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WRAS opens its First Charity Shop in Eastbourne.

WRAS has decided to take the leap and open its first charity shop. It was officially opened by Stephen Lloyd and Trevor Weeks MBE on Saturday 8th October 2016.

The shop is located at 192 Terminus Road, Eastbourne on the pedestrian section almost opposite T J Hughes. It is hoped that this will help WRAS raise the additional funding needed to sustain the huge influx of casualties which it has had this year and ever increasing costs associated with their care and rehabilitation back to the wild.

The shop is being managed by John Racher and Lois Attwater and the shop is now open 6 days a week from 9am till 5.30pm. We will always be in need of donations of clothing, bric-a-brac and other household items, although at the moment we are unable to accept furniture. If you would like to drop off items please do so, but for larger quantities or heavy items please call ???? To arrange collection.

WRAS would like to thank John Masters for his help in guiding us through the set up process and to Chris Riddington acting on this advice and getting the shop off the ground. Thank you to builder Tim for helping with the construction work and shop fitting as well as to the many WRAS volunteers, especially Laura Carrick, John Debop and WRAS Trustee Brian Russell for all of their time and skills putting together equipment, tidying, sorting and much more.



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footage of the rescue, treatment or release of
this casualty on our You Tube Channel.
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Front Cover:

As many of you may have seen in local and national media a Red Footed Booby was rescued by WRAS at St Leonards. He was passed to RSPCA Mallydams Wood due to their specialist Seabird Facilities.



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.

Fallow Buck Stays overnight at WRAS's Casualty Centre.

This young male fallow deer came into care at 1am 25th September 2016. On-call Coordinator Chris Riddington received the call just after midnight to reports of an injured deer which had been cut free from fencing in Hellingly. WRAS doesn't normally deal with these rescues but on this occasion there was no one else free so WRAS stepped in. The finders had managed to secure the deer in their vehicle suffering cuts and bruises in the process, until Chris arrived in one of WRAS's ambulances. Once on site the deer was assessed and transferred to a stretcher and secured in the ambulance.

Chris had called Trevor Weeks and Kathy Martyn due to their experience with deer and they met him at the hospital. The deer was suffering from a ligature wound just above the rear left ankle. Although down to the bone, there was plenty of skin attached and the blood supply not compromised. The wound was cleaned and emergency first aid was given. Once calm the deer was transferred into one of WRAS's large indoor pens for the night.

Chris and Trevor stayed over-night to monitor the deer's condition getting up through the night to check him.

The deer was reassessed in the morning and deer specialists Chris and Sylvia Collinson came down to the centre to see the deer which was then transported by WRAS ambulance to their facility at Chelwood Gate for rehabilitation.

This is the second deer which WRAS has housed this summer overnight to help out deer specialists who have been either tied up or busy during the night. See page 24 for another fallow deer rescued by WRAS.



This beautiful warbler came in from Eastbourne in September after being caught by a cat as a result of striking a window. He has an injured wing and was treated at WRAS's Casualty Centre.



Red Footed Booby Rescued at St Leonards, Sussex!

East Sussex WRAS rescuers Andrew Loftus and Charlotte Humphreys had a surprise when they turned up to rescue a seabird on St Leonards Beach to find it was a Red Footed Booby. Rescuers were called out mid afternoon on Sunday 4th September. The amazingly beautiful bird had been seen to fly ashore but has poor feather condition and is underweight. The birds which are normally found in countries closer to the equator is obviously a long way from home. Rescuers managed to catch the bird easily on the beach and brought it back to WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith for initial care. The bird was transported to RSPCA Mallydams Wood at Hastings the following morning once they were open, for more specialist care. The bird is now going to be flown to Florida prior to release.



Ditchling Common

Swan Update. By Trevor Weeks

On Wednesday 24th August WRAS were called again to rescue one of the cygnets at Ditchling Common lake due to fishing line in its throat. Whilst there we spotted the dead body of the remaining lone parent floating in the water. As a result of the lone parent being found dead we have removed the final cygnet too.

The dead parents body was removed and taken to our vets for an x-ray. They clearly show the swan to have been shot twice with air gun pellets as well as a fishing hook in the body and a recently broken wing. The body x-ray was taken with the neck resting on the back and shows the two pellets, a hook and a recently fractured wing which is healing. The second x-ray is of the neck just below the head.

