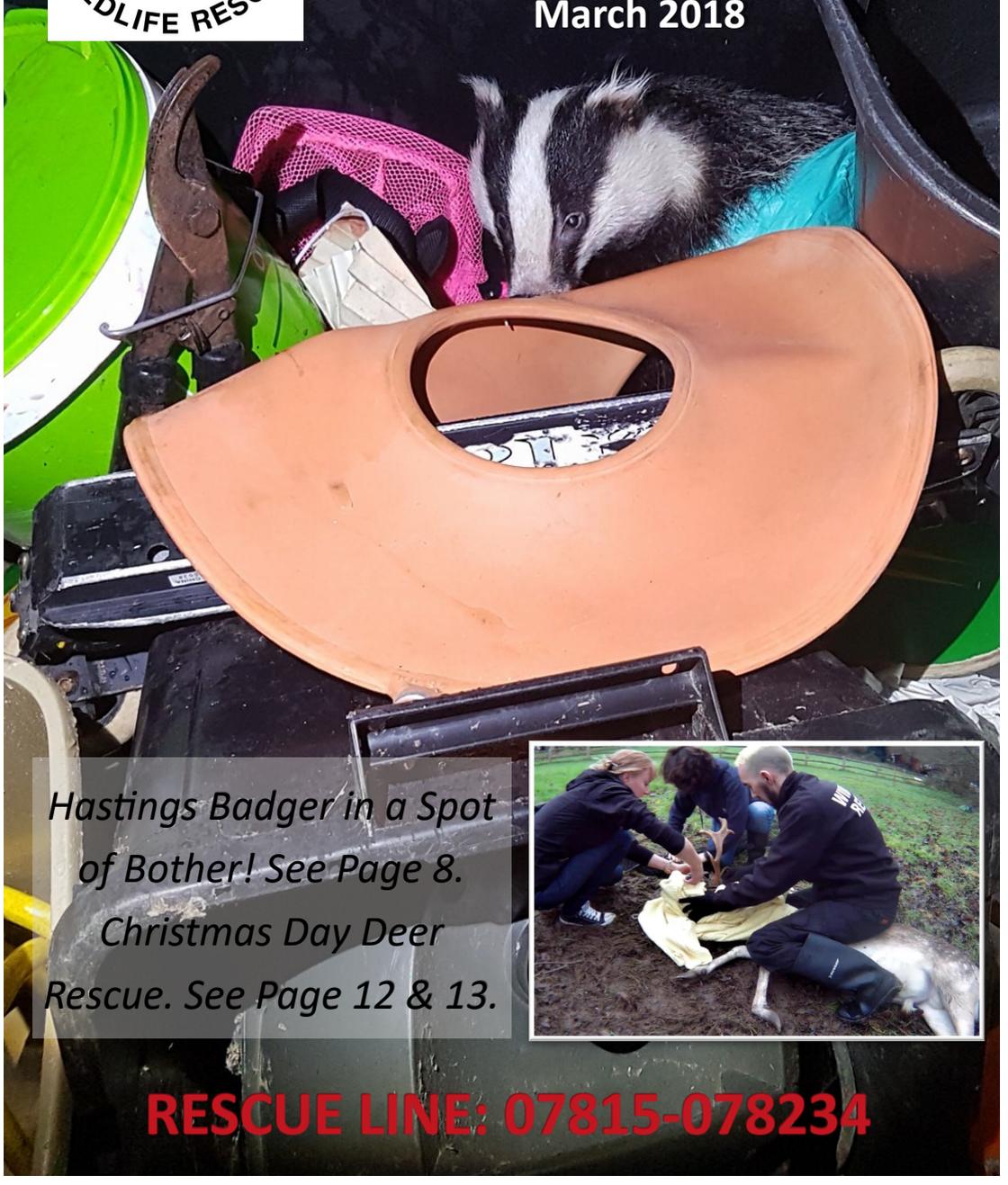




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Chris & Trevor's White Christmas



WRAS's Chris Riddington and Trevor Weeks were challenged by WRAS volunteers Holly and Amy Davies to bleach their hair white for Christmas if they made a donation towards some new isolation cages needed at the hospital.

"Chris said he would do it for £100, and both Amy and I agreed straight away to donate, but Trevor clearly wasn't as keen and set the limit at £1000 which was going to be more of a challenge, and we only had 4 days to raise the money" said Holly.

