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The Fields Were  
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Trevor Weeks MBE

Celebrating 30 years undertaking wildlife rescue and conservation work. "Sold in aid of East Sussex WRAS, Reg Charity 1108880"

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*A season of Swans and Stags!*

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If you see the You Tube Logo, it means there is video footage of the rescue, treatment or release of this casualty on our You Tube Channel.  
[www.youtube.com/user/eastsussexwras](http://www.youtube.com/user/eastsussexwras)



**Front Cover:** The Front cover of this edition features rescuer Chris Riddington rescuing a swan near Newhaven. To find out more go to page 6.

## ***New Newsletter Format saves funds!***

In 2013 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, and we can't afford to print the entire newsletter in colour. Luckily we have been able to come to a compromise as we have found a new online print company which is able to offer us cheaper printing and a colour front cover, and still save WRAS over £300 per newsletter print run. This has also helped us obtain more advertising which in turn has reduced the cost of printing newsletters, so we have more money to spend on the casualties.



## ***Disabled Hedgehog Site Success By Kathy Martyn.***

At WRAS we firmly believe that animals should be returned back to their natural environment in the wild. There are a few exceptions that can be made, under certain circumstances, which very much depends on the individual animal/bird, and we believe that if they are going to live in captivity it should be as close to a natural life as possible. Since 2012 WRAS has been using an amazing massive walled garden which allows us to have a small number of disabled hedgehogs living out their lives as if they were wild, but able to be monitored and brought back into care if need be. These are usually hedgehogs with sight problems, and may not subsequently be nocturnal, or occasionally with a manageable brain injury. They are closely monitored in smaller environments first, for signs of stress, and to make sure they can cope and find their food ok. They then go into a smaller pen in the walled garden, before being released into the main garden. The hedgehogs are able to forage for themselves, but also have supportive food put out for them. They are all micro chipped so they can be identified, and are all of the same sex. We have been doing this since 2012 in this particular garden, and after 3 years we have only now lost our first hedgehog to go in there. "Heath Ledger" passed away, probably of old age, just a few months after we last checked him over weighing over 1kg and looking in great condition.





### ***Chimney Rescue.***

This white pigeon was rescued from inside a blocked up chimney in Eastbourne. He was rather underweight, and needed feeding up at WRAS's Hospital before being taken back for release.



### ***Lewes Cygnet Returns.***

A cygnet taking its first flight crashed on a nearby lane between Cockshut Lane and Kingston Road, Lewes in October. Rescuers had to catch the swan which was carried back to his parents on a nearby stream.



### ***Hastings Road Casualty Badger.***

3am on a cold October morning a passing motorist stopped and moved an injured badger out of the road along The Ridge a busy road in Hastings. He called another rescue organisation and left them a message . We don't know whether they attended or whether they couldn't find the badger as the motorist left the scene. 12 hours later the motorist on his way home stopped and checked and found the badger a few metres away from where he left it, now in a drainage ditch. This time WRAS was called and rescuers attended on site within the hour and were able to rescue and treat the badger on site. The badger was sedated and given an x-ray at Henley House Vets where a badly shattered front leg and shoulder were discovered as well as other injuries meaning the poor creature had to be put to sleep.





## ***Swan Injured After Hitting Power Cable at Newhaven.***

Rescuers Chris Riddington, Trevor Weeks and Dave Novel attended on site to a swan just north of Newhaven's Incinerator in September after it was found injured.

The swan's wing was badly broken and infected and after receiving emergency medication at WRAS's Casualty Centre the swan was taken to the Shepperton Swan Sanctuary where the swan's wing was amputated. The sanctuary rehomes disabled swans on private lakes where they can live out their lives as if wild.

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## ***Injured Baby Pigeon Rescued at Isfield.***



This little baby pigeon was rescued late at night in Isfield. He has a few puncture wounds on his back which needed treating but after several nights of Kathy feeding him little and often he started getting stronger and stronger.

These little baby birds are not easy to rear but WRAS's pigeon mum Kathy stays up during the night to help nurse them back to health.



