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Daryl's Atlantic Row Pg 16.

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Early Dovelets at WRAS!

East Sussex WRAS has had its first four dovelets of the year almost two months early! The four birds came in over a 10 day period in the middle of January.

Although doves can nest all year round, it is rare for East Sussex WRAS to admit any into care till March. The first two dovelets were admitted a day apart, one from Uckfield and another from Stone Cross Eastbourne. Sadly the smaller dove from Stone Cross did not survive, but the slightly older one from Uckfield is doing well but not out of the woods yet. Then two more came in on the same day about a week later from Stone Cross and South Chailey.

WRAS's Kathy Martyn is providing one on one care for the dovelets at home and keeping to ensure they are fed little and often. They are all calcium deficient and clearly would not have been strong enough to survive in the wild.



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www.youtube.com/user/eastsussexwras



Front Cover:

WRAS's old Nissan ambulance which has driven over 140,000 miles and is desperately in need of replacement. Find out more about WRAS's Ambulance Appeal on page 13 of the newsletter.



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.

Owl Recovers in Time for Christmas!

This beautiful tawny owl came into WRAS back on the 20th of October. He was possibly hit by a car near the Blackboys Inn. On arrival he was assessed by our care team and they found he had quite a nasty fracture to his wing.

He was rushed up to Henley House Veterinary Clinic in Uckfield, where vet Claire x-rayed the owl for us. Claire was quite concerned about the fracture and asked us to contact specialists for advice. We contacted Caroline Gould and Lucy Kells at Vale Wildlife Rescue due to their experience with birds of prey and they were sent the X-rays to show their vet. Between our vet and the advice from Vale we decided to give the owl a go. Claire strapped the owl's wing and he was brought back to WRAS.

After 10 days his wing was unstrapped and he was taken back for a second X-ray. Vet Chris Hall said it needed more time. After a few days our care team test flew the owl and started to see some improvement. We decided to move him into our largest aviary to build some strength. He was very well looked after by Michelle who fed and cleaned him every day. The care team assessed him often to look for improvements.

After over a month in care he was collected from the aviary and brought him back to the hospital where our Care Team were amazed when he took off and gained height and perched perfectly. After all of the work we put in, to see him flying we were almost in tears. Casualty Managers Chris and Katie drove him back to Blackboys and released him back to the wild where found. He flew off perfectly! Thank you to Vale, Henley House vets, Michelle and the caller for finding him!



Pigeon Cruelty in Hailsham.

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service are extremely concerned for both the public safety and local wildlife after a feral pigeon was found behind Costa Coffee next to Hailsham War Memorial shot with an 8mm ball bearing which is thought to have been fired using a catapult.

"We were quite shocked when such a large ball bearing fell out of the wounds as we were cleaning the poor bird's injuries," said Katie Nunn Nash, WRAS Casualty Manager.

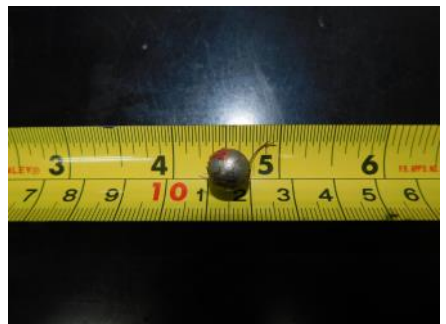
Sussex Police was informed straight away by WRAS as the wounds appeared to be fairly fresh and WRAS rescuers were worried that the person responsible may have been still in the area.

"These incidents are really distressing for our volunteers to deal with and are no doubt extremely painful for the victims too," said Kathy Martyn, WRAS Casualty Manager.

WRAS rescuer Karen Francis attended on site to rescue the pigeon which kind-hearted staff at Costa Coffee had called WRAS to. Karen said, "It was obvious the bird was injured when I picked him up so jumped in the ambulance and rushed him back to WRAS's Casualty Centre where Casualty Managers Kathy and Katie were waiting to assess his condition."

