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Charitable thoughts...



The first issue of the year is usually one containing the thoughts of those at the helm of legacy and charity organisations on the events of the previous 12 months – with a nod to what we can look forward to in the next. This issue has bucked that trend: there is little retrospective – presumably because events have been so painful. There's lots of looking forward, however. In the case of the legacy market, the future looks rosy, with recent research suggesting Gen X is a more wealthy generation than was previously thought. It sounds a note a caution about taking them for granted.

- On-going projects are another markworthy feature of the opening months of 2024. The Wills Project has cranked back into action, while MPs are investigating problems with probate. *Plus ça change!*

- A more novel feature we report on in this issue is the establishing of partnerships, with both Remember A Charity and the Institute of Legacy Management hooking up with organisations in the legal and will-writing fields.

- In the wider charity sphere, looking ahead is also the defining theme – not always with optimism. Many

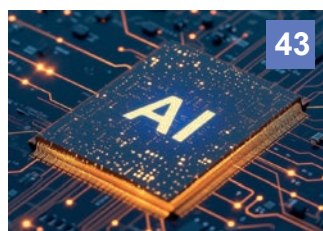
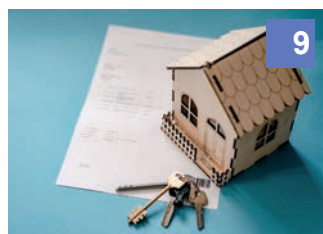
charities are fearful they may have to turn people away or prioritise those most in need. It's a bleak prospect. As we have been reporting for over a year now, the triple whammy of expanding need for services, rising costs and contracting incomes is becoming a reality for day-to-day charitable work.

- In the face such massive problems, the delayed introduction of the latest tranche of changes brought about by the Charities Act 2022 must seem like a minor distraction.

- More crystal ball-gazing has been forthcoming from those with the digitisation of the sector as their occupation. We're talking AI, and indeed the whole world is talking AI in one context or another. Globally, a large majority of people are of the opinion that AI is to be embraced. Most commentators agree, although there is the inevitable caveat that there is also a risk of the technology being hijacked by cyber criminals.

- AI was also a subject tackled by the CEO of the NCVO in her commentary on that organisation's predictions for 2024. A more immediate issue to be addressed, however, is the impending General Election.

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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. This beautiful puppy was just eight weeks old and is just one of over 9,850 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 44,000 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.

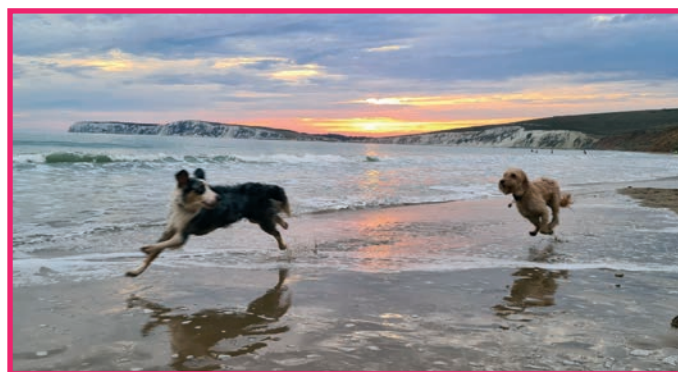
"When 11 month old Border Collie 'J.J.' came into our care, she had a pin / plate poking through



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 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, 95% 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."



UNRAVELING THE STRANDS OF GENETIC WELFARE PROBLEMS IN COMPANION ANIMALS

⇒ **THE** Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW)'s vision is of 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.

UFAW promotes a scientific approach to advancing animal welfare by:

- discovering what matters to animals
- developing scientific solutions to animal welfare problems
- disseminating evidence-based information as widely as possible so that it can be used to make real-world improvements to the lives of animals.

One of the ways that they have been doing this is through their work on genetic welfare problems of companion animals.

What's the issue?

In recent years, the problem of health issues related to genetic diseases and unsuitable breeding has been cited as a top welfare concern for the veterinary profession, animal welfare professionals and others. Some genetic diseases arise due to random mutations that become established in a breed, but in other cases welfare problems can occur as a direct result of features being selected. Perhaps the most obvious example is the breeding of brachycephalic (flat-faced) dogs.

What are we doing to help?

Despite a number of organisations highlighting the potential issues faced by flat-faced breeds such as breathing, neurological, skin, ear and eye problems, the number of these dogs in the population

is rising. UFAW recently funded a study that aims to understand why such animal welfare campaigns may fail, with the aim of laying the foundation for more effective educational material and campaign strategies for breeders and potential owners.

Using the results of this and other studies, they will continue to update their existing website dedicated to providing information for prospective pet owners, breeders and others with the aim of reducing the severity and incidence of breed-related welfare problems in companion animals.

How can you help?

UFAW is an independent charity and membership society. They receive no government or statutory funding and rely solely on the generosity and support of donors.

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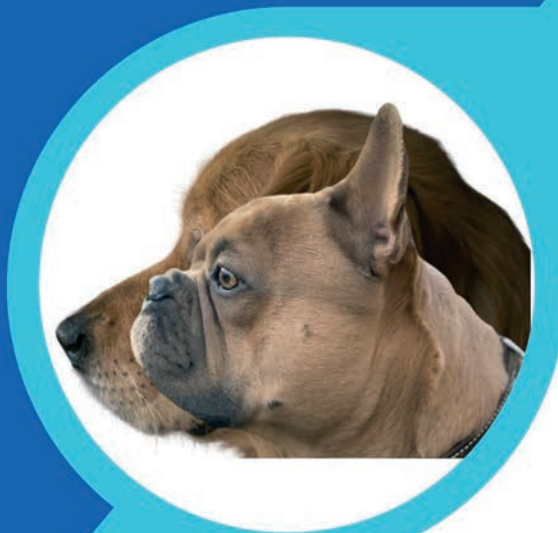


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RESURRECTED WILLS PROJECT MOVES TOWARDS A CONCLUSION

➡ **IN DECEMBER**, Remember A Charity and the Institute of Legacy Management (ILM) filed a joint submission to the Law Commission's supplementary consultation on the Wills Project, looking at two areas of proposed reform: electronic wills and the revocation of a will on marriage.

The Wills Project is a long-term consultation being carried out by the Law Commission, who first consulted on reforming the law of wills in 2017.

According to the Law Commission: "The law governing wills is largely a product of the Victorian era. It is governed by both legislation – primarily the Wills Act 1837 – and case law, some of which has been developing for hundreds of years. In particular, the law that specifies when a person has the capacity to make a will was set out in a case from 1870.

"Although the Wills Act has been amended and case law has developed in response to modern circumstances and understandings, we think the law of wills needs a comprehensive review to ensure that it remains fit for purpose today. That is what this project seeks to do."

In July 2017, the Law Commission published the consultation paper, *Making a Will*. The public consultation period followed and closed in November 2017. In 2019 the commission paused the Wills Project to undertake a project on the law governing weddings, having agreed to government's request to prioritise work on weddings.

The Law Commission then published a Supplementary Consultation Paper on 5 October last year on two topics: possible reforms to enable electronic wills and to the rule that a marriage or civil partnership revokes a will. The supplementary consultation period closed on 8 December.

Outlining the reason for the new consultation, the commission said: "At the time of the Consultation Paper in 2017, the case for allowing wills to be made and stored in electronic form was relatively novel. This might no longer hold true. Since then, there has been increasing recognition of the use of digital documents and signatures in other contexts, as well as huge developments in technology. The COVID-19 pandemic also took place, during which technology facilitated will-making.

"In the 2017 Consultation Paper, we considered the need for protection of vulnerable testators in relation to the rule that a marriage or civil partnership revokes a will. However, concerns about 'predatory marriages' have grown since then. These concerns might cast doubts on whether a marriage or civil partnership should continue to revoke a will.



"The Supplementary Consultation Paper did not re-examine any of the other issues we considered in the 2017 Consultation Paper. We were unaware of other developments, in the past six years, which would alter consultees' views on the other issues we are considering within this project."

The joint response from Remember A Charity and ILM focused on how the reforms could protect people's final wishes and ensure legacy gifts reach their intended beneficiaries.

Electronic wills

Recognising the technological advances and the digitisation of so many elements of the wills landscape, the two organisations took the view that electronic wills are most likely a case of 'when' rather than 'if'. The advantages of electronic wills are that they could increase accessibility, making it easier for people to write or amend their will, particularly for those who can't leave their homes and those with disabilities.

Remember A Charity said: "But our submission emphasises how crucial it is that sufficient safeguarding measures are in place, particularly when it comes to protecting those who may be vulnerable. This includes ensuring that electronic wills must have verification from unbiased, independent witnesses, in a similar fashion to paper-based ones.

