



# *The Rescuer*

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***Trevor's "30th Year" Appeal***

***Please help us save Sussex's Wildlife!***



**RESCUE LINE: 07815-078234**

## *Emergency Swan Rescue near Pevensey.*



Three rescuers and two ambulances rushed to the aid of a swan covered head to toe in blood on Friday 9th January. They found the swan in a field just west of the road between the village of Wartling and Pevensey Service Station.

The rescuers effort were hampered due to flooding across the field. On the first attempt at capture the swan managed to take off. The swan landed in a drainage dyke at the far side of the field. To get there rescuers had 1 large dyke and 3 smaller dykes to cross. The first three channels, which are normally dry during the summer, were about knee deep in water. The swan was in an awkward location but an ideal place to try a capture. There was only one thing for it and that was for Trevor to take off his jacket and fleece and swim across the freezing water of the dyke. The rescue plan worked and Trevor was able to catch the swan successfully, with Tony's help from the opposite side of the dyke. Rescuer Chris helped ensure the swan was safely moved back across the dyke and back to WRAS's ambulances.

The swan was checked over and found to have numerous cuts, one of which was a severe bleed. Rescuers had to apply a trauma gauze to the lower beak to help stop the bleeding which had to be taped in place. After seeking advice from the Swan Sanctuaries Veterinary Team, we decided to send the swan up to their specialist vets to assess. The swan was released home a week later.



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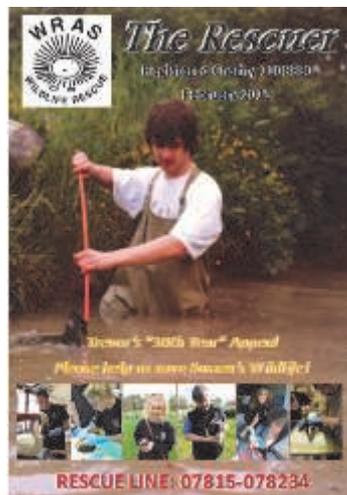
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*East Sussex WRAS  
the busiest local  
wildlife rescue  
organisation.*

## FRONT PAGE:

This old photo is of WRAS founder Trevor Weeks in the early 1990s undertaking an emergency Great Crested Newt Rescue on a building site in Hailsham, under licence from English Nature. Plus a series of photos of the Care Team at WRAS.



## *New Newsletter Format saves funds!*

A while ago we contacted a number of supporters about our newsletters and many mentioned they would like to see a colour newsletter. Cost has been our biggest concern, but luckily we have found a new online print company which is able to offer us cheaper printing, better paper and a colour front cover, and still save WRAS over £300 per newsletter print run.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Common pond is now clean

CONSERVATIONISTS donned wellies and their oldest clothes as they sat about clearing Hailsham Common Pond of rubbish.

The town council provided a skip to take away the debris which Eastbourne and District Conservation Volunteers dragged from the depths.

Much of the rubbish was dumped after last October's storm and the volunteers were concerned that it was causing considerable damage



Two Press cutting, one from 1988 featuring WRAS's Trevor Weeks helping to clean out Hailsham Common Pond and below the front page of the Sussex Express in March 1992 a picture of "Goo" the Goose rescued by Trevor after she became blind and needed a new home.

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## Goo finds a new home

GOO - the famous Hailsham Goose - is retiring from public life.  
Assistant leaver Trevor Weeks has decided Goo's career is over and at 22, it's time to call it a day.  
Goo, who is now blind to both eyes, has already left his old home on Hailsham Common Pond and is going into a retirement home in assistant leaver Christine Powell's back garden.  
"It's a shame he can't live on the pond anymore because he was very popular, but he is now too old and his health has become very frail," said Trevor, who helped catch Goo last week to take him to his new home.  
"It's not really fair to leave him on the pond any longer as we have found him a home where he will be well looked after and where we hope he will live a good few more years."  
Christine, who lives off Western Road, Hailsham, said she would be clearing the back of looking after Goo with her four-year-old son Scott.  
"Scott has got up regularly to go down the pond and feed Goo for the past year or so and has grown very fond of him. It's delightful that Goo has now come to live with us permanently," she said.