"I was really shocked and I'm still quite upset, to be honest," added Karen, "we deal with so many injured wild animals and birds, but when you come across one which has been hit and left to suffer in such a cruel manner, its really upsetting."

WRAS Founder Trevor Weeks said "Despite emergency first aid and veterinary treatment, the pigeon passed away soon after being admitted. Clearly, an offence has occurred here as the bird was left to suffer and not killed. I suspect that using a catapult or other weapon in such close proximity to the pedestrian area of the town is also an offence. We would urge anyone with any information to contact Sussex Police quoting reference 0904 or 21st November 2016, in the hope that this person can be stopped before someone's cat, dog or child becomes injured."





Fresh Warnings as Yet Another Wildlife Casualty Gets Caught in Netting!

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service, were called to a fox caught in a football net on a school playing field in Eastbourne on 20th December.

The concerned staff, at Willingdon Primary School, spotted the distressed fox entangled in the net. They moved children away and awaited rescuers to arrive. Rescuer Iain and Centre Manager Chris arrived on site and quickly assessed the situation.

"The fox had managed to get the netting wrapped around a front leg and around its tail" said Chris. Firstly rescuers had to secure the fox before they could remove any of the netting. Chris walked along the trailing goal netting until reaching the fox at which point he used a large towel to cover the fox. Chris and Iain then lifted the poor fox into a fox cage, once it was closed they cut the netting.

"It was quite a tense situation as the fox was darting left and right" said Iain "we managed to catch the fox easily and get him secured, he seems he has got off lightly from the ordeal" he added.

The rescuers took the fox back to WRAS's casualty centre in Whitesmith. "Once we got him back to the hospital we placed a muzzle on him, it was quite difficult as the fox was a lot larger than I'm used, weighing around 9kg" explains Chris, "we removed the netting at the hospital instead of at the scene for the foxes safety. If we had cut it free at during the rescue we risked it escaping. When an animal has line or netting wrapped tightly around its body it can cause ligature wounds or pressure necrosis, so we always monitor for a least 7 days before releasing back to the wild."

The fox will now be under observations for a week and hopefully will be released back to the wild in the future. This is an ongoing problem with wild animals caught in different types of netting such as tennis courts, goals and garden netting. "We urge those who use such nettings to lift them off the ground when not in use or put them away to avoid this happening. If these animals are not spotted they face a long painful death or can easily strangle themselves trying to break free" added Chris. This fox was eventually release mid January 2017.





Kingfisher Rescued.

This beautiful Kingfisher was admitted after former volunteer Sean delivered the bird to WRAS's Casualty Centre. The team at Folly Wildlife Rescue took him on after WRAS gave initial care and treatment as they were more local to where the bird was found and have better facilities for such birds.

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By Christmas the Co-op Community Fund had raised over £2122.26 for East Sussex WRAS! We are one of their chosen charities for the Eastbourne stores until 8th April 2017. So if you shop in one of the Eastbourne Co-op stores ensure you have your Co-op membership card and chose East Sussex WRAS as your chosen charity and we get a donation when you shop in store and also from the 5p bag scheme.



Wish List Thanks.

Thank you for the amazing amount of gifts which have been donated over Christmas. Many of these items have arrived anonymously but thank you to everyone who has sent them in for the animals. If you would like to send our casualties a gift please visit our website <http://wildlifeambulance.org/how-you-can-help/wish-list/>

