

Registered in England No. 8884935



**NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**



# **NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

## **Annual report and financial statements year ended 31 December 2017**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

'To raise awareness of equine welfare issues and to help improve  
equine welfare standards nationwide'

## **NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

### **Directors and advisors**

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**Founded March 1977**

**Office:** National Equine Welfare Council  
Abbey Park  
Kenilworth  
CV8 2XZ

**President:** Dr Harry Greenway

**Vice Presidents:** Mrs Lesley Barwise-Munro BVM&S BSc CertEP MRCVS  
Mary King

**Directors:** Mr Nicolas de Brauwere BVSc MRCVS (Chairman)  
Mr Martin Taggart (resigned 6 April 2017)  
Mr Lee Hackett (resigned Feb 2017)  
Dr Carol Hall  
Mr Ryan Rouse  
Miss Claire Gordon  
Gemma Stanford (appointed 6 April 2017)  
Ruth Court (appointed 6 April 2017)

**Hon Treasurer:** Teresa Whistlecraft FCCA, Redwings Horse Sanctuary  
**Bankers:** Barclays, 48/50 The Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 4DD

**NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**  
**Directors Report year ended 31 December 2017**

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The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Status and Administration**

NEWC was founded in March 1977. On 10 February 2014 it became Incorporated as a Community Interest Company governed in accordance with its Articles of Association and Regulations by an elected Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, the members of which are set out on page 5 of this report, is responsible for the activities of the organisation.

**Recruitment of Directors**

Directors represent their individual organisations, but are elected as individuals normally serving for a period of 3 years, with each retiring member becoming eligible for re-election at the next AGM. There is no limit of occasions individual members may offer themselves for election to the Board.

In the event of a vacancy occurring between elections the Board may, at its discretion, call a general meeting to elect a replacement, or co-opt a member.

**Organisation**

The Directors meet at least four times a year and are supported by Welfare Sub-Committees which meet as required and report to the Directors. The Directors execute policy and manage the administrative and day-to-day operations of NEWC.

**Financial Review**

**Investment Policy**

The Directors have the power to invest in such assets as it sees fit. Currently surplus funds are transferred into a high interest 30 day account.

## **NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

### **Directors Report year ended 31 December 2017 (*Continued*)**

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#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Council aims to raise awareness of equine welfare issues and to help improve equine welfare standards nationwide.

The Council's objects are:

- (a) To promote effective methods of dealing with abuse, neglect, cruelty or unnecessary suffering of any sort concerned with equines.
- (b) To encourage and assist all equestrian and equine-related organisations to meet and maintain the standards laid down in the NEWC Code of Practice for Organisations involved in the Keeping of Horses, Ponies & Donkeys.
- (c) To provide government, statutory and other bodies, and the general public with an authoritative and unified source of advice and information on equine welfare.
- (d) To disseminate information and educational material to assist better horse management.
- (e) To support, within the limits of its resources, campaigns agreed by the Directors, having received the support of the membership.
- (f) To facilitate discussion between Member organisations (herein referred to as 'Members').
- (g) To co-ordinate an appropriate response to Members and other equine organisations in difficulty.
- (h) To encourage equine charities and related organisations to become Members of NEWC.
- (i) To provide advice and support to Members, access to training and information relating to the business of running a charity.
- (j) To co-ordinate and/or run equine welfare initiatives in the UK that may be beyond the capability or willingness of individual charities.

**Achievements and Performance**

- The review of the Equine Industry Welfare Guidelines Compendium is complete and the Directors have received the report.
- A subgroup of the Directors held a consultation with the chairs of the existing, successful regional liaison meetings. This helped develop a standardised format for such meetings as we review the geographical areas covered and start up new groups where there is a need. A number of existing liaison meetings trailed the new format where information on health and welfare topics of national interest were drafted by NEWC and shared with the groups. Feedback from these trials is being used to refine future meetings.
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**The Year Ahead**

- The report on the Compendium survey will be used to inform proposals being formulated by the Directors about how NEWC could move to a new edition of what appears to still be a valued resource for improving horse welfare in the UK.
- The Directors have drawn up an action plan to cover improved delivery of membership accreditation visits.
- In the plans for 2018 the Directors saw a need for ensuring a wider range of potential members would see and receive a benefit to joining, which includes demonstrating more clearly the range of information and support that membership can bring.
- Update membership categories to help develop an improved funding model and allow NEWC to attract more members that would see benefit and value to joining NEWC.
- In reviewing the regional meetings it was established that NEWC has value to organisations outside of the immediate welfare sector, in particular local authorities and Police. These often turn to charities when they have horse related problems, but experience has shown that the problems require a deeper understanding of the issues than any one group or body is likely to have; and that can be dealt with more effectively when there is a coordinated longer term plan that allows everyone to play to their strengths and moves from fire-fighting activities towards effective enforcement and prevention strategies. This is a key driver for how the regional meetings will be developed in the medium term.
- The General Data Protection Regulations will have a significant impact on how the charities can continue to work effectively in partnership and NEWC will be working to ensure our meetings and partnership projects are compliant with GDPR.

**NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**  
**Directors Report year ended 31 December 2017 (Continued)**

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**Board of Directors**

The members of the Board of Directors during the year were as follows:

Mr Nicolas de Brauwere	Head of Welfare	Redwings Horse Sanctuary
Dr Carol Hall	Reader in Equitation Science	Nottingham Trent University
Mr Martyn Hubbard		RSPCA
Mr Ryan Rouse	Head of External Welfare	Bransby Horses
Gemma Stanford		(appointed 6 April 2017)
Ruth Court		(appointed 6 April 2017)
Miss Claire Gordon	Chief Field Officer	World Horse Welfare
Mr Martin Taggart	Consultant	The Donkey Sanctuary
		(resigned 6 April 2017)

**Register of Members**

The register of member organisations is available from the registered office or on the website.

**Statement of responsibilities of the Directors**

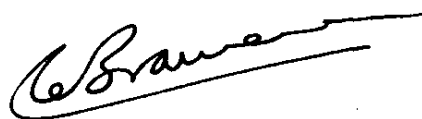
The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue its non-profit making activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by order of the Board of Directors on 19 April 2018



Mr Nicolas de Brauwere  
Chairman

**NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

**NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

	NEWC Unrestricted Funds	NEWC - Restricted Funds				Total	31/12/2016
		EWGC	EHWS	Ragwort	Code of Practice		
<b>INCOME</b>							
Subscriptions	7,862.71					7,862.71	7840
Donations						0.00	4205
Donations Grazing						0.00	813.55
Interest Received						0.00	6.95
Compendium Postage Income			6			6.00	75.78
Grant Income						0.00	2510
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>7,862.71</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7868.71</b>	<b>15451.28</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
Grant						0.00	60
EPT Roadshow Costs	525					525.00	0.00
Compendium Cost	1912.43					1,912.43	0
Website	456.34					456.34	160.75
Meeting Expenses	684.05					684.05	718.98
Wages	11,466.10					11,466.10	15,306.13
Insurance	520.72					520.72	491.8
Printing & Stationery	274					274.00	849.05
Office Expenses						0.00	0
Grazing Leaflets						0.00	1166.4
Rent						0.00	0
Travel & Subsistence	450.96					450.96	904.58
Telephone and Broadband						0.00	0
Legal fees	15					15.00	15
Bank charges						0.00	0
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>16,304.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,304.60</b>	<b>19,672.69</b>
<b>SURPLUS /( DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-8,441.89</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-8,435.89</b>	<b>-4,221.41</b>
<b>BALANCE B/FWD</b>	<b>-15,056.25</b>	<b>24,347.78</b>	<b>-39.5</b>	<b>5,311.68</b>	<b>6,724.00</b>	<b>21,287.71</b>	<b>25,509.12</b>
<b>BALANCE C/FWD</b>	<b>-23,498.14</b>	<b>24,353.78</b>	<b>-39.50</b>	<b>5,311.68</b>	<b>6,724.00</b>	<b>12,851.82</b>	<b>21,287.71</b>



# NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.

## BALANCE SHEET

	31ST DECEMBER 2017	31ST DECEMBER 2016
<b>Assets</b>	9.00	9.00
<b>Debtors</b>	277.87	50.37
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Current Account</b>	7,606.85	6,346.19
<b>Deposit Account</b>	<u>5,006.96</u>	<u>15,006.95</u>
	12,613.81	21,353.14
	<u>12,900.68</u>	<u>21,412.51</u>
<b>Less Creditors</b>	48.85	124.8
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,851.82</u>	<u>21,287.71</u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Code of Practice</b>	6,724.00	6,724.00
<b>Ragwort</b>	5,311.68	5,311.68
<b>EHWS</b>	-39.50	-39.50
<b>EWGC</b>	<u>24,353.78</u>	<u>24,347.78</u>
	36,349.96	36,343.96
<b>General Fund</b>	<u>-23,498.14</u>	<u>-15,056.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,851.82</u>	<u>21,287.71</u>

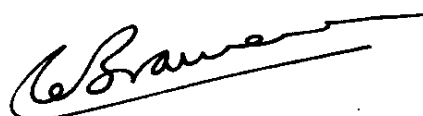
For the financial year to 31st December 2017 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 19 April 2018



Mr Nicolas de Brauwere  
Chairman

Company Registration Number 8884935

# NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.

## RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

### Restricted Funds

<u>Code of Practice Fund</u>	£		£
Opening Balance	6,724.00		
		Closing Balance	6,724.00
	<u>6,724.00</u>		<u>6,724.00</u>

<u>EWGC Fund</u>	£		£
Opening Balance	24,347.78		
Compendium Postage Income	6.00		
		Closing Balance	24,353.78
	<u>24,353.78</u>		<u>24,353.78</u>

### Ragwort Fund

Opening Balance	5,311.68		
		Closing Balance	5,311.68
	<u>5,311.68</u>		<u>5,311.68</u>