Picture: JIM REDMAN.

# *Trevor's 30th Year Appeal.*

Throughout this special newsletter will be a brief history of WRAS, on the left hand pages, all about the charities humble beginnings and how it has developed over the years.

WRAS is celebrating the success of its Casualty Centre which has been open now for 5 years. Celebrating our 10th year as a registered charity. Celebrating almost 20 years as a voluntary group as well as celebrating founder Trevor Weeks' completion of his 30th year undertaking wildlife rescue and conservation work in East Sussex and beyond.

We are launching Trevor's 30th Year Appeal to raise vital funds to help WRAS save our local wildlife. WRAS's workload has always been much higher than it can cope with but we want to change that and help even more casualties than ever before! Millions of wildlife casualties are euthanized at vets up and down the country due to the lack of facilities for these casualties to go to, but in East Sussex they have WRAS and we are saving thousands of wildlife casualties as a result of your help.

If you can help by donation £30 as it's Trevor 30th year, or £20 as WRAS has been a voluntary group for 20 years or £10 as we have been a registered charity for 10 years then please make a donation today to show your support for Trevor's work and that of all the hard working volunteers at WRAS!

## ***Celebration Party—You're Invited!***

On Saturday 15th August 2015 we are holding a celebration party at East Dean Village Hall. Tickets are just £5 a head to cover costs and booking in advance is required. There will be vegetarian butternut squash and ginger soup and bread, green pesto and mushroom pasta as well as other nibbles and a bar. There will be music and a photographer too. We will be showing a short video of the development of WRAS over the years including some early footage of Trevor rescuing as well as some more modern footage and photos too. There will be other entertainment too. To book tickets call Lindsay on 01825-873003.



The final phase of works started in December.

## ***Casualty Centre Development.***

WRAS is in the process of completing the final stages of its Casualty Care Centre at Whitesmith. When it was first established back in 2010 we aimed for a 5-6 year plan of development. The final work is in the process of being completed too, albeit slightly later than hoped.

## ***How to Donate.***

To make a donation online visit our website [www.wildlifeambulance.org](http://www.wildlifeambulance.org); or give us a call on 01825-873003 during office hours to make a donation over the phone; or post a donation to Trevor's Appeal, East Sussex WRAS, PO Box 2148, Seaford, BN25 9DE.

## Oiled Seabird Patrols



Meta Mann feeding an oiled Guillemot.

2005

Late 1980s

In the late 1980s and early 1990s Trevor spent a lot of time helping Meta Mann who used to run the Seaford Bird Hospital from her home. Trevor would walk the beaches searching for oiled sea birds and transport them on the bus to Meta to medicate and clean.

Trevor and WRAS has continued to rescue these birds every winter since, although the numbers are much lower thanks to a change in legislation which means tankers have to wash their tanks out in port and not at sea.



## ***Wartling Road Swan Rescue.***

An ambulance rushed out to this swan, found wandering dazed, on the Wartling to Pevensey road after several motorists spotted the swan in trouble back in November.

On site the swan was found on the bank of one of the drainage dykes in some reeds looking very sorry for itself. Rescuer Tony picked up the swan and decided that it needed to come into care as it was so lethargic and dazed.

At WRAS's Casualty Care Centre the swan was found to be in shock and luckily had no other serious injuries and was bedded down for the night with a warm bed and food.

The following day the swan had made a full recovery and was taken back down to Eastbourne for release back into the wild.



## ***Eastbourne Fox Escapes.***

Saturday December 20th turned into a morning of foxes, WRAS received two call's at 8.30am, one regarding a fox stuck in a football net, and a few seconds later a fox on the A259 that had been hit by a car. Rescuer Tony rushed to the road casualty fox, where luckily some workmen waited with the poor animal, who was in a bad way. The fox was rushed into St Annes Vets in Eastbourne, but later on in the day he took a turn for the worse and the vets decided it would be kinder to put the fox to sleep.