After pushing the challenge on Just Giving and social media Trevor thought he was in the clear but Tuesday night the total shot up hitting the £1000 mark 12 hours before the 9am deadline on Wednesday morning! "I really didn't think they would raise enough money, to say the least I've been very apprehensive about getting this done. I've never bleached or coloured my hair ever before," said Trevor.

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www.youtube.com/user/eastsussexwras

Front Cover:

The scene when rescuer Chris Riddington opened a shed door in Hastings looking for a trapped badger. Read more on Page 8.

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.

Over 3000 Casualties for the First Time!

Every Winter thousands of wild animals and birds up and down the country struggle as the temperature drops and winter sets in. Hedgehogs abandon their last litter of young to go off and hibernate. Parent birds start concentrating on building up fat reserves to survive the winter and stop helping their young. Some young animals and birds out in the wide world for the first time struggle to cope. The low sun causes birds to crash into windows. As the nights draw in birds of prey, foxes, heron and badgers hunting and foraging for food on grass verges come into conflict with our busy roads users too.

Wildlife animals and birds won't know its Christmas, they will see it as just another day of the year. They still get sick from drinking anti-freeze polluted water, or injured after being caught by a cat, dog or other predator and even caught in fishing line or entangled in a disused football goal. As we clear away and tidy up our gardens nests of hibernating hedgehogs are disturbed or dug up.

Right across the autumn, winter and festive period East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service will be on duty responding to as many emergency calls as possible 24 hour a day 7 days a week. "Our staff and volunteers work hard every single day come rain, shine, wind or snow looking after our wildlife casualties" said WRAS founder Trevor Weeks MBE.

2017 saw a 13% increase in casualties up 381 casualties on last year making a total of 3273. This has seen WRAS rescue over 3000 casualties in a year for the first time. June saw the number of casualties surpass 500 for the first time ever too. Averaging 18 casualties every day for a month! The highest number of casualties in a single day was 27 on 8th June, where WRAS dealt with a catted blackbird, an orphan young crow, an abandoned duckling, a goldfinch which hit a window, three foxes (all potential road casualties), and four young gulls fallen from roof tops. We also dealt with three hedgehogs, of which three were out during the day and one



attacked by a dog. There were also two jackdaws, a mouse trapped in a bird feeder, a partridge, four pigeons, a road casualty rabbit, a catted robin, two catted sparrows and two catted starlings.

“Support from the public is what keeps our ambulances on the road and our Casualty Centre operational. Those who make a one off donation, or take out a standing order donation with us, are life savers and make a huge impact on what we do. There are too few organisations and individuals undertaking wildlife rescue work across the country so it is vital that people support charities like ours or our wildlife will be left to a very grim fate” said Trevor Weeks. In an age where many people see wildlife as an inconvenience and a pest, WRAS give our wildlife some hope for the future.

This Winter, please help support East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service (WRAS) to look after as much at risk wildlife as possible.



Great Skua found at Pevensey Bay.

This unusual visitor to WRAS came in to WRAS on 21st January after being found on the beach at Pevensey Bay.

A few grazes and a bit underweight this Great Skua is currently in care.

WRAS is liaising with several other rescue centres and looking at plans to release him in a suitable area once completely fit and well again.





Four Seabirds.

This juvenile Guillemot was rescued by Murrae at Cuckmere Haven in November. It was one of four seabirds rescued this winter. Rescuer Tony from Polegate also rescued a juvenile Gannet at Pevensey Bay. Both birds were transported to RSPCA Mallydams for specialist care and treatment. A third Guillemot was found Boxing Day at Birling Gap and a fourth mid January too.

WRAS had a White Christmas!

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“There was no way I was going to do this on my own, so we really pushed the fundraising on social media and it’s been hilarious seeing Trevor have his hair bleached this morning. Thank you to volunteer Terrie for doing it free of charge” said Chris.

The money is going towards the purchase of a bank of 12 isolation cages for the WRAS Casualty Care Centre at Whitesmith which is going to cost about £4000 in total.

“Chris and Trevor were both on call over Christmas and New Year for emergencies and hopefully will enjoy their white Christmas” said Holly.

WRAS would like to thank Chris and Trevor for being such good sports in taking part in such an embarrassing fundraiser for WRAS. This just shows their dedication and commitment to helping wildlife in need. Its not too late to show your support. If you would like to donate towards the new isolation cages visit the just giving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christopher-wras>



Midnight Fox Rescue in Brighton.

East Sussex WRAS rescuer Trevor Weeks rushed to Brighton Town Centre after receiving a call about a fox which had fallen into a basement in Upper North Road Brighton, just off the Town Centre.