"We noted, too, that electronic wills may also pave the way for a more unified approach to will storage and registration, helping to protect legators' final wishes and

ensuring their wills are more easily found when the time comes."

Revocation on marriage or civil partnership

When it comes to the revocation of wills – where current rules determine that a former will becomes null and void on marriage or civil partnership – the joint response to the Law Commission highlighted the risk of current legislation being prone to abuse by those who wish to gain access to an individual's estate. That is clear from the widely-reported case of Joan Blass, which was devastating for her relatives and loved ones.

Not only is the issue of 'predatory marriage' of great concern for testators and their families, but the current set up makes it all-too-easy for legacy gifts to be unintentionally lost when a supporter marries. That challenge is exacerbated by the fact there is very little public awareness around the current rules.

Remember A Charity continued: "Given that few people are aware of the current law, our submission highlights the need for a public awareness campaign. We believe it's crucial that people are aware of how the law might affect their personal circumstances so that they can take appropriate steps to make sure their final wishes are carried out."

The Law Commission is now analysing responses to the supplementary consultation and developing its final recommendations for reform on all the topics within the review. It aims to publish the final report and a draft Bill enacting the recommendations in early 2025. □

IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE BEYOND THE FARM GATE

➡ **AT** The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA), a crucial part of their work is to advance and promote the use of humane methods for the transport and killing of farmed animals globally through research and education. One of the ways that they do this is by funding research that aims to improve animal welfare beyond the farm gate.



At the end of 2023, HSA awarded £10,000 of funding to a project aiming to improve chicken welfare during transportation in Malawi.

What are the current welfare issues?

Traditionally in Malawi, groups of up to 50 live chickens are transported to markets upside down whilst suspended from the handlebars of bicycles. The chickens often continue to hang upside down from the handlebars in excessive heat for several hours after reaching the market.

Such methods of transport and handling can result in broken wings and legs, weakness and at least a 10% mortality rate.

What does the project aim to achieve?

In the current project, the Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (LSPCA) are working to replace the traditional method of transporting chickens with welfare-friendly crates. This simple change allows chickens to be transported far more humanely.

Twenty local craftspeople from various areas of Lilongwe will be trained to make bamboo-woven crates to ensure a consistent supply.

The crates will then be distributed to local chicken vendors who will be educated about chicken welfare at the same time.

What impact will this have?

In a pilot study conducted by the LSPCA, the locally-produced crates proved so popular with chicken vendors that the trial had to be doubled to accommodate the increased interest. It is hoped that with HSA funding, a further 500 chicken vendors will receive both the training and crates. This has the potential to improve the welfare of hundreds of thousands of chickens annually.

Will you help make practical and lasting improvements to animal welfare beyond the farm gate?

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PROBATE INQUIRY: LEADING BODIES SUBMIT JOINT RESPONSE

➡ **BETWEEN NOVEMBER** last year and this January the Justice Committee of the House of Commons held a new inquiry into probate amid on-going concerns over delays in processing applications.

The waiting time for probate almost doubled from April 2022 to April 2023, with reports citing cases of probate taking more than 11 months and practitioners advising clients that probate will take at least nine months.

The inquiry examined people's experiences of applying for probate, including how effectively beneficiaries, executors and the bereaved are supported through the process and protected from rogue traders. It also analysed performance data relating to the Probate Registry.

Launching the inquiry in November, the chair of the Justice Committee, Sir Bob Neill MP, said: "Concerns over probate have risen sharply over the last five years, with the waiting time for probate almost doubling in the last financial year alone. It is right the Justice Committee examine the reasons behind this, the consequences and takes evidence on the issues of capacity and resourcing.

"Families across the country have faced challenges in navigating the probate system, with reports of rogue traders and poor practice, as well as significant delays. My Committee wants to examine how the administration of probate could be improved for people who are already coming to terms with the loss of a loved one."

The Institute of Legacy Management (ILM) commented: "Probate delays have been a long-standing issue for His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS), with rising caseloads adding to the backlog of applications held up in the system. Although HMCTS expanded their probate workforce and made improvements to their digital platform, applications continued to exceed outputs for most of this year."

The ILM and Remember A Charity submitted a joint response to the inquiry. In it they highlighted the impact of probate delays not only on bereaved families, but on charities, which have become increasingly reliant on income from gifts in wills. Despite HMCTS investing in new staff and other measures to improve service levels, 2023 was another challenging year for the Probate Registry. Waiting times increased and the number of probate cases in the system continued to climb as applications reached record levels, with the number of grants issued failing to keep pace.

The response continued: "However, performance picked up considerably from September, with an average of almost 27,000 grants being issued per month between September and November, compared with a monthly average of 22,000 from January to August. From September, the volume of unprocessed estates in the system is understood to have dropped by about 13,000 cases – positive progress that we hope will continue through 2024."

Remember A Charity commented: "With over £800m of legacy income estimated to be held in unprocessed grant applications, our submission highlighted the significant impact on charities' cashflow and their ability to plan and deliver urgently needed services. Drawing on members' experiences, we demonstrated that delays can mask how much legacy income is in the system, making forecasting extremely challenging, and

– as some charities reported – leading to a reduction in budget levels for 2024. As such, we emphasised the need for HMCTS to be allocated sufficient resources to deal with the long-term increase in caseloads.

"In our response, we also highlighted the importance of HMCTS's commitment to work with us to address the sector's concerns, with both Remember A Charity and ILM contributing to the Probate Service Users working group and collaborating on future service design. This has led to the Probate Registry's commitment to implement a charitable indicator on estates at probate, which will help the sector to identify the volume of estates that include a charitable bequest and enable clearer reporting on those applications as they move through the system. We believe that this has the potential to transform the sector's forecasting abilities. HMCTS has also agreed to provide more regular updates and sector webinars." □



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Caring for Carers

The Respite Association was born on May 16th 2001. A group of people, all with first-hand experience of the stress put on carers, had come to realise that there was very little support available for those caring for loved ones. That small but committed group of people decided that the best way forward was to create an organisation whose sole aim was to care for the carers by providing respite.

When you are caring for someone the task can be overwhelming. You can be 'on duty' for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with no breaks or holidays. This is too much to ask of anyone.

So what do we actually do?

We are a small charity that makes a big impact. We provide short term assistance by funding appropriately qualified respite care for people with disabilities, long-term physical or mental health conditions, and those who are terminally ill in order that their regular unpaid carer can be allowed to take a much needed break.

Breaks can take the form of anything from enabling attendance at an evening class to a weekend break or longer. We also provide free week long seaside holidays to enable carers to recharge their batteries. In 2021 we purchased our first bricks and mortar respite facility – a purpose built holiday bungalow in Cornwall. We also have a caravan in North Wales.

Who will we help?

Many of the people who are at home caring for loved ones are forced to live on very limited incomes. It is these people that we are working to help.

What does it cost?

Whilst providing suitably qualified carers in the home or funding a temporary place in a residential care centre can be expensive, the benefits to the carer are beyond measure. The cost and level of support varies dramatically from a few pounds to several hundred. Our average grant is around £450.



“Of all the unsung heroes in the world, carers come top of my list. It is humbling to read of the love, time and dedication that carers give so constantly to others: their voices are seldom heard, as they so seldom complain. When they DO call for help we must react at once, with support and understanding and gratitude.

And lovely money: what seems like peanuts to larger organisations would be a godsend to the Respite Association, as it means that we can help ease the burden (which would be intolerable in our own lives) and bring some comfort, escape and freedom to those who give their all to others every day and night, week after month after year.

These are my heroes: these are the stars I admire and applaud. Knowing that every gift to Respite will bring happiness touches me hugely.”

Joanna Lumley
Patron



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CARERS NEED SOME TLC, TOO

➡ **JOANNA LUMLEY**, Patron of The Respite Association (TRA), recently paid this tribute to carers: "Carers are my heroes: caring 24/7, week-in and week-out, often for years on end, with no breaks or holidays and no complaints."

Across the country there are thousands of unpaid carers; and since its formation in 2001 TRA has been supporting them to get a desperately needed break.

John Turner, one of the charity's two part-time staff, explained: "It doesn't take a great deal to have an enormous impact on the lives of carers. They don't see what they are doing as a burden because they are caring for someone that they love; but they just need a little rest."

"One lady, whose son is on the autistic spectrum, explained that he only sleeps for two hours per night, so that is all the sleep she gets, too. That lady just wanted a normal night's sleep to catch up – while a gentleman in his seventies, caring for his wife who has dementia, wanted a weekend so he could go to his granddaughter's first piano recital."

TRA also have two holiday facilities – in Cornwall and Wales – where they give carers a week-long break by the seaside. A carer who had a break in the charity's caravan at Rhyl wrote: "We had the most



amazing time on holiday – gutted to be home in fact. Whilst I was there I couldn't help thinking of you and what an amazing opportunity you gave us. Me and my family are extremely grateful and always will be.