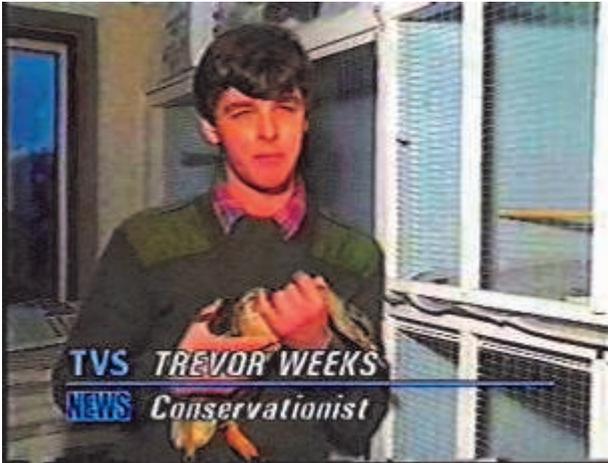
Rescue co-ordinator Chris, rushed to the fox in Etchingham Road, Eastbourne. When Chris arrived, the RSPCA were already attending. Chris assisted with the rescue, but sadly as their officer tried to manoeuvre the animal into a cage, it struggled and escaped.

A good way to avoid these problems is to remove the netting when not in use, especially at weekends and school holidays, when there is less activity on sports fields. In places where hedgehogs are frequent visitors you can try raising the netting off the ground by 8 inches so that hedgehogs can run underneath without getting caught up.

# *Deanland Wood Oil Spill Rescue.*

Meta contacted Trevor asking him to investigate reports of oiled ducks on a static caravan park near Golden Cross in the early 1990s. Trevor spent over a week on site slowly one by one catching almost all of the ducks which were present, which were taken back to Meta's home, washed and treated.

Many of the ducks were caught in bushes as they could still fly but didn't want to go into the water due to the pollution.



## *Events in 2015!*

Saturday 28th February : **Unusual Quiz Night.** East Dean Village Hall. Tickets £10 per person. Includes meal and entry to Quiz. For more details or to Book call Lindsay 01825-873003.

4th April: **Pamper Day** at the Lansdowne Hotel, Eastbourne. 10am till 6pm. Tickets £18 per person, For more information call Lindsay on 01825-873003.

28th /29th March: **VegFest** at the Brighton Centre.

13th / 14th June: Michelham Priory's **Wildlife Weekend**, Upper Dicker.

19th September: **WRAS's Nature Trail** Free entry. Series of short talks all day. Pasta meal provided between 12noon and 2pm. Refreshments available all day. Stalls and displays. Great way to learn more about our local wildlife and to help celebrate Trevor's 30th year!



## Blackheaded Gull Rescued.

Although we get hundreds of gulls in every year, one species of gull we rarely have in care is the Black headed gull.

This one was picked up near Sevenoaks Road in Eastbourne back in January, underweight, unable to stand nor fly.

The bird is thought to have been hit by a vehicle or had a collision of some description. There appears to be spinal trauma but no paralysis.

The gull is still in care and improving daily and will hopefully be released soon.



## *2015 First Baby Pigeon.*

This adorable baby pigeon was delivered to WRAS's Casualty Centre on 7th January as WRAS's first baby pigeon of 2015. Certainly smaller than we were expecting.

The pigeon was rescued by staff at a Lewes Supermarket after apparently a pest control company destroyed the nest and left the bird on the ground outside the store to fend for itself.

Sandra Palme is an amazing artist and really knows how to capture the true character of the pets she draws.

To help support WRAS, Sandra is happy to donate to WRAS 15% of the value of any commissioned work when WRAS is mentioned.

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Above: Gary and Trevor tubing an oiled Guillemot.  
Below: The Sea Empress off St Annes Head.

## Sea Empress Oil Spill 1996.

In March 1996, Trevor was volunteering with Gary Treadwell of Redbrook Wildlife Rescue based at Buxted. Whilst at work Trevor received a call from Gary asking if he would be able to take some time off work and accompany him to the Sea Empress Oil Spill at Milford Haven in Wales.

Within 2 hours Trevor had a bag packed and was on the motorway travelling to Wales.