The fox had fallen about 15ft into a basement area, and as Trevor opened the basement door the fox jumped into an even lower basement area another 5ft down.

"In order to catch the fox I had to climb down into the lower

basement, but of course as soon as I did that the fox decided to jump up back to the main basement again, leaving me to climb back up again too" said Trevor.

Trevor was then in a better position to corner the fox and catch using a dog grasper as it tried to hide behind a wooden chair.

"The rescue was not easy on my own and the darkness made it even more difficult.

Eventually I managed to get the fox into a cage and secure, where I checked him over to ensure he was not injured from the original fall" said Trevor.

The owner of the house showed Trevor through the house and upstairs to the garden above, where it was then safe for the fox to be released back to the wild.



"it was good to see the fox run off again none the worse for its ordeal" said Trevor.

Pavillion Tea Rooms Fox Rescued.

Rescuer Chris Riddington rushed out to this fox after WRAS received numerous emergency calls around 8.30am on Friday 12th January.

Chris was on site within 20 minutes, and able to find the fox quickly thanks to several members of the public who had waited and kept the fox safe and out of the road.

The fox was circling and clearly suffering from neurological trauma. The fox was rushed to WRAS's Casualty Centre, one of WRAS's vets contacted, and emergency medication given.

"Foxes like this are very difficult to catch as they are not in full control of their movements, so very difficult to predict" said rescuer Chris nursing a minor bite wound to his hand. After just a few hours the fox had calmed down enough to start lapping a liquid diet.

Hastings Trapped Badger.



WRAS received a difficult rescue in Hastings at just before 1am WRAS received a call regarding a badger that had fallen 10 ft into a courtyard and had got himself trapped.

Rescue coordinator Chris travelled over from Eastbourne to attempt to capture the badger. On arrival the clever creature had managed to hide himself in a shed in the garden making a rescue extremely challenging. With not much space to work with, Chris had to clear out the little shed only for the badger to then climb behind a tumble dryer.

Numerous attempts were made to get hold of the animal and after over an hour a grasper was finally attached to him and he was put into a badger cage. After assessment it was found his only real injury was a broken claw that had already stopped bleeding.

The badger was taken through the property and closer to his sett and Chris released him home just before 3am. He shot off with not even a thank you. A difficult rescue but worth seeing him run home. Thank you for the caller's help and for waiting up for us.

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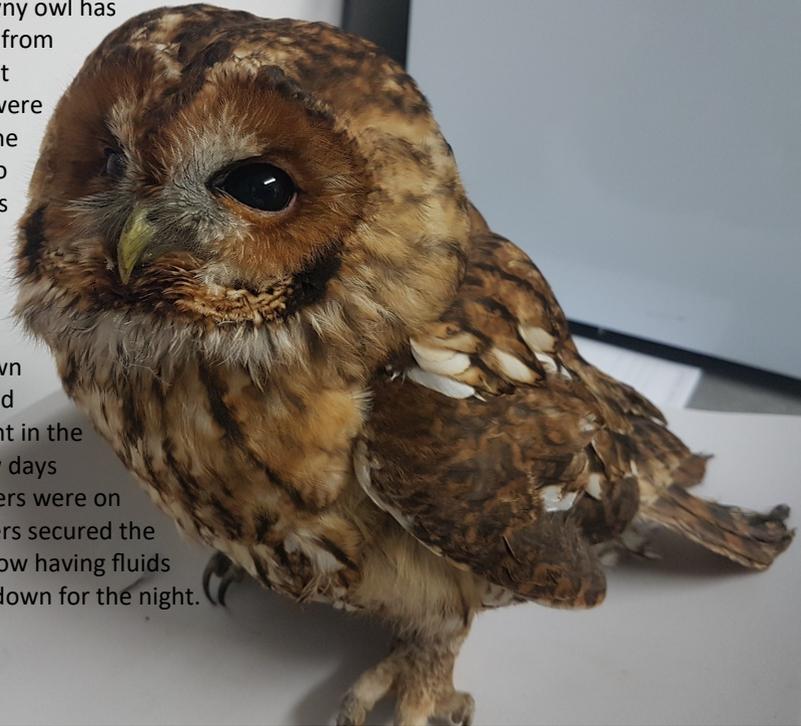
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Balcombe Chimney Tawny Owl.

A gorgeous tawny owl has come into care from Balcombe, West Sussex. As we were quiet and no one else available to attend, rescuers Ellie and Jack rushed up to lend a hand. The owl had likely come down the chimney and had been caught in the house for a few days whilst the owners were on holiday. Rescuers secured the owl and he is now having fluids and is bedded down for the night.



