry into the whole practice.

- In order that charity trustees can assess how cognisant they are with all their responsibilities, the Charity Commission has devised a quiz. Quizzes are, of course, all the rage these

days, particularly since lockdown, so this one should be popular. It's based on the commission's '5-minute guides'.

- Relations between charities and lawyers is another skill that needs to be honed, particularly when there is a legacy involved. Lawyers are busy people who on the whole want to be as helpful as possible to the charities their clients leave their assets to, so understanding their priorities and working practices can smooth the path to good relations.

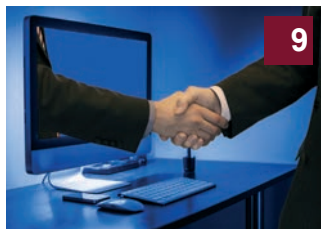
- The path to realising legacies has also been somewhat smoothed in recent months by the efforts of HMCTS to clear the probate backlog that had built up over the past couple of years. The Law Society, Institute of Legacy Management and Remember A Charity form part of a users' group working alongside HMCTS to improve communications between the parties to effect further improvements.

- On the whole, legacies are doing pretty well for charities. The latest report from Legacy Foresight estimates that legacy income for charities has hit the milestone £4bn mark. Following a levelling off in the next couple of years, the rise is set to recommence.

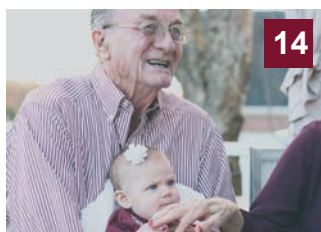
That is despite the fact that, according to Remember A Charity, 60% of UK adults have still not made a will, including nearly half of those over 40. That's despite all the encouragement from bodies such as Remember A Charity – and this publication!

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EVERY DAY WE MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN, BUT WE CAN ONLY DO IT WITH YOUR HELP

The photograph on the right of border collie Nipper was taken on the same day that he'd been taken to a vet's to be put to sleep. Purchased as a 'surprise' gift, he was unwanted. The beautiful puppy was just eight weeks old and is just one of over 9,700 animals rescued by Friends of the Animals.

There was a happy ending as – now renamed Stanley – he was rehomed with one of the charity's voluntary drivers, who adores him.

Friends of the Animals began in March 1990 and had very humble beginnings. Veterinary treatment is invariably the charity's biggest outgoing and to date they have spayed or neutered 43,000 animals. Thousands more have been wormed and inoculated – often for the first time in their lives!

Founder Helen Sinclair MBE, who was honoured for Services to Animal Welfare in 2014, takes up the story: "There have been many memorable cases, where we've saved animals' lives against all the odds. Animals such as the puppy who slipped under the railings of a balcony – luckily bouncing off the conservatory roof which broke her fall. Then there was the dog



who fell down a manhole in the road after someone had removed the cover, and poor Marshall, who had three broken legs and a severed ear.



"Susie, a Labrador/Staffy cross (pictured above), was badly burnt in a house fire, but made a good recovery; and the dear little cat above had everything wrong with him, but survived and thrived.

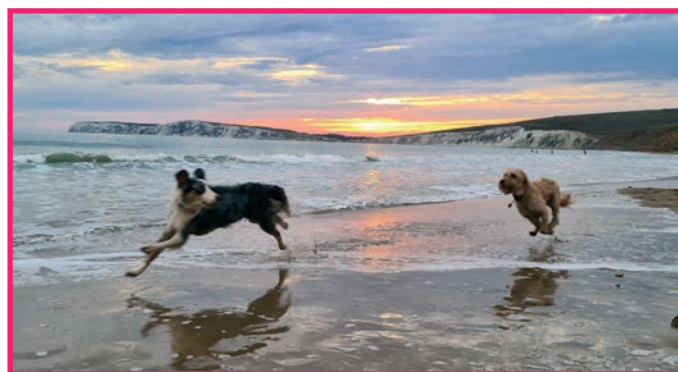
"When 11 month old Border Collie 'J.J.' came into our care, she had a pin / plate poking through



a badly infected front leg, a paw so badly crushed the bones had fused together and a stab wound.

"Her original owner pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal and was fined £2,000 and banned from keeping an animal for ten years.

"As you can see from the wonderful photo below, 'J.J.' went on to much better things."



Gifts in wills fund almost one in two veterinary treatments and so legacies are an absolute lifeline to the rescue and spaying/neutering work carried out by Friends of the Animals.

The charity has a policy of non-destruction, unless an animal is sick or injured with no hope of recovery, and they keep admin costs to a minimum. Very importantly, 96% of their staff are volunteers, which ensures as much of your gift as possible is spent on saving animals.

Pitted against that constant battle to save lives was the action of the person who set fire to the front of the Charity's base.

"But, happily," said Helen, "we're a resilient team and together with the help of supporters, we barely skipped a beat and just kept on going.

"We truly appreciate that people have many choices regarding charities to support, but no one appreciates it more, or tries harder than we do, to get the very best possible use from every penny donated. Thank you for your consideration."



Have you thought of including Blood Pressure UK in your Will?

A lasting way to help others with high blood pressure

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Obviously, providing for your family and friends comes first, but once that is done please consider leaving a gift to Blood Pressure UK in your Will.

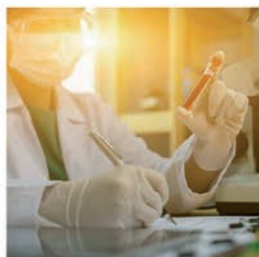
We have put together a simple leaflet to guide you through the process. You can get a copy by telephoning (020) 7882 6255, visiting our website at www.bloodpressureuk.org or by writing to Blood Pressure UK, Wolfson Institute, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6BQ.



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LEGACY FORESIGHT REPORTS LEGACY INCOME AT £4BN FOR 2022/3

➡ **CHARITY LEGACY INCOME** is estimated to have reached £4bn and bequest numbers almost 140,000 in the year 2022/23 – an annual income growth of 6.5%. The record growth is estimated based on this year's *Legacy Monitor*, the annual benchmarking research programme from Legacy Foresight. The research gathers data from over 80 charities, accounting for almost 50% of the charity legacy market.

Immediate future looks less optimistic

The results once again illustrate the resilience of the legacy market. Although, while the upward growth trajectory looks set to continue for the long-term, Legacy Foresight warns that current economic conditions are likely to negatively impact growth in the coming months.

Jon Franklin, an economist at Legacy Foresight, explained: "Recent growth in legacy incomes has been helped by a buoyant housing market that supports the value of legacy gifts. However, this is likely to be a short-lived boost, as the housing market has already started to fall, and we expect to see this negatively impact average legacy values over the next year."

Falling house prices not only have an impact on average gift values, but can also affect the time taken between notification – when a charity is informed that a death has resulted in a charitable gift – and money being received by charities. That is due to people delaying house sales and holding out for prices to rise. While that doesn't change income over the long run, it does create a short-term challenge for charities in terms of cash flow and budgeting.

Probate administration issues delay £900m reaching charities

Despite high numbers of deaths in the year to March 2023 – 681,000 compared to 633,000 in 2021/22 – the expected increase in bequest numbers did not follow. That was largely due to the number of cases 'stuck' in probate processing at His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Legacy Foresight's research indicates an estimated 70,000 cases, equating to £900m in legacy income, is caught up in the backlog and has not yet been passed through to charities.

With deaths predicted to reach 700,000 per year by 2030 and 800,000 by 2050, due to the ageing baby boomer population, a further challenge will be presented to the probate administration service.

Medium-term forecast: relatively subdued

The projected fall in house prices means that the medium-term forecast for legacy income is relatively subdued. Over the next four years legacy income is expected to drop slightly, to just under £3.8bn in 2025/26: a fall of 5%.

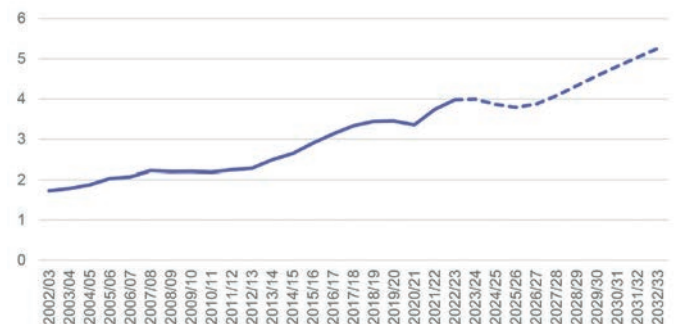
Kathryn Horsley, director of insight at Legacy Foresight, put it into context: "While a fall in legacy income isn't good news, it's worth noting that this reduction is fairly small and comes at a time when



other forms of fundraised income are under even more pressure due to donors feeling the squeeze of the cost-of-living crisis. Given this, legacy income will remain a resilient source of income during the challenging next few years."

Long-term forecast: accelerated growth

The analysis shows that, looking beyond 2026, the forecast for the legacy market is a lot more positive, with an expected return to accelerated growth. In real terms, legacy income is predicted to reach over £6bn by 2050. That is due to an expected rise in deaths, along with a return to house price growth from 2025/26.



Long-term predicted growth of UK legacy income in £bn

While growth in legacy income is positive news, charities need to be aware that the market is becoming more crowded. With more charities vying to be heard in the legacy market, it is getting harder to maintain and grow share. Smaller charities with smaller budgets are finding it easier to spread their legacy programmes to potential legators as digital marketing for legacies becomes more mainstream.

Charities must therefore be prepared to plan, invest and be creative to secure their space in this evolving sector. □

YOUR LEGACY – THEIR LIFELINE

➡ **ALFIE'S OWNER**, Pam, had been diagnosed with a degenerative disorder which affected her ability to care for him. She was also trying to leave an abusive relationship but would not do so until she had secured a safe place for Alfie.

Oak Tree Animals' Charity managed to safely remove Alfie and brought him to their sanctuary in Carlisle. This enabled Pam to move to a more suitable and safe home, and the charity arranged for Pam to see Alfie again before he went to his new home.

Alfie and Pam are just two of the thousands of animals and owners helped by Oak Tree Animals' Charity each year. In 2022, Oak Tree hit a new record of 4,300 animals helped and, unfortunately, this number keeps rising every year.

Their 'A Helping Paw' service offers pet fostering to victims of domestic abuse and the homeless. The service is run by dedicated volunteer fosterers, and since 2019 they have helped over 60 pets and 40 families. Without generous gifts in wills, the vital work to help animals and owners, like Alfie and Pam, in these devastating situations just wouldn't be possible.

Oak Tree Animals' Charity and its wonderful supporters have been helping animals since 1909. One supporter who chose to leave a legacy to Oak Tree explained her decision: "I wish more people would support animal charities like Oak Tree and be part of their incredible work. I want to help Oak Tree Animals' Charity continue its wonderful work for many years to come. It is comforting knowing that I will still be able to support animals long after I am gone."

More than half of the work at Oak Tree is funded by legacies – including veterinary treatment, food, bedding, heating, enrichment, water and general maintenance, plus so much more. Every donation received means they can open their doors for another day, providing a lifeline to animals across their region. □

• If you would like to find out more about leaving a legacy, please email legacy@oaktreeanimals.org.uk or visit www.oaktreeanimals.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-donate/your-legacy.html



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WHY CHARITIES SHOULD FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS WITH LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

⇒ A GOOD RELATIONSHIP

between legal professionals and charity beneficiaries can help make the administration of an estate easier and a less stressful experience for everyone involved.

Both charities and professional advisers have their own unique set of responsibilities, and so each side stands to benefit from increased understanding and awareness of the other's perspective.

That's why, in its latest member webinar, Remember A Charity invited Matthew Langdon, CEO of the Institute of Legacy Management, and Gaynor Lanceley, head of legacy administration at Shakespeare Martineau, to share their top tips on how charities can communicate with professional advisers to help improve those key relationships and find more efficient and effective ways of working for all.

Familiarise yourself with the process

A good starting point for any charity beneficiary is to take time to understand how estates are administered – including what documents you are entitled to – what each step of the process looks like, and key timelines: for example, how long it typically takes from grant of probate to a cash gift being administered. That will not only help in planning and forecasting, but also help to understand why certain stages of the process may take longer than others.

Be mindful that the executor may be grieving

Donors will have chosen someone they trust to act as their executor. That may be a legal professional, but it can also be a close family member or loved one, known as a lay executor. The lay executor may then choose to instruct a solicitor to act on their behalf.

Whether it is a lay or professional executor, the charity's administrator should be mindful that their communications should be respectful of the fact that the person they are speaking with is likely to be dealing with the loss of someone close to them. It is very possible that the solicitor knew their client well, considered them to be a friend and may have also attended their funeral.



It is therefore worth reviewing communications to ensure that they reflect the sensitivities of the situation.

Streamline communications

There are many things a charity administrator can do to access the information they need quickly, without needing to contact the solicitor. For example, they might be able to find information about a donor's assets online, such as house prices, to aid in forecasting. Similarly, if the charity receives notifications from Smee & Ford,

they will receive a copy of the will and grant of probate directly.

That said, there are times when they will need information directly from the solicitor, such as the client care letter, so they shouldn't be afraid to ask for the details they are entitled to.

A charity will be likely to have its own set of approval processes and timelines that the solicitor will not be aware of, meaning they may at times expect the charity's administrator to make a decision quickly that will need to be delegated to a director.

Co-ordinate with other charity beneficiaries

If there are several charities named in a will, then it can be helpful to collectively agree a 'lead charity', who can act as the key point of contact with the solicitor. Although solicitors do not have to recognise that and can treat each charity as a separate beneficiary, they often accept a lead charity as it is the most efficient way to handle the process for all involved.

Don't forget to say thank you

Much like donors, legal professionals appreciate being recognised for their hard work, especially as legacy administration can take years, so a thank you card or note is always welcomed. It can even lead to a long-term relationship where they offer reduced fees or corporate support from their firm.