They arrived just after midnight and first thing in the morning Gary and Trevor started setting up a temporary wildlife hospital using one of the classrooms at Dale Fort Field Centre on St Anne's Head. They worked alongside British Divers Marine Life Rescue and Greenpeace. Their main role was to treat the birds when they arrived and medicate them before attempting to wash them once stable. Trevor was there for 20 days before the National Swan Sanctuary took over. In that time over 300 birds were rescued and treated including scoters, guillemots, razorbills, coots, grebes and more.



## ***Christmas Fox Rescues.***

The festive period saw WRAS dealing with several fox call-outs. They included this fox with a rear leg caught in stock fencing at Lower Dicker near Hailsham.

Rescuers Tony and Sally attended on site and managed to secure the fox and cut the leg free.

The wire was down to the bone and the fox needed urgent veterinary attention so was taken straight to Henley House Vets in Uckfield for attention. The foxes wounds were quite severe and needed to be operated on as an emergency. As WRAS already had a fox and badger and so many other casualties in care at the time the Fox Project at Tunbridge Wells kindly agreed to take the fox on for rehabilitation.



## ***Lottbridge Drove Swan Rescue.***

WRAS has been called out to yet another swan crashed on Lottbridge Drove in Eastbourne.

Rescuer Chris rushed out to dual carriageway in Eastbourne and found traffic at a stand-still.

The swan was quickly picked up and checked over and then delivered up to WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith.

The swan was lucky enough not to have any serious injuries. On examination several leeches were found on the eyes of the swan which are thought to be the cause of the swan crashing. The swan was kept in overnight and monitored and released the following morning.

# East Sussex Wildlife Rescue

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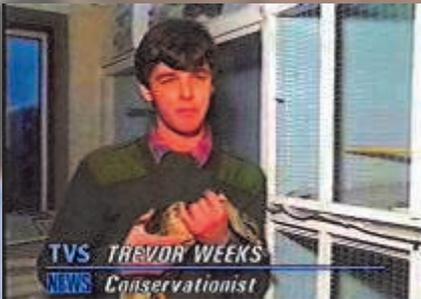
1985

Trevor in Hailsham Common Pond clearing out junk and rubbish in the mid 1980s.



In September 1985 Trevor Weeks was aged 13. He formed East Sussex Wildlife Rescue when the costs of helping wildlife became too high. It became a registered Charity. It now has 10 ambulances, a Casualty Care Centre, 100 casualties, 3 consultant vets, over 100 members of staff working on minimum wages, helping w

Trevor on TVS News after the Deanland Wood Oil Spill. Early 1990s



Trevor works with British Divers Marine Life Rescue, Redbrook Wildlife Rescue and Greenpeace at the Sea Empress Oil Spill in 1996.

Emergency newt rescue mission on a building site at Hailsham. Mid 1990s.



Late 1990s Val & Murrae join WRAS. Here Murrae helps Trevor with a swan at Lewes.



Trevor sets up a small hospital in the spare room in Peacehaven. Trevor feeding a fox cub Spring 2003.

# ue & Ambulance Service

## our Casualty Care Centre

most 20 years as a voluntary group  
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2015

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It now has four veterinary  
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wildlife!



Trevor with "Marra" the dolphin  
being rescued at Maryport Cumbria.  
2006 working for BDMLR.



WRAS takes on its first veterinary  
consultant Simon Harris MRCVS in  
2008.



The opening of  
WRAS's New  
Casualty Care  
Centre at  
Whitesmith in  
September 2010.



2012 Trevor picks  
up an MBE for  
services to animal  
welfare & WRAS  
wins the ITV1  
Local Animal  
Charity of the  
Year 2013.



WRAS helps launch  
the Sussex Badger  
Vaccination Project  
and 5 of its  
volunteers including  
Trevor become  
qualified Lay  
Vaccinators.