### Unrestricted Funds

<u>NEWC General Fund</u>	£		£
		Opening Balance	15,056.25
		EPT roadshow costs	525.00
		Compendium Costs	1,912.43
		Website	456.34
		Meeting Expenses	684.05
Subscriptions	7,862.71	Wages	11,466.10
Donations	0.00	Insurance	520.72
Interest Received	0.00	Stationery	274
Grant Income	0.00	Grazing Leaflets	0.00
Donations Grazing	0.00	Travel & Subsistence	450.96
		Legal fees	15
Closing Balance	23,498.14		
	<u>31,360.85</u>		<u>31,360.85</u>

## **NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

### **Summary of significant accounting policies**

#### **1.1. General information and basic of preparation**

National Equine Welfare C.I.C is a Community Interest Company limited by guarantee incorporated in England within the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the company information page of these financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the company, no rounding is applied.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost conversion and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards 102 Section 1A, the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

This is the first year in which the financial statements have been prepared under FRS 102 Section 1A. There was no impact of first time adoption of FRD 102.

## **NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

NEWC C.I.C. is very grateful for the continued support from the British Horse Society for providing office space and facilities to NEWC.

Thank you to Redwings Horse Sanctuary for accounting support and carrying out the Treasurer role.

Thank you to The Horse Trust for hosting the 2018 AGM

### **FULL EQUINE WELFARE MEMBERS** (Organisations that keep horses)

Animals Refuge (Now Oak Tree Animals' Charity)  
Ash Rescue Centre  
Blue Cross  
Bransby Horses  
CHAPS (Ceased operating in May 2017)  
Crosskennan Lane Animal Sanctuary  
Devon Horse & Pony Sanctuary  
Donkey Sanctuary  
Greatwood Caring for Retired Racehorses  
HACK  
HAPPA (Horses & Ponies Protection Association)  
HEROS  
Hope Pastures  
Horse Rescue Fund  
HorseWorld  
Isle of Man Home of Rest for Old Horses  
Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary  
Jigsaw  
Lluest Horse & Pony Trust  
Mane Chance Sanctuary  
Margaret Green Animal Rescue  
Mare and Foal Sanctuary  
Moorcroft Racehorse Welfare Centre  
Northern Counties Horse Protection Society  
Oak Tree Animal's Charity  
Redwings Horse Sanctuary  
RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)  
SPEAR (Sue Pike Equine & Animal Rescue)  
Society for the Welfare of Horses & Ponies  
Sussex Horse Rescue Trust  
The Horse Trust  
The British Thoroughbred Retraining Centre  
Touchdown  
Thornberry  
World Horse Welfare

## **NATIONAL EQUINE WELFARE COUNCIL C.I.C.**

### **FULL WELFARE MEMBERS** (No animals held)

Anglia Ruskin University  
Animal Health Trust  
Association of British Riding Schools  
British Driving Society  
British Connemara Pony Society  
British Equine Veterinary Association  
British Horseracing  
British Horse Society  
British Mule Society  
British Showjumping  
British Skewbald & Piebald Association  
Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society  
Donkey Breed Society  
Elise Pilkington Trust  
Epona Trust  
Equine Grass Sickness Fund  
Exmoor Pony Society  
Horsescotland  
Horses4homes  
National Pony Society  
Nottingham Trent University  
Racehorse Owners Association  
Retraining of Racehorses  
Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies  
Safe Haven for Donkeys  
SPANNA (Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa)  
The Brooke  
The British Horse Society  
Welsh Pony & Cob Society  
Worshipful Company of Farriers

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Equestrian Needs  
Equiculture  
GAWF  
LeadChange  
Mark Johnson Farrier  
South Essex Insurance Brokers

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## Community Interest Company Report

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**Company Name in  
full**

National Equine Welfare Council C.I.C

**Company Number**

8884935

**Year Ending**

31 December 2017

**Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.**

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

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## **PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT**

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

- The review of the Equine Industry Welfare Guidelines Compendium is complete and the Directors have received the report.
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*(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)*



**PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS** – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

The stakeholders are the member organisations (as listed in the accounts).

No consultations have been carried out with its stakeholders in relation to NEWC's C.I.C. related business.

The stakeholders, in the form of our membership, receive regular communications such as the distribution of minutes and agendas as part of the secretarial role to the Equine Sector Council,

NEWC communicated with its members when issues of significance to equine welfare comes to light and NEWC circulated call for information, requests to participate in consultations e.g. government consultations relevant to our members, and requests for assistance in dealing with equine situations when multi-agency responses to major equine welfare cases are required.

*(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").*

**PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION** – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

No remuneration was received.

**PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION** – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that "no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made" below.

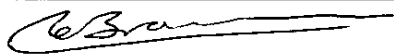
No transfer of assets other than for full consideration had been made.

*(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)*

## PART 5 – SIGNATORY

**The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company**

Signed



Date

26 July 2018

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/~~Secretary~~

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Tel	
DX Number	DX Exchange

**When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:**

*For companies registered in England and Wales:* Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ  
DX 33050 Cardiff

*For companies registered in Scotland:* Companies House, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139  
Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh or LP – 4 Edinburgh 2

*For companies registered in Northern Ireland:* Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38  
Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

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