"The caravan was filled with lots of board games and books for both adults and children and we loved it. I usually don't have time to read with my children or sit and do a jigsaw with them, but on holiday I did – everyday. And instead of dishing out medication of an evening I spent that time in the park with my family.

"It was so good to just be out in the fresh air and actually taking in the sky! You allowed me to have uninterrupted quality time with my children and for that I'm truly thankful."

John explained "TRA offers something that you and I take for granted: a little bit of normality; enough to recharge the batteries and carry on caring. We have been incredibly fortunate that people have been very generous to us over the years, which has helped us to support thousands of carers and their families, and has provided a legacy of hope." □





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

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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.

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➡ **ZANE: ZIMBABWE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY** is a UK registered charity working to help the most destitute, vulnerable and impoverished people in Zimbabwe. It is the largest supplier of financial aid to elderly people in Zimbabwe who lost their life savings and pensions in the economic collapse and subsequent hyper-inflation.

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

SMEE & FORD PARTS COMPANY WITH WILMINGTON

⇒ **IN FEBRUARY** Smee & Ford announced that its owner, MiExact Ltd, is no longer a part of Wilmington Plc.

In a statement the firm's MD Polly Avgherinos said: "We are delighted to announce that we have secured new shareholders who will back the existing management team as an independent business as we continue to develop our unique services for legacy professionals.

"Myself, alongside all of the team – some of whom have been involved since before Smee & Ford's acquisition by Wilmington in 2005 – remain committed to delivering our world-leading legacy notifications service, alongside our data dashboards and events, without interruption and to the same high standards of service you are used to.

"Thanks to all our valued clients who have supported Smee & Ford by sharing their feedback and ideas over the years. With new investment and backing, we look forward to continuing to work closely with customers and sector partners, including ILM and RAC, to deliver high-quality services and support charities to understand and grow legacy incomes into the future."

Welcoming the announcement, ILM CEO Matthew Lagden said: "On behalf of both the ILM and our members, I can say we are all absolutely delighted that the future of the Smee & Ford legacy notifications service has been secured.

"The service plays an essential role in advising charities when legacies have been left to them and to know it is now in safe hands is very good news indeed. We look forward to working in partnership with the management team and supporting them in further growing the business for the benefit of our members and the wider charity sector." □

LEGACY AWARDS: SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

⇒ **SMEE & FORD** has announced the line-up of finalists for its Legacy Giving Awards 2024. With 19 categories in total, the winners will be announced on 18 April at a glittering awards ceremony at the Hilton London Bankside. The event includes the Legacy Giving Excellence Forum, which will look at the factors driving excellence, innovation and impact across the sector, as well as an opportunity to hear from leading legacy experts.

Now in their 2nd year, the 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.

The shortlist includes a large number of ILM corporate partners and members. ILM CEO Matthew Lagden, who will be attending the awards ceremony in April, said: "We are thrilled to see so many familiar names, and many congratulations to all those who have been shortlisted.

"These awards provide well-deserved recognition for everyone's hard work and dedication to the legacy sector. I am very much looking forward to being part of the celebrations and meeting people on the day. We wish all of the nominees the very best of luck."

Matthew, representing the ILM as a category sponsor, will present the Excellence in Working with Lay Executors trophy. The shortlisted organisations in this category are Blood Cancer UK, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Shelter. □

• For more information on the awards visit legacygivingawards.co.uk.



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➡ **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.

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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." ☐



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SMEE & FORD UNVEIL THEMES FOR ANNUAL ONLINE CONFERENCE

➔ THIS YEAR'S Legacy Strategy

Summit will be taking place as an online conference on 18 June. Organised by Smees & Ford, the summit brings together legacy fundraising professionals to explore the latest trends and best practice, to drive innovation, income and outcomes.

With unique and innovative content specifically researched to provide learning, debate and insight for all delegates – regardless of charity size or legacy income total – the virtual summit provides those attending with valuable, first-hand insight into the latest trends in legacy giving and the latest news on legacy fundraising.

The theme for this year's summit is 'Embracing the new era of Legacy Fundraising: Using data, diversity and digital insights to boost your strategy'.

A number of key subject areas have been identified by the organisers:

- Connecting and growing donor groups with in-memory strategy
- The search for new legacy prospects: micro-mining your donor database
- How can legacy fundraising campaigns connect with faith-based groups?
- Does your digital campaign reflect the diversity of donor audiences and supporters?
- Putting the art into stewardship: learning from cultural charities' skill at donor connection

The summit will feature five hours of live content where delegates will have the opportunity to learn from and put questions to inspiring legacy fundraisers who have been specifically selected for their stories and the growth and innovation they're driving in legacy income.

Other features include:

- Access to on-demand sessions to watch back in your own time to expand your learning and curate a learning programme that meets your charity and professional development needs
- The ability to view all those attending in the virtual platform, with options to exchange messages and set up meetings. As an international event bringing together legacy fundraisers and teams from across 40 countries, the Legacy Strategy Summit is a chance to make new connections and meet with your network.
- Access to wider ideas and benchmarking for your legacy programme with live polling throughout the event. Smees & Ford will also be sharing their annual legacy data report – with essential insights to help you benchmark your legacy income and follow trends in bequests and charity causal area choices.

- Access to specifically commissioned thought leadership pieces and reports linked to the themes in the 2024 summit.

Outlining who the summit is designed for, Smees & Ford explained: "The summit is a must-attend event for the entire legacy giving community, offering sessions tailored to all members of your broader legacy team, regardless of income level. Whether you're new to legacy fundraising or a seasoned team member seeking inspiration and insight, or even a senior leader or board member eager to explore the income and donor engagement potential of legacy fundraising, our sessions cater to your needs."

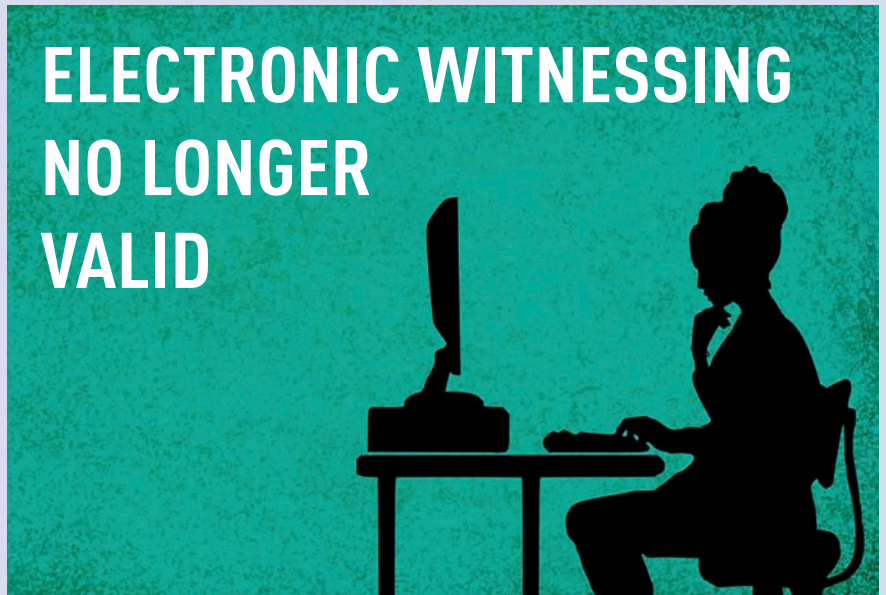
The digital format of the Legacy Strategy

Summit, using the Swapcard platform, enables charities and speakers from charities both inside and outside the UK, and in various time zones, to view and participate in the summit.

The programme was put together following extensive research within the sector, to identify the opportunities for legacy fundraisers now, so that the summit can provide helpful and timely information to drive innovation, income and best practice. □

• *To register your interest, receive updates and be first in the queue for tickets, visit legacystrategysummit.com/register-your-interest-2024.*

ELECTRONIC WITNESSING NO LONGER VALID



➔ **ON 1 FEBRUARY** the temporary measure introduced in July 2020 to allow the witnessing of wills via video conferencing, known as remote witnessing, expired. As a result it is no longer legal to witness a will remotely.

The Society of Will Writers was among organisations reminding those responsible for wills of the lapse of the provision, stating: "The Wills Act 1837 (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (the Order) that was enacted to temporarily amend the s9 of the Wills Act 1837 to allow for remote witnessing by video link expired on the 31st January 2024 and no announcement has been made to extend this further." They added: "This does not invalidate wills witnessed in this manner while the Order was in force."

Writing in the official public record, *The Gazette*, Laura Abbott, Principal Associate at Rothley Law, explained further. "In short," she wrote, "you cannot witness a will via video link in England and Wales from 1 February 2024. Although video witnessing was possible for wills executed between 31 January 2020 and 31 January 2024 due to emergency and temporary provisions put in place to assist the will making process during the COVID-19 global pandemic."