This site is the worst we have encountered in terms of the number of calls we received for fishing tackle and dogs attacking the waterfowl. Every time we have to get in the lake for a rescue we are tripping over line, and have even had hooks embedded in our dry suits too. Action needs to be taken to manage the fishing better and clean up after irresponsible persons fishing. We are well aware that a number of regular fishermen at the site are as frustrated as we are over the irresponsible fishermen, but if the site can't be improved then fishing should be banned all together to prevent the degree of suffering which has been caused at this site.

Sadly a litter pick of the area is not good enough to improve the problem, it needs a team of people to get in the lake and clear it properly as well as clearing over hanging branches to help prevent line and hooks becoming snagged on branches, and restricting where fishing takes place. We would also recommend that the area directly around the pond should be fenced off and notices erected saying dogs should be kept on a lead within this area.

Sussex Police were quick to send Wildlife Crime Officer Peter Hall to the site to look round and he agreed to make a few random visits to keep an eye on the site. In an e-mail he said *"We have not received any other complaints of a similar nature over the last couple of months, so the motivation for this cruel act remains unclear. Today I have been in contact with both East Sussex County Council Countryside Management Team and the Environment Agency- to highlight both this recent incident and other complaints we have received about discarded fishing line, illegal angling and the general state of the park. I hope that we will be able to instigate some joint working to alleviate some of the reported issues on site."*

Andy Le Gresley, Team Manager, Rights of Way & Countryside for East Sussex County Council, contacted WRAS after being updated and was very concerned about the reports.



WRAS is surprised that it has taken such an incident for the council to take notice when this issue has been raised previously, but are pleased the council are now looking at the site seriously.

In an e-mail to WRAS Andy said *"Obviously, the challenge of ESCC effectively policing criminal activity and dog control at a site which is open access 24-hours a day is tricky. In regards to the fishing line and litter, and given the reports that have come in since June, we are currently looking at how we can improve our management with the limited resources we have. This will also include the consideration as to whether fishing is appropriate or not at the site."*

WRAS has provide the council with a list 10 separate incidents in 2016, 7 in 2015 and some historical incidents dating back to 2009. A total of 39 calls about Ditchling Common primarily fishing line entanglements, hooks in mouths and dogs attacking the swans.

One angler Neil posted on WRAS's website "I am a very keen carp angler and I live very locally to the pond. It would also be fair to say that I am very experienced, as I have been carp fishing go over 30 years on a number top carp waters.

I joined the lake last year and tried to fish the lake, but it became very apparent that there were numbers of anglers who were just camping out on the lake for weeks at a time trying to catch the 40lb plus common carp that lives in the lake & that any normal angler who only gets the odd weekend to fish had absolutely no chance of getting a look in.

Also there were many issues troubling me about what the lake had become due to the actions of some total idiots. The lake was covered in litter left by anglers. There was human excrement and toilet paper all over the place in the bushes surrounding the lake. There was a large amount of discarded fishing line hooks and other end tackle all over the place, in the trees, on the bank edges, in the water all over the place and worstly hanging from at least two of the swans. In the summer when the water levels are very low the oxygen levels in the water are very low and this has a very bad effect on

the carp as they need oxygen to survive, this is a point that I phoned and made to the ranger, who basically wasn't that interested. The condition of the fish is deteriorating quite fast due to how regularly caught, in the big commons case at least 10 times a year. I witnessed a fish being dragged through the lilies one day. When I asked the guy who caught it why he was fishing in the middle of the lilies he just said "that's where they are"! Any angler that is a sensible angler would never fish like that as you can only do damage to the fish like that, and so was the case with this fish, it's mouth was badly torn, it had a very nasty deep gash about 5" long under its pectoral fin where the line had cut into it & it also had a broken rib, where I can only assume it had been poorly looked after on the bank at some point.

I could go on but I think the issues I have raised here should be more than enough !!!! I think it is very sad it has come to this due to the desperate measures some anglers will go to to catch a big carp. I fished the pond when I was a child and loved every minute of it and never was there any problems like this.