Memory Tree.

Every now and then we get a legacy or a donation in the post via a funeral director where money has been collected for our charity at a funeral instead of flowers or a collection has taken place. We find it really touching that at such a sad time people think highly enough of our humble charity to choose us to make donations to. We have wanted for a while to honour those people. In our reception we now have a "Memory Tree" on the wall, where leaves are being placed to remember people. We have already backdated quite a few leaves with peoples names on and are more than happy for people to visit and see the names in reception as a lasting memory, tribute and thank you. These donations are invaluable and make a huge difference in keeping our service on the road so this is the least we can do to say thank you and remember those who, like us, loved wildlife.

<http://wildlifeambulance.org/donate/memory-tree/>



Humbling Awards for WRAS and its volunteers.

This autumn and winter WRAS has found itself being shortlisted for several awards.

WRAS's Kathy Martyn found herself being nominated for both the BBC Sussex & Surrey Community Heroes Awards for Animal Welfare, and the Uckfield FM Volunteer Award. WRAS rescuer Daryl Farmer won the BBC Sussex & Surrey Community Heroes Award for Fundraising from his solo Atlantic Row last winter. WRAS also won the Emergency Service Award at the Uckfield FM Community Awards. WRAS was shortlisted for the Service to the Community Awards at the Sussex Life Awards 2017 but was beaten by the Old Town Library.



Trevor & Chris's Hedgehog Awareness Week Run.

Hedgehog Awareness Week takes place between 5th and 13th May 2018. WRAS Founder Trevor Weeks and Casualty Manager Chris Riddington will be running the Barcombe 10K to raise money for WRAS and its work helping hedgehogs in the county.

You can donate via ...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hedgehogawareness>

The Hedgehog is the most common mammal we deal with at WRAS, more than double any other mammal. They come in for a wide variety of reasons and most of them could be avoided with a bit of thought.

Hedgehogs are declining and you can help make a difference by sponsoring Trevor and Chris. As many people will know, Trevor started running almost 2 years ago, to try get fitter and healthier due to high blood pressure and a busy lifestyle which caused him to eat badly and put on weight slowly over many years. So please help encourage him with his running at the same time as helping WRAS help our precious hedgehogs at the same time.



Uckfield Groups Helps Sussex Wildlife.

Uckfield Runners have given wildlife in the county a winter warmer after donating £1,000 to WRAS.

The club, which runs three weekly sessions for groups of runners from beginners to those training for marathons, and competing in the East Sussex Cross Country League and the Sussex Grand Prix, delved into its coffers to support this year's WRAS Winter Warmer Appeal. Uckfield Runners' donation came from the club's reserves, built up through annual subscriptions and a £1 fee paid by every runner who attends the club's sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Club chairman Peter Wilkes said: "I live in East Hoathly so know of WRAS's work locally, it was our first choice and is most definitely a worthy recipient."

WRAS's Trevor Weeks who met up with the runners at Uckfield Leisure Centre to be presented with a cheque said " This was a nice surprise and will really help us look after the many casualties which are admitted over winter. Thank you everyone at Uckfield Runners for their support."

Uckfield Singers and Buxted Symphony Orchestra also raised over £400 for WRAS from their Christmas Concert.

WRAS volunteer Gail Harbour attended on behalf of WRAS to help out with the evening and sell raffle tickets. Nick Poole, chairman of Uckfield Singers presented a cheque to Gail as well as money raised on the night from the raffle.



Picture by Jim Holden



Picture by Rob Hill

Two Deer Entangled in Same Fence in 2 Months!



Two Fallow Deer Bucks have been entangled in the same electric rope fence behind Buxted Court Buxted in less than 2 months. The first incident took place on 14th November and the second on Christmas Day.

Rescuers were called out after a resident of Buxted Court noticed the deer from his window up on the bank of a wooded stream opposite. The deer was thrashing around with rope attached to its antlers. It had already pulled several posts out of the ground but could not get free. Rescuers arrived on scene and had to negotiate the wooden bank, stream and barbed wire fence in order to get to the deer.

Rescuers Daryl Farmer from Forest Row, Chris Riddington from Eastbourne and Trevor Weeks MBE from Uckfield used a specialist net called a walk-to-wards nets

to restrict the movement and gain better control over the deer, before rescuer Trevor Weeks was able to grab hold of the rear legs in order to pull him to the floor. Rescuer Chris was then able to cover the deer's head and climb onto the shoulders of the deer to help pin the deer to the floor and control its antlers whilst Daryl used cutters to remove the rope.