She pointed out that a statement made in parliament on 1 February 2024 stated that: "The special circumstances which applied when this measure was put in place no longer apply. In-person witnessing of wills is no longer subject to restrictions. As such we have decided not to extend the temporary legislation beyond 31 January 2024." □

A gift in your Will could help her change the future

Did you know that 1 in 5 people in the UK will experience sight loss in their lifetime?



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NEW HAND TAKES THE HELM AT REMEMBER A CHARITY

➡ **JANUARY SAW** a new chair for legacy umbrella organisation Remember A Charity. Having completed an extended four-year term, Allan Freeman handed over the reins to Anaish Yilma-Parmar (pictured), British Red Cross's head of legacies.

Speaking at the announcement of the change in December, the organisation's director Lucinda Frostick said: "We are hugely grateful to Allan for his leadership and support. He is always incredibly generous with his time, expertise and guidance, steering the campaign forward during a challenging period for the sector – one where legacy income and our campaign mission of growing the market has proved vital. And he did it brilliantly.

"We're so fortunate, too, that Allan is able to pass on the reins to Anaish, who has played a key role on our executive this year. It's an exciting time for legacies and the campaign. Anaish's energy, passion for legacies and for what can be achieved when we work as a collective is contagious, and we are looking forward to his leadership from the New Year."

Anaish commented: "It's a privilege to be given the opportunity to chair the campaign following Allan. Allan brings so much knowledge and insight, and he's made a huge impact at Remember A Charity. His legacy is that Remember A Charity is in a real position of strength.

"I'm delighted to become the chair and to continue to amplify the voice and messages around gifts in wills. We're in an exciting place, drawing ever closer to ensuring legacy giving becomes a social norm."

Heading up Remember A Charity's executive group, Anaish is tasked with overseeing that it delivers on its three-pronged strategy of driving the public's consideration and action about gifts in wills, ensuring professional advisers consistently reference the option of legacy giving when advising clients and of working to nurture and enhance the environment for legacies. □



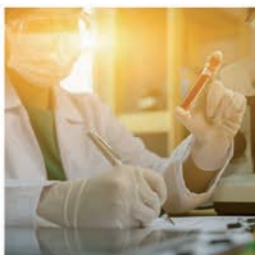
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THEIR PROJECT IS TO REINTRODUCE FOXES TO THE WILD

⇒ 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."

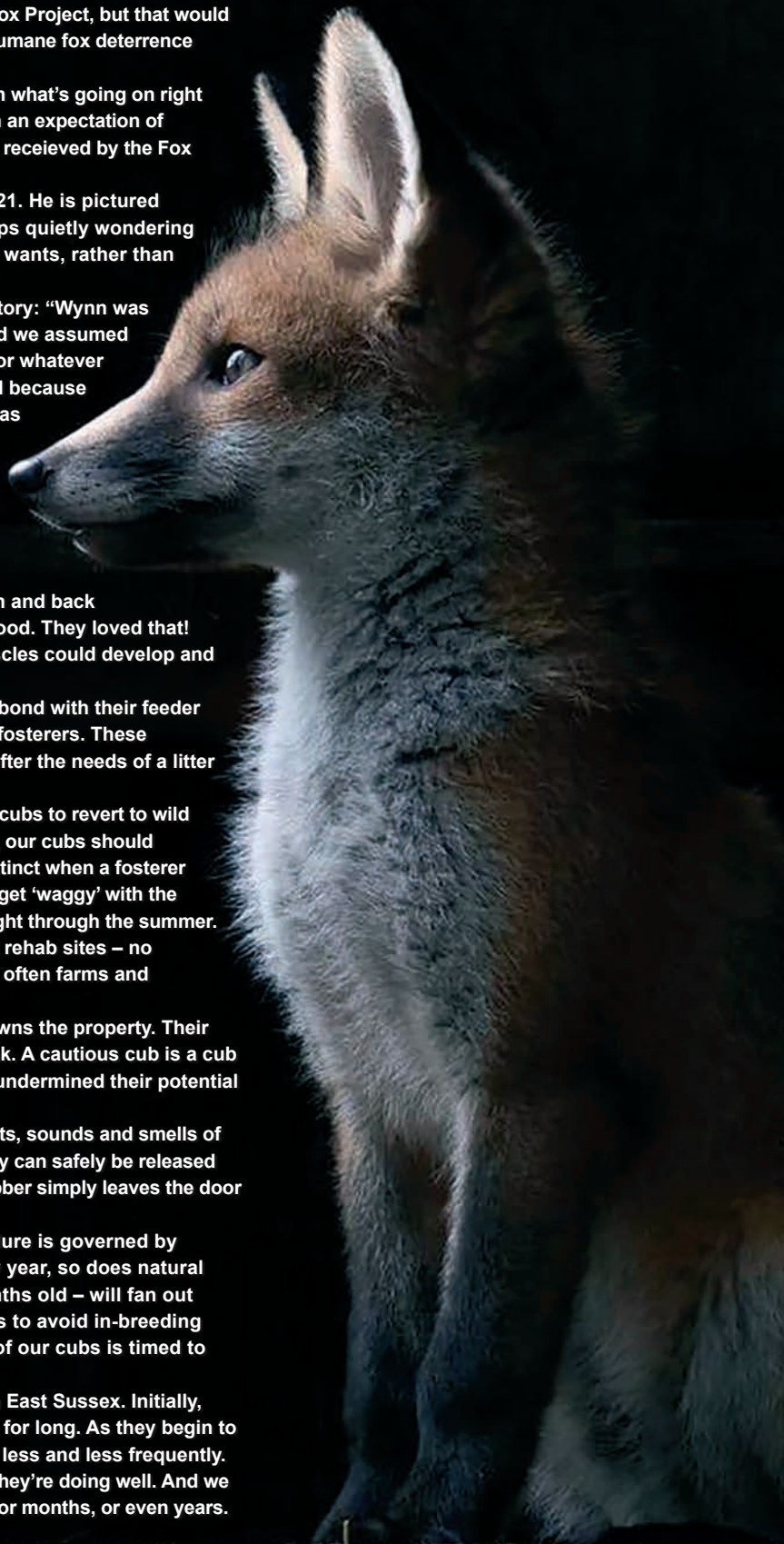
The cubs are now the responsibility of the rehabber that owns the property. Their job is to feed, water and clean out the pen and never to speak. A cautious cub is a cub that will live the longest: if you've made a cub tame, you've undermined their potential for a safe and long life.

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." □



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." □

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

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CHARITIES SET TO BENEFIT FROM LEGACY AND WILL-WRITING HOOK-UP

➡ **THE INSTITUTE OF LEGACY MANAGEMENT** has teamed up with award-winning will-writing firm Farewill to help ensure its services are optimised for the needs of ILM members.

ILM CEO Matthew Lagden commented: "Farewill is a key supplier to the charity sector and the will writer used by more of our members than any other, which is why we chose to embark on this partnership. Its service sees one in four people leave a legacy to charity. On average 15% of wills contain a gift to charity, so we know that Farewill significantly outperforms other providers on this key metric."

The institute will be providing consultancy services, working with Farewill to ensure its free will products meet member charities' needs and give them the protection and security they rightly expect from a will writing provider.

Farewill already partners with some of the UK's biggest charities, including Age UK, Cancer Research UK and British Heart Foundation, as well as supporting hundreds of others in the development of their legacy fundraising programmes – among them The Butterfly Hospice Trust, East Anglian Air Ambulance and King's College London.

Dan Garrett, founder and CEO of Farewill, said: "Matthew and his team are at the forefront of best practice, working across the sector to set clear standards, deliver essential training and elevate standards across the board."

"The next 10 years represents a huge opportunity for charities of all shapes and sizes and we're committed to working with innovative partners to make the most of it. We've learnt a huge amount from Matthew already and look forward to an even closer relationship going forward."

Matthew continued: "Increasingly, our members are responsible for both legacy promotion and legacy management, and we want to ensure that we represent and protect their interests across the full range of their responsibilities. We know Farewill already works with many of our members and we believe, by aligning our two organisations more closely, we can use our influence to ensure our members' best interests are always at the forefront of the relationship."

"I believe this will be especially useful for smaller charities, who often lack the resources and time to undertake their own research about the best free will-writing partners to engage with."

"By working with Farewill, we can help save them time and money and hopefully enable them to increase the number of legacies they receive in the future." □

LAWYERS' BODY JOINS RANKS OF BEQUEST PROMOTERS

➡ **REMEMBER A CHARITY** has embarked on a new partnership with the Association of Lifetime Lawyers, helping to support legal advisers in championing gifts in wills in conversations with clients of all ages.