2014 WRAS  
launches a new  
Ambulance  
sponsored by  
Animal Friends  
Insurance, & Trevor  
receives a Diploma  
in Wildlife First Aid

## ***WRAS turns into a Voluntary Group in 1996.***

Vets bills rose, and Trevor started to struggle to pay the vets fees and expenses associated with trying to rescue wildlife. More and more people started contacting Trevor as well as organisations like the Fox Project, Swan Sanctuary, Badger Group and more. Vet Robin Hooper from Downwood Vets at Horam, offered to cut Trevor's £1000 outstanding vets bill in half if he managed to set up a voluntary group to fundraise and help rescue wildlife. Trevor rose to the challenge and it wasn't long before East Sussex Wildlife Rescue was formed as a voluntary group. Two of the longest serving volunteers have been Val and Murrae Hume who joined WRAS in 1997 and have been with us ever since. Murrae is now a WRAS trustee as well as the Finance Director but still helps out with rescues on a regular basis.

Maz joined the team in 2002 based in Brighton helping to rescue casualties along with Alec in Eastbourne a few years later. 2007 saw rescuer Tony join who is still with us volunteering and based in Polegate. Other volunteers like Sue, Shirley, Yvonna, Anne and Lorraine to name a few helped out at various stages of WRAS's development.



# Animal Careers College

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## *Wildlife First Aid & Rehabilitation Diploma with Practical - Level 3.*

The Wildlife Rescue Course is suitable training for working in a hands-on rescue, care and rehabilitation role with wildlife.

The course is of value to anyone wanting to gain valuable knowledge to enable them to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured wildlife. This comprehensive course aims to provide learners with the skills necessary for administering basic first aid to wildlife. Students attending this practical will gain hands-on experience assisting with the rescue, care and release of wildlife.

There are 6 modules and a week long practical working with East Sussex WRAS at their Casualty Care Centre. The modules are:

Module 1: First Aid Principles.

Module 2: Vital Signs and how to assist an injured animal.

Module 3: Treating an injury

Module 4: Hygiene & Health

Module 5: First Aid Kit Essentials

Module 6: Wildlife Care and Rescue Centre.

More information about this course as well as others go to:

[www.animal-job.co.uk/wildlife-rescue-course.html](http://www.animal-job.co.uk/wildlife-rescue-course.html)



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**International Animal Rescue** funds 50% of the wages for the part time employment (36 hours a week) of Trevor Weeks MBE to manage WRAS's Casualty Care Centre (earning just minimum wage). Trevor Weeks regularly puts in between 70 –110 hours a week, working many hours on a voluntary basis above what he is paid for because of his commitment and dedication to giving the casualties the care that they deserve. WRAS would not be able to operate without the help and support of Trevor Weeks or International Animal Rescue, plus the staff and many other volunteers within WRAS, ensuring your donations go as far as possible.

## *The Peacehaven Era.*

In the late 1990s and early 2000s Trevor was living at Peacehaven and working closely with Lindy and Jules they set up a small rescue unit where he was staying.

Despite working almost full time, Trevor and Lindy would take turns getting up during the night to feed baby fox cubs or rear orphaned hedgehogs.

In 2002 just 6 weeks after training as a Marine Mammal Medic with British Divers Marine Life rescue a life Atlantic White-sided Dolphin stranded on Newhaven's West Beach. Trevor put all he had learnt into effect and was assisted by the fire service who pumped water to the dolphin to keep it wet. Sadly the dolphin was too ill to survive.

Later that same year saw Trevor rescue his first Harbour Seal Pup which was found emaciated on the beach below Newhaven Fort. With assistance from Alan Knight and British Divers Marine Life Rescue the seal was tube fed on the beach and then transported to the RSPCA at Hastings.

The end of 2004 and beginning of 2005 saw WRAS establish itself as a registered Charity.





## ***Rescuers Honoured in New Year's Honours List.***

WRAS would like to congratulate Jenny Clark (left) founder of the Sussex Bat Hospital and Dot Beeson (right) founder of the Swan Sanctuary who were both named in the New Year's Honours List as Members of the Order of the British Empire.



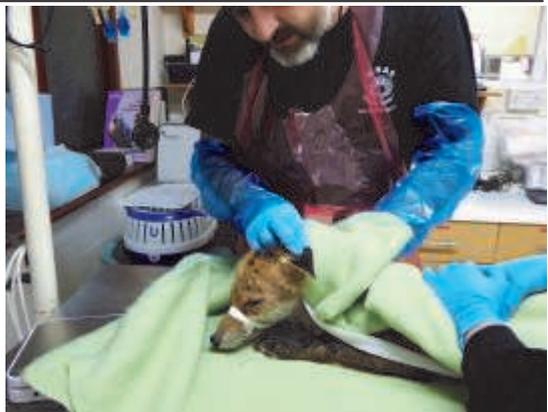
WRAS works closely with both organisations and has done for many years and is delighted that they have been recognised for their dedication and hard work. Congratulations from everyone at East Sussex WRAS.