Solicitors are generally very sociable and recognise the importance of opportunities to further develop positive professional relationships, so charities shouldn't be shy in engaging them in their wider legacy and fundraising activities. □

CARING FOR CHELONIA

⇒ THE BRITISH CHELONIA GROUP publishes six newsletters a year containing details of meetings, short articles, news items and veterinary notes. Their journal *Testudo* is published annually and contains original articles and reviews on all aspects of turtles, terrapins and tortoises – their biology, conservation, welfare, veterinary care and husbandry. The group also organises symposia.

As well as the yearly appeals in aid of specific international causes in chelonia research and survival, the BCG assists other worthy causes in support of its aims with grants. They invite grant applications from organisations and individuals engaged on the work of chelonia conservation – such as zoos, universities, zoologists and students in this country and overseas. □



For tortoise, terrapin and turtle care and conservation

The BCG has been a Registered Charity (No. 1140830) for over 30 years, having grown from a small group of enthusiasts to become the leading charity in the UK promoting the care and conservation of chelonia.

They have raised over half a million pounds for their appeals, to finance chelonia rescue, zoo initiatives, and research and conservation projects worldwide.

The BCG provide chelonia keepers with the support needed to ensure that their captive animals receive quality husbandry. They discourage the importation and purchase of wild caught specimens, in favour of responsible captive breeding.

For further information on donating to the BCG call 01359 259 800 or visit www.britishcheloniagroup.org.uk



Heartburn isn't always Harmless

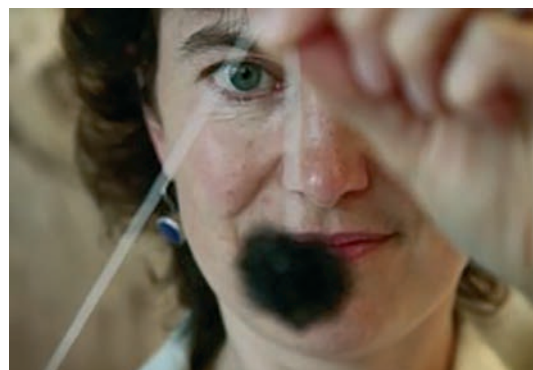
If you suffer from persistent heartburn
and/or frequent difficulty in swallowing

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HEARTBURN ISN'T ALWAYS HARMLESS



➡ **EXPERIENCING HEARTBURN** or acid reflux at some point in life isn't uncommon: perhaps after a large meal, a few drinks or spicy food. Women may have experienced it during pregnancy. There are many medications that can be bought over the counter or prescribed by a GP to try and help.

We don't usually think about the causes and generally ignore it, hoping it will go away. However, it's important to remember that persistent heartburn – experienced two or three times a week for three weeks or more – could be a sign of something more serious and needs to be discussed and perhaps investigated further by your GP.

HCUK has provided a mobile diagnostic unit to help with testing and awareness and they have a second being built. They are also involved with work on how best to communicate and engage with patients.

Heartburn Cancer UK (HCUK) raises awareness of the dangers of persistent heartburn; but they are also committed to improving earlier diagnosis of oesophageal cancer and Barrett's oesophagus – a pre-cancerous condition. The earlier cancer is found the better the outcome and prognosis. HCUK has been supporting the progress and accessibility of capsule sponge test technology like the Cytosponge™ and EndoSign®: simple, quick, less invasive tests that can give peace of mind or determine that some further investigation is required. HCUK would like to see the test be readily available at doctors surgeries across the country.

These simple tests are revolutionary: patients would usually be sent for a more invasive, time-consuming and expensive endoscopy at a hospital. Having the simple test at a surgery or mobile unit could really make a difference and save endoscopies for those who most need them. The test involves swallowing a 'pill on a strong thread'. The coating of the pill dissolves, releasing a small sponge which, when retrieved by a nurse seven minutes later, collects a wonderful cell sample which is analysed for any abnormalities.

Receiving a diagnosis and finding support

Diagnosing more cases of Barrett's oesophagus is really important, as a patient can then be monitored for any further changes, which are much easier to treat if found earlier and really could help save lives. It may sound obvious, but Barrett's and oesophageal cancer are diseases which affect the oesophagus – the pipe which carries food from the mouth to the stomach.

Receiving a diagnosis of Barrett's or oesophageal cancer can be a worrying time, so HCUK spends time supporting those living with these conditions and their families. Making positive changes to diet and lifestyle can be important and HCUK's supporting dietician helps provide useful information through its website. The charity's retired GP helps with a blog, with useful details about everything from determining what a Barrett's diagnosis means to how to help a GP understand the issue by providing the right information about symptoms.

HCUK has literature and information to help understand the conditions and also has some support groups, including an online support group that can be accessed from anywhere in the UK. They are working to develop more groups and expand what support they can offer as they recognise how important that can be for patients, their families and loved ones. Being able to find out answers or speak with other people who are going through the same can help improve stress and wellbeing.

They do their homework

In addition to HCUK's work to support the progress of capsule sponge test technology like the Cytosponge and EndoSign, they are involved in supporting various research projects, and also work with the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons to help provide a surgical specialist lead role for oesophageal cancer to help improve patient outcomes.

They contribute to guidelines and drug approval for NICE and the Scottish Medicines Consortium, too. That involvement helps ensure the patient's voice is represented and considered at every opportunity.

Awareness and education

Over 9,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with oesophageal cancer annually and only 15% of those patients will survive for five years.

With this cancer being the 7th most common cause of cancer death in the UK and many people having not even heard of it, raising awareness is vital. Symptoms such as a sore throat, hoarse voice, feeling or being sick, trouble swallowing, pain in the chest and weight loss could all be ignored or dismissed without the knowledge that they could be an indication of something more serious.

Awareness will mean that people will be able to recognise symptoms in themselves or others and flag them to a GP sooner. With earlier diagnosis, treatment can be given and the prognosis much improved and, ultimately, lives saved.

Why leave a legacy

A legacy left to Heartburn Cancer UK, no matter how small, means continuance of those key activities with the goal of improving the statistics.

With a pledge in a will HCUK can:

- expand awareness of the symptoms
- increase understanding of the need to get medical help sooner rather than later
- help work towards medical investigation being as quick and easy as possible
- improve earlier diagnosis and therefore patient outcomes
- support more people who have received a diagnosis or who have been touched by a diagnosis
- continue to fund and support research into Barrett's, oesophageal cancer and associated symptoms, treatment and diagnosis and, ultimately, save lives. □

• To plan ahead and help another's future visit www.heartburncanceruk.org or call 01256 338668 for more information.

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In addition the charity helps hospitals all over Scotland, supplying them with much needed equipment and funding posts recognised as being essential. Chronic Kidney disease is a condition that has no cure and that children and their families must learn to live with.

IMAGINE your child only being able to drink 400mls in one day. That's less than two cartons of juice – a can of juice is 500mls.

IMAGINE being a parent where you must be home before 8pm every single night to ensure your child gets their daily home dialysis.

IMAGINE not being able to take your family abroad or too far away from the hospital because your child cannot go without their dialysis. This HAS to happen in hospital 3 or 4 times EVERY week.

IMAGINE your child missing out on school education, social activities, family members' birthday celebrations, a sibling's sports day or a family wedding because you need to make sure they receive their life saving dialysis treatment.

IMAGINE your child spending their birthday and/or Christmas Day in hospital and not being able to see their friends from week to week. ☐

IMAGINE LIVING WITH KIDNEY DISEASE

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This includes around 500 frail veterans and their widows who fought for the Crown. ZANE assists with rent, medical bills and food – and, crucially, also provides comfort, advice and support.

In addition, ZANE funds a clubfoot correction programme, successfully treating over 5,400 children to date. ZANE also funds education programmes including the provision of pop-up classrooms in a high-density township for children who would otherwise not receive an education. It runs creative therapy workshops for women living in extreme poverty who are victims of political violence and trauma.

Zimbabwe remains a country in crisis. With some of the highest inflation and unemployment rates in the world, Zimbabwe's economy teeters on the brink of collapse. Coupled with a woefully inadequate healthcare system, the need for ZANE is greater than ever for the most destitute people in Zimbabwe. ☐



• To find out more about the work of ZANE visit www.zane.uk.com

MOST ADULTS HAVE STILL NOT MADE A WILL, AS CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS SOME QUIRKY BEQUESTS

➡ **NEW RESEARCH** conducted ahead of this year's Remember A Charity Week in September revealed that three in five (61%) of UK adults have not yet written a will. That includes nearly half (46%) of those aged 40-plus.

Many have a strong sense of how they wish to be remembered, with half wanting to be remembered for their role in their family (52%) or their morals, values and compassion (49%). And over a third of people (34%) hope to leave the world a better place.

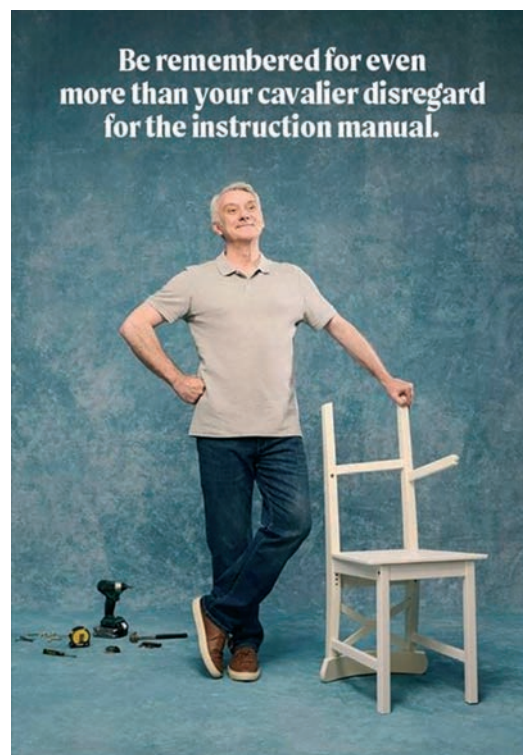
Six in ten people recognise that passing on a sentimental gift to future generations can provide comfort to loved ones, reminding people of treasured moments and memories for years to come.

Attitudes towards leaving a gift to charity in a will are positive, the research found. Indeed, 62% of UK adults recognise that you don't need to be wealthy to leave a gift to charity in your will and acknowledge that even a small gift left to charity can make a difference and help to fund vital work. In fact, nearly half (46%) of people would feel proud if a loved one left a donation to charity alongside gifts to family and friends.

During Remember A Charity Week, charities across the country came together with campaign supporters, campaign partners, charity champions and others to highlight the importance and impact of gifts in wills on beneficiaries and charitable services for years to come, celebrating and thanking their supporters. Remember A Charity encourages people to include a charity they care about in their will, alongside gifts for family and friends.

Lucinda Frostick, director of Remember A Charity, explained: "What we leave behind in our will tells our own unique story. From symbolic gifts for loved ones through to charitable donations for the good causes we care about, leaving a gift in your will can be a wonderful way to ensure that treasured memories and values live on long beyond our lifetimes.

"It's been so inspiring to hear from people across the UK who have been left special and, at times, quirky gifts by their family or friends, and from those who have chosen to remember a charity too. Each of these carries a story; enabling memories to live on." □



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Find out more

If you'd like to speak to someone about leaving a gift in your Will to The Seafarers' Charity, you can contact us by email: legacies@theseafarerscharity.org

For more information on how to leave us a legacy, visit our website: <https://www.theseafarerscharity.org/get-involved/leave-a-legacy>



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EXPERTS BRING THEIR INSIGHTS

➡ **AS PART OF** Remember A Charity Week, a Legacy Inspiration Hour event for members saw four leaders in the legacy sector join as guest panellists to share their thoughts on the biggest opportunities for legacy fundraising over the next five to 10 years.

Baby boomers and beyond

With the Golden Age of legacy fundraising upon us, John Turner from RNLI talked through the data and some of the trends around legacy causal areas and barriers to giving.



Baby boomers have an estimated wealth of £5.5 trillion that they need to offload when they pass away, presenting a huge opportunity for charities to make a real difference. However, it's important to understand what makes baby boomers tick.

Medical research and welfare charities are growing, while religious and armed forces causes have decreased. Some other causal areas also on a downward trend, such as age-related causes or hospices, are likely to change as baby boomers get older.

John also explored the upward trend in investment in cold acquisitions over the past five years – with greater awareness, conversation, choice of where to leave a legacy, and a more imbedded acceptance to talk about legacies. However, as a sector there's a need to create a balance so we don't do too much or too little. John also encouraged members not to be afraid to try something new.

Looking further ahead, Generation X will be different again. They may not have much wealth – unless inherited – so other opportunities will unfold in another 10-20 years. Said John: "Be different; innovate; offer something unique."

Powerful partnerships

Kerry McMenamin from Christian Aid explored the power of partnerships within the charity sector and beyond, engaging corporates and communities in sharing the legacy message.

Finding the right synergy and collaboration can be powerful and Kerry detailed examples such as Christian Aid's 'Faith Will' to prompt legacy conversations in churches across all denominations, as well as Havens Hospices teaming up with Wild in Art to install public art elephants across the City of Southend, helping to raise visibility of gifts in wills among the public.

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LEGACY GIFTS PROVIDE A LIFELINE

Since its founding in 1883, Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home has relied almost entirely on gifts in wills to keep its doors open.

The home costs nearly £3m a year to run, and in the absence of any regular government funding, they are left almost completely dependent on donations and fundraising initiatives to keep going.

One of the most powerful ways that the community has supported the charity is by leaving gifts in their wills. An astounding one in three animals that reside with them each year has had their care funded by legacies.

Legacies and Individual Giving Manager Gillian MacAulay explained: "We simply couldn't keep going without this lifeline and there really are no words to describe what it means to us when we discover that someone has made that decision to include us in their will.

"This support can transform the lives of the hundreds of vulnerable animals who need our help each year – for as long as they need it. By leaving a gift, your love and compassion for animals can live on."

To find out how to make a lasting contribution, please visit edch.org.uk/legacies or contact Gillian MacAulay, Legacies and Individual Giving Manager on 0131 609 0621 or by emailing fundraising@edch.org.uk

TO BEAR AT WEBINAR



Partnerships have the power to transform, Kerry said, but they are of course a two-way street. Not only do they offer a chance to access new audiences, but also the opportunity to work more efficiently and effectively by sharing resources.