Formerly known as Solicitors for the Elderly, the Association of Lifetime Lawyers is a national organisation with over 1,500 members, all of whom are fully-qualified, regulated and insured solicitors, barristers or chartered legal executives, who spend at least half of their time working with older and vulnerable clients.

Remember A Charity works with a network of some 870 charity-friendly solicitors and will-writers through its Campaign Supporter scheme. They are now expanding the scheme's qualifying criteria to enable Lifetime Lawyers to join the scheme – alongside members of The Law Society, the Institute of Professional Will-writers and BEST Foundation.

Michael Culver, chairman of the Association of Lifetime Lawyers, commented: "The Association of Lifetime Lawyers is delighted to have become a partner of Remember A Charity to support them in their goal to encourage more people to leave a gift in their will to charity."

Lucinda Frostick, director of Remember A Charity, added: "Legal advisers play a crucial role in ensuring clients are aware of all the options open to them when writing their will, including charitable giving and any tax benefits on their estate. Working with the Association of Lifetime Lawyers is a key step forward as we widen the net of charitably minded advisers, providing resources and tools that will help them champion the charitable message with their clients."

Research from the Cabinet Office Behavioural Insights Team has shown that will-writing clients are twice as likely to include a gift to charity in their will when their adviser raises the charitable option with them. That demonstrates the pivotal role legal professionals have to play in increasing awareness and understanding of gifts in wills amongst the public.

With 73% of professional advisers now 'always' or 'sometimes' raising the option of leaving charitable bequests in wills with their clients, the proportion of professionally written wills that include a charitable gift is rising, growing from 16% to 24% over the past eight years alone. □

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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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.

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or by email on admin@nfbuk.org

Heartburn isn't always Harmless

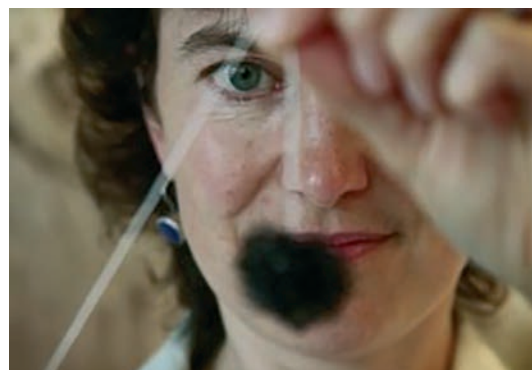
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HEARTBURN ISN'T ALWAYS HARMLESS



➡ **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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Saving lives

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For further information on donating to the charity

(registered charity number: 275428)

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Email: info@horserescuefund.org.uk

www.horserescuefund.org.uk

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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. □

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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Ashford Road, New Romney, Kent TN28 8TH
Tel: **01797 366620**

Web: www.lastchanceanimalrescue.co.uk
Reg. Charity no. 1002349

LAST CHANCE ANIMAL RESCUE

➡ **LEGACIES MEAN SO** much to the team at 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

RESEARCH REINFORCES GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDES TO LEGACIES

⇒ **RESEARCH FROM LEGACY FORESIGHT**, published in January, has revealed important differences in the behaviours and attitudes towards legacy giving of the Baby Boomer generation compared to Generation X, which could help charities better steward supporters into the future.

The research, conducted by the Legacy Foresight research team at Legacy Futures, highlights the opportunities and challenges charities will face as Gen X becomes the focus for engagement.

Key findings

- Deaths are set to rise by almost a third to reach 825,000 in 2050 – driven primarily by the size of the Boomer population. However, by that time Gen X will account for 40% of deaths.
- Boomers have significantly more wealth than previous generations – 50% more than War Babies at their age.
- The wealth of Gen X reveals a more optimistic picture than the media presents, with Gen X aged 50-54 appearing to be similarly wealthy to Boomers when they were the same age, although with a profile towards more pensions and less property.
- There is greater polarisation of wealth among Gen X, with the top quarter of Gen X households owning 70% of wealth, compared to 65% for Boomers. While not good for the wider society, it is positive for legacies, as it shows Gen X holds significant wealth, and increased wealth increases the chance of a charitable gift left in a will.
- Gen X, however, are less likely to have made a will than Boomers were at the same age.

Many of the findings can be attributed to two main themes: economic uncertainty and diversity – such as ethnicity, family structure and faith.

The impact of consumer uncertainty

The analysis found that uncertainty around the economy was driving short-term thinking. Respondents from both generations felt in limbo and were putting off making important decisions, as they didn't know what the future would hold or what their families might need. That also translated into will-making behaviours, with people delaying making a will and reporting that things seemed too uncertain at the moment to be making commitments for the future.

Gen X are feeling the squeeze more than their Boomer counterparts and are more pessimistic about economic prospects. With many having dependent children at home, Gen X are more likely to be thinking carefully about how they spend their money. Their main aim was to try to hold on to what they had and to save planning for the future for when things feel more certain.

Diversity

Being child-free is a key driver of legacy giving across all generations. Fewer (14%) of core Boomer females (now aged 65-75) are child-free versus 18% of Gen X females. That will lead to an increase in child-free deaths from the mid-2020s: an important consideration for charities whose supporters won't all have automatic beneficiaries and may be seeking ways in which their legacy can live on.

There is also a different religious makeup among Gen X, with a lower percentage identifying as Christian (46% of Gen X versus 67% of core Boomers) and a higher percentage describing themselves as Muslim (6.1% Gen X versus 2.1% of core Boomers) or of no religion (37% Gen X vs 22% of core Boomers). □

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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FROM A WORLD WITH MS TO A FUTURE FREE FROM ITS EFFECTS... A GIFT IN 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. 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 we hope that, after taking care of your loved ones, you'll consider including a gift that will transform the future of everyone affected by MS. 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 future generations 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." □

• 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 mssociety.org.uk/gifts-in-wills.

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

Raphael, London (pictured above with his family)



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Being diagnosed with any form of sight loss is life changing and devastating for both the individual and their families. The Partially Sighted Society is a national charity that understands this. We are here to provide help and support to anybody living with sight loss. Through our fully equipped sight centre, we offer free low vision assessments and enhanced sight tests, ensuring that all our visitors are equipped with the right tools to live full, independent lives. We offer mental health and wellbeing support for those struggling with life after sight loss, as well as support groups to combat the social isolation that is connected to losing one's vision.

Over 2 million people in the UK live with a visual impairment, and that number is projected to double by 2050. With your help, we can ensure that as many of these people have the safety net they deserve in us. Thank you.

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. □



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A small charity with a huge heart

➡ **KIDNEY KIDS SCOTLAND**, a very small charity with a huge heart, has for the last 24 years supported Scottish children with renal and urology conditions. The main aim of the charity has always been to enable these children to receive treatment as close to home as possible and minimise disruption to the family unit.

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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Kidney Kids Scotland can help in many ways

FAITH REPRESENTATIVES DEBATE COMMON THEMES OF GIVING

➡ **IN AN INCREASINGLY** multicultural world, how charities engage and inspire people from different backgrounds and different faiths is all the more pertinent. For many people, faith is a huge part of their lives. It's weaved into their identity; it fires their inspiration and it guides their decision-making.

A recent members' webinar by Remember A Charity explored legacy giving through the lens of Christianity, Judaism and Islam – looking at the touchpoints between those faiths and legacy giving. The session aimed to give fundraisers an overview of the philanthropic traditions embedded within those faiths and to help them to connect with and inspire people of faith to consider leaving a gift in their will.

Guest panellists were Kerry McMenamin (Legacy Fundraising Lead at Christian Aid), Adam Overlander-Kaye (former Director of Fundraising at Jewish Care) and Na'eem Raza (Charity Consultant at Kube Squared).

One of the take-aways from the session was that 'understanding takes time'. If you're not part of the faith community you're speaking with, it's important to begin by taking the time to get to know your audience: as individuals, but also within the context of their faith.

It's important to note that there is a range of different religious denominations within the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths, which may require a different approach and sensitivities around aspects such as appropriate imagery or language.

But no matter which faith people may be part of, we cannot make assumptions that their needs and interests are the same.

The concept of giving is intrinsic within many faiths

Adam conveyed that in Judaism, 'Tzedakah' – the act of giving to charity – is deeply rooted within Jewish values; it's an act of making your community and the world around you a better place and is seen as a mitzvah (a commandment or good deed).

The Islamic faith has a similar word and tradition: 'Zakat', which Na'eem explained is one of the five pillars of Islam, and a religious obligation to give – making charitable giving compulsory for Muslims. And the importance of wills is emphasised heavily, too. Na'eem quoted the revered 9th-century Islamic scholar Muhammad al-Bukhari, who wrote: "It is the duty of a Muslim who has anything to bequeath not to let two nights pass without writing a will about it."

Within the Christian faith, Kerry explained that people are compelled to give by The Bible and particularly through the teachings of Jesus – including the principle that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'. And legacy giving is one way in which Christians can demonstrate faith in action through generosity.