## ***Heathfield Co-op Bat Rescue.***

Rescuers Kathy and Trevor attended to a bat found in the warehouse at Heathfield Co-op over Christmas.

The bat turned out to be a Natterers Bat, and was dehydrated, underweight, and had some damage to his wing membranes. The bat was gently warmed up and delivered up to Jenny Clark MBE at the Sussex Bat Hospital for treatment and care. The bat was featured on the BBC news article on Jenny's MBE honour.



## ***Mange Fox admitted.***

Often mange foxes can be treated out on site but during the winter it can be difficult and many struggle. This fox was rescued and admitted after clearly struggling to survive. He was admitted into WRAS's casualty centre.

Advice on treating mange foxes can be found on the Fox Projects website at [www.foxproject.org.uk/fox-facts/sarcoptic-mange](http://www.foxproject.org.uk/fox-facts/sarcoptic-mange)



## *WRAS sets up its own Casualty Centre.*

In 2006 Trevor managed to secure a grant to erect this wooden building at the back of a vets in Horsebridge. As the centre developed, Trevor became ill and several times passed out and was warned by his doctor that he was on the verge of having a heart attack and needed to take it easy and not work such long hours. Trevor had no choice but to pass the reins over to a new employed person who worked part time for WRAS.

Unfortunately things did not work out with this employee, nor at the vets, with rocketing vets bills and poor management of the new centre. As a result Trevor had to step back up and take over again. In 2009 WRAS moved to the Shaw Barn at Whitesmith and in September 2010 WRAS's current Casualty Care Centre was opened by Patron Sarah Jane Honeywell where Trevor continued to over see the day to day management of the charity.



## ***Cake Sale Raises Money for WRAS!***



Staff at the BMI Esperance Hospital in Eastbourne raised money for WRAS back in December by baking cakes. A total of £135 was raised by staff and patients making donations for the cakes. WRAS's Trevor Weeks visited the centre to say thank you for their valuable and much needed fundraising and to sample their cakes.

We can't mention everyone who raises money for WRAS but if you would like your fundraising efforts to be mentioned please e-mail a photo and details to [media@eastsussexwras.org.uk](mailto:media@eastsussexwras.org.uk) and we will see what we can do. Or let us know in advance that you are doing something and we will see whether Trevor or someone from WRAS can call in and say hello, but we can't make any promises.

## ***Maximum Diner supports WRAS.***



WRAS would like to thank the staff and customers of Maximum Diner in Uckfield who have been raising funds to help support WRAS this winter.

On Christmas Week WRAS was presented with a very full collection tin with £102.60. Every Monday they made a donation for every collection order placed. Christmas

Eve Manager Dervis Gurol even dressed in a Captain America Onesie to help raise money!

The diner was the inspiration for the book "Maximum Diner" a memoir written by Christopher Nye. It tells the story of Nye's successful attempt to set up an American-style diner in Uckfield High Street. The diner is very popular and still going strong although now owned by Alkan Gurol and run with the help of his son Dervis.



# Information:

**East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service.**

**Reg Charity 1108880**

**Postal Address:** PO Box 2148, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 9DE.

**Casualty Centre Address:** Unit 8, The Shaw Barn, Whitesmith, East Sussex, BN8 6JD.

**Registered Address:** 8 Stour Close, Stone Cross, Pevensey, East Sussex, BN24 5QU.

(Please DO NOT deliver casualties to ANY of these addresses as none of them are constantly staffed, please call the rescue line first for advice and assistance.)