## ***International Animal Rescue Calls out WRAS.***

Our friends at International Animal Rescue and British Divers Marine Life Rescue based in Uckfield, called out WRAS after a poorly pigeon was found on the flat roof outside their office. Rescuer Kathy was able to climb out of the window and corner the pigeon and catch him. The poorly pigeon was very weak, and suffering with Canker which sadly started to obstruct his airway, despite our best efforts, the poor creature passed away.





## ***Decoy Pond Cygnets Rescued - again!***

Volunteer rescuers rushed to Decoy Pond, Hampden Park on 14th August after reports of lethargic swans in the water looking unwell. Rescuers Chris Riddington, Kathy Martyn and Trevor Weeks attended on site with one of WRAS's main Veterinary Ambulances.

On arrival mum and two cygnets were near the bank, but the cygnets were showing little interest in eating the bread, and acting very lethargic. "As Chris and Kathy kept the waterfowl distracted, I managed to creep up behind them and net one of the cygnets. I was expecting way more resistance and a much quicker reaction, but I caught him really easily. I was surprised at how light he was" said Trevor.

Very quickly after Chris caught the second cygnet by hand from the bank. Being patient, rescuers waited for the cob swan (dad) to bring two more cygnets across to the inlet stream, where Kathy was able to catch another by hand. Trevor was then able to catch the fourth using a long handled net at the same location. Believing there were only four cygnet rescuers were about to leave when a fifth cygnet appeared. This one took longer to catch but using patience Kathy again managed to catch the cygnet by hand. "You just shouldn't be

able to catch cygnets that easily, this made me very concerned for their welfare" said Kathy.

Trevor checked the islands using a dry suit to ensure no other cygnets were present, before returning the cygnets to WRAS's Casualty Care Centre for assessment. The lightest cygnet was just 2.65kg and the heaviest was 4.6kg certainly a lot smaller than they should be for their development stage.

This is the third brood of cygnets in a row which have suffered problems at Decoy



Pond Hampden Park, Eastbourne. It is believed the problem is being caused by a parasite which lives in the silt at the bottom of the pond. The parasite primarily affects swans which are filter feeders and reach lower down into the water and silt than duck can. The parent birds seem strong enough to cope with the parasite but every year cygnets are being lost to this problem. Last year Eastbourne Borough Council sent a dead cygnet off to the Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton for a Post Mortem Examination which revealed a very heavy parasite burden. The sanctuary's vet requested that WRAS step in to save the remaining cygnets. Out of the remaining five cygnets one died at the sanctuary but the other four, after treatment, survived.



This year a cygnet was found dead at the pond, but the weight was not too low and cause of death was not obvious. However reports just over a week later prompted rescues to assess their condition again which resulted in their rescue and transportation to the Swan Sanctuary for urgent specialist veterinary care.

“People have been asking us why we can't step in sooner, but the problem we face is that we can't legally step in until we have evidence that there is a problem with those actual cygnets or we could be committing an offence. However we have now spoken to Natural England who have approved us catching and testing the cygnets next year and hopefully treating them on site so they don't have to be removed and can stay with their parents. This is not a guarantee that they won't still develop a problem but we hope it will help make them strong enough to cope” said Trevor.

WRAS would like to thank Eastbourne Borough Council, local Councillors and the Friends of Hampden Park for their support and co-operation in looking after the cygnets at Decoy Pond.





## ***Tricky Rescue for Deer at Ridgewood.***



A male fallow deer had camouflage netting attached to his antlers became entangled in a barbed wire fence on the bank of Ridgewood stream at Shipreed Farm off New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield on 23rd August.



The rescue was in an awkward location and rescuers had to attempt a rescue on the steep embankment of the stream as well as cope with a barbed wire fence, and lots of vegetation and waist deep water in the stream.



It was clear early on that an approach with our specialist deer net was not going to work as we were working in too tight a space. The deer kept slipping down the embankment of the stream and this was going to be the easiest and safest time to secure the deer. "You could see in the deer's eyes how frightened he was" explained Trevor Weeks.