The only reason all this is happening is due to the size of the carp in the pond. In my opinion, for what it is worth !!!! The carp should be moved to another lake that suits there needs much better than here, a bigger deeper lake where they are not able to continuously be dragged in and out. Then the amount of anglers desperate to catch these fish will decrease to next to none, and the pond can go back to how it was before.



Legacy Helps Save Lives

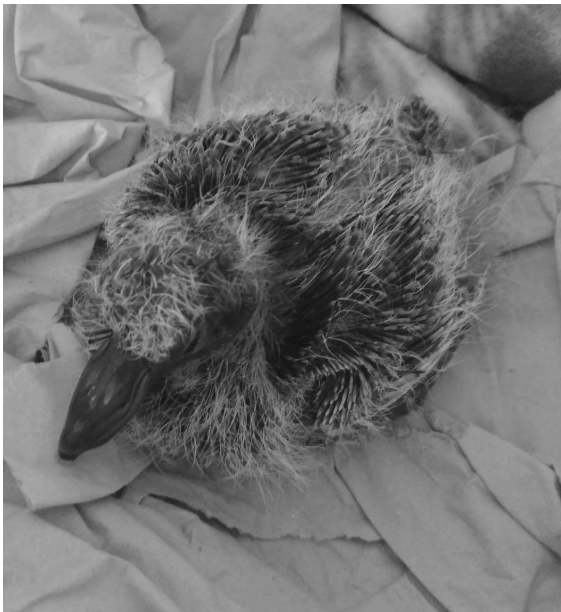
We have had several legacies over the past couple of years, some for a few hundred pounds to some larger in the thousands. This summer we received a smaller legacy and decided to purchase this suction unit for use in our First Aid Room.

"It has proven to be one of the most useful purchases we have ever made" claimed Katie Nunn-Nash one of WRAS's Casualty Managers, *"we have really been able to clean up hedgehogs with fly eggs and maggots so much better than ever before. Normally we would have had to send the severe cases to the vets where the poor frightened creature is likely to experience a delay in being seen. Now we can straight away start working on the casualty. This new machine is amazing and Trevor and I were up till gone midnight back in September working on this baby pigeon from which we collected from Bexhill Wildlife Rescue.*

He was covered head to toe in eggs. Chris had already done a good job clearing them away, but asked WRAS for help. When I saw the state of the poor baby I called Trevor down to the centre for help and we worked till gone midnight for over 3 hours to save the poor little chaps life. Trevor had to do some emergency sutures in addition to cleaning up the wounds and using a magnifying glasses to see and remove both maggots and eggs from the ears of the pigeon.

We also have Sir Gallahad , a hedgehog rescued in Horsfield Road Lewes come in covered in fly eggs and maggots. The Suction Unit was amazing at coping with their removal. Sir Gallahad was microchipped and had been in care 9 months previous after being found at the side of a road, but released fit and healthy just a few days later.

Yet another life saved thanks to WRAS and its supporters."





Barn Owl Reunited with owner.

WRAS's Trevor Weeks was called out just before midnight on 7th September after a Barn Owl was spotted acting in a disorientated manner close to Willingdon Drove Eastbourne. Once on site the owl was quickly caught with a net and driven back to WRAS's Casualty Centre, where the bird was given first aid. It was also found to have a ring on its leg so it was an escaped pet not a wild owl.

WRAS contacted the Independent Bird Register quoting the ring number but sadly the owners details had not been updated. The Breeder of the owl was contacted and the owner tracked and a very poorly and underweight bird was handed back to its owner and advised to seek veterinary support to try and save the bird's life.

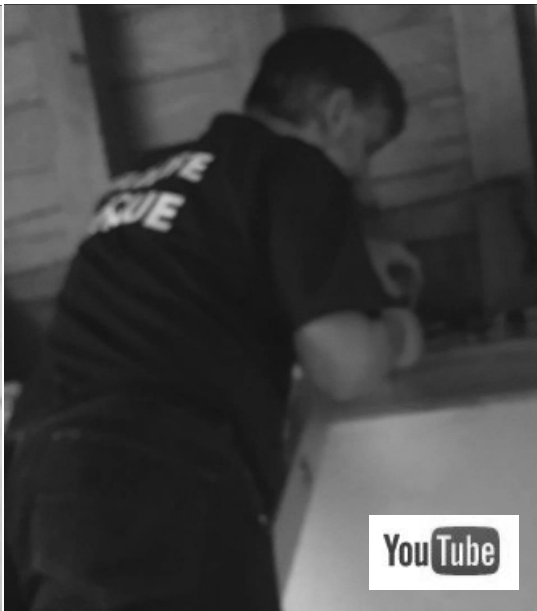


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Bat Entanglement at Westham.