As Kerry herself said: "To speak with one voice is powerful."

The changing landscape

Alex McDowell of Revitalise talked about the potential changes to the legal, governmental and regulatory environment and the associated opportunities and risks they present.

With legacy income up 43% in the past decade, the success has been twofold: through inspiring supporters to give through their will, but also through changes to the will-writing environment, delivered by policymakers and professional advisers, often as a result of influence by Remember A Charity and others.



Alex highlighted specific opportunities to engage with policy makers, including around the protection of tax breaks on legacy giving, the lack of a notification system in Scotland, delays in probate, the Law Commission's consultation on the future of wills and more.

Said Alex: "All these challenges present risks but also opportunities for us, so we'll go and seize them."

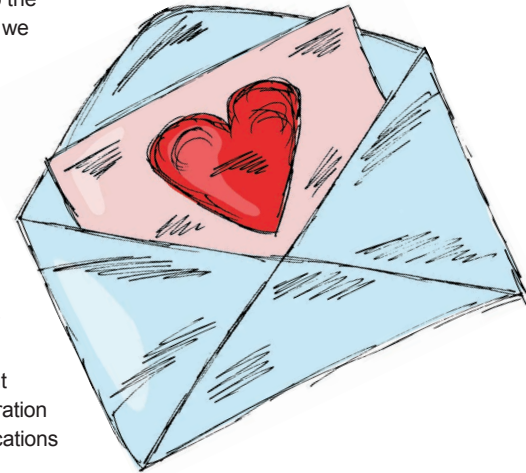
A love letter to the future

Helen Smith from RNIB delivered a love letter to the future, considering how we communicate with and remain relevant to our audiences.

There is a need to be agile and flexible in our strategies as, while we've seen greater awareness, conversation, choice of where to leave a legacy and more imbedded acceptance to talk about legacies, the next generation will differ and communications will continue to evolve.

Helen advised that, as the next generation will want to know more about impact than previous generations, segmenting your audience is and will continue to be crucial. Sharing stories, embedding verbal communications and making use of new technology are all great ways to engage new audiences, so don't be afraid to try something new. And remember, you will never stop learning!

"We need to evolve and make the most of all the wonderful new channels and technologies that are available to us in order to reach wider audiences," she advised. □



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FAIRNESS IN THE FAMILY COURT MAY HELP REDUCE CHILD SUICIDE RISK, CHARITY FOUNDER BELIEVES

➡ PROMOTING AND ASSISTING

in access to justice in the Family Court is the aim of Parenting Together, a charity set up by former youth worker Gerry Hannah.

Gerry points out suicide is the most common cause of death among young people – often prompted by the depression caused by family break-up. He believes that in many cases the break-up of the family is avoidable if parents are able to present their version of events.

Said Gerry: "British Family Courts sit in private and they convict parents merely on the 'balance of probability'. In some cases a judge is persuaded to make a misinformed decision based on race, gender, heritage, beliefs and social status – often causing serious depression which can have lethal consequences."

Gerry formed his association with humanitarian experts and professionals to ensure low-income, disadvantaged parents involved with social services or Family Court proceedings receive fair and equal justice.

He added: "We mostly provide specialist legal services, advocacy and reports for disadvantaged parents in Family Court proceedings. Our experts, professionals and associate solicitors often work *pro*



bono to help us resolve exploitation and unlawful abuse of the family law and child protection systems. We framed our projects on the government's *Every Child Matters* report, published in 2003, that recommended engaging families in the care and protection of children."

He points to cases of parents with learning difficulties asking people on social media for advice when they cannot understand the legalese, acronyms and procedures.

"They are usually misguided, posting views and comments that go against them in court. Their social media 'friends' are often predators

who exploit single parents with young children. We recently submitted evidence to the CPS against a few of these sexual predators targeting our vulnerable parents and their children."

The current project is a continuation of *Honeypot Families*, a work-in-progress study comparing families in the safest happiest regions of the UK with families in what Gerry describes as 'the most dangerous city in Europe'.

"We concluded that Judeo-Christian families functioned efficiently to provide the best outcomes for everyone because they are based on a mutually agreed contract where adults vow to love, care and respect each other until death." □



Parenting Together

Exogenous Depression

- Suicide is the leading cause of death for ages 5 to 45
- The leading cause of suicide is absent parents
- 95% of criminal abuse victims were involved with social services
- Confronting the root causes of self-neglect, exogenous depression and suicide



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LEGACY SECTOR WELCOMES HMCTS COMMITMENTS ON PROBATE

⇒ **THE** Institute of Legacy Management (ILM) has welcomed new commitments from His Majesty's Courts & Tribunal Service (HMCTS) aimed at improving the service it provides to the charity sector. The commitments include the implementation of more detailed reporting on probate estates and the development of a fresh charitable estate indicator.

ILM, together with Remember A Charity, have been working closely with the Probate Registry to ensure that the impact on charities of any probate delays is front of mind, and that charities are kept informed of changes and service issues. In response to requests from Remember A Charity and the ILM, the Probate Registry has committed to several actions to enhance the service and forecasting information available for charities named in wills, including:

- Providing more regular updates and forecasts, including greater clarity on the level of 'stopped' estates held up in the system
- Delivering a programme of webinars for charities to provide further information and an update on the Probate Registry's approach
- Adding a form field on digital applications (80% of cases) identifying whether the estate includes a charitable gift, enabling better future tracking, forecasting and normalising the inclusion of charitable gifts in wills.

HMCTS reports that September and October have been particularly productive months in reducing the backlog, with provisional data

showing significantly higher output of grants issued than applications received. That follows the recruitment of 100 new staff members, training and upskilling of the probate team, and improvements to the digital application platform made earlier this year.

The Probate Registry has also confirmed it is working towards the target of reducing unprocessed applications in the system to a head of work of around 30,000 estates at any one time.

Matthew Lagden, CEO of the Institute of Legacy Management, commented: "We are delighted that, after extensive consultation and dialogue with ourselves and Remember A Charity, HMCTS has been prepared to adopt the ideas we put forward."

"There is no doubt that, once in place, these measures will help charities to forecast future legacy income more accurately, access regular updates and information and, above all, realise gifts in a more timely fashion as waiting times come down. We thank HMCTS for their understanding and their positive commitment towards supporting the charity sector."

Together, Remember A Charity and the ILM represent the charity sector on the Probate Service Users Working Group, alongside The Law Society and other stakeholders. They meet regularly with HMCTS to discuss updates within the Probate Registry, probate output levels, future forecasts and more – ensuring the impact on charities of any probate service changes or delays is taken into account by the government and HMCTS. □

PRACTICAL SUPPORT HELPS TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPACT OF SIGHT LOSS

⇒ **THERE ARE TWO MILLION** people in the UK living with sight loss and by 2050 the figure is set to double. Being diagnosed with any form of sight loss is life-changing and devastating for both the individuals concerned and their families.

The Partially Sighted Society is a national charity that understands this; it has been providing help and support to anybody living with sight loss for over 50 years.

The society's range of services includes the design, printing and provision of bespoke school exercise books for children, a specialist low-vision and sight test service, and the provision of aids and equipment to assist those living with sight loss to continue to live full and independent lives.

They are there to offer support for both the practical and the emotional impact of sight loss, by phone and in person. They also offer a range of social and support activities to alleviate the social isolation that comes with sight loss.

Leaving a gift in a will is a meaningful way of helping The Partially Sighted Society to help others. Legacies leave a lasting impact on transforming the lives of those living with sight loss. □



The Partially Sighted Society

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to somebody
living with**

sight

loss?

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◀ From a world with MS
to a future free from its effects ▶

A gift in your will could take us there.

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mssociety.org.uk/gifts-in-wills

FROM A WORLD WITH MS TO A FUTURE FREE FROM ITS EFFECTS ...YOUR WILL COULD TAKE US THERE



➡ **THERE ARE OVER** 130,000 people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) in the UK today; and nearly 7,000 newly-diagnosed cases each year.

Life with MS can be tough. It's unpredictable and different for everyone. It's often painful, exhausting and can cause problems for people in how they walk, move, see, think and feel. But thanks to support from kind people who donate to the MS Society, research into the disease has made huge leaps forward.

Nick Moberly, CEO of the MS Society, commented: "We still have a long way to go, but today there's so much more we can do to treat symptoms, manage progression and ease anxiety.

"Right now we're funding over 40 projects to help improve diagnosis and treatments. And our scientists are making some tremendous breakthroughs. There are groundbreaking discoveries and new knowledge on potential ways to repair myelin and protect nerves; and there are new projects and clinical trials underway. So there's real momentum and hope on the horizon.

"We're investing in research to help find treatments that could stop and, maybe one day, reverse the progression of MS. We can't stop now. Our goal of stopping MS really is within reach. Now, with a gift in your will, you can help make it a reality for the next generation."

Raphael lives in London with his wife Lucy. They have a four-year-old daughter, Tali, and one-year-old son Asa. Raphael has lived with MS for many years and says the treatment he takes makes a huge difference. It helps him get on with his life with less disruption.

"I want to continue being a supportive father and role model to my kids, and husband to my wife," he said. "To me, stopping MS would mean certainty over a large part of mine and my family's future. It would take a huge weight off my mind."

Nick Moberly continued: "If you'd like to be part of a community of people bringing us closer to stopping MS – whether that's through providing information and support, continuing to fight for access to new drugs, or supporting vital future research – please think about including a gift to the MS Society when you next make or update your will.

"We understand that protecting the financial future of those you love is your main priority when writing a will. But over 40% of our income comes from those who've also included a legacy gift to the MS Society, and no matter the size, it's thanks to support from people leaving these special gifts, that we're getting closer to stopping MS and making sure generations to come can live in a future free from its effects.

"With your support, the future is bright for people living with MS. Let's finish the work we've started and stop MS together." □

I am so grateful to people who help fuel research into stopping this life-changing illness.

Raphael, London (pictured above with his family)



• For more information related to gifts in wills and the services the MS Society offers, call 020 8827 0374, email legacies@mssociety.org.uk or visit [legacies@mssociety.org.uk/gifts-in-wills](https://www.mssociety.org.uk/gifts-in-wills).



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LEGACY TEAMS LEAD THE WAY AT HYBRID AWARDS EVENT

➡ **THE 6TH EDITION** of The British Wills and Probate Awards was delivered as a hybrid event, on 11 October, with a glittering in-person ceremony hosted at the Kimpton Clocktower Hotel in Manchester. Headline sponsor was CTT Group and networking sponsor Exizent.

The awards are presented by Today's Media, the publishers of online news title *Today's Wills and Probate*.

Broadcaster, journalist and longstanding host of the British Wills and Probate Awards Jennie Bond (pictured) returned for her sixth year. Jennie appears regularly on a wide range of television and radio programmes – from light entertainment to documentaries and even *House of Games*.

The CEO of the Institute of Legacy Management, Matthew Lagden, was in attendance at the in-person event.

He wrote: "We were thrilled that three ILM Corporate Partners – Hugh James, Shakespeare Martineau and Wilsons – were all shortlisted for the ILM Charity Legacy Probate Collaboration of the Year award.

"Many congratulations to the Shakespeare Martineau team for coming away with the trophy and to Hugh James for being highly commended.

"As always the awards were brilliantly organised, with over 450 representatives of the probate community attending, and we were delighted to be part of such an inspiring and fun evening." □



BURSARIES HELP AWARD HOPEFULS ATTEND 2ND AWARDS

➡ **THE** Institute of Legacy Management is also partnering with Smee & Ford for next year's Legacy Giving Awards, which takes place in April next year.

Now in its 2nd year, the unique awards provide an essential voice for the legacy giving community, raising the profile of the valuable work of professionals within their own charities, while also providing a platform to benchmark the progress made through collaboration, skill and excellence across the sector.

Winning a Smee & Ford Legacy Giving Award can have a profound impact on both winners and their charity, offering a multitude of benefits, including:

- Recognition of dedication – the awards serve as a testament to the hard work, expertise and unwavering commitment exhibited by the winner and their legacy team.
- Morale and motivation – after navigating through some challenging years, winning an award can be a morale booster for the entire team, igniting fresh motivation.
- Showcasing vital contributions – it's high time that all facets of legacy giving, which play an increasingly crucial role in sustaining the charity sector, are celebrated and acknowledged.

To ensure that all charities have equal access to attending the awards, the ILM have put together a bursary programme to actively encourage entrants from charities whose budgets and resource are restricted, giving them a chance to attend the live awards event and benefit from being recognised and celebrated for their skill and hard work.

The bursary programme will fund 18 seats at the live awards ceremony free of charge. To be eligible for a bursary place, entrants must enter one of the Legacy Administration-focused categories and reach the shortlist stage. They must also be a current ILM member working in a charity that received no more than £2m legacy income in the last financial year. □

HELP FOR THOSE WITH FAILING SIGHT



➡ **FAILING EYESIGHT** is nothing short of a personal catastrophe. Do you have a family member, friend or neighbour who is gradually losing their sight?

Reading, recognising friends and living skills are all affected as your sight is going – and it's much harder if you live alone.

The National Federation of the Blind of the UK (NFBUK) keeps its members in touch with general information, help and updates on what's going on.

The charity produces bi-monthly news magazines and circulars in audio, braille or electronically, which members can read independently. It also encourages blind and partially sighted people to play a fuller part in society. □

• For further information contact NFBUK on 01924 291313, email admin@nfbuk.org or visit www.nfbuk.org.

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The Voice of Blind People

National Federation of the Blind of the United Kingdom is a self-help organisation of blind and partially sighted people. Any financial assistance which we receive helps us point out to society how the lives of blind and partially sighted people can be happier and more satisfying – a task which the NFBUK, a non-political self-help group and registered charity, has been doing since 1947.