Common themes of love and charity

The Torah encourages Jewish people to give in a way that's personally meaningful and 'moves your heart'. Meanwhile, throughout The Bible in both the New and Old Testaments, Christians are told that love is the greatest commandment and to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. Islam, too, talks about the importance of charity and having compassion towards fellow human beings. So, wanting to leave the world a better place for the next generation is a powerful common theme across each faith.

Partnerships and collaboration are key

There's a strong foundation for faith communities to become legacy donors, as the propensity to give and be generous is intrinsic to many faiths. However, that doesn't mean that legacy giving is normalised within those faiths and there's considerable room to grow giving within those communities. But cultural change takes time and needs a collaborative approach. □



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Hypo Hounds trains dogs to save the lives of children with Type 1 Diabetes. Through scent detection the dogs are trained to alert the parents/carers of the child when there are changes to the child's blood glucose levels – preventing collapse, coma and potentially fatal consequences.

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



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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.

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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." □

CHARITIES ACT: NEXT CHANGES EXPECTED IN MARCH

⇒ **THE NEXT TRANCHE** of changes to be introduced as a result of the Charities Act 2022 are expected to come into force in March. Ahead of the implementation, the Charity Commission published short summaries of the changes.

The changes expected to come into force in March are:

Making changes to governing documents

The Act is introducing a new statutory power that trusts and unincorporated associations will be able to use to make changes to their governing document. Those charities will need to have the commission's authority to make certain 'regulated alterations' in the same way as charitable companies and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO).

The changes include:

- How unincorporated charities must pass trustee and (where they have members) member resolutions when using the new power
- That the commission will apply the same legal test when deciding whether to give authority to charitable companies, CIOs and unincorporated charities changing their charitable purposes
- A power for the commission to give public notice, or to direct a charity to give notice, of regulated alterations to a governing document

Existing statutory powers for certain (small) unincorporated charities to change their governing document will be repealed.

Selling, leasing or otherwise disposing of charity land

The following provisions will come into force:

- Provisions relating to disposals by liquidators, provisional liquidators, receivers, mortgagees or administrators
- Provisions relating to the taking out of mortgages by liquidators,

- provisional liquidators, receivers, mortgagees or administrators
- Changes about what must be included in statements and certificates for both disposals and mortgages

These provisions were due to come into force on 14 June 2023 but did not.

Charity mergers

For certain mergers, new rules will allow most gifts to charities that merge to take effect as gifts to the charity they have merged with. The existing statutory process for certain (small) unincorporated charity mergers will be repealed.

Other provisions

The Act will enable the commission to:

- Authorise a trustee to receive or retain a payment for work completed for the charity where the commission decides it would be inequitable for a trustee not to be paid
- Confirm defective or potentially defective trustee appointments.

The Charity Commission will publish the updated guidance on the topics on the day the provisions are implemented.

Catherine Rustonji, partner and head of charities at law firm Shakespeare Martineau, commented: "The reforms were originally due to be implemented in the autumn of 2023 but have been pushed back on two separate occasions, reflecting their complexity and the work that is on-going behind the scenes to ensure their implementation is as smooth as possible.

"The most significant will likely be the reforms to the rules on amending governing documents. The aim of these reforms is to enable charities to amend their governing documents more easily, with Charity Commission oversight where appropriate." □



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WINTER SURVIVAL

⇒ **NO DAYS ARE EASY** but these are the hardest months for animal rescue. The days are short, the weather is cold and wet, and the rising cost of living means that money is tight for everyone.

"Our vet bill still pushes £30,000 every single month," according to dog rescue charity Hope Rescue. "We also understand that these are difficult times for our supporters. During the festive holiday period, we saw a decrease in donations which has left a huge gap that we now need help to fill.

"By the end of 2023 the number of stray dogs entering our care increased by 46% compared to the previous year – heartbreakingly only a third of these dogs being reclaimed by their owners. Our phone lines have never been as busy, we are taking on average 200 calls from owners in need of help with their dogs.

"That is a 69% increase on the number of surrender calls compared to 2022. Alongside the commitment to our stray contract and helping owners in need, we have continued to work with local agencies to seize dogs living in horrific, low-welfare conditions.

"Our work to help stray, unwanted and abandoned dogs continues. 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.

"We won't stop transforming the lives of dogs and desperate owners in our communities – we can't stop. Because every day, for every dog, there's hope." □

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



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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CHARITIES FACE TURNING PEOPLE AWAY AS CRUNCH BITES

⇒ **MUCH HIGHER DEMAND** and sustained financial challenges are leading half of charities to say they are at full capacity and cannot help anyone else. New research from the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) with data from more than 650 organisations found that one in seven (15%) say they are having to make the difficult decision to turn people-in-need away.

Charities such as food banks, community groups and support services are providing a safety net for the most vulnerable in communities. But due to the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis less than a third (31%) of charities say they have the capacity to help any more people.

A children's support service in the South East said: "The overall picture for our charity is uncertainty and anxiety," and a Northern charity reported that they are 'stuck in a vicious circle that we are trying to break out of'.

As a result, charities are having to take steps to meet the mounting demand. Of those at full capacity, more than half (51%) are making judgements to prioritise people most in need. More than a quarter (28%) have created a waiting list and 9% have stopped taking any referrals. An autism charity in the South East said: "It now takes two minutes to fill 50 spaces when we open the waiting list to new referrals."

CAF's research also found that a quarter of charities with capacity issues are scaling back what they do to focus on core services, and one in seven (16%) are considering charging fees for their services simply to meet the need. Two-fifths (41%) are signposting to other organisations, many of which are facing similar problems.

Furthermore, the issues charities are dealing with are becoming more complex. Nearly half (47%) of charities surveyed say that more people are coming to them in a state of extreme need compared to this time last year, and two-fifths (40%) are helping more people to navigate public services than a year ago.

As part of the research, a poverty relief charity in London said: "It seems relentless, more and more people in even greater need and staff feel helpless, while some continue to struggle themselves."

The challenges of the cost-of-living crisis for charities of higher demand, lower income from donations and grants and inflated costs are reinforcing one another, to put many charities in a precarious position. Nearly two-thirds (61%) of charities say they are having to do more with less compared to a year ago. In order to try to bring more income in, two-fifths (40%) are using their reserves to meet operational costs and a similar amount (38%) are asking funders for help with increased costs. Despite overwhelming need for their services, 12% are forced to reduce staff numbers or make redundancies.

Neil Heslop OBE, chief executive of the Charities Aid Foundation, commented: "Many charities are stuck in a Catch 22 situation. They face higher demand, while struggling with declining income and significantly higher costs. Despite being the last port of call for the most vulnerable in our society, they are having to make very difficult decisions to introduce waiting lists, charge fees or turn people away who desperately need their help."

"The pandemic and support in the Chancellor's 2023 Budget brought stop-gap solutions, without which many more charities would have folded. But with charities facing significant uncertainty, we need government to take the lead and introduce a turnaround plan to support a strong charity sector and thriving civil society for the future." □





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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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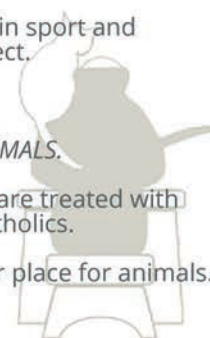
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CHARITY COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

➡ **DAVID HOLDSWORTH** has been appointed as the next chief executive of the Charity Commission for England and Wales. David (pictured), who has been CEO of the Animal and Plant Health Agency since 2022, will take up the role on 1 July, replacing Helen Stephenson whose term comes to an end this summer after seven years in the role.

David was previously deputy chief executive of the Intellectual Property Office, and prior to that served at the Charity Commission as deputy chief executive and registrar. In that role David led a transformation of the commission's data handling, digital capability and risk assessment.

He also oversaw the regulator's response to the Grenfell Tower fire and was instrumental in setting up the National Emergencies Trust, which has since raised and distributed £100m for charities in subsequent UK disasters. Prior to joining the commission, David held senior roles in the Home Office and the private sector.

His appointment follows a rigorous recruitment process which saw record numbers of applications for the role. It was overseen by a recruitment panel chaired by a Civil Service Commissioner.

Orlando Fraser, chair of the Charity Commission, commented: "I am delighted to announce David's appointment as CEO, and his return to the commission. He was the outstanding candidate for the panel, among a diverse and talented group of applicants."



"David brings the experience, talent and character required to lead the commission into the next leg of our historic journey as the world's most experienced charity regulator. In doing so, we will build on Helen Stephenson's successful legacy."

"David takes over an organisation on a strong footing, with a committed board, experienced senior team and dedicated staff. He joins at a time when the charity sector has never been more important and visible in our national life, requiring an expert regulator that is fair, balanced and independent, to underpin public trust and help the sector to thrive."