WRAS rescuers Amy Sandiford and Trevor Weeks were called out on 12th September 2016 to this Brown Long Eared Bat after it became entangled in netting in the porch of St Mary's Church, High Street, Westham, East Sussex. Volunteers at the church noticed the bat in the morning as they visited the church and called out WRAS.

A ladder had to be used to reach the bat whose wing was entangled in the netting. It was not easy to remove the bat as the netting was twisted and rescuers did not want to cause the bat any further pain or discomfort moving the wing in the wrong direction. Rescuers decided there was only one way of removing the bat safely and that was to cut an area of netting from around the bat and then sorting him out back at WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith.

At WRAS's Casualty Centre the Bat was held securely in tissue where the rest of the netting was carefully removed before being sent up to Jenny Clark at the Sussex Bat Hospital at Forest Row. Sadly the bat is unlikely to fly again due to the damage to the wing, but is likely to be kept as an educational bat to help educate members of the public and teach people about these lovely creatures.

The netting had been erected at the church to stop pigeons from nesting, but had not been erected in a safe manner. This is a common problem which wildlife rescue organisations face where people try to erect DIY deterrence which end up causing problems to other wildlife. Bird netting works but only if it is installed correctly and it is checked and maintained frequently. Sadly all too often Bird Netting is either not checked or is erected in an inadequate manner causing wildlife to suffer. Garden netting, fishing line and other such make-shift deterrence are used and often cause problems for other species. WRAS has experienced Tawny Owls, Little Owls, Sparrowhawks, Kingfishers, blackbirds along with Collared Doves, Pigeons and Gulls all entangled in inappropriate or poorly maintained and erected netting in East Sussex.

You can see a video of this rescue and more on our You Tube Channel at...

www.youtube.com/user.eastsussexwras.

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Hampden Park Cygnet Update by Trevor Weeks

As most of you will be aware the cygnet at Hampden Park's Decoy Pond have not been the luckiest of birds over the past few years losing quite a few due to a naturally occurring parasite in the pond. This year we were given permission to catch and treat and release the cygnets in an attempt to help them with the parasites. We have been monitoring them regularly and randomly catching one or two at a time to check their weight.

In August we rescued one of the cygnets due to be underweight and lethargic. However when we checked some of the others they were a good weight. On Tuesday 20th September we attended the lake and randomly caught one of the cygnets, we were surprised that it hadn't put any more weight on than last time. We released it again as it did not feel too bad but enough for us to be concerned and we started checking them more frequently. We returned the following day and noticed that one of the swans had a damaged wing dragging in the water. We had an opportunity to catch one of the other cygnets and did so and checked its



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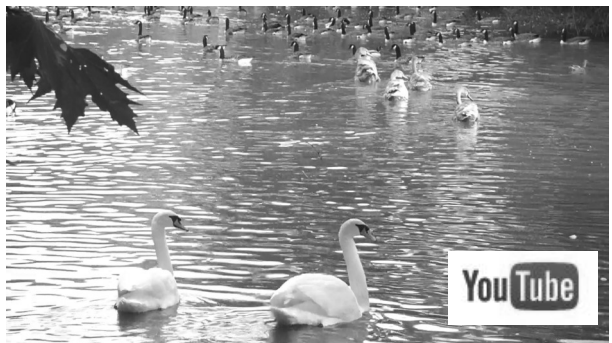
weight and was...

...concerned enough to place him straight into our ambulance, and we took the decision to catch the injured cygnet and the others. However the final cygnet we were unable to catch as he was so lively and didn't want to invasively catch him with our motorised boat if so lively.