**Directors:** Monica Russell, Murrae Hume, Kathy Martyn

**Patrons:** Sarah Jane Honeywell, Chris Packham, CJ de Mooi

**Casualty Care Centre Management Team:**

**Operations Director:** Trevor Weeks MBE

**Centre Managers:** Lindsay Redfern BSc (Hons) & Kathy Martyn

**Weekend Managers:** Chris Riddington & Kirsti Sibbald.

**Vets:** Simon Harris BVSc Cert VR, MRCVS.

Chris Hall BVSc, MRCVS & Mike Symons BVSc MRCVS

All WRAS's Managers have or are currently studying Diplomas in Wildlife First Aid and Rehabilitation or a similar qualifications in Animal Care, have completed the British Hedgehog Preservation Society & Vale Wildlife Rescue's Hedgehog Basic First Aid, Care & Rehabilitation Course as well as undertaking regular training with WRAS's vets and other organisations.

## Phone Numbers:

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(Please DO NOT ring any other WRAS numbers concerning rescuing casualties)

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(Please be aware we are unable to book talks for May, June, July and August.)

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## Veterinary Premises:

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## Members of:

British Hedgehog Preservation Society  
British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

## Social Media:

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www.youtube.com/user/eastsussexwras

**Website:** www.wildlifeambulance.org

**School Visits & Work Placements:** Please see our website for more information or contact Lindsay on 01825-873145 or lindsay@eastsussexwras.org.uk.



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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ . Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you require an acknowledgement of your donation? Yes / No (Please delete as appropriate).

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## Standing Order Form:

If you wish to make a standing order to WRAS please fill in your name and address above and complete your bank details then send this form to: East Sussex WRAS, Po Box 2148, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 9DE.

Yes, I would like to help East Sussex WRAS by donating £ \_\_\_\_ on a regular monthly standing order until further notice.

My Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

My Sort Code: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Please start my standing order on

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.

(Please make this date at least 3 weeks away.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bank Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bank Instructions: Please pay to Lloyds TSB Plc, (30-92-86) , 104 Terminus Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3AH, for the credit of "East Sussex WRAS", A/c 02529656.

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**Gift Aid Declaration:** Yes, I am a UK taxpayer. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5th April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I gave on or after 6th April 2008.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## *WRAS's New Award Winning Casualty Team.*

With the establishment of WRAS's new Casualty Care Centre in 2010, there was a big shift in the number of casualties which WRAS was looking after itself going from almost 80% of casualties rescued being passed to other organisations to deal with down to now less than 10% being passed over.

WRAS registered its Casualty Centre as a Veterinary Premises with the Royal College of Vets and took on its first consultant Vet Simon Harris. Over the next 5 years WRAS has built up its Casualty Team to include Trevor Weeks, Kathy Martyn, Lindsay Redfern, Chris Riddington and Kirsti Sibbald. As well as Chris Hall from Henley House Vets in Uckfield coming on board and most recently Mike Symons a semi-retired vet from Cliffe Vets in Lewes, who now visits almost weekly helping out.

In 2010 WRAS picked up an Animal Action Award from the International Fund for Animal Welfare at the House of Lords, Trevor also picked up a Life Time Achievement Award from Sovereign FM Radio. In 2012 Trevor was listed in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and became an MBE for services to Animal Welfare. The charity soon picked up a BBC Sussex and Surrey Community Heroes Award for Animal Welfare in 2012 and then the Local Animal Charity of the Year in the ITV1 British Animal Honours 2013.

WRAS continues to develop and in 2014 WRAS helped establish the Sussex Badger Vaccination Project. It has also started work on expanding WRAS's facilities at its Casualty Care Centre at Whitesmith which will include a new reception area, theatre, new Orphan Rearing Room and more, as well as a new Educational Trailer.



## *Christmas Emergency Badger Rescue on disused railway line at Lewes.*

This badger was found collapsed and had to be rushed into WRAS for emergency care in December. The old badger was emaciated and very concussed when found. After several weeks of care and tests the badger was discovered to have a heart condition and sadly had to be put to sleep which was very upsetting.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE A DONATION TO WRAS!** The casualties featured in this newsletter would have been left to suffer if it had not been for WRAS. The charity can only survive thanks to your donations. To make a donation please call 01825-873003 or post a donation to: East Sussex WRAS, PO Box 2148, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 9DE. Thank you.