"Trevor managed to throw a blanket over the deer's head to help reduce the stress to the deer

before climbing into the stream. We kept our distance whilst Trevor picked his moment to grab the rear legs of the deer pulling the deer flat to the floor. This was my cue to move in and secure the front of the deer. Our hearts were in our mouths thumping away hoping this was going to work. I climbed onto the shoulders so the deer could not move or pose a risk to Daryl and Kathy as they cut the netting from around the antlers" said Rescuer Chris.

"It was very frustrating trying to cut the netting as it was so tight around the antlers" said Daryl, "Kathy and I struggled to get scissors under the netting to cut it, but we kept working away and after a few minutes the netting came away. We were so pleased it only took about 5 minutes to cut, as the location was very precarious. Kathy and I backed off leaving Trevor and Chris to assess the deer and to work out their escape and release of the deer."

“I’ve been helping Trevor with deer rescues for the past 8 years now, and this has to be one of the worse locations to attempt a rescue so far. Chris, Trevor and the deer had very limited escape



routes and I was worried for them how they were going to release the deer safely. It would have been very difficult and dangerous to attempt to move the deer up the embankment or to a better location before release so they had no choice but to release on the embankment” said Kathy.

Chris and Trevor quickly planned their escape and together jumped clear in the same direction leaving the deer to slide the short distance into the stream before getting its bearings.

“Apart from a few scratches to the deer there were luckily no serious injuries. For a moment we were worried the deer was struggling to get out the water, but it clearly just needed a few seconds to get its bearings and realise he was free and no longer trapped. It took a short while for the deer to climb out of the stream and walk up the opposite embankment and into the field. I crossed the stream and entered the field just in time to see the deer sprinting off into the neighbouring field to freedom” said Trevor.

“If anyone finds discarded netting, rope, bailer twine please pick it up and dispose of it where it can’t cause such incidents to occur. This was a very lucky deer to be found, next time he might not be so lucky,” added Trevor.

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### ***“The Kardashians” by Lindsay Redfern***

Earlier this year we were called to Uckfield where a nest of 5 babies had been spotted with no sign of Mum. The finders had done the right thing in observing them from a distance, but sadly there had been no sign of their Mother for several hours. The address where they were found was a neighbouring garden to where we had previously released a pregnant female called ‘Stripey’, we suspect that these may have been her babies and that sadly, something may have happened to her which left her unable to care for them.

Rescuers were quick on the scene to further assess the situation; on arrival it was clear that the babies had been alone for some time as they were very thin and in some distress, and so all 5 babies were rounded up and brought back to the centre. Thankfully there were no obvious injuries and the hoglets were handed over to an experienced carer for warmth and rehydration fluids, they all weighed between 60 and 80g which is less than we would have expected for their age at between 2 and 3 weeks.

The hoglets were fed on a suitable puppy milk every few hours until they were able to lap for themselves, they were then weaned on to solid foods and after a few weeks of care were up to the 5/600g weight required for release. All 5 were successfully released back in the area where they were found.





## ***Please help me Row the Atlantic for WRAS!***

In December 2016 Bojangles (my boat) and I are heading back out to sea again, this time we are aiming to conquer the Atlantic trade winds route, from the Canary Islands to Antigua as part of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. This is a journey of around 3000 miles, and will see me out at sea on my own for around 2-3 months.

Having joined WRAS as a voluntary wildlife rescuer in November 2014, I have been amazed at the level of care that this centre provides to the many wildlife casualties that are sent their way. Therefore, it didn't take much persuading to add them to my chosen charities for my next row. Not only will this hopefully generate some much needed funds for the centre (which relies totally on donations to run) but it will also hopefully make me feel less guilty about missing my shifts for a few months! Please dig deep and give this little oasis a much needed financial boost, it really would make all the pain and effort worth it to come back and see that our wildlife have benefited from my stupidity! Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. You can do so at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/atlanticsolo2016>

Thanks so much, Daryl Farmer.

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## ***John & Sue taken on the Beachy Head Marathon!***

Thank you to WRAS volunteers John and Sue Pettifor for doing the Beachy Head Marathon in aid of East Sussex WRAS on 24th October. Which would have taken place whilst the newsletter was being printed. We hope they did well. You can still donate to them too via <https://www.justgiving.com/John-Pettifor> Thank you!