We want all blind and partially sighted people to be part of the community where they live. This includes the hundreds of people graduating from our universities each year who are regarded as visually impaired. Our charity trustees are blind, deaf-blind or partially sighted, unpaid volunteers.

We willingly join with any individuals or organisations sharing our concerns. We speak with government ministers about improving all aspects of life, benefits and services and with local councils about enabling their sight impaired residents to get out and about more safely in their local areas, town centres and shops.

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*Professor Ian Hampson and Dr Lynne Hampson,
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CHARITY REFLECTS ON TWO DECADES OF ANIMAL-FREE CANCER RESEARCH

➡ **FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS** oncology researchers at Manchester University have been funded by Caring Cancer Trust (Stopcancer.health), which funds ethical, animal-free research into cancer, its non-invasive treatment, cure and prevention. They have discovered potential new causes of children's cancer, developed new treatments for early-stage cervical cancer and are now working on cancer prevention for children and adults of older-age.



Dame Nancy Rothwell, University Vice Chair, with Stopcancer.health Hon.Chair Ian MacWatt

Increased life expectancy – people are now living longer than ever before – has been accompanied by an increase in many age-related disorders, including cancer. Age-related damage to cells has by far the greatest influence on human health, promoting development of not only cancer, but also cardiovascular, neurodegenerative and autoimmune diseases.

Novel treatments inhibiting cellular ageing have the potential to reduce the development of cancer and all those ailments simultaneously, rather than having to treat each separately. Such treatments will not just be for the benefit of older people. They will also benefit children and younger adults, since the use of chemotherapy and radiation for cancer treatment artificially accelerates the ageing process.



Youth2Go adventure in the Alps with Shaheen Kahn-Jones

More recently Caring Cancer Trust has funded Ravan Bio Ltd, Manchester University's spin-out company, to develop a novel anti-ageing treatment to prevent cancer and the other age-related diseases. Indications for Ravan Bio's new therapy are that it is extremely successful, resulting in an 80% reduction in the biological age of test subjects, and has potential for cancer prevention and other age-related ailments.



Cancer support

Stopcancer.health provides special Youth2Go healing holidays of creative adventure for children recovering from cancer. Venues include the Alps, France, Channel Islands, Isle of Wight and elsewhere in England. The holiday enables them to regain their self-confidence and re-ignite their passion for life after the trauma of their illness and lengthy debilitating chemotherapy or radiation treatment. They also provide financial support for children's oncology units at hospitals in Manchester, Oxford, Southampton and Exeter.



Artistic Creative Adventure on Jersey with Midnight Gallery

and prevention, as well as creative adventure holidays for children recovering from cancer. ☐

A cancer-free future

Stopcancer.health funds research that will increase understanding of how silent infections, lifestyle, diet, genetic predisposition and environmental pollution can lead to cancer in children and adults. Simple changes in lifestyle and diet, combined with avoidance of exposure to environmental pollution, will prevent the incidence of cancer in all age groups.

Stopcancer.health aims to identify and understand hitherto unknown cause-and-effect relationships to either limit exposure to such carcinogenic factors or devise therapies which suppress their effects before a cancer has developed. Their research mission for cancer prevention involves:

- New life-saving cancer prevention medicines
- New therapies for early-stage cancers
- New therapies for children and later-life cancers
- Cancer avoidance lifestyle, diet and environmental changes
- Heightened cancer awareness by all



Your funding

Caring Cancer Trust's Stopcancer.health programme and charity shop is entirely managed and run by unpaid volunteers. Its research and Youth2Go programmes are funded by legacies and donations. All gifts fund animal-free research into cancer treatment



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We breed Suffolk Horses

**HELP US TO SAVE
OUR SUFFOLKS**



The Suffolk Punch Trust is a registered charity, and it is home to the oldest English breed of working horses.

The Suffolk Punch Trust was founded in 2002 to protect the historic Hollesley Bay Colony Stud when it was under threat of disappearing. This particular farm has bred Suffolk horses for over 250 years and the Trust knew they had to help this critically endangered breed to survive.

The Suffolk Punch Trust has an established breeding programme, they raise public awareness and train new generations of professionals to work with these iconic heavy horses.

Your legacy large or small is desperately important for The Suffolk Punch Trust to continue their work and help this wonderful breed survive.

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TRUST WORKS TO SAVE ICONIC WORKING HORSES

➡ **THE SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST** is a registered charity, whose aim is to ensure the survival of the famous horse breed. It was founded in 2002 to save the historic Hollesley Bay Colony Stud.

That stud brought a rich legacy of equine and agricultural history which deserves to be saved for future generations to enjoy. The trust aims to achieve that through a successful breeding programme, supported by funding, education and the outreach facility of its visitor centre.

The Suffolk Punch is the oldest English breed of working horse, dating from the 16th century. Every Suffolk horse can be traced back to a stallion, known as Crisp's Horse of Ufford, foaled in 1768. The Suffolk horse was developed for farm work and gained popularity during the early 20th century. As agriculture became mechanised, however, the numbers fell and the breed almost disappeared completely.

The aim of the trust is to help save the iconic breed from extinction through its established breeding programme. It is working towards increasing the numbers of horses through normal breeding processes and an artificial insemination programme.

It also works to raise public awareness and is training a new generation of professionals to work with and understand the needs of the breed. The Suffolk Punch is incredibly versatile and is now often employed in forestry and ridden work.

The Suffolk Punch Trust can only continue its work with the help of donations and legacies. As David Clarke, one of the trust's directors, explained: "Your legacy, large or small, will make a huge difference to the work we carry out, enabling us to care for our horses and continue the breeding programme to secure this wonderful breed." □

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HEARTBEAT HORSES HAPPY IN THEIR NEW HOME



➡ **THE HEARTBEAT HORSES** now live in a new home at Sink Farm in Woodbridge, Suffolk and are cared for alongside the wonderful Suffolk Punch horses.

Sink Farm is the colony stud for the Suffolk Punch Trust charity, who continue their important and essential work in preserving this unique breed. □

• For more information on either charity please contact Tracey Pettitt, stud manager or David Clarke, finance director, on 07768 025128.
Heartbeat Homes for Horses, Sink Farm, St David's Lane, Hollesley, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3JR

ILM LAUNCHES NEW TOOLS TO ASSIST LEGACY PROFESSIONALS

➡ **THE** Institute of Legacy Management (ILM) has made available two tools to help legacy professionals. November saw the launch of the IDR Claim Checker for charities, from inheritance dispute resolution specialists IDR Law.

The Claim Checker is an intuitive online tool providing legacy officers and junior legacy officers with an immediate assessment of claims affecting their legacy gifts.

Introducing the tool, the ILM said:

"When a claim letter arrives, it can be a worrying time for legacy officers, and there are lots of important issues for charities to consider when dealing with a claim. It's crucial to understand the facts when evaluating the claim, so you can make the right decisions for all parties.

"There is information and guidance through the form to help you evaluate the claim, guiding you on the steps you will need to take to respond appropriately and to help you make an informed decision on the best course of action."

The IDR Charity Claim Checker is an online tool designed to guide legacy officers through these tricky situations, giving an immediate



assessment of 1975 Act claims and providing an answer on whether the claim has merit. They'll receive a unique report with tailored advice specific to their claim, giving them the confidence to explain the situation to trustees and senior management.

Following the modernisation of the HMCTS system, ILM has introduced a series of spreadsheets to allow legacy professional to accurately forecast their returns and calculate backlogs.

The ILM says in its introduction:

"The data in these spreadsheets is mainly from public sources; however, we have adapted the spreadsheets combining data sets so we have unbroken data since Feb 2020. We have also included ILM calculations of the 'backlog'. We define backlog as the increase in case load at HMCTS since March 2019. We calculate this by observing that historically 96% of applications result in a grant and calculating how far short of expected output the actual output has been. The ILM will continue to put pressure on HMCTS until the backlog as we calculate it returns to 0."

Both tools are available via the ILM website. □

THE PERFECT STORM

➡ **THE PERFECT STORM** of the pandemic, a huge rise in dog ownership and the cost-of-living crisis has hit Hope Rescue hard. Despite the challenges, the charity continues to do all it can to help dogs in need, but resources are stretched to the limit. In this time of crisis, they are reaching out for urgent help to weather the storm.

2022 was a tough year for the charity but, so far, this year has brought little relief and a fresh set of challenges. With around 3.2 million dogs purchased during the pandemic, it's not surprising that they are experiencing a huge surge in the number of dogs coming through their doors.

As the cost-of-living crisis continues to hit every household, the same rise in costs has had a devastating impact on already stretched resources. As well as massive hikes in energy and fuel costs, they have also seen an increase in the cost of other essentials such as dog food, bedding and cleaning materials. The increase in the number of dogs they are rescuing, and the heart-breaking condition they are arriving in, means vet bills have risen from £94,000 pre-pandemic to a predicted £312,000 this year.

Hope Rescue urgently need your help to weather the storm. It's not an option to reduce services and put the lives and welfare of the most vulnerable dogs at risk. Too many dogs and their owners are in desperate need. Can they count on you? □

• Find out more about Hope Rescue at www.hoperescue.org.uk or get in touch via enquiries@hoperescue.org.uk.



The logo for Hope Rescue, featuring the word 'hoperescue' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, with a white paw print icon to its right.

You can't change a dog's past, but you could help to rewrite their future. Write or update your Will for free with Guardian Angel today.

www.hoperescue.org.uk/write-your-will-for-free

A square QR code with a black and white pixelated pattern, used for quick access to the will-writing service.

For more information email fundraising@hoperescue.org.uk

Hope Rescue (Registered Charity No: 1129629) www.hoperescue.org.uk



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The Fox Project is the UK's leading specialist fox rescue and rehabilitation organisation, annually receiving hundreds of adult foxes and sick, injured and orphaned fox cubs at our wildlife hospital in Kent.

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to abandon destructive practices where conflict arises between humans and wildlife, thereby saving the lives of tens of thousands of foxes every year.

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THEIR PROJECT IS TO REINTRODUCE FOXES TO THE WILD

⇒ IT WOULD BE TEMPTING to try to explain all that is The Fox Project, but that would look a little like a shopping list: wildlife information bureau, humane fox deterrence consultancy, wildlife ambulance service, wildlife hospital etc.

Instead, it would be more straightforward to concentrate on what's going on right now, as we enter the annual UK red fox breeding season, with an expectation of anything up to 300 sick, injured and orphaned fox cubs being received by the Fox Project. How does that work?

Wynn was one of the first cubs the project received in 2021. He is pictured gazing thoughtfully out of his pen at the setting sun, perhaps quietly wondering how he can get out into the big, wide world and do what he wants, rather than what we want.

Founder of The Fox Project Trevor Williams takes up the story: "Wynn was picked up next to a dead sibling by a passing dog walker and we assumed they had crawled out of the den in search of a mother that, for whatever reason, had failed to return. He was a keen bottle feeder, and because baby animals need the company and warmth of others, he was grouped with Wendell, Wilfred, Calvin and Bertie.

"Cubs grow fast and a brooder will only hold them for so long before their accommodation needs to be upgraded to steel vet cages. And they, too, are soon inadequate for curious, active youngsters who are developing speed and agility – albeit wobbly speed and agility!

"The next step was day release in a two-storey chicken run and back in the warm at night for a bedtime bottle and a bowl of dog food. They loved that! And then they were moved to a larger foster pen, where muscles could develop and they could feel the weather.

"As soon as Wynn and Co were weaned off the bottle, the bond with their feeder was broken and they were transferred to one of our team of fosterers. These volunteers have pens in their gardens where they can look after the needs of a litter of cubs without getting directly involved with them.

"And that is where the serious work begins in encouraging cubs to revert to wild in preparation for late summer release. Given all the changes, our cubs should be growing suspicious of people in general; and their first instinct when a fosterer approaches is to run into the hutch provided. If they begin to get 'waggy' with the fosterer, we move them to another. And we keep doing that right through the summer.

"From mid-June, we start to move them onto pre-arranged rehab sites – no more than five cubs per site. Those are predominantly rural: often farms and smallholdings."