David Holdsworth said: "I am delighted to be returning to the Charity Commission and its vital work at such a crucial time. It will be a privilege to once again work with the commission's dedicated and talented experts."

"Charities have always played a vital role in our national life, our communities and our ability to move forward together as a society. Never has this been more needed than now. I look forward to working with the sector as they work today to achieve a better, brighter tomorrow for us all."

"I would also like to pay tribute to my incredible colleagues at the Animal and Plant Health Agency. The UK is lucky to have such an amazing group of people protecting our economy, animal, plant and bee health for the benefit of us all." □

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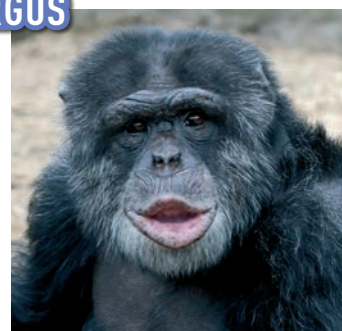
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➡ **INTRODUCING** chimpanzee brothers Fergus and Twmi – they are the reason Wales Ape & Monkey Sanctuary began back in 1998.

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! ☐

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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.

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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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REGULATOR PAUSES SOME COMPLAINTS REPORTING TO ASSESS IMPROVEMENTS

⇒ **THE FUNDRAISING REGULATOR** is to pause collecting data from charities for part two of its Annual Complaints Report (ACR) for around two years. It follows a complaints handling survey conducted by the regulator last summer, aimed at identifying whether it could improve its reporting on fundraising complaints data from charities.

Sara Asaria, policy officer at the Fundraising Regulator, explained: "After analysing the findings from the survey – which received over 450 responses – we've made the decision to pause collecting data from charities. We will publish our Annual Complaints Report in 2024 as normal, but will then pause publication of complaints data from charities in 2025 and 2026 while we develop improvements to the way we share information with the sector. During this process we will continue to report on the complaints we receive from members of the public (ACR part one)."

Explaining why the regulator is pausing the collection and publication of the data, she said: "Pausing the collection of charities' complaints data will allow us to work on developing the ideas for improvement suggested by respondents to the complaints handling survey."

Those suggestions include:

- Increasing the sample size of charities that submit data to make it more representative of the wider sector
- Presenting the data collected in more accessible and interactive formats
- Improving the way in which the regulator collects data for analysis



That process will help make sure that the data published is of the greatest use and relevance to a wider range of organisations involved in charitable fundraising.

Ms Asaria continued: "While we pause publishing part two of our Annual Complaints Report in 2025/2026, it is important that all charities continue to collect and monitor their own complaints data, and continually strive to achieve best practice in fundraising.

"It's also important to remember that charities in England and Wales with an income of over £1m are required by law to provide statements on specific areas of their fundraising in their annual report. Our guidance helps charities understand the requirements of the Charities Act 2016 and how to meet legal duties.

"We're conscious that any changes we may ask charities to make to the data they collect could require a long lead-in time to implement. We'll therefore make sure we provide plenty of notice before we expect any new data collection process to begin." □

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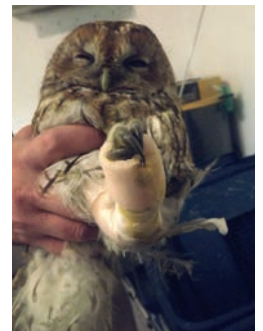
⇒ **ESTABLISHED IN 2001**, the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary – known, appropriately, as S.O.S. – operates a comprehensive facility for the rescue, care and rehabilitation of owls across East Anglia. It also promotes the need for the conservation of endangered owl species throughout the UK with its Saving Britain's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

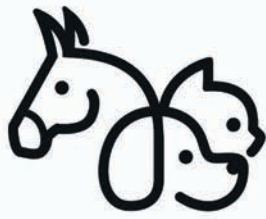
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Many of the birds can be given a recuperative, short-term pick-me-up before being re-released into the wild. Those that are more seriously injured but stand a chance of recovery are given medical aid and/or surgery, as determined by their vet. The 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. □





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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,



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NEW RULES APPLY TO HOLDERS OF LAND IN SCOTLAND

➡ **IF A CHARITY OWNS**, or has an interest in, land and property in Scotland, there is new legislation which may apply to them. The Register of Persons with a Controlled Interest in Land (RCI) is a new public register managed by the Registers of Scotland (RoS).

While there are existing registers in Scotland which provide details of the owner or tenant of land and property in Scotland, those registers do not detail who can significantly influence or control the owner or tenant's decisions about the land. The RCI aims to improve transparency of land ownership in Scotland by providing that information.

The RCI contains information about:

- The land or property
- The owner or tenants
- Any person who has a controlling interest over the land.

Who needs to register?

If you are the owner or a tenant with a lease of more than 20 years, you are known as the Recorded Person. Your details are usually already held publicly elsewhere, such as in the Land

Register of Scotland. You will only need to make an entry in the RCI if another person or entity has significant control or influence over any decision you make in relation to the land or property. Those people are known as associates.

The RoS website contains information to help you understand whether or not you need to register. You can use their RCI self-assessment tool to check if you need to register.

Legal requirement

If you are the Recorded Person and there is a person with significant interest and control over decisions about the land or property (an Associate) you must make an entry in the RCI. The deadline for making an entry is 1 April 2024.

Do charities need to register?

If the charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), a cross border Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) or a company, they will be exempt because the property will be held in the name of the SCIO, CIO or company and the necessary information is publicly available elsewhere.

If the charity is an unincorporated association or a trust, and land or property is held on its behalf by the committee or trustees, they might need to register. There is helpful RoS guidance on land held for trusts and unincorporated associations and when registration is required.

What do I need to do?

If you think the regulations may apply to you or your charity, you need to:

- Start by using the RCI self-assessment tool to check if you need to register.
- Read the RoS guidance to find out who needs to register, how to submit an entry and more.
- Create an entry before the deadline of 1 April 2024.

If you have any questions or need further help, visit the help and support section of the RoS website or contact Registers of Scotland directly. ☐

SCOTLAND'S CHARITY CHAMPIONS LOOK FORWARD TO ANNUAL AWARDS



➡ **ON 20 JUNE** charities in Scotland celebrate the best of the best from their number at the Scottish Charity Awards. Held at the Radisson Blu, Glasgow, and organised by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), the awards celebrate organisations and individuals that have had a particularly special year.

There are 10 award categories at the Scottish Charity Awards. Six recognise the achievements of organisations and three recognise individuals. The tenth award, People's Choice, is chosen by a public vote from the finalists in the other nine categories.

Introducing the awards, the SCVO said: "The voluntary sector in Scotland is diverse, vibrant and its work spans many different areas. We want the Scottish Charity Awards to be a celebration of the sector's vibrancy and diversity and to make sure that as wide a range of organisations and people as possible are represented at the awards."

"There are many awards ceremonies that recognise our essential sector's value to people in Scotland, and to the planet we live on. SCVO's Scottish Charity Awards are special because, as Scotland's national membership body for the voluntary sector, we have a unique footprint and position in the sector."

"All our energies go into supporting and showcasing the work of the voluntary sector and we're passionate about the sector's achievements and impact. We are dedicated to championing voluntary organisations and supporting your work."

SCVO chief executive Anna Fowlie commented: "At SCVO we know that every day, voluntary organisations across the country are making an incredible impact in their communities. We would love to see as wide a range of organisations as possible represented in the awards to have your achievements recognised."

Applications for consideration for an award close on 15 March at 12 noon, with details of the finalists being announced on 9 May 2024, when the public vote for the People's Choice award will open. ☐

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



Your legacy. Their lifeline.

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Animals' Charity
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CHARITIES SHOULD EMBRACE AI, WORLDWIDE SURVEY FINDS

➡ **PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD** recognise the benefits that artificial intelligence can bring to further charitable causes, according to research from the Charities Aid Foundation published in January. Indeed, most people (70%) believe that efforts should be made to help charities of different sizes and resources to access AI.

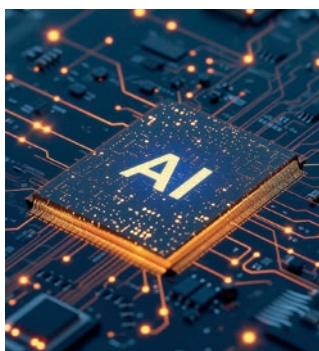
With the pros and cons of AI never far from the headlines, the research sought to understand views about the opportunities and risks to charities of using AI. For one of the first major studies on the issue, the research involved more than 6,000 people in 10 countries: UK, USA, Australia, Japan, Poland, Indonesia, Kenya, India, Brazil and Turkey.