The four cygnets caught weighed 4.3kg, 5.1kg, 5.7kg and 7.25kg, the latter probably being a male at that weight. Which is much better than when we caught them last year and the year before at roughly the same time. The fifth remaining cygnet we left with the parents at the lake. The 4.3kg cygnet is the one with the damaged wing and has now been taken up to the Swan Sanctuary. The other three which we caught were checked over at WRAS's Casualty Centre and given a wormer and after advice from the Swan Sanctuary returned to the lake in an attempt to keep them on site.

Earlier in the year two of the cygnets disappeared without a trace, but now the vegetation has started to die back we noticed two decomposed bodies of cygnets in the reeds just anti-clockwise of the inlet stream. The swans regularly perch on the edge of this silted up area which has been planted up. Although impossible to know for sure, they may have been predator attacks due to their location and the way in which they are hidden – mink possibly – but that is a guess. The eighth cygnet which was taken up to the Swan Sanctuary on 18th August being underweight is doing well up there. So in summary out of the eight original cygnets:

Two have gone to Swan Sanctuary, two have died possible predator attacks, four are staying with parents. We will review what has happened later in the year.



This is one of the many baby hedgehogs reared by WRAS this summer!



Radiation Protection Supervisors rescue pigeon!

On 12th October WRAS's Trevor Weeks & Chris Riddington attended the Public Health England Radiation Protection Supervisor (RPS) training course at Chilton in Oxfordshire. The day course taught them about the role of the RPS in veterinary practice, health and safety and legislation around the use of X-rays and the damage that they can cause. WRAS's X-ray facilities are now expected to be up and running by Christmas. Whilst leaving the course Chris noticed a young pigeon grounded under a tree, so Trevor swung the ambulance round, they both got out, grabbed nets and managed to catch the pigeon. Being a youngster he was transported back to WRAS to be reared with numerous others already in care.



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Pigeon Post by Kathy Martyn

Baby season has continued to be manic this year, I have regularly had 15-17 babies at home at any one time. Mid October I had 17 at home, 8 feral pigeons, 5 wood pigeons, 2 stock doves and 2 collared doves of various ages. 3 of the young ones at home are the last of the 7 Katie rescued from a building site in Carshalton where someone she knew was working. Laurel and Hardy are the eldest pair left, and came in at a week old. Hardy has had a lot of issues with feather growth from the start, and other than his wings and chest he was almost bald until recently, when suddenly all his feathers started to come through. Little Syd came from the same location and must have been about 24 hours old. Bless him, I had no other feral pigeons of his age so he snuggled up with some young woodies when he was tiny, and later went in with the much bigger Laurel and Hardy who taught him to eat seed at a young age (he was best friends with Laurel in particular). Then just as I started to wean Laurel and Hardy thankfully Norman arrived, a lovely pink feral youngster just the right age for Syd to pair up with. Laurel and Hardy will soon be leaving home and moving into an aviary, along with Bill and Ben, 2 lovely blue bar coloured babies. Although just as these are all growing up and leaving home I now also have Tweedledum and Tweedledee, 2 babies found at Morrisons Supermarket carpark, Seaford. It is a little crazy at home at the moment with huge great babies being weaned but wrapping their massive wings around me begging for food when they are being cleaned out, even though they are huge and fully able to feed themselves, but it is great fun. We have had some great success recently with a number of birds suffering badly broken wings going back to the wild. In the last 6 weeks we have released around 30 hand reared pigeons which is amazing, including Storm who was mentioned last time and had been in for a year. We always make sure we spread our releases out amongst different locations, so that we don't overload one area with a particular species. It has been an amazing year for Stock Doves, not so long ago we usually only had 1 or 2 come into care a year, but this year we have had around 10, adults and youngsters, which is amazing, they are such gentle shy birds and a privilege to spend time with.



Baby Syd



Laurel & Hardy



Tweedledum & Tweedledee



Little Norman



Thank You Cards Flood In After Appeal.

WRAS has received loads of cards, notes and donations in response to an appeal to boost the morale of WRAS's volunteers and staff. WRAS founder Trevor Weeks put out an appeal in the local media after growing concerned at how hard they were working.

He said "My colleagues and I have been worked exceptionally long hours this spring and summer and I am very concerned for their welfare, as they are getting very tired, stressed and exhausted. I'm asking for the public's support to help cheer them on in their marathon summer and help show them how much support there is out there for their valuable work they undertake saving the wildlife of Sussex".