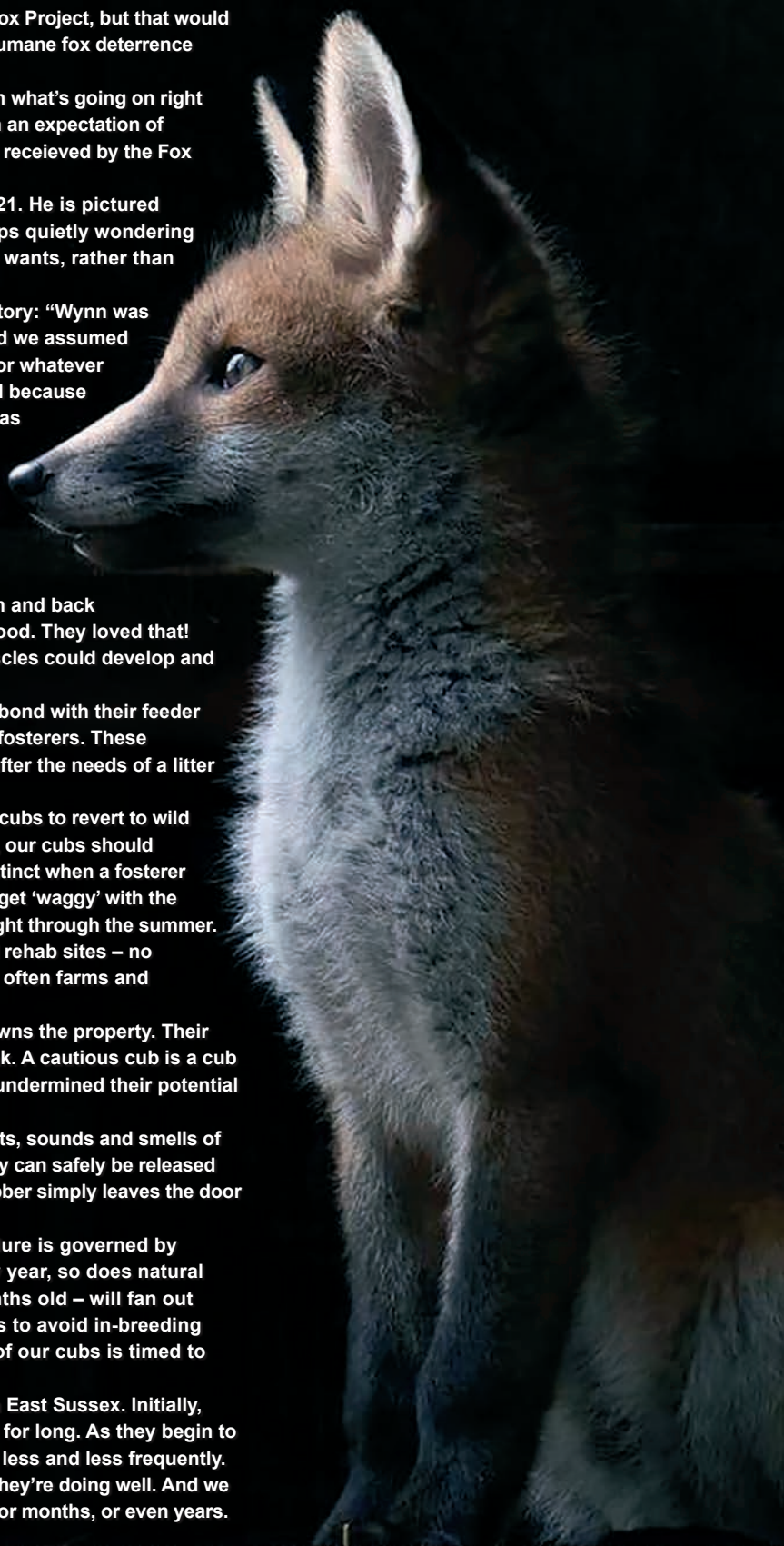
The cubs are now the responsibility of the rehabber that owns the property. Their job is to feed, water and clean out the pen and never to speak. A cautious cub is a cub that will live the longest: if you've made a cub tame, you've undermined their potential for a safe and long life.

After four to six weeks on site the cubs are used to the sights, sounds and smells of every other animal in the area and vice versa. That means they can safely be released without danger of attack. Come the night of release, the rehabber simply leaves the door open and walks away.

Trevor continued: "Timing for this final part of the procedure is governed by nature. Just as the breeding season fluctuates a little every year, so does natural dispersal, when wild-raised cubs – by now around five months old – will fan out from their home territory to locate their own: a vital process to avoid in-breeding and necessary if they're ultimately to find a mate. Release of our cubs is timed to coincide with that point."

Wynn and his chums were released from a smallholding in East Sussex. Initially, they all returned for support feeding, but it's seldom needed for long. As they begin to use the instincts nature provided them with, the cubs return less and less frequently.

"When they no longer return," said Trevor, "we must hope they're doing well. And we generally know they are, because we often see them around for months, or even years. Not that it's any of our business. We've given them that all-important second chance and whatever befalls them, good or bad, is down to them." □



The Gift of Life

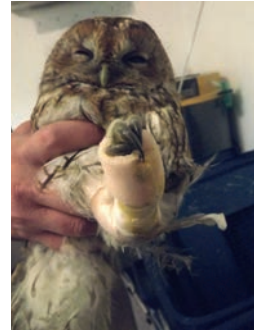
A gift in your Will can support the injured wild owl rescue, respite and rehabilitation work of Suffolk Owl Sanctuary



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SENDING OUT AN SOS FOR THE OWLS

➡ **ESTABLISHED IN 2001**, the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary – known, appropriately, as S.O.S. – operates a comprehensive facility for the rescue, care and rehabilitation of owls across East Anglia. It also promotes the need for the conservation of endangered owl species throughout the UK with its Saving Britain's Owls initiative.



The S.O.S. owl and raptor hospital at Stonham Aspal is unique in the region. It is specially equipped for the care and treatment of the many injured wild owls and other birds of prey it receives every year as a result of road traffic accidents, mishaps, starvation, trauma, disease, poisoning and sometimes even shooting or trapping.

Many of the birds can be given a recuperative, short-term pick-me-up before being re-released into the wild. Those that are more seriously injured but stand a chance of recovery are given medical aid and/or surgery, as determined by their vet. The birds are then allowed space and time to fully recuperate in one of the secluded recovery aviaries, before being carefully returned to the wild.

S.O.S. operates a wild owl nest box scheme that includes building, locating, curating, and repairing environmentally friendly nest boxes in appropriate locations to replace the gradual erosion of natural nesting sites.

S.O.S. is funded purely by donations and as a small charity, the legacies it receives play an important role in enabling it to sustain the resources needed to actively promote the conservation of owls and other birds of prey throughout the UK. □

PROVIDING A SAFE, LOVING HOME FOR ABANDONED ANIMALS



➡ **WITH ANIMAL WELFARE** at the heart of everything Ferne Animal Sanctuary does, any animal passing through their gates can be assured of love and compassion throughout the rest of its life.

Much of the support their animals receive – including food, a warm bed and veterinary care – is only made possible thanks to the generosity and support of those who believe that every animal deserves a second chance. Those who are dedicated to securing brighter futures for animals and providing them with the opportunity to feel happy, safe and loved.

Your support will make a difference to animals in need. By leaving a gift in your will to Ferne Animal Sanctuary, you will provide a vital safety net to unwanted animals, giving them a second chance of happiness.

You will also create a lasting legacy of your unwavering compassion and commitment to the wellbeing of animals. Animals who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in need of a helping hand, some care and attention and a safe, loving home. □



FERNE
ANIMAL SANCTUARY



Founded at the start of the Second World War, Ferne Animal Sanctuary is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming unwanted and abandoned pets, farm animals, horses and ponies.

Since 1939 Ferne has cared for over 40,000 animals. They currently provide refuge for over 300 animals and rehome 250 dogs and cats every year.

Please consider a gift in your will to help Ferne Animal Sanctuary provide a vital safety net to animals in need. Animals, who through no fault of their own find themselves in need of a helping hand, some care and attention and a safe, loving home.

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REGULATOR'S CONSULTATION ON CODE CHANGES CLOSES AS NEXT PHASE BEGINS

⇒ **ON 1 DECEMBER** the Fundraising Regulator closed its latest consultation on possible changes to the Code of Fundraising Practice. The consultation formed part of the regulator's latest review of the code, due for implementation in 2025.

The Fundraising Code sets out the standards that apply to fundraising carried out by all charitable institutions and third-party fundraisers in the UK. That includes registered charities, exempt charities, organisations employed by charities to raise funds for them and online fundraising platforms. The code underpins the system of voluntary self-regulation which fundraisers commit to and provides a framework for assessing public complaints.

The last code review took place in 2018/19 and was largely a revision of the existing version, focusing on clarity, length and accessibility. Since then, changes in legislation, technology and fundraising behaviour have created a context in which the code would benefit from a full review.

In a statement the regulator said: "We review the code through an on-going process of engagement with charities, fundraisers, regulatory partners, representative bodies, the public and other stakeholders. This allows us to make sure the code stays up to date, reflects best practice, and remains clear and accessible.

"We want an open dialogue with fundraisers on the standards to which the sector should hold itself accountable. Similarly, we want to make sure that the public has a voice by considering the needs and experiences of individuals being asked to give, particularly those in vulnerable circumstances."

Phase one of the review, that of information gathering, included an eight-week public call for information, which closed on 25 November 2022.

That phase involved targeted engagement with other regulators and voluntary sector partners with an interest in the regulation of charitable fundraising. It included organisations representing certain groups – such as small charities – who may sometimes struggle to have their opinions heard, and bodies from the devolved nations, to make sure the code review process considers views from across the UK.

Phase two, the public consultation, comprised a 12-week public consultation to gather feedback on any proposals for change. All interested parties were encouraged to respond. It is that phase that closed on 1 December.

In early 2024 the regulator will produce an updated code based on feedback and evidence collected through the information gathering and consultation processes, followed in the middle of the year by an eight-week stakeholder engagement exercise on the new code.

In early 2025, the new code will be published on the regulator's website alongside a timetable for implementation.

Legacy umbrella body Remember A Charity pointed out that there is only one proposed amendment to standards relating to legacies, which is rule 15.77. That rule requires fundraising to respect the testator or estate's wishes regarding recognition of a legacy.

"The regulator recognises that there are some circumstances when a charity might not be able to agree to this and that it may be in the organisation's best interest to decline the gift, which is currently not allowed. With this in mind, they are proposing that charities be able to consider the reputational risks of accepting a legacy with recognition requirements.

"There are arguments for and against this. Some people think this



change would align the rule more closely with the Charity Commission's guidance on carrying out due diligence – which states that in some circumstances a charity might not be able to meet the conditions of a gift and therefore should refuse the donation. On the other hand, others think that the Charity Commission's position on this is already clear, and as such there is no need to change the rule." □



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A legacy of love

Our charity is unique, and our donkeys are special.

We rescue donkeys who need a home. Our Island Sanctuary is committed to looking after the health and welfare of the donkeys in our care for the rest of their lives.

We not only help donkeys but support their valuable work with people for whom they bring great joy, comfort and happiness.



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IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE DO FOR OUR DONKEYS, BUT WHAT DONKEYS CAN DO FOR PEOPLE

➡ **THE** Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary offers a lifeline for donkeys who need a loving home. These gentle animals come to the sanctuary from a variety of backgrounds. Some have made their way due to circumstance, some have been maltreated and others rescued from slaughter. The sanctuary commits to care for all their animals for the rest of their lives.

Donkeys cared for at the sanctuary also provide vital therapy programmes for people with specific needs by increasing confidence, developing skills or by simply being there for a loving connection.

Nicki Gerrard from the sanctuary said: "Our island sanctuary is unique. We provide love and care for all our animals – but it's important to recognise, it's not just what we do for our donkeys, but what donkeys can do for people. Simply being in their presence can bring so much joy and comfort.

"To fund our work, we rely heavily on the kindness people show in leaving a gift in their will. These donations are vital to our work. Without them, we simply wouldn't exist."

Previous gifts have helped build new barns, create field shelters and ensure that every donkey at the sanctuary receives the very best care available.

Nicki added: "Gifts in wills and legacies mean we can guarantee a happy and healthy life for the animals under our care. This compassion leaves behind a legacy of love not only for our donkeys but for those whose lives they touch." □

Don't leave it to chance... leave it to **LAST CHANCE**



As animals can't speak for themselves it falls to me to ask you to consider leaving a legacy to Last Chance Animal Rescue. Any money that we may receive will be spent entirely on the running and improvement at the Centre, which is dedicated to the rescuing, rehabilitation and re-homing of dogs and cats etc.

Many of the number we receive have found their way to our door through circumstances such as their beloved owner passing away, may that door always be open. Many are elderly, in their twilight years, and would just love to find a caring retirement home, something we have great success and pleasure in finding for them, and we continue to care for them, young and old, long after they are settled in their new loving homes, by offering all kinds of support, including financial if needed, for their continued welfare and well being.



As you can imagine, this level of commitment doesn't come cheaply, which is why I am appealing to you to remember Last Chance if possible, when you make your will. They do say... where there's a Will there's a way!

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Web: www.lastchanceanimalrescue.co.uk
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LAST CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE

IF YOU WILL, WE WILL

➡ **LEGACIES MEAN SO** much to the team Last Chance Animal Rescue. These wonderful gifts have helped them to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home so many abandoned, abused and unwanted dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, rabbits and guinea pigs who otherwise would have had no future.

The charity understand the wishes of its kind benefactors who have considered them in their Wills. A spokesperson said: "We know they want their generous gift to us to be used directly to save lives, provide the very best of care and to find loving homes.

"Legacies really do provide the gift of life and Last Chance Animal Rescue can now, after much planning and prudent use of funds, offer our life saving services to so many more needy pets. We are delighted to announce we now have a second rescue and re-homing centre in Kent, giving hope and a true last chance to so many.

"Sadly we cannot thank those who have enabled this wonderful achievement but are extremely grateful to all those who are currently considering helping us now and in the future to continue our work." □



A new friend for Alan

REGULATOR LAUNCHES INQUIRY INTO SUBCONTRACTORS

➡ **THE FUNDRAISING REGULATOR** has launched a market inquiry looking into issues relating to the use of subcontractors in fundraising by charities. The inquiry will seek to better understand how door-to-door and on-street fundraising sub-contracts are arranged and monitored in the sector.

It marks the first time that the regulator has launched a market inquiry, which looks at issues that are related to compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice and cut across the sector.

The inquiry will include fact-finding, sector engagement and workshops with relevant stakeholders. The regulator will also engage with other regulators and sector bodies to agree a process for action against those who prove unwilling to comply with the code.

Following its conclusion, the Fundraising Regulator will issue its findings and produce targeted support to help charities and agencies fundraise responsibly using sub-contracted partners. The form of that support will be led by sector feedback and may include written guidance, workshops and events.

Paul Winyard, head of policy at the Fundraising Regulator, commented: "Those that have worked in the charity sector as long as me will remember the poor practice and significant public concern that led to the Fundraising Regulator being established in 2016. Fundraisers committed to achieving best practice will likewise feel uneasy reading alarming stories in the media and learning of reports from concerned charities about serious issues relating to the use of subcontractors by fundraising agencies."

"There is mounting evidence that some companies – operating as sub-subcontractors – are using fundraisers who are insufficiently trained and motivated by commission-based payment structures. This has resulted in high-pressure sales tactics that may well breach the Code of Fundraising Practice and threaten to undermine public trust and confidence in the sector."

"All this serves as a stark reminder that charities must be eternally vigilant to avoid contravening the standards in the code. As the sector continues to rely on face-to-face fundraising as an essential source of funds, it must ensure third-party fundraising remains legal, open, honest and respectful, to avoid undermining the past eight years of hard work."

"Trustees and their charities must know precisely who is carrying out fundraising on their behalf and what those partners are doing to ensure compliance with the code. It's important to remember that code breaches by fundraising partners and their subcontractors – and sub-subcontractors – may also be considered a code breach by the charity itself."