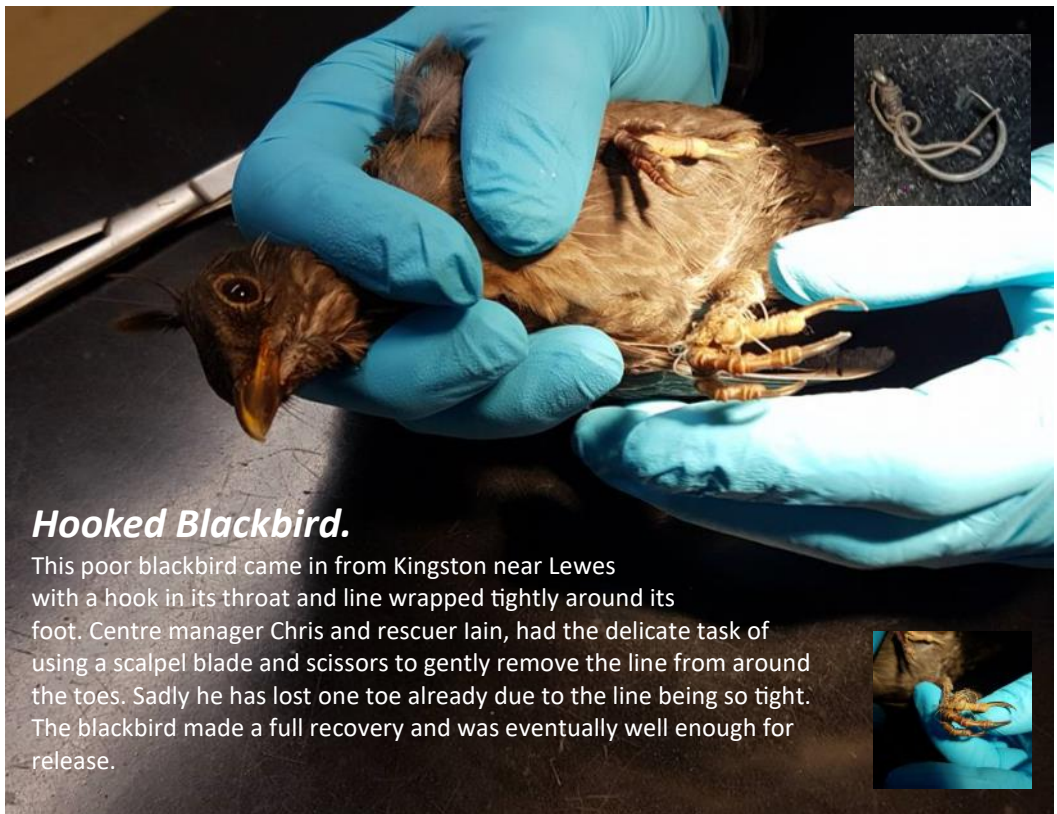


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Hooked Blackbird.

This poor blackbird came in from Kingston near Lewes with a hook in its throat and line wrapped tightly around its foot. Centre manager Chris and rescuer Iain, had the delicate task of using a scalpel blade and scissors to gently remove the line from around the toes. Sadly he has lost one toe already due to the line being so tight. The blackbird made a full recovery and was eventually well enough for release.





Winter Road Casualty Tawny Owls increase.

This winter WRAS has seen a rise in the number of road casualty Tawny Owls. More than 12 Owls were admitted into care all hit by vehicles. All of them have suffered from concussion, and most of them with some form of head trauma normally effecting the eyes.

Generally these casualties are in care for 2-3 weeks but some are only in for 3 days observation.

Winter sees birds of prey and other wild animals spending more time on grass verges hunting for food as these stay warmer during the winter months and attract more insects, rodents and other small mammals and birds, which in turn attract the predators looking for food.

Sadly whilst concentrating on their food they don't always notice the vehicles thundering along the road. If they don't get hit by the vehicle they often get caught in the jet stream

and get thrown into the following vehicle.

If you hit anything please stop and check it even if this means you have to park up and walk back, or have to drive slowly past. Call WRAS if the casualty is still alive. If the casualty is causing a hazard to traffic please call the Police using 999.



Oiled Starling.

This poor starling has came into care covered in oil and soot. WRAS Care Team Chris and Katie bathed him and washed off the dirt. The poor birds eyes then had to be rinsed thoroughly with an optic rince due to the amount of grease in them. Once dry again the Starling was given fluids to clear his throat and to help warms him up. This cheeky little chap made a full recovery and was released once better.