"There was a lot of rope around the antlers, and this electric rope is not easy to remove due to the strands of wire which run through it. These rescues always get your adrenalin running as you know you have to get them cut free as quickly as possible or you could cause them to have

Christmas Day Deer Rescue Buxted.



a heart attack. You can't sedate them or you would have problems releasing them quickly" said Trevor.

On Christmas Day morning Trevor and Kathy were on duty at the Casualty Centre when the call came in, for the second incident, just after 9am.

Chris Riddington and his partner Laura Carrick were at home looking forward to Christmas Day when Trevor called asking for additional help. Chris was contacted as he, like Trevor and Kathy, is experienced in deer rescues, and for safety reasons that is important.

Luckily this deer did not have quite so much rope attached, but rescuers were worried the deer would lift the now loose fence post out of the ground and run off with it attached.

This deer was much more tired and stressed. The same procedure was used to catch and restrain the animal as the previous rescue.

Whilst Chris controlled the antlers, Trevor kept hold of the rear legs, allowing Kathy and Laura to cut away at the rope safely. After just a few minutes the deer was free.

Both deer were released in a controlled manner and allowed to run off. The Christmas Day deer only just about managed to jump over the fence, but after hiding in some trees for a few minutes he ran off better. You can see both rescues on our YouTube Channel.





Pigeon Post by Kathy Martyn

This winter has been busier than last year with yet more young doves and pigeons having to come home with me. I'm not sure there was a single day in 2017 where I didn't have one at home being looked after. We have had four nestling collared doves come into care in January. Two via Henley House Vets in Uckfield, although sadly one didn't survive after a nasty wound to its chest and crop. They seem to get earlier and earlier each year.

This stunning pigeon came in from Polegate Industrial Park. We think it was caught by a bird of prey but we can't be sure. He had a nasty wound to his thigh. Our vet Mike attended to treat the bird and his wound was cleaned and closed. Thankfully he is still able to use his poorly leg and is feeling a lot better. It's amazing how they settle into captivity so well and cope so calmly with their treatment.

After the stormy weather mid January I was asked to rescue a pigeon, after we received a call to this gorgeous fella found at Addagrip in Uckfield. He was very disorientated and unsteady on his feet. He has no obvious injuries, and fell asleep as soon as he was safe and sound at our Casualty Centre. In a world where so many successful species are persecuted and called pests, its nice to see people caring and calling us out.



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People see the dramatic rescues of deer, foxes and badgers on our YouTube Channel, social media and on the news but rarely the more normal and routine rescues. So rescuer Trevor Weeks uploaded a video of a road casualty Wood Pigeon found just to show that it doesn't matter whether its an endangered or common species, big or small, WRAS will attend where it has the resources to do so, we don't look at the species we look at the wildlife's need for help. This poorly wood pigeon is thought to have had a knock from a passing vehicle. A build up of acorns in its throat caused some trauma to its neck. It has been seen by our Vet Sophie and resident Pigeon expert Kathy. The acorns were removed. The poor bird can't hold his neck properly and has quite a bit of swelling, in addition to the early stages of a fungal infection in its throat. Treatment has started and hopefully will sort out all his problems. Visit our YouTube channel at...

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Aggressive Dad Prompts Decoy Pond Cygnet to be rescued.



East Sussex WRAS received a large number of calls throughout December and January about the cygnets at Decoy Pond, Hampden Park, Eastbourne. As a result WRAS rescuers have been visiting regularly to check on them.

On Wednesday 10th January several members of the public phoned expressing their concerns and were distressed to see the parents being so aggressive towards their young and chasing them away. In January the cob swan (dad) started to refuse to let the cygnets onto the lake trapping them in the inlet stream.

"This behaviour is normal for most wildlife, once their young are old enough to leave home they will be encouraged to leave by their parents. If they hang around for too long the parents will start pushing them away and getting aggressive. However, at park ponds where birds are fed, young are often reluctant to leave as the food is so plentiful. This then creates a problem between the cygnets and their parents leading to some amazing displays of aggression"



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

explained Trevor Weeks.

It is illegal to catch and relocate most wildlife. DEFRA do not see this natural behaviour as a suitable reason for stepping in and don't class it as a rescue situation. So WRAS can only step in once it is justified to do so after the cygnets have been given an adequate chance to leave home and their health is becoming detrimentally affected by the situation.