**International Animal Rescue** funds 50% of the wages for the part time employment (36 hours a week) of Trevor Weeks MBE to manage East Sussex WRAS on a daily basis (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.

## ***Cygnets, Seal & Stag Rescue - All in a days work at WRAS!***



WRAS rescuers had a busy day on Monday 12th October 2015. On top of their run of the mill calls to catted birds and struggling juvenile birds they were called out to rescue an injured cygnet by the Lewes Rugby Club, an injured seal at Sovereign Harbour and a stag with its antlers entangled in electric fencing at Fairwarp.

Trevor Weeks accompanied by his partner Kathy Martyn and rescue volunteer Amy Sandiford first attended to the cygnet at Lewes. It was holding one wing in an unusual position and behaving as if in discomfort. A rope was used to encourage the cygnets towards a footpath bridge to help with the capture. However the cygnet challenged the barrier but Trevor was able to run along the river to a slightly narrower section where he was able to catch the cygnet with a swan hook.

The cygnet was checked over on site and then driven back to WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith. "The cygnet was bruised along the edge of its wing and unable to stand. So the cygnet was treated and sent to the Swan Sanctuary the following day for X-rays and better assessment." said Trevor.

Within minutes of finishing with the cygnet WRAS received a phone call from British Divers Marine Life Rescue and Eastbourne RNLI after a Harbour Seal was seen with injuries at Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne. Trevor, Kathy and Lindsay Redfern attended in WRAS's ambulance to check and rescue the seal. It was clear from the blood on its body that the seal needed rescuing.

Rescuers were worried the seal would jump straight back into the water as it was lying on a metal access ramp used by the RNLI to access the water. Trevor and Kathy had to climb onto the rocks and slowly and carefully manoeuvre their way across the rocks keeping as low as possible so the seal couldn't see them. When at the water line, Kathy distracted the seal whilst Trevor from the opposite side managed to guide a net in front of the seal to block its escape route. The seal was then netted and secured by Trevor. Members of Eastbourne RNLI helped

Trevor safely moved across to the steps which were very slippery, where he was then able to carry the seal up to WRAS's Ambulance.

"We checked the seal over and as first thought, the seal had numerous puncture wounds around its rear flippers and tail as well as on its chest. We contacted British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) and informed them that we had caught the seal and they contacted RSPCA Mallydams Wood at Fairlight where we then drove the seal to receive expert treatment" added Trevor.

On returning along the Ridge at Hastings WRAS's ambulance had to do an emergency stop and Trevor had to jump out to pick up a Robin found stunned in the middle of the busy road.

Back at WRAS's Casualty Centre it wasn't long before the phone rang and a vet at Fairwarp was asking for assistance after a stag had been found with its antlers caught up on an electric rope fence on her farm. WRAS sent two ambulances and 5 rescuers to the site. "We grabbed all the equipment we needed for the capture and cut the deer free and started walking across the field to the stag. As we were getting close the deer started to thrash around, which is a normal reaction, and as we were just about to proceed with a capture the deer managed to snap the electric tape attached to the antlers and free itself. Although the deer is free, we are concerned that it was trailing some line still, so the local residents are going to check the surrounding woodland to ensure the deer hasn't become entangled again" said Trevor.

Luckily the rest of the day was fairly uneventful apart from a couple of calls about injured pigeons.



# The Fields Were My Theatre



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## “The Fields were my Theatre” Book

Trevor spent much of his childhood around animals and out in the countryside, so it was no surprise that his life became dedicated to wildlife rescue and conservation work.

Year by year his devotion to wildlife grew and has supported him through some tough periods in his life. From treating oiled guillemots at the Sea Empress Oil Spill in Wales and Swans crashing into cables in Kent plus the rescue of a dolphin in a Cumbrian harbour, to dramatic local deer rescues, Trevor has been at the sharp end of wildlife rescue. He has even been hospitalised on a few occasions.