Sparrowhawk Rescued from warehouse.

This Sparrowhawk came into care after flying inside City Electrical Factors in Hawthorn Road Eastbourne. Flying around, the bird was hitting the beams and glass windows. WRAS rescuer Tony Neads was able to catch the bird with an extended pole and net before delivering it to WRAS's Casualty Centre for observation. The bird had blood on its head and beak too. He was kept in for just 48 hours before being returned and released fit and well.



Fox Caught in Fence freed.

Christmas saw WRAS rescuers attend a fox caught in stock fencing at Wivelsfield Green. Rescuers Chris Riddington and Karen Francis attended on site to secure and cut free the fox which was then admitted to WRAS hospital. After a week of care vets took the decision to amputate the leg which the fox is now rehabilitating from and will hopefully be released soon.



Scrap it for WRAS!

Giveacar is a social enterprise that raises money for charity by scrapping or selling old cars. If you have an unwanted car, you can give them a call and they will dispose of it free of charge and when mentioning East Sussex WRAS they will make a donation to help us help wildlife in need! Just visit... www.giveacar.co.uk/charities/east-sussex-wras or phone 020-0011-1664

Swan attached to rope and brick!

Rescuers Katie and Chris have attended a swan in Singing Hills Albourne today. Chris and Katie arrived just before 1pm and located the swan, who was with its mate and 4 cygnets, on one of the greens ponds. The swan was dragging something in the water but it was difficult to see what it was.

Chris used a net on one bank and Katie used a swan hook on the other to try and catch the swan but initial attempts were unsuccessful. Rescuers inflated one of the WRAS rescue boats and Chris took to the water to try and contain the swan to one part of the water. After a few attempts Chris and Katie swapped over and Katie directed the swan in to a smaller part of the water and Chris used a net on an extendable pole to catch the swan and pull her to the bank.

Once on the bank rescuers removed a length of rope that had a brick attached to the end. After a once over she was returned back to her family.



Foresters Donation.

Thank you to the South Sussex Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, who have made a donation of £550.00 to WRAS towards its Winter Hedgehog Appeal which was jointly run with the Sussex Express. In total more than £2577 was raised via the campaign which featured a weekly write up on the hedgehogs thorough December.



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2017 Ambulance Appeal.

We have five veterinary ambulances and generally they drive at least 20,000 miles each every year. One of our ambulances is now almost 10 years old, and desperately in need of replacing. After a last minute opportunity to work with the Sussex Express to raise money for overwintering hedgehogs, our Ambulance Appeal had to be put on hold over Christmas, but is now being launched again.

Many people can't drive or afford a car, so rely on WRAS to collect casualties, and many wild animals can be dangerous to handle or need technical assistance to rescue them, so WRAS has always believed in running a substantial ambulance service to ensure we can provide as much on site rescue work as possible and as quickly as possible.

Many parts of the UK there is no ambulance service at all, and calls can take over 24 hours for people to attend, but in East Sussex, WRAS generally attends within an hour of agreeing to attend. This is only possible thanks to donations from our supporters and sponsors.

If you are able to make a donation to our Ambulance Appeal please send in your donation or go on-line to our website www.wildlifeambulance.org. Thank you.



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Ditchling Heron Rescue.

East Sussex County Council rangers called out WRAS to Ditchling Common after they spotted a heron with a damaged wing. Rescuers Chris, Iain and Trevor attended and found the bird on the island. Dry suits had to be worn to get to the bird which was guided towards the inlet stream, where the narrower stream allowed rescuers to get closer and catch the bird. The wing was fractured, so the bird was sent up to the Swan Sanctuary for specialist veterinary help.

This swan also had to be rushed up to the Swan Sanctuary after being rescued at Newhaven Marina. Rescued by Trevor and Amy the bird was found very lethargic, dehydrated and underweight with a Nasty discharge from the nose and smell from throat.