Trustees and their charities must ensure that all fundraisers and agencies working on their behalf are fully trained on the relevant code standards – including the rules which apply to all fundraising – and that relationships are routinely monitored."

Leading the inquiry from within the Fundraising Regulator will be their head of proactive regulation and projects, Jim Tebbett, who was appointed to the newly-created role in June. □



RESCUE CENTRE OFFERS A LIFELINE TO INJURED WILDLIFE



➡ **HESSILHEAD WILDLIFE RESCUE TRUST** is situated near Beith, in North Ayrshire. It was set up as a charity in 1986, although its founders Andy and Gay had been caring for injured and orphaned wildlife since 1970, when they rescued a fox cub from a gamekeeper and his dogs. As the number of casualties increased year on year, Andy and Gay needed financial and practical help.

Once the trust was set up, new aviaries and enclosures were built. A membership scheme proved popular and many volunteers were recruited. The centre now occupies a 20-acre site, including woodland, marsh and open water. That gives a variety of release sites for its patients.

Approximately 3,500 wildlife casualties are now treated each year, with the aim of returning them to the wild. Among the many hedgehogs, foxes and familiar garden birds there are deer, otters, badgers and seals. All have been rescued and are rehabilitated. In addition, swans are treated regularly, along with buzzards, peregrines, herons and sea birds.

The centre operates a 24-hour rescue service and there are more than 60 enclosures and aviaries, a hedgehog hospital, a seal/swan unit and intensive care facility. It also offers training courses on the handling, care and treatment of wildlife casualties.

Spring and summer are especially busy, with hundreds of nestling birds being hand reared. Care is taken to rear all youngsters with minimum human contact. That prevents wild birds and mammals becoming too used to people, so giving them a good chance of survival in the wild.

Hessilhead is primarily a voluntary organisation. Its volunteers help in many ways: fundraising, building and maintenance, driving patients to the centre and daily cleaning and feeding. □

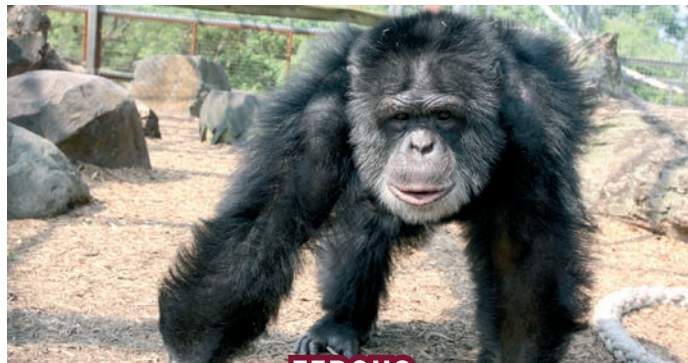
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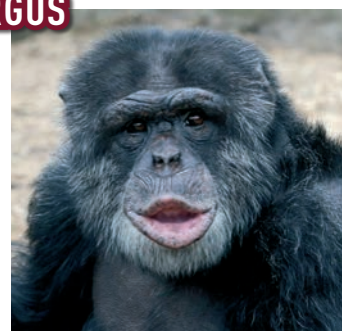
BROTHERLY LOVE...



TWMI



FERGUS



⇒ **INTRODUCING** chimpanzee brothers Fergus and Twmi – they are the reason Wales Ape & Monkey Sanctuary began back in 1998.

Even though they are brothers, their personalities are quite different! Fergus (36) is very mischievous and loves the camera – and apart from hoarding bananas and eating onions, winding the other chimps up, he loves to be in every single photo you try to take.

Twmi (38) is more cool, calm and collected. He likes to oversee and watch what the other chimps are getting up to but also makes his presence known if needed. He loves head bopping to Queen – his favourite band –

and loves his food. Iceberg lettuce and grapes are a firm favourite.

Fergus and Twmi have a great relationship with Nakima, Bili and Ronnie, the other chimps they live with. You will see them on sunny days relaxing in their hammocks and grooming each other.

The brothers are both very popular amongst visitors. Children often get smiles from Fergus which makes their day! ☐

• For more info call 01639 730276, email info@ape-monkey-rescue.org.uk or visit the website at www.ape-monkey-rescue.org.uk

Wales Ape & Monkey Sanctuary

We started the sanctuary in 1998 when a local zoo had to close. They had lots of different animals but there was nobody in the whole of the UK who would take on seven adult chimpanzees. The chimps were due to be shot and we could not let that happen. We stepped in and offered the chimps a home and from that day we have made it our mission to rescue any animal in need and give it a home where possible. We now have more than 200 animals in our care, all of which are our extended family.

We have so many different animals from many different places and circumstances. Baboons from Kuwait, a stow-away raccoon, meerkats from a pet shop, macaque monkeys from laboratories, 30 horses and wolfdogs from the pet trade, to name a few.

We don't receive any government funding and we rely solely on donations and the public visiting. This helps with the sanctuary's running costs per month which are approximately £30k and includes food for all the animals, heating, water and of course vet bills.

We love what we do and will continue to keep rescuing animals in need. The beneficiaries of our charity are our animals and we want to continue to give them the best life possible. We welcome you to come and visit the sanctuary to see the work we do.



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CHARITY TRUSTEES CAN TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE WITH NEW QUIZ

➡ **THE CHARITY COMMISSION** has devised an online quiz for trustees to test their knowledge of their duties and responsibilities. The quiz was launched in September as part of its trustee campaign, which aimed to increase charity trustees' knowledge and drive a positive change in charities' governance.

The campaign, which culminated in November, encouraged trustees to check what they know about their duties, and aimed to increase their awareness of the commission's '5-minute guides'.

The quiz is designed to engage trustees with a variety of questions based on everyday scenarios that they may encounter at their charity. It has been designed to help identify knowledge gaps and is an ideal refresher for trustees at all levels of experience.

Research shows that the majority of trustees feel confident in their ability to manage their charities; however, there may be areas of knowledge they can improve on. The quiz is intended to encourage trustees to think again about what they know, to inspire upskilling.

The quiz takes around three minutes to complete and gives busy trustees an interactive means to quickly check what they know and help them uncover potential knowledge gaps they may not have been aware of. It prompts participants to test their knowledge on a range of topics, such as conflicts of interest and safeguarding. Feedback is provided for each question, and users are pointed to further guidance from the regulator to strengthen their knowledge.

Each participant also receives a score out of 10, allowing them to benchmark their knowledge.

Promoting guidance to busy trustees

The regulator acknowledges that trustees dedicate time, energy and expertise to volunteer for their role alongside already busy lives. The campaign encouraged trustees to reflect on their knowledge and understanding in a quick and engaging way, and to signpost to user-friendly resources, notably the commission's suite of 5-minute guides. These are bitesize guides designed to support trustees as they manage the demands of running a charity and cover topics such as governance, managing finances, conflicts of interest, decision making, reporting, safeguarding, and political activity and campaigning.

Paul Latham, director of communications and policy at the Charity Commission, said: "The 700,000 trustees in England and Wales provide a vital service; not just to their individual charity, but to society more widely.

"As regulator, we have an important role in supporting them to do the best job possible, ensuring they have the resources they need to fulfil their legal duties and responsibilities with confidence. Our trustee campaign aims to do just that, engaging trustees with thought-provoking content, and encouraging them to reflect on their skills and knowledge and whether there are any gaps in their awareness that our guidance can help fill.

"We encourage all trustees to take our new quiz. It's quick and designed to be fun, but it will also help you assess your own knowledge, and take action to address any areas in which you might need more support or learning."

The online campaign ran from 25 September until 12 November, culminating in Trustees Week from 6 to 10 November. It celebrated and promoted trusteeship and was run by the commission alongside partners in the sector. □

• Visit charity-commission.involve.me/trustee-quiz-5-minute-guides to take the quiz



The Shire Horse Society is the only charity dedicated to promotion, preservation and protection of the horse that put the 'Great' into Great Britain: the Shire. The Society has been in existence since 1878 and has ensured the survival of the breed. In more recent years the conservation and development of the breed, part of our national heritage, has become a great priority. The Society actively encourages the breeding and use of Shire horses throughout the country.



Shire horses have been the backbone of Great Britain and fought hard in two world wars and helped to build the world around us. We owe them a great debt. With your help we can continue to protect, honour and celebrate this amazing breed long into the future. By leaving a gift in your Will to the Shire Horse Society, you can not only pass on your love for our wonderful breed to the next generation, but to many generations to come. Our work would simply not be possible without the kind gifts supporters leave us in their Wills.

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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: A MUST FOR CHARITIES

➡ IN TODAY'S rapidly evolving landscape, the importance of digital transformation cannot be overstated. Yet, it's alarming to discover that, without a well-crafted strategy, 70% of digital transformation initiatives are destined to fail.

Digital transformation is a necessity for charities. It's the key to delivering enhanced services, connecting with a broader donor base and achieving operational efficiency, all within a sector that grapples with limited time and resources.

To gain deeper insights into the state of digital transformation in the UK charity sector, Charity Digital carried out a survey alongside non-profit tech experts TES. The collaborative survey unearthed fascinating revelations about what charities require to embark on successful digital endeavours.

Some of the core findings have been combined into a handy infographic (right), ready for charities to learn more about the future of digital transformation.

By definition, digital transformation projects are about the future. Digital transformation uses digital technology to modify or build new processes that will improve the way we work moving forward. For charities, that might mean the ability to identify and reach out to more beneficiaries, adopting a new CRM system to improve communications with donors, or improving the capacity of existing technology to

meet rising demand for services.

Digital transformation is a complex process, however, with a multitude of factors to consider beyond simply the end goal. Charities must consider elements such as resource, budget and, importantly, security when developing their plan for digital transformation in order to make it a success. Simply put, it requires a strategy.

However, research from digital transformation experts TES found that only 21% of charities had a digital strategy and even fewer (17%) had an IT strategy. Perhaps more concerning, only 36% of charities said they had a disaster recovery plan for their digital services. A quarter did not know if they had one. Larger charities were more likely to have a disaster recovery plan than small charities.

If digital transformation is about preparing for the future, without a disaster plan in place that future is far less assured. In a world where around a quarter of charities identified a cyber breach over the past 12 months, a disaster recovery plan is essential to mitigating the very real risk of digital failure as a result of a cyber attack.

Prioritising a high level of cyber security is crucial to prevent digital projects from being derailed. It minimises the risk of disruption to vital services that charities provide, with security measures like back-ups and disaster recovery plans ensuring continuity should a



cyber breach occur. Without those measures in place, charities can experience reputational and financial damage, as well as risk fines or legal consequences for failing to keep data safe.

In short, if a digital project does not have robust cyber security, it can actually cause more problems for charities than it solves.

To download the infographic visit the website at charitydigital.org.uk.



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FUNDRAISING CONVENTION RETURNS TO QEII

➡ **THIS COMING YEAR**, the Chartered Institute of Fundraising's Fundraising Convention is at their new venue – the QEII Centre – and will be held on 3-4 July. There will also be a parallel virtual conference.

Consequently, there are also two ticket types available: for those who want to attend in-person and those who want to attend online.

In-person ticket

The in-person ticket allows entry to the QEII Centre and access to in-person networking and content from six learning tracks. That includes:

- Attendance at the plenary session, including keynote speaker presentation
- Live interaction during a free choice of track sessions across the building
- A mix of in-person fringe activities within and outside of the building
- Sponsors' insight sessions and access to the multi-stand Expo arena
- Involvement in a community outreach initiative supporting a local small charity
- Refreshments and lunch
- Post-event resources from speakers featured during the day

In-person delegates attending on Monday 3 July are cordially invited to join peers at an evening reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising

Live virtual ticket

The Live Virtual Ticket gives access to a full day of livestreamed content specially curated by the Fundraising Convention Board. The hosted programme includes:

- A live broadcast of the plenary session including keynote speaker presentation
- Live interaction during selected track sessions
- Virtual fringe activities and networking opportunities
- Sponsors' insight sessions and virtual Expo access
- Post-event resources from speakers featuring in this programme

The exciting Fundraising Convention programme is developed by 15 passionate fundraisers who curate two days of cutting edge, inspirational and consistently high quality content for delegates. Each year new fundraisers join the Convention Board and bring with them a wealth of new perspectives, experiences and backgrounds from across the fundraising community to make sure it really is the best event any fundraiser could attend.

Fundraising Convention, the largest event of its kind in Europe, delivers high-quality, inspirational sessions, along with fantastic engagement opportunities to connect to sector leaders, charities and like-minded businesses.

The impressive array of speakers include James Barker, head of marketing and planning at NSPCC, Jemma Chambers, head of philanthropy, trusts and foundations at Habitat For Humanity GB and Martyn Colebrook, prospect research manager at The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Sponsorship opportunities

Fundraising Convention 2024 also offers an array of exciting opportunities for organisations to boost their brand, connect with new and existing customers, share new ideas and have a positive presence during



the unrivalled two-day event. Businesses can sponsor a track, host a workshop or get their products in the hands of delegates. There are many options and bespoke packages available.

The benefits of sponsorship include:

- A rare opportunity to meet hundreds of senior fundraisers, in-person at a two-day event
- Raise your brand awareness within the sector with several marketing touch points
- Get your key messages and products in front of your target audience – 1,500-2,000 per day, 70% of which are senior fundraisers

- Reconnect with your customers
- Generate new business relationships
- Deliver great ROI with opt-in contact sharing to follow up on conversations easily
- Attend innovative sessions and share sector insights

Sponsorship and bespoke packages are available for organisations of all sizes. To hear more about the opportunities, email Jessica Lloyd, corporate and strategic partnership manager, at corporate@ciof.org.uk. □

AWARDS CELEBRATE FUNDRAISING'S FINEST



➡ **ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS** of Fundraising Convention will be the announcement of the National Fundraising Awards.

The National Fundraising Awards celebrate and recognise the achievements of truly remarkable fundraisers who, in extraordinary ways, have made the world a better place.