This book celebrates Trevor’s wild life as 2015 is his 30th year undertaking wildlife

rescue and conservation work, as well as the 20th anniversary of the establishment of East Sussex Wildlife Rescue, the 10th anniversary of East Sussex WRAS becoming a registered charity and the 5th anniversary of WRAS new Casualty Centre at Whitesmith. This book has been written purely to help raise vital funds for East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service. Recommended Retail Price £8.99. Books can be ordered via our Xmas Catalogue, Amazon or Waterstones online, but also via our website (see the link below) or by calling in to our Casualty Centre at Whitesmith or Paws-n-Claws Pet food Store in Olives Yard, High Street, Uckfield — up the side of Costa Coffee!

<http://wildlifeambulance.org/donate/the-fields-were-my-theatre-book/>

### Injured Brock makes full recovery



## ***WRAS's New Rescue Boat.***

Councillors and members involved with the devolved budget from Hampden Park, Eastbourne Homes Central and Archery Housing Panel in Eastbourne have very generously donated £1200 to WRAS to purchase a rescue boat!

The inflatable boat will be used to rescue unwell animals in Decoy Pond, Hampden Park, and other areas in Eastbourne and beyond and make the work of rescuers quicker and safer.

Member of the council met with WRAS rescuers at both Crumbles Pond Princes Park and Decoy Pond Hampden Park to see the boat when it arrived.

“We are very grateful for the contributions from the ward councillors via these devolved budgets. We wouldn't have been able to afford the boat otherwise and it will make a huge difference to our service and is far better for the animals” said Trevor Weeks.

Cllr Pat Hearn said: “East Sussex WRAS do a terrific job rescuing wildlife in our town so we were more than happy to make a donation.”

The boat is an inflatable with a engine to help rescue ducks, geese and swans as well as to get across water to islands to help with rescues. “This is frequently one of the biggest problems we face with water based rescues, where we just can't get to some casualties and have ended up calling other organisations from further a field to help.

Picture Below: Member of the Central Archery Area Panel, Neighbourhood First Team and WRAS rescuers Chris, Daryl and Trevor.





## ***WRAS recommends baby pigeons to fight depression!***

***By Trevor Weeks MBE.***

Working in a rescue centre has its ups and downs. The highs are the releases and success in battling against the odds to save something and seeing it released; working with our fantastic bunch of volunteers who are great to have a laugh and joke with; as well as meeting so many animal loving people when called out. The lows are the sad occasions when you can't save a casualty or see the effects of cruelty and suffering caused by humans to wildlife, or people who are abusive and insulting down the phone when we won't remove a so called "pest" from their garden or we are over stretched and we can't help someone and we get accused of being "uncaring".

There are moments when it is difficult especially after very little sleep, which can make you over sensitive, all the team have had moments when they have been up all night and then lose a casualty and get down and upset. There is one thing in our centre however which is guaranteed to make you smile and beat the depression - young squeaker pigeons!



They are amazing little creatures with their wings waggling and their little high pitch squeaky voices and desperate for attention and feeding, you can't help but smile.

If you need a pick-me-up head to Casualty Room 3 where we keep our young pigeons and you know you'll soon be smiling and feeling better! Works every time!

If you are feeling down or low, check out our You Tube Channel and especially our video called "Happy Pigeon" at <https://youtu.be/UUZEawZNUBc>. I hope you are feeling better now!



### ***3 Hour Eastbourne Pigeon Rescue.***

Rescuers were called to a former hotel on Eastbourne seafront in October after builders became concerned about pigeons under the floor boards!

Rescuer Trevor Weeks and Chris Riddington attended on site and found the wooden fascia boards had been removed or fallen off whilst the hotel was disused and pigeons had taken up residence under the floor boards. The builders told rescuers how they have several times over the previous weeks picked up nestlings and placed them back in the holes as they didn't want them to be stuck on the ground unable to fly.

The builders had left the birds alone for several weeks hoping they would eventually be old enough to fly and called WRAS for assistance and help as they didn't want any birds trapped under the floors and cause any suffering.