Rescuer Karen has been to this poor pigeon from Stone Cross. Sadly he had been shot. Sussex Police have been informed of the incident.





Heathfield Buzzard Rescued.

This stunning buzzard was rescued on 29th January after being found in the middle of Burwash road, Heathfield, in the rain. The finders picked him up and brought him to WRAS's Casualty Centre.

Chris and Katie assessed the buzzard and gave him fluids, first aid and then bedded him down. No obvious injuries just underweight. Now being cared for.



Closure of Eastbourne Gazette.

Sad news that the last edition of the Eastbourne Gazette was published for the last time in over 157 years on the 8th November 2016. WRAS would like to thank everyone at the Gazette who has worked with Trevor and WRAS over the past 30 years. The Gazette have always been very supportive of the charities work and has helped with promote the work of the charity as well as with education and fundraising keeping the charity on the road. WRAS has even undertaken a few rescues at their offices in Eastbourne too! Trevor's Weekly column still appears in the Sussex Express and has moved to the Eastbourne Herald. A big thank you to both the Sussex Express and Eastbourne Herald for all their support over the past 20+ years.



Trevor aims to spruce up town

Wall divides swans and geese at war

Trevor's week



Thank you Sussex Express

Trevor's first weekly column appeared in 2004, but the first picture of Trevor appeared in 1988. This winter saw the Sussex Express choose WRAS for its Caring At Christmas Appeal which helped WRAS raise a total of £2577.74 towards the care and over wintering of the 170 plus hedgehogs which were dealt with this winter. Trevor Weeks wrote articles on the hedgehogs in care each week through December as well as updating people on the amount raised. WRAS would like to express its thanks to everyone who supported the appeal.

Dedicated Daryl's Atlantic Row for WRAS.

Volunteer wildlife rescuer Daryl Farmer, 42, from Forest Row East Sussex started rowing over 3000 miles solo from La Gomera to Antigua undertaking the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge on 14th December 2016. He is one of only two Classic Solo boats undertaking the challenge, which he expects to finish late March.

The first month which has seen him away from his family over the Christmas and New Year Period, has been an extremely rough ride. His row has seen him battle with enormous waves which have washed him overboard, seen his boat capsize and bash his head leading to concussion and a satellite phone call for advice from the challenge's duty doctor. Rudder cables and foot plates have broken and needed fixing. Plus, unfavourable weather from Sahara sand blocking his solar panels to storm winds pushing him backwards.

The row has however had its amazing moments for Daryl and never has "Rowers Ark" been a more fitting name with Daryl being joined on his voyage by fish which have shared his breakfast, brightly coloured fish and spotted dolphins swimming alongside keeping him company. As well as brown and white bird which slept on board his boat at nights keeping him company during the day too.

At the end of January Daryl was slightly behind schedule as a result of the rough weather but has rowed approximately 800 nautical miles so far and has another couple of months of rowing to reach Antigua.

Trevor Weeks said "People across Sussex and beyond have been following Daryl's progress on social media and 'Dot-watching' on the internet following his boat's tracker, every day I log on to see how Daryl has done and read his partner Sabine's updates. Daryl's ability to adapt to each challenge which is thrust upon him is so outstanding, and his ability to fix things, resolve problems without looking to others for help, I think we could all learn a thing or two from him and his dedication. What an amazing guy, and what amazing support his partner Sabine is being to help him



along and keep us all updated."

Daryl's father Rob Farmer on facebook said "I am very proud of him and the causes he is doing it for and I know he will never give up unless he really has too but I am so so worried about him and whatever happens I will be pleased to see him home again on dry land."