"The dad's behaviour is becoming excessively aggressive and WRAS are now getting a repeat pattern of the cygnets being trapped in the inlet stream with their dad refusing to let them onto the pond. We believe this has now gone on long enough, and that the health of the cygnets is starting to suffer. As a result we decided to intervene" said Chris Riddington. Rescuers caught three out of the four cygnets. The remaining cygnet seemed to be standing up to Dad and giving as good as he got. However, WRAS decided to keep an close eye on the situation.

The three cygnets were taken to WRAS's Casualty Centre and given a health check and worming treatment and after a couple of days due to the weakness of one of the cygnets they were all transferred up to the Swan Sanctuary for more specialist care.

The following day rescuer Chris went to check on how the remaining cygnet was coping on his own with the parents. Unfortunately the cygnet was struggling against Dad's undivided attention and being pushed up onto the road, so Chris had no choice but to step in. After a check over the cygnet was in better health than the 3 others and as a result was relocated to Princes Park Eastbourne with the non-territorial flock.



Muntjac Road Casualty at East Hoathly.

Rescuers rushed out to reports of a small deer curled up in the gutter of the A22 on 12th January.

This female Muntjac Deer was picked up and taken to WRAS's Casualty Centre, but sadly had to be put to sleep due to a smashed femur and damaged pelvis.

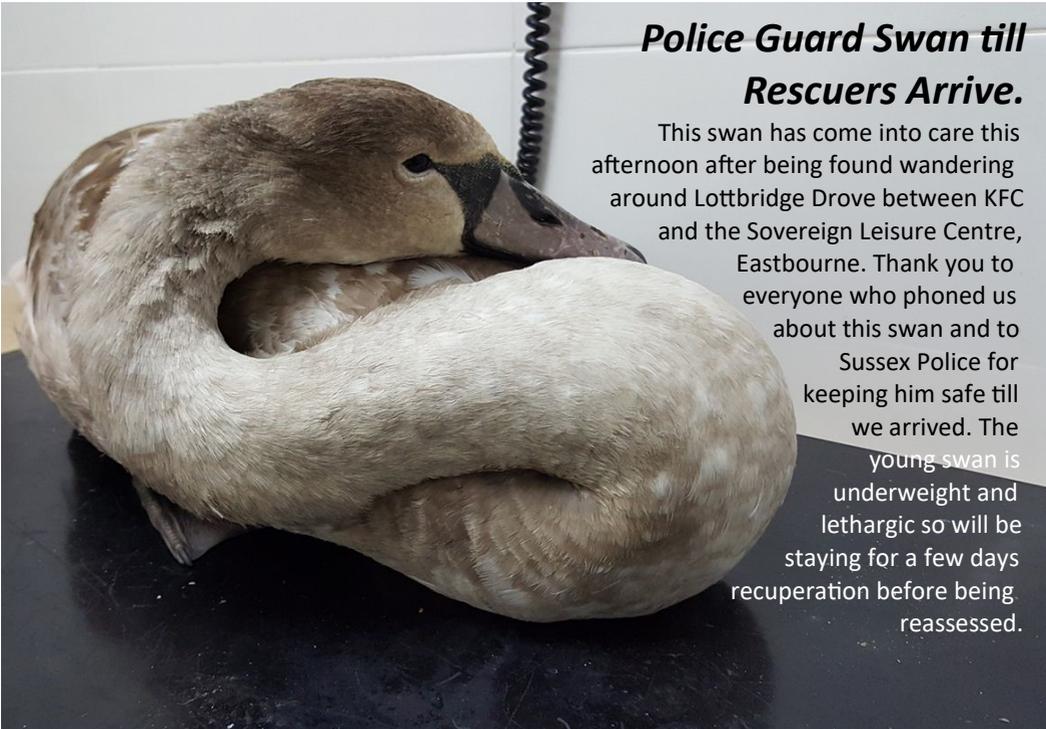




Talks & Presentations

2017 saw WRAS founder Trevor Weeks give 46 talks to community groups, social groups, societies and more. This resulted in over £4300 being donated to WRAS at these events. Trevor brings along a screen, a projector, laptop, speakers and extension cable so generally all that is required is a suitable room, and a table to project from. WRAS's general talk about the work of the East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service, is a PowerPoint presentation using pictures and videos,

and lasts approximately one hour. The majority of the presentation is taken up by showing some of the casualties WRAS deals with and the situations which WRAS finds itself being called to, but it also gives some background on the charity, how it started, as well as how the organisation is run and funded. This presentation does not show any graphic images. All we ask for is a