Although the research found some have their reservations, people are generally supportive about charities using AI. The most compelling opportunities for charities are those that help them to have a greater direct human benefit. More than a quarter (28%) thought the most exciting opportunity was how AI could help with a faster response to disasters, and 25% thought that it was the potential ability of AI to allow charities to help more people.

The research found that people who donate more to charity tend to be more positive about charities using AI, with those considered higher donors in their country being more likely to appreciate the benefits. However, people believe that charities should be cautious and transparent about how they use AI. The significant majority (83%) of charity donors said they would pay attention to how a charity said it was using AI, with higher donors more likely to take notice.

Neil Heslop OBE, chief executive of the Charities Aid Foundation, said: "AI must not be the privilege of the few. We must work together with the technology industry to ensure it is accessible for small and large charities. Digital advances have great potential to support charities to further their missions and accelerate social progress. As a starting point, AI could help target disaster relief more effectively, decrease the time spent on administrative tasks and improve operations.

"Charities need to also remain alert to the risks, stay close to the human essence of their cause and communicate clearly with donors to further social impact." □



AI: THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES – AND THREATS

➡ **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** tops any trend list in 2024, according to Laura Stanley of Charity Digital. "Advancements in AI technology are happening rapidly, with research suggesting that a quarter of people in the UK had used generative AI as of July 2023. Inevitably, this surge in AI use will have an impact on our online experience and as a result, our cyber security."

She quotes the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), which has warned about the impacts of artificial intelligence on cyber security, suggesting that AI 'will almost certainly increase the volume and impact of cyber attacks in the next two years'. The NCSC also says that AI could enhance existing cyber attack tactics and adds that it may even make cyber attacks more impactful 'because threat actors will be able to analyse exfiltrated data faster and more effectively, and use it to train AI models'.

The reasons are that AI can make cyber threats easier. Quoting its report, *The near-term impact of AI on the cyber threat*, the NCSC says: "Among other conclusions, the report suggests that by lowering the barrier of entry to novice cyber criminals, hackers-for-hire and hacktivists, AI enables relatively unskilled threat actors to carry out more effective access and information-gathering operations. This enhanced access, combined with the improved targeting of victims afforded by AI, will contribute to the global ransomware threat in the next two years."

However, AI could also be part of the solution when it comes to cyber security. The NCSC suggests AI could help enhance cyber security resilience through 'detection and improved security by design'. Likewise, Michelle Drolet, CEO of cyber security firm Towerwall, points to AI's analytic capabilities as a potential upside, saying: "With cyberattacks becoming more sophisticated, AI's ability to analyse vast datasets and identify patterns will be pivotal." □



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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 7,800 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. □



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

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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 over £2m 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

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

Your Legacy: The Gift of Life

Charity no: 1102532

Conservation, Welfare, Education

wildfutures.org

60% of primates are endangered

The primate pet trade means cruelty and suffering for thousands

Help us protect primates in their forest homes

Help us rescue victims of abuse and neglect

Help us provide a safe home for life at our sanctuary

Thank you for caring so that they may have a future



Protecting primates and habitats worldwide

COMIC RELIEF'S NOSEY AWARDS ARE BACK!

➡ **MOVE OVER OSCARS**, step aside Grammys, it's time for Comic Relief's The Nosey Awards 2024, celebrating the fantastic schools, groups and individuals that raise life-changing amounts of money for Red Nose Day.

From bake sales and dress-up days to sitting in baths of baked beans or even taking on endurance challenges, there are many weird and wonderful things people do to help raise money for Red Nose Day. To celebrate those who go the extra mile, Comic Relief is bringing back The Nosey Awards for 2024, with five awards up for grabs.

The Nosey Awards 2024 categories are:

The Lenny – new for 2024: the Lenny has been established in honour of Comic Relief's founding member Sir Lenny Henry. It celebrates those incredible people who go the extra mile and lead the charge with endless enthusiasm. Entries for this category are open to everyone. The total raised is not important; it's all about going above and beyond for Comic Relief.

The other categories are: The Class Act, The Rising Star, Solo Superstar and Dream Team.

Entries for the Lenny have already closed, but nominations for all other Nosey's close at noon on 31 March.

Prospective Nosey winners can nominate themselves or people can nominate someone else they believe deserves to be

recognised. Those who fit in to more than one category can enter more than once. The only condition is that they or the person/group they are nominating fundraised for Red Nose Day between 2021-2024.

Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of very special judges as well as the Red Nose Day team. Judges will look at how entrants represent their category, as well as how imaginative, creative, inclusive and enthusiastic the fundraising activity has been.

Samir Patel, CEO of Comic Relief, said: "Schools have been at the very heart of Red Nose Day since the very first campaign in 1988 and every year we are blown away not only by the tremendous amounts of money they raise but also by their creativity and the joy and laughter they bring to their fantastic fundraising efforts.

That is why this year, we're excited to be honouring people's fabulous fundraising achievements in The Nosey Awards, with two special awards for schools and young people.

Whether you've baked a mouth-watering lemon drizzle cake, attempted a class sponsored silence or abseiled down a mountain, we'd love to hear from you. Without our wonderful efforts Red Nose Day wouldn't exist, so take some time to celebrate your achievements and enter The Nosey Awards 2024!"

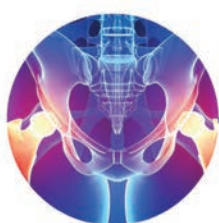
To nominate yourself, your students, your peers or your school visit www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/fundraise/awards. 



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Chronic Pain
Pain that carries on for longer than 12 weeks despite medication



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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 www.painreliefoundation.org.uk
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VOLUNTARY SECTOR UMBRELLA LOOKS FORWARD TO 2024

➡ **THE** National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has published its view of how the coming year will pan out for the sector.

The report, *The Road Ahead*, was launched on 22 February. NCVO's chief executive officer Sarah Vibert posted a commentary on the document.

She wrote: "Our latest Road Ahead report analyses major trends and issues for 2024 to help chart a path through the year. As well as helping you and your organisation to make decisions, this analysis also demonstrates how we at NCVO deliver – and adapt – the support and guidance we offer to our members and the wider voluntary sector."

"It will come as no surprise that we're predicting another year of considerable change for both our sector and our society. We believe our sector will play a big role in this transformational year, particularly by raising our collective voice about the issues that matter and the realities facing our communities. This can be seen in the work we are doing with our partners at ACEVO to develop a voluntary sector manifesto which will be presented to all political parties."

"We expect the resilience and innovation of the voluntary sector to shine through once again in 2024. But we also need to see a renewed partnership with government to tackle the issues facing our society. This requires greater collaboration in the voluntary sector to navigate the challenges ahead and create the most impact for the people and communities we support."

She went on to pinpoint a number of specific milestones.

An election year brings uncertainty – but also opportunity

"It's no secret that we're expecting a general election in 2024 that will likely lead to a change in government, if we rely on current opinion polls. This will have wide ranging implications for our sector, including the potential for a better relationship with government – Keir Starmer recently told a voluntary sector audience that the sector is 'essential' to Labour's vision for Britain and for a 'society of service'."

"There will also be increased focus on what charities are saying and campaigning about. Organisations should consider the potential risks of engaging in campaign or advocacy work – particularly where an



issue may be likely to cause disagreement – and make sure to follow electoral and charity law."

Tough economic times set to continue

"We predict the current tough economic climate for charities will continue through 2024. Both high inflation and interest rates will present challenges for organisations already juggling increasing operating costs and record demand for services."

"Increased pressure on household budgets will negatively impact charitable giving – which makes up almost half of the sector's income – while the dire situation in local government across the country will have knock-on effects for charity contracts and public sector funding."

"It's unlikely we will see much economic respite in 2024, and this makes collaboration more vital than ever – between funders and voluntary organisations, but also between voluntary organisations."

Adapting to the big social, environmental and technology shifts

"We anticipate charities will be at the heart of renewed efforts to shift power beyond voting in elections and into the hands of communities. We support greater local decision making and community empowerment, and our sector will need to keep pushing for increased funding of local government and civic infrastructure."

She also joined other commentators in addressing the issue of AI.

"Voluntary organisations will also need to adapt to the once-in-a-generation shifts being created by AI and the climate crisis. Here, our sector will have a vital role in advocating for a greener and equitable future for everyone."

"AI will continue to reshape how we live and work. Developing plans and strategies to make sure your organisation gets the maximum positive potential from these and other technologies will be crucial."

Finally, she addressed the issue of climate change.

"Similarly, the continuing climate crisis is already having a direct impact on the work of voluntary organisations – both in terms of the impact on the communities they support and the design of services. Organisations must continue to adapt their operations and consider how they are contributing to the achievement of climate targets." □



For tortoise, terrapin and turtle care and conservation

BRITISH CHELONIA GROUP

The BCG has been a Registered Charity (No. 1140830) for nearly 40 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.britishchelonigroup.org.uk



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. □

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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