Theresa Hilton also said on Facebook "I just got done looking once again at the map, and can feel the immense struggle Daryl is going through right now. Daryl is not only alone out there, he is up against the biggest POWER we know Mother Nature teamed up with Mother Ocean. While I see him struggle as I watch that little boat on the map, I know he is not only a WINNER he is A force to be reckoned with. We are so behind you Daryl....What a trooper.... Be safe and rock on, your family has to be so proud...so very proud."

Daryl is raising money for East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service (WRAS) and people can support Daryl by making a donation at his justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/atlanticsolo2016>

Daryl's Rowers Arc Facebook page is www.facebook.com/Rowing4Reefs

To track Daryl's progress visit

<https://www.taliskerwhiskyatlanticchallenge.com/race-tracker/>





Sad end for Fox in a Fix.

November saw WRAS attending a urgent fox in distress call in Mountbatten Drive Eastbourne. Casualty Manager Chris Riddington rushed to the scene, followed by rescuer Tony Needs. They were greeted with a fox that looked as if his head was stuck underneath a fence, but as rescuers approached, the fox's head disappeared. Confused as to why the fox who should now be free hadn't run away, Chris peered over the 6ft fence. "I was really surprised when he didn't run off, but when I looked over the fence it became clear that he had got his leg stuck. I can only presume he had fallen and became stuck" said Chris. The fox had managed to get caught by his rear leg where two fences meet behind a shed. There was not much space for rescuers to attempt a rescue. Chris, who knew WRAS founder Trevor Weeks, was in Eastbourne doing a talk, called him for additional assistance. The team decided the only way would be to saw part of the fence just enough to create a space to lift the leg out. Luckily the residents had everything that was required and Chris cut a wedge from the fence post. "The hardest thing was trying to work how to get the fox out from behind the shed without injuring the fox or getting bitten. Thankfully Trevor arrived at just the right moment" said Chris.



Trevor managed to squeeze down the side and apply a bandage muzzle and then help Chris lift the fox up and along the back of the garage, squeezing through bushes and narrow gaps and a water butt to get the fox into a secure cage. After a veterinary assessment, the fox was found to have an old nasty fracture and bone infection and had to be put down to prevent further suffering as the damage was not repairable.



Hampden Park Cygnet Rescued.

End of January saw rescuers called to this cygnet at Hampden Park's Decoy Lake after it was being attacked by the Cob swan. Cygnets should be leaving their parents now and the parents will be starting to think about nesting and setting up a territory for this spring's eggs and cygnets. In locations where swans are regularly fed cygnets frequently seem to be reluctant to leave, so parents end up chasing the youngsters away. Unfortunately, they don't always take the hint! This one was rather shell-shocked when rescued and has had to be in care for a few days to recover. Today the cygnet has been released in the non-territorial flock of swans at Princes Park in Eastbourne for safety. This leaves two of the cygnets still with their parents.

Yet Another Deer Rescue!

A dangerous and dramatic rescue of a Fallow Buck took place in a field at Duddleswell in East Sussex. Volunteer rescuers from East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service (WRAS) were called out to the field on Ashdown Forest, after the landowner spotted the deer with its antlers caught in an electric rope fence.

Two veterinary ambulances attended on site along with rescuers Trevor Weeks MBE and Kathy Martyn from Uckfield, Kai Ahmed from Hellingly, Daryl Farmer from Forest Row. A walk-to-wards net was used by Trevor and Kathy to catch and secure the deer allowing Trevor to climb onto the back of the deer pinning it to the floor. Kai took over controlling the head allowing Kathy and Daryl to cut away the electric rope.

Rescues like this have to be undertaken quickly to avoid the animal becoming too stressed and having a heart attack. Rescuers took just 10 minutes from capture to release the deer in the field.

These rescues are very dangerous, an antler hitting you in the face or a leg kicking you in the chest could cause you serious injuries or potentially be life threatening.