Trevor asked the public to post in "Thank you" and "Well Done" notes to try and boost his teams will-power and determination to keep going back in August with at least 6 weeks of the busy summer season still to go.

"I know they do this for the animals and they don't expect this thanks or support, but I know it will do them good and help boost them if people show their support and encouragement for the valuable work they undertake" said Trevor.

"The rescue line has been starting any time from 4am onwards and often doesn't finish till gone midnight. Even on our weeks off call my colleague Chris Riddington of Eastbourne and I provide back-up for each other and are still undertaking rescues. It means we can work exceptionally long hours. As our rescue work is voluntary on top of our paid jobs working at WRAS, we can find ourselves working up to 110 hours a week when we are only paid minimum wage to work 38 hours a week" said Trevor.

On Tuesday 9th August Trevor worked 23 hours in a row with just 3 hours rest before being up and on the road again the following day working 20 hours. His colleague Chris is experiencing the same sort of hours when he is on call too. "This as a one off is fine but when it becomes several times a week it becomes a struggle. In July our ambulances drove over 20,000 miles dealing with incidents" said Chris.

Our Orphan Team are working from 7am till 10pm every day of the week. Katie Nunn Nash from

Bexhill is frequently taking baby birds and mammals home on top of helping with rescues, care work and dealing with emergencies early in the morning till late at night. Casualty Manager Kathy has had her busiest summer season rearing over 50 collared doves compared to less than 10 last year. The first week in August saw Kathy taken on 18 new baby pigeons and doves at home in just one week. Her day starts at 7am. "With four of them being so young they have to be fed every two hours till 7pm in the evening. I'm also looking after 19 hedgehogs which include two mums with babies" said Kathy.

These guys put the care of the casualties first, in front of the rest of their lives, to ensure that they can provide the care and attention which the wildlife of Sussex needs.

"Chris, Katie and Kathy, and all our volunteers from the Feed and Clean shifts, rescue shifts, reception, Orphan Team and those behind the scene doing admin and DIY work have been amazing with the hours they have put in this summer. They have all worked very hard and some very long hours. This summer has seen a more prolonged season for night time rescues which are normally more common during the Spring and Autumn but this year night time calls have continue throughout. We have had so many casualties in care with open wounds and trauma from small birds being caught by cats and birds of prey to road casualties too. Our veterinary and care teams have had to work hard this week suturing these wounds and thank you to vets at Henley House in Uckfield and to our vets Mike Symons and Simon Harris for working hard supporting us especially Mike out of hours recently as its been busy with road casualties" added Trevor.

"These cards, notes and donations were amazing, they just started flooding in! Reading the notes really put a smile on our faces, and they were all displayed in our Volunteer area for the volunteers to read. It shows all our staff and volunteers how much their aching and tired bodies, exhausted minds and spirits are so much appreciated and helped give them the encouragement they need to keep going. They know I appreciate them and I can only encourage them so much, and the public's help in doing so was really appreciated. They all deserve medals, they are all amazing!" said Trevor.

This summer has seen East Sussex WRAS deal with much higher numbers of calls and casualties than any previous year, seeing the highest number of casualties in care at any one time hitting the 300 mark for the first time ever.

"What people don't see is the hundreds of hours which have to be put in behind the scenes, sorting out fundraising, organising volunteer rotas, cleaning and feeding, maintenance around the centre and of the ambulances, plus ordering and stock control" it's a huge effort by everyone" said Trevor.

WRAS is a small charity with limited funds and resources but achieves big things because of the dedication and commitment of its staff and volunteers.



New Thermal Image Cameras!

A huge thank you to our supporters for coming up trumps with making donations to buy all of the Thermal Image Cameras we needed for our ambulances. They have already proven useful in the search for injured casualties including a very stressed deer at West Dean where we didn't want to frighten it using torches. Thanks to a few smaller donations from people wanting to help towards the costs of these, we have been able to purchase slightly better equipment than expected too.

These cameras can also be used to help search for casualties in the dark as well as looking for infections which show up warmer on casualties. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Xmas Events:

WRAS will once again be holding its Annual Christmas Craft Fair at East Dean Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December from 2am till 5pm. Last year was very busy and everyone came away with extra Christmas goodies!