On assessment of the situation Chris and Trevor discovered several adults hidden between the joists but could not see any babies or young. Either side of the building the pigeons couldn't move more than a couple of feet inside, but the central section extended right to the centre of the building and one section went straight to the far side of the building. In order to ensure all pigeons were removed and no young were left hidden or trapped, the builder owner and work men agreed to lift the carpet, and remove the flooring across one section of the room to help. As a result all the adult birds were safely moved out but one young pigeon was found in the longest section. After a couple of attempts to reach the pigeon rescuers decided to go and have lunch and give the youngster the chance to come forward of its own accord.

After lunch rescuers returned and were able to catch the sole youngster who was taken to WRAS's casualty centre and hand reared. Builders were then able to board up the front to prevent pigeons getting back in knowing none were trapped.

# 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 BCA, 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:**

**Rescue Line: 07815-078234**

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

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# Christmas Gifts



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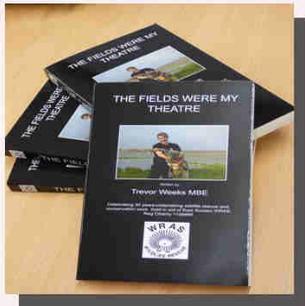
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# ORDER FORM

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**Christmas Gifts**

NUM-BER	PRODUCT	COST	QTY ORDERED	TOTAL PRICE
1	CHARITY WRIST BAND	£1.00		
2	FOX AND DEER XMAS CARDS PACK OF 5	£3.00		
3	WRAS PENCL	£0.75		
4	HEDGEHOG TOY	£4.50		
5	CELEBRATION 30TH YEAR PUZZLE	£5.00		
6	30TH YEAR PEN	£3.00		
7	RABBIT LARGE SOFT TOY	£8.00		
8	EAGLE OR TAWNY OR SNOWY TOY (CIRCLE CHOICE)	£4.00		
9	BROWN OR SWAN OR MALLARD (CIRCLE CHOICE)	£4.00		
10	"The Fields Were My Theatre" BOOK	£8.99		
11	SPONSOR A CAGE ADULT/CHILD	£50 A YEAR OR MONTHLY		
12	GULL SOFT TOY	£4.00		
13	BADGER SOFT TOY	£4.50		
14	GARDEN BIRD RUBBERS	£1.00		
15	BAT SOFT TOY	£4.00		
16	OWL DOOR STOP	£10.00		
17	BRAND NEW DESIGN TOTE BAG	£4.00		
			SUB-TOTAL	
			DONATION	
			DELIVERY	
			GRAND TOTAL	

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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TEL NUMBER:

Please make cheques payable to "East Sussex WRAS" and send to UNIT 8 SHAW BARN WHITESMITH BN86JD. Please allow 10 days for delivery. Delivery charges: up to £5= £1.75 orders up to £30 = £3.50 orders over £30 = £5. for further information or to order using a credit or debit card over the phone please call Lindsay or Chris on 01825873003. REG Charity: 1108880

# *The East Sussex WRAS Christmas Craft Fair*



*Saturday 5th December 2015*

*2pm - 5pm*

*East Dean Village Hall, Village Green Lane,  
off Gilbert Drive, East Dean, BN20 0DJ.*

*Wildlife Photographs*

*Handmade crafts*

*Gift Hampers and cards*

*Refreshments*

*and much more!*

*Raising Money for local wildlife whilst Christmas Shopping!*



# Help us help the Defenceless.



Autumn is here and Winter is fast approaching.  
WRAS is gearing itself up for what could be a harsh winter. We are expecting to over winter more than 120 hedgehogs – born too late in the year to survive hibernation.  
Each Hedgehog costs about £130 to look after over winter, not including any medication or vets bills.

Don't forget if you see a hedgehog which is less than 600grams after the end of October then pick it up regardless of whether it is day or night and call us for advice and help.  
With your support we can help save and keep safe these amazing creatures so they can be released back home in the spring.