Hosted by the Chartered Institute of Fundraising, the awards are a badge of excellence and are the only one of their kind that recognise fundraising best practice in the charity sector. They provide a platform to showcase the hard work, dedication, passion and innovation of fundraisers.

Among the benefits of the National Fundraising Awards is the honour of being recognised as the best in the fundraising sector: a top accolade for putting fundraising at the heart of your organisation and a unique opportunity to receive sector-wide recognition.

The awards are free to enter and are open to charities of all sizes in the UK. All shortlisted nominees will be given two complimentary tickets to the awards celebratory event in July 2024: one for themselves and one for their chosen guest.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 26 January. □

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RELIEVING CHRONIC PAIN THROUGH RESEARCH



Chronic Pain effects people of all walks of life, 43% of the population suffer from chronic pain.

Sure, we all experience pain. Whether its stubbing your toe or getting a paper cut, we all know what it feels like. But for 43% of the UK population the pain is excruciating and a daily obstacle that is so hard to overcome; conditions include Back pain, Pelvic pain, Migraine, Fibromyalgia, Arthritis, Cancer pain, Nerve pain, Neuropathic pain, CRPS, Diabetic Neuropathy, Dental pain. These are known as chronic pain.

The Pain Relief Foundation based in Aintree, Liverpool is the only registered charity with the aims & objectives to fund research into chronic pain, seeking new treatments to fight the endless suffering it causes, using a multidisciplinary approach. We receive no official funding from the NHS or any Government body therefore we rely entirely on charitable contributions & fundraising.

- 1 in 10 people in the UK suffer from chronic pain - which does not go away.
- Over half of sufferers endure chronic pain all day every day.
- Many say they can't remember what it is like not to be in pain.
- Thousands of sufferers lose their jobs because the pain is so bad they can't work.
- Pain stops sufferer enjoying walking, sleeping, shopping and even playing with their children.

Help Support people with chronic pain with a legacy gift in your will or make a donation today.

For more information about the Pain Relief Foundation, please visit our website
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FUNDRAISING IS BACK ON TRACK, WITH TECH-SAVVY CHARITIES FARING BEST

➔ **BLACKBAUD'S ANNUAL** *Status of UK Fundraising* report is back for its 6th year, providing a comprehensive view of fundraising in 2023.

Over 700 non-profit professionals shared their insights and recent performance, in areas such as income trends and fundraising targets, digital maturity, use of technology and future outlook.

The report allows charity fundraisers to find out how growth is trending for UK non-profit organisations, understand what drives digital maturity and how it correlates with performance, and discover how non-profits use technology and fundraising CRMs.

They can also learn what prevents organisations from getting the most out of technology and what the future outlook is for the non-profit sector in the UK.

In his foreword, Dan Keyworth, vice-president of customer success modernisation and MD of International Markets Group, said: "With the economy seen as the biggest challenge facing the sector, it is heartening that more organisations saw growth in their income than a decline this year. Yet there will continue to be both 'winners' and 'losers' across our social impact community. As this latest *Status of UK*

Fundraising report demonstrates, those most likely to thrive share several key traits."

The survey focused on identifying performance and income trends within the non-profit sector. Organisations were asked about their attitudes towards technology, the usage of their current solutions and their digital maturity. Lastly, the research focused on understanding charitable organisations' future outlook, including attitudes, challenges and opportunities.

Among the key findings were that more organisations are seeing growth than a decline in income this year. The main driver of that growth comes from exceptional gifts (49%), followed by innovation (37%). However, when compared to previous years, an increasing number of respondents do not know how their income changed in the last full financial year.

Digital maturity

High digital maturity is driven by technological efficiency. Digitally-mature organisations invest in tech, get the most out of their technology solutions and are more internally aligned.

As a result, digitally mature organisations are more likely to meet their fundraising targets, even if that success cannot be measured in



donation volume or income increase. However, organisations tend to understand tech, but fail to make the most of it.

A massive 81% of respondents consider the current economic situation as the biggest challenge facing the sector now and in the next three years. Despite that, optimism levels across the sector are generally high, and organisations are willing to understand their supporters, innovate and collaborate. □

• To download the report visit the website at www.blackbaud.co.uk.

UNTIL CLEFTS ARE PREVENTABLE, HELP IS AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE

➔ **TODAY, ONE IN 700 BABIES** in the UK are born with a cleft lip and palate, the most common form of birth defect.

The impact on a child's life as they grow is profound. It may affect not only the way they look, but also their speech, hearing and dental development. And it can leave deep psychological scars.



In the developing world, patients with clefts are frequently not operated on until later in life, if at all. As a result, they may be malnourished and unable to talk well or hear properly. Often, they will be social outcasts.

At CLEFT, our vision is of a future where clefts are preventable. Until we get there, we want to improve the lives of those born with cleft lip and palate – in the UK and in poorer countries around the world.

Join the research effort

By funding research, we continue to make headway into understanding why clefts occur and to deliver pioneering new treatments that deliver kinder, more effective and more efficient care for children with cleft lip and palate.

By supporting the development of cleft centres in low and middle-income countries we aim to give children born with clefts in these poorer countries the same opportunities available to children in the UK. Each donation takes us a step closer to reaching our goal. All gifts could have a direct impact on changing the lives of many hundreds of thousands of babies and children around the world.

Please join us and help us prevent clefts for future generations. □



Aiming to bridge the gap for those with clefts



CLEFT was established in 2007 by cleft surgeon Mr Brian Sommerlad and the grandmother of a patient.

CLEFT's mission is to bridge the gap in cleft care and knowledge in both the UK and overseas.

CLEFT's aims are:

- To fund research into the causes and treatment of cleft lip and palate and related conditions
- To support cleft teams in several less developed countries

Our strap line is 'Bridging the Gap' – we aim to help bridge:

- The physical gap in the lip and palate – by supporting surgery
- The gaps in knowledge – by helping to enable research
- The gaps between the care available in the UK and low income countries – by supporting teams in several poorer countries with equipment and training

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THEY RESCUE ANIMALS – AT HOME AND ABROAD

➡ **MAYBE YOU LOVE ANIMALS:** maybe you have given a loving home to dogs or cats in need. Perhaps the suffering of animals through neglect, abuse or abandonment causes you pain. If you would like to help create a world that is kinder to all creatures, remembering Paws2Rescue in your will means you will help to alleviate the suffering of animals for years to come.

The mission Of Paws2Rescue is simple: to help animals in need wherever they are. As they are entirely staffed by volunteers, every penny they raise enables them to fulfil that mission over and over again.

Paws2Rescue's Alison Standbridge explained: "Although we are a UK-based charity, we recognise that too many animals overseas suffer appalling neglect and cruelty. That's why, as well as finding loving UK homes for unwanted dogs and cats, we undertake a variety of international projects to reduce the suffering of animals, with a particular focus on Romania and Moldova – countries where animals continue to suffer the most distressing abuses.

"We aim to alleviate the day-to-day misery of these unfortunate animals by meeting their basic needs – food, medical treatment and sanctuary – and by supporting shelters in rural areas where resources are desperately needed."

But the key to truly ending the misery is to tackle its root causes. Therefore, Paws2Rescue also provide free neutering services for both stray and owned animals, encouraging owners to take responsibility for their pets' health by preventing unwanted litters of kittens and puppies. Their Veterinary Scholarship Programme funds young

people through their university studies to encourage more local vets to work in rural areas in Romania where the need is greatest.

Alison continued: "Education is crucial to our mission: if future generations are brought up to hold the same antiquated, cruel attitudes towards animals as many of their elders, then the horrible abuses will continue. To break this negative cycle, our successful schools programme uses purpose-made educational materials to foster compassion, teaching children to love and respect all living things.

"So, although our current aim may be to help animals in need wherever they are, our dream is to create a world where no more animals need our help.

"By leaving a legacy to Paws2Rescue, no matter how small, you can rest assured every penny of your kind donation will be helping dogs, cats and other animals in desperate circumstances both now and in the future. Thank you." □



Roma before and after being rescued



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SCOTTISH REGULATOR ACTS TO REMOVE FURTHER TRANCHE OF CHARITIES FROM REGISTER

➡ **ON 14 NOVEMBER** the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) removed a further 30 charities from the Scottish Charity Register. Since the removal of 31 charities in September, work has been on-going by a dedicated project team at OSCR to identify more charities which are suitable to be removed from the register.

The 30 charities which were removed in November were identified for removal as they no longer met the charity test. That usually means that OSCR cannot find any evidence suggesting that the charity is still operating and the charity has failed to engage with communications from OSCR.

The charity test is the legal set of requirements that an organisation must pass to become a charity and be entered in the Scottish Charity Register. The charity test is

in two main parts: that the organisation has to show that it has only charitable purposes and that it provides public benefit in achieving those purposes.

Martin Tyson, OSCR's head of regulation and improvement, said: "One of the primary ways of a charity demonstrating that they are providing public benefit is through the publication of annual accounts and a trustees' annual report. The charities we have identified have failed, over a number of years, in their statutory duty to submit this annual accounting information to OSCR.

"The vast majority of charities comply promptly with this duty. However, the 30 charities which are being removed today have failed to provide this key information to the public about what they do and how they spend their money. Because of this, there's

no evidence to show they are meeting the charity test."

If OSCR cannot find any evidence that charities are meeting the requirements of the charity test, the organisations are at risk of being removed from the register and losing their charitable status.

Martin Tyson added: "In order to maintain public confidence in the Scottish charity sector, it is important that OSCR removes charities which are no longer providing public benefit. This helps to ensure that charities on the register are actively providing public benefit and reporting transparently to the public."

The charities were identified for removal under Section 30 of the 2005 Act, and were given 21 days to respond to OSCR's correspondence or to request a review of its decision. □

THIS SANCTUARY HAS HELPED DONKEYS FROM BRITAIN, EUROPE AND BEYOND

➡ **ESTABLISHED IN 1990**, NEDDI has offered care and safety to donkeys – and to a lesser degree, ponies – in Britain and Europe who have suffered neglect, cruelty or maltreatment or who are at risk of such treatment.

In addition to rescuing such animals from undesirable situations, within the financial and practical constraints prevailing at the time, they have worked to try to change attitudes and to educate donkey owners into better practices.

Since 2016 they have been assisting associates in Kenya to achieve those aims for the working animals there and NEDDI will now be concentrating on this work, including supporting the operation of road-side clinics.

Since its establishment in Cornwall, NEDDI has operated a sanctuary specifically for distressed donkeys. In 2001 the sanctuary moved to just the other side of the channel, where the resident donkeys enjoyed more space and pasture than would otherwise have been possible. In 2023 the donkeys in NEDDI's care moved to a long established sanctuary near Clermont Ferrand, in central France, for their continued hands-on care.

NEDDI is a comparatively small organisation with limited resources, and relies heavily on support from animal lovers. A bequest will enable more donkeys to be freed from pain and misery. □





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CONCERN FOR WORKING HORSES' WELFARE LEADS TO CHARITY'S CAMPAIGNING ROLE

➡ **THE HORSE RESCUE FUND** was founded at a time when many deliveries were still being carried out using horses – which at that time were destined for a bleak fate after they finished their working life.

That history explains why, as well as rescuing horses, ponies and donkeys in desperate need, the fund has campaigned for improvements at horse sales, in transit and for equine welfare generally. Indeed, they often work in conjunction with their fellow organisations on some of the largest equine welfare cases.

The charity's byline is: *Rescue, Rehabilitate, Rehome.*

A spokesperson for the charity commented: "All of our rescued horses are treated as individuals and – being one of the smaller welfare charities – our staff get to know the likes, dislikes and foibles of each horse in our care, so their treatment can be personally tailored to their needs."

After rehabilitation and when they are fit, their animals are placed on loan in private adoptive homes to lead happy, useful lives. Some have gone on to win at prestigious shows, and even appeared on television!

They continued: "We never sell them, so we are able to ensure their wellbeing for the rest of their lives; and if their loaners' circumstances change, they can always be returned to us. Horses do so much for humans – we try to repay some of that debt; they cannot speak, but we can."

Funds are urgently needed to continue that work: legacies, covenants, individual donations or corporate funding are all most welcome. Supporters receive a biannual newsletter keeping them up to date with all the happenings on the yard at Woodstock Farm in Norfolk.

For more information visit the website at www.horserescuefund.org.uk or email info@horserescuefund.org.uk. □

LEGACIES – THE GIFT OF LIFE

➡ **ANIMAL CHARITY** Wild Futures rescues and offers sanctuary to monkeys who have suffered abuse and neglect. They are dedicated to protecting primates and their habitats worldwide – primates are endangered due to climate change, habitat destruction and the bush-meat and pet trades.

For some species, it is too late. The future of all that remains lies in our hands, so leaving a legacy to Wild Futures is the gift of life and a future for primates and our wonderful planet.

Wild Futures' holistic approach makes them unique – providing sanctuary to rescued

monkeys, supporting projects overseas, campaigning for primate welfare, educating to protect primates worldwide and promoting a sustainability and ethical ethos.

They receive no government funding, so the generosity of those that remember Wild Futures is essential to enable them to continue their work. A legacy can be the gift of a life worth living and a wild and safe future for all. □

• For more information call 01503 262532, email giving@wildfutures.org or visit the website at www.wildfutures.org.



Capuchin monkey Chanel, victim of the UK primate pet trade; (L) in her previous home as a pet and (R) enjoying life at the Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary

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Thank you for caring so that they may have a future



Protecting primates and habitats worldwide

REGULATORS WRITE TO BANKS TO ADDRESS CHARITIES' BANKING RELATIONSHIPS

➡ **THE CEOs** of the UK Charity Regulators – the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – have jointly penned an open letter directed at the UK's main high street banks.

The letter, representing the collective concerns of charity regulators, highlights pressing issues faced by charitable organisations in their interactions with banking services.

Among the challenges outlined in the letter are a reduction in bespoke banking services, experiences of administrative delays and feedback that online banking is not designed to match the way charities operate.