The caller did exactly the right thing when she found the deer and backed off slowly and kept out of view allowing the deer to settle and relax. Anyone finding such a casualty should not attempt to cut them free and should leave the caught till rescuers arrive. WRAS has been called to several deer this year which have become entangled for a second time after well-meaning helpers have cut the netting or rope from the fence post leaving the deer to run off with rope still

attached to their antlers and trailing rope behind them. These deer go on to get caught on barbed wire fences or entangled in other deer's antler during rutting.

WRAS is a volunteer organisation and relies on donation to fund this life-saving work so if anyone can help make a donation towards their work please do so at www.wildlifeambulance.org.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrBm4zXSJkA&feature=youtu.be>



Information:

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service.

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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: Murrae Hume, Kathy Martyn, Brian Russell

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Casualty Care Centre Management Team:

Operations Director: Trevor Weeks MBE

Casualty Managers: Chris Riddington, Kathy Martyn, Katie Nunn Nash

Duty Rescue Managers: Chris Riddington, Trevor Weeks

Care Assistant & Orphan Support: Nikola Upton, Karen Francis, Hannah Stainton

Vets: Simon Harris BVSc Cert VR, MRCVS.

Dr 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 qualification in Animal Care, have completed the British Hedgehog Preservation Society & Vale Wildlife Rescue's Hedgehog Basic First Aid, Care & Rehabilitation Course, BDMLR's Marine Mammal Medic Course, training with the Sussex Bat Hospital and undertake 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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on a daily basis (earning just minimum wage). Trevor Weeks, like all WRAS staff, 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 the many volunteers within WRAS, ensuring your donations go as far as possible.



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Christmas Wildlife Casualties

Christmas 2016 turned out to be a fairly quiet time for WRAS, but we were still kept busy with loads of hedgehogs in care and several severely injured casualties needing regular treatment and bandage changes.

23rd December we dealt with a Rook unable to fly at Court Lodge Close Lower Dicker. A Buzzard Road Casualty from the A26 near Herons Ghyll and a Goldfinch possible predator attack in North Street Alfriston.

Christmas Eve a Gull road casualty in Levett Way Polegate. A Wood pigeon possible window strike in St Johns Road Polegate and a gull road casualty in Seaford.

Christmas Day rescuers attended a Buzzard possible Road Casualty on the A22 Hailsham By-pass. A Hedgehog found out during the Day which wandered into a conservatory in Burgess Hill and a fox road casualty at Stanmer Park Brighton.

Boxing Day a fox caught in a fence by a rear leg near Church lane Wivelsfield Green. Two hedgehogs both too small to hibernate found in Pevensy Bay Road Eastbourne. Also a hedgehog out during the day and too small to hibernate in Rattle Road Westham and Croxden Way Eastbourne. Hedgehog – Too small to hibernate and accidentally trodden on - Croxden Way Eastbourne. Plus a road casualty fox by Langney Shopping Centre.

27th December saw rescuers deal with a fox collapsed in a field off Willingdon Road Eastbourne. A swan road Casualty near Langney which wasn't found. A Hedgehog out during the day and too small to hibernate in Fairfield Road Burgess Hill and Vale View Road Heathfield and a herring gull road casualty in Winchelsea Road Eastbourne.

Swans Return to Sussex.

Over the past couple of year East Sussex WRAS has sent quite a few swans up to the Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton for specialist veterinary help and care, like those from Ditchling Common, the dykes behind Lewes Rugby Club and from Hampden Park's lake. To help re-address the balance the Swan Sanctuary and WRAS decided to bring 11 cygnets back to Sussex for release. Today (2nd Nov 2016) a WRAS ambulance collected 11 cygnets from the Swan Sanctuary and delivered them to Princes Park in Eastbourne where they were released into the non-territorial flock of swans. Once old enough they will find themselves partners and fly off to establish their own territories in the surrounding countryside. You can see the release on our You Tube Channel.



All these rescues have been funded due to the support we receive from kind hearted members of the public like you. Without your support WRAS would not be where it is today. Please help support us to look after our local wildlife. To make a donation please call 01825-873003 or visit www.wildlifeambulance.org