Thank you for your support,



## I want to help our defenceless wildlife with a donation...

I enclose a cheque/postal order for: £10  £25  £50  £100  Other   
made payable to "East Sussex WRAS" or please debit my:

Visa  Master Card  Switch  Other:

Card Number:

Start Date:  /  /  Expiry Date:  /  /

Issue Number (Switch)  Last 3 digits of Security Code

Card Holders Name:

Signature:  Date:  /  /

Name:  Of card holder or if different from above.

Address:

Town:  Postcode:

Phone Number:  Date of Birth

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

## 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, BN2 5 9DE.  
Yes, I would like to help East Sussex WRAS by donating £  on a regular monthly standing order until further notice.

Please start my standing order on  /  /   
(Please make this date at least 3 weeks away.)

Signature:

Date:

Bank Name:

Bank Address:

My Account No:  Bank Postcode:

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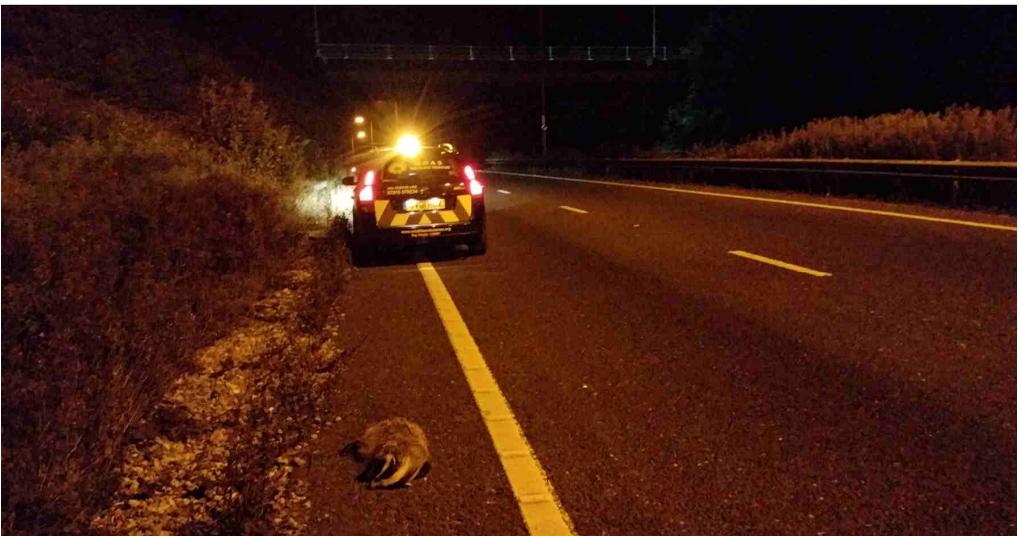


## ***Ditchling Cygnet Call Outs.***

WRAS was called out three times in as many weeks to reports of this cygnet caught in fishing line at the pond in Ditchling Common. The cygnet was caught and checked over but no line nor weights were found.

## ***Busiest Season for Night Time Rescues.***

WRAS rescuers Chris Riddington, Tony Neads and Trevor Weeks have had their busiest year ever so far with night time rescues. WRAS has received over 200 night time calls. Although WRAS has a rota of volunteer rescuers who cover from 10am till 10pm, the rest of the night and early morning is just covered by Chris, Trevor and Tony. They can be some of the most stressful rescues, especially when rescuers have been up all day and had very little sleep. Very few organisations provide night time cover, but the casualties are generally more severe too.





## ***Princes Park Duck Rescue.***

Yet again WRAS has had to step in and rescue a dumped Aylesbury Duck, this time at Princes Park Eastbourne.

The duck was attacked by a dog and injured and rescuers had to launch a rescue mission using 5 rescuers.

Trevor wearing a dry suit climbed into the water of the inlet river to encourage the duck towards rescuers Chris and Kathy waiting at a shallow section of river. The duck tried several times to get past Trevor to the safety of the lake and eventually gave up. The duck then tried to pass Kathy and Chris who were then able to catch the duck getting rather wet in the process! The duck was then admitted into WRAS's care where his wounds were treated. Once well he was taken to the South Essex Wildlife Hospital to go with their domestic ducks.

**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.