In the letter, the regulators say: "Charities are on the frontline of the current cost-of-living crisis, providing vital support to people across the country at this challenging time. Many charities are themselves facing financial difficulties. The current stresses for charity trustees are heightened by avoidable frustrations at the availability of bank accounts and substandard service from banks.

"Charity trustees are obliged by law to account for the money they raise and the funds they distribute. Adequate banking

provisions and control over cashflow are critical to robust financial governance procedures, and that underpins the sustainability of the sector.

"Charities need banking providers to support them in ensuring funds are appropriately and transparently managed. If inadequate provision drives charities to rely on unsafe practices – such as trustees using their own bank accounts, or keeping large cash reserves unsecured – public trust in charities may become eroded. Those impacted most tend to be smaller local organisations. These issues are of concern to us as charity regulators and should be of concern to banks."

The regulators point out that, from their work with charities, they know that charities have accounts closed or suspended suddenly for long periods of time, face a reduction in bespoke banking services and experience poor customer service and administrative delays.

They also found that online banking is not designed to match the way charities operate.

In a bid to address those critical issues, the CEOs urgently call upon banks to take specific actions, that is to:

- Simplify the process for setting up a charity bank account, recognising that it is in all our interests to safeguard donated funds and to support charities to prioritise meeting the needs of their beneficiaries.

- Develop comprehensive training materials for bank staff that enhance their understanding of charity structures and governance mechanisms to prevent avoidable delay driven by misunderstanding.

The collective appeal by the charity regulators emphasises the crucial role played by banks in supporting the charitable sector.

The chief executive of the OSCR, Maureen Mallon, said: "As regulators, we are concerned about the issues some charities face in their banking relationships. The difficulties encountered hinder the invaluable work charities do. It is imperative that banks take our recommendations forward to streamline processes, educate staff and ensure an environment that enables charities to focus on making a positive impact in society.

"The support of these banks is vital, and their most effective contribution lies in simplifying services to assist charities in operating without encountering the challenges that currently exist." □



RE-HOMING IS THEIR MISSION

➡ **THE MISSION** of Three Counties Dog Rescue is to accept, care for and find homes for unwanted, lost and stray dogs and cats and to ensure their wellbeing afterwards. The charity was founded in 1971 and since then they have improved the lives of over 7,600 dogs and cats.

Before rehoming, all animals are vet checked, neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and kept in suitable conditions. Rehabilitation costs are a major part of the charity's annual expenditure of over £200,000.

Healthy animals are never put down. As part of that non-destruction policy, several elderly dogs are kept in long term foster care. However, this means that the charity can incur large veterinary costs to maintain a dog's health while they await a new permanent home. They now provide boarding and cremation services with profits supporting the Rescue.

Every penny raised goes to improving the lives of dogs and cats. Three Counties Dog Rescue is run entirely by voluntary and unpaid helpers, who also meet their own expenses. □



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PROMOTING ANIMAL WELFARE BEYOND THE FARM GATE

➡ **GROWING NUMBERS** of us are concerned about the welfare of animals that provide us with food. While many people recognise the importance of a good life on the farm, animals may also face welfare challenges 'beyond the farm gate'.

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) plays a vital role in promoting the welfare of animals in markets, during transport and at slaughter, by providing funding and support for essential research.



Protecting crab and lobster welfare

At present, crustaceans (crabs and lobsters) are often killed by boiling or carving without first rendering them unconscious or 'stunning' them. Some electrical stunning devices are available, but they have not yet been thoroughly validated. For other animals such as octopus and squid (cephalopods), the situation is even more dire with no routine stunning methods available.

The UK recently recognised that these species are sentient – in other words they are capable of both negative and positive experiences. Therefore, it is vital that we protect their welfare and minimise suffering. To achieve this, the HSA has provided funding to support two research projects which aim to identify and scientifically validate humane stunning methods for these species.

The pig issue

In collaboration with Defra (the UK Government agriculture department) the charity recently funded a project to develop a more humane method for stunning pigs in commercial abattoirs. High concentrations of carbon dioxide are commonly used for stunning pigs at slaughter, but there has

been some concern that this can cause pain and distress.

An alternative method – Low Atmospheric Pressure Stunning (LAPS) – was proposed to be more humane, but the research found that LAPS is unlikely to be a humane alternative to carbon dioxide. Whilst disappointing, this provides crucial evidence to protect the welfare of pigs at slaughter and to shift the focus of future research to find other potential improvements.

Practical and international

The HSA is dedicated to bringing practical and lasting improvements to the welfare of food animals around the world. They work with the livestock industry and animal welfare scientists globally to deliver training and advice on the welfare of animals during transport and at slaughter. They are currently working with colleagues in China, the largest consumer of meat in the world, to deliver training and advice to undergraduate students and those currently working with food animals, to improve the welfare of millions more animals.

The HSA is funded solely by donations and legacies from members and supporters. With your help, they can continue to make practical and lasting improvements to the welfare of all food animals. ☐

Humane Slaughter Association



Improving the welfare of livestock "Beyond the Farm Gate"

Every day millions of animals are slaughtered for food, often after being transported long distances. The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) is the only charity dedicated to the welfare of food animals "Beyond the Farm Gate". We provide expert advice on ways to maximise the welfare of animals during transport, slaughter and at markets. We also work to ensure the welfare of animals killed during emergencies such as disease outbreaks. We achieve all of this through education, training and scientific research.

Since 1911 the HSA has been at the forefront of improvements to animal welfare at slaughter and we continue to strive for the humane treatment of all food animals. As well as our work in the UK, we work around the world to ensure animals are transported and slaughtered humanely.

Our work makes an enormous difference to countless animals, but it relies on your support. Please help us to continue our work with a gift in your will.

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A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO ANIMAL WELFARE

➡ **MOST OF US** care deeply about animal welfare and want to do the right thing for animals, be it those we eat, those we experiment upon, or our much-loved pets. But simply caring about animals isn't enough; to guarantee their welfare we also need to know what makes animals' lives better or worse.

At the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) their vision is a world where the welfare of every animal affected by humans is maximised through a scientific understanding of their needs and how to meet them.

They strive to answer such fundamental scientific questions about animal welfare through funding innovative research as in the examples below.

Welfare impacts of rat control methods

Every year, it is estimated that millions of rats and mice are killed as 'pests' in the UK alone. Despite the large number of animals affected, until now very little information has been available on the welfare impacts of common control methods being used in the UK.

A study, co-funded by UFAW, found that glue traps and chemical rodenticides were amongst the worst methods of rodent control in terms of animal welfare impact. The research findings provided vital evidence at an opportune moment as the Glue Traps (Offences) Bill was being debated in parliament. Subsequently the Bill has been passed and glue traps will be banned for public use in England.



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Comfortable environments for laboratory mice

Traditionally, laboratory mice have been kept in barren cages and are housed at about 21°C – but they actually prefer to be much warmer. UFAW-funded research showed that rather than turning up the temperature, the best way to allow mice to keep warm and enliven their environment was to provide materials like shredded paper so they could build a nest.

This provided enrichment and allowed them to regulate their temperature just as they would in the wild. The work has improved the lives

of millions of mice who are now routinely given nesting material.

These and other projects also provide invaluable PhD training for researchers around the world, demonstrating UFAW's commitment to developing the next generation of animal welfare scientists.

The charity is also passionate about spreading the animal welfare science message. For instance, many breeds of companion animals suffer inherited conditions. UFAW compiled a database of these issues which is invaluable to professionals and pet owners alike in understanding which conditions affect which breeds – visit the website at www.ufaw.org.uk/genetics.

UFAW is funded solely by donations and legacies from members and supporters. You can support science in the service of animal welfare by donating to support their work or leaving a gift in your will. ☐

Science in the Service of Animal Welfare



Universities Federation for Animal Welfare

Caring about animals isn't enough, we must understand what animals need to live a good life. UFAW's vision is a world where the welfare of all animals is maximised through a scientific understanding of their needs and how to meet them. We support scientific research which underpins real improvements to animal welfare and helps develop the next generation of animal welfare scientists.

Some recent examples:

- The first study showing reward-based training for dogs leads to better psychological well-being than aversive (punishment-based) methods.
- Research to identify the most humane way to control 'pest' rats and mice.
- A study which measured the entire lifetime experience of farmed chickens, helping to understand which rearing systems are most welfare-friendly.
- A mentoring scheme to support young animal welfare researchers in developing countries where animal welfare expertise is most needed.

By leaving a gift to UFAW in your Will, you can help us continue to have a fundamental, lasting impact on the welfare of millions of animals worldwide. Thank you.

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Find out more about us at www.catholic-animals.com



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Our dear late friend Dame Thora Hird was an ardent supporter of our work. She actively encouraged others to help us secure funding for our lifesaving work to continue. Your legacy will ensure help is always at hand for all British wildlife; in Dame Thora's own words,



"All the little wild creatures and I thank you so very much".

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UK IS AMONG MOST GENEROUS GIVERS – BUT FALLS BEHIND WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING STRANGERS

➡ **THE UK** is the third most generous population in the world when it comes to giving money to charity, behind only Indonesia and Myanmar; that's according to research by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

The CAF World Giving Index is one of the biggest surveys on giving ever produced, with millions of people interviewed around the world since 2009. This year's Index includes data from 142 countries where people were asked three questions: have they helped a stranger, given money or volunteered for a good cause over the past month.

But while the UK's population is one of the most likely to donate money, the country drops to 58th in the world for volunteering and 112th for helping a stranger. Just half of Brits said they had helped a stranger in the past month (51%) compared to 83% of Jamaicans, the highest ranked country in that category.

When the results of the three questions are combined, Indonesia tops the list of most generous populations for the sixth year in a row, while Ukraine comes second, climbing from 10th last year. The UK drops to 17th in the world overall.

While many high-income countries saw a decline in their Index score during the pandemic, most returned to the top 10 last year: the United States is in fifth place this year, with Canada in eighth and New Zealand in tenth. The UK made an appearance in the top 10 most generous countries every year until 2016, when it ranked 11 on the global index, but hasn't featured among the highest scoring countries since 2019.

Neil Heslop OBE, chief executive of the Charities Aid Foundation, said: "This year's CAF World Giving Index shows a rather mixed picture for the UK. We are still one of the most generous countries in the world

for giving money – even when times are so tough – but overall we have slipped down the Index over the last decade.

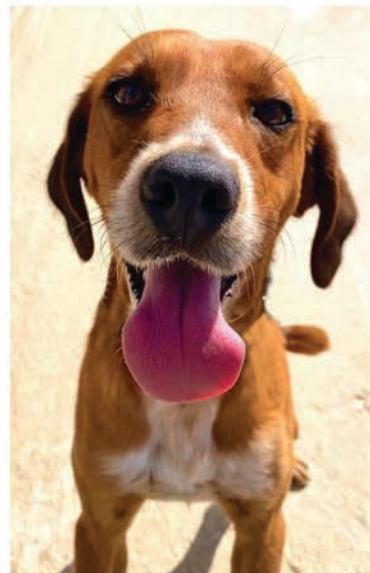
"Giving is about building a connection with those around us, whether they are across the street or on the other side of the world. We need to constantly renew and nurture a culture of giving to bring us all together and get more time and money flowing to support hard-pressed communities around the country. It's up to all of us, but the government can take the lead by drawing up a national strategy for philanthropy and charitable giving." □



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MASS EVENTS ARE BACK ON THE AGENDA, REPORT FINDS

➡ **AS THE SUMMER FADES** into memory and winter approaches, digital giving platform Enthuse has reported on the resurgence of mass participation events. Assessing the impact of that resurgence, Enthuse has compiled a *Mass Events 2023* report.

In its Introduction, the Enthuse team says: "The last year has seen momentum starting to build again around mass participation events after the challenging period of the pandemic. The TCS London Marathon being back in its customary April slot provided an important sign of a return to normality. And while this return to business as usual was welcome, the cost-of-living crisis applied a different pressure for charities, mass event participants and their supporters.

"This report examines the overall state of play for fundraising events, as well as looking ahead to what the future holds. It starts by looking at participation levels in general, and then focuses on the challenges people face taking part in distance races. This section also looks at how many fundraisers there are taking part in mass participation events."

The report doesn't just look back; looking ahead, one in five of the public has already committed to a charity event in the next year, and an additional two in five are considering taking part. The report has a wealth of insights that can be practically applied when planning an events portfolio.

In its own companion Introduction, Sarah Ball, head of community and events fundraising at Samaritans, writes: "It's also reassuring to see that past participants highly rate the charity support they have received. This is where we excel! As events fundraisers, our focus on creating a memorable experience for runners ensures they feel fully equipped to raise money, are ready to stand on the race start line, and ultimately draws them closer to our causes.

"But this report confirms what many of us see day to day, from runners' fears around asking for money to signing up for events far later than they were pre-pandemic. At Samaritans we'll use the insights from this report to check in on our supporter journeys and make adjustments that aim to address runners' current needs and concerns.

"Whilst there are challenges, most importantly the results of this research leave me feeling hopeful. There's a real appetite amongst the public to take part in mass events over the next 12 months and results show there's clearly a willingness amongst the public to donate to those who do – they just need to be asked!"

Enthuse has also teamed up with London Marathon Events and Great Run to put together the ultimate virtual conference on mass participation events, advising how charities can maximise their fundraising strategy, with sessions covering:

- Data and insights on mass events in 2023, from Hugh Brasher,

event director of London Marathon Events, and Nicky Homes, commercial director of Great Run

- How charities can use data and CRM integrations to maximise fundraising through mass events
 - How to use Enthuse's Fundraising Week marketing and campaign materials to best engage with fundraisers in preparation for 2024 events
 - What goes into being charity of the year? Hear from Samaritans – the chosen charity for the 2024 TCS London Marathon
- The conference can be accessed via enthuse.com. □





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Hypo Hounds work is becoming nationally recognised and is literally saving the lives of children – one sniff at a time. □



The range of charities which depend on legacies to carry out their valuable work is a broad one. Those that are represented in this publication are listed below, grouped according to the area of activity in which they operate.

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