You will also find WRAS attending Eastbourne's Christmas Craft Fair at the Bandstand on Eastbourne Seafront from Sunday 11th till Sunday 18th December every day 10am till 9pm.

You can also find WRAS's educational Trailer and stall at Paws-n-claws in Olive Yard, just off Uckfield High Street, during Uckfield's Late Night Shopping on Friday 2nd December too., a great opportunity to support Paws-n-claws Pet Food Store for some amazing Christmas gifts for your pets too!





Autumn Bird Of Prey Casualties.

Every Autumn we experience a rise in the number of birds of prey coming into care. Primarily due to being hit on roads whilst hunting at from dusk till dawn, but also from hitting power cables and windows.

This Kestrel left hit a power cable at Friston back in October and came to us via St Annes Vets and the Tawny Owl on the right was hit by a car at Bexley near Rye last at night and the finders couldn't find any help more locally.



Black-backed Gull Distress.

A black back gull was rushed into care on Sunday 9th October after being rescued by Andrew and Charlotte on Eastbourne beach. He was entangled with fishing line which was also attached to another gull which was sadly already dead. The black back gull had a large fishing hook embedded in its tongue. Casualty Manager Chris managed to manipulate the hook whilst Katie held the beak open. Once the barb was found Andrew used pliers to hold it whilst Chris cut the hook in the middle and managed to pull it through.

The black-back also had a nasty ligature wound cutting off blood supply to the leg. The line was quickly removed and the leg was massaged to help blood supply flow. The leg was gently warmed and the blood supply could be seen moving down the foot as it returned from white to pink and began to move it again.

Some of the line was wrapped multiple times around its body and restricting it's movements and causing ligature wounds over the body. The gull was bedded down, drinking and eating and warming up and is expected to make a full recovery.

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: Murrae Hume, Kathy Martyn, Brian Russell

Patrons: Sarah Jane Honeywell, Chris Packham

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

Orphan Support: Lindsay Redfern, Nikola Upton

Care Assistant: Amy Sandiford, 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)

Office / Non-Casualty Calls: 01825-873003

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4 Mile walk to check Seal at Piddinghoe!

WRAS rescuers received several calls from a lady walking along the River Ouse at Piddinghoe on 27th September. She described the seal as having difficulty moving, only 2ft in length and possible a baby in trouble.

Although it is the wrong time of year for young harbour seals, recently WRAS has come across a few young grey seals. Pupping Season for Harbour seals is generally June to July and the larger Grey Seals pupping and mating season is January to July but varies around the country. Rescuer Trevor Weeks and Chris Riddington parked up near Southease Bridge, thinking this was closest parking point to the eastern bank of the river where the seal had been spotted, but the walk ended up being a round trip of four miles and closer to Newhaven than they thought!

Luckily when they found the seal it was a healthy harbour seal over 3ft in length with a reasonable body condition and as rescuers approached the seal swam off into the river nice and strongly so was left alone.



Another Long Night for WRAS's Medics.

Rescuers have spent yet another week working very long hours to help the wildlife of Sussex. WRAS rescuers Trevor Weeks and Kathy Martyn were called out to a road casualty young deer on Crowborough Road, Nutley at 1am. The chocolate coloured young fallow was on the grass verge when they arrived being looked after by passing motorists.

The young deer was checked over at the side of the road and assessed for broken bones and spinal injuries before being moved to the back of WRAS's ambulance and taken back to WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith.

Casualty Managers Katie Nunn-Nash and Chris Riddington were already at the centre, when the deer arrived, after having spent the evening admitting a tiny catted mouse, a gull with a large fishing hook in its neck, a young pigeon from Newhaven, and a RTA fox which rescuer Kai had been to in Newhaven. They had also been out to rescue four baby hedgehogs from Observatory view Hailsham and a badly injured gull at Eastbourne pier plus a duck in Eastbourne walking along the middle of the road.

After the deer's wounds were cleaned, sutured and emergency medication given she was bedded down. Trevor stayed in the pen all night with her to monitor her condition and to keep her alive. 9am the following morning the deer was transported across to deer experts Chris and Sylvia Collinson at Chelwood Gate for specialist care and treatment, and hopefully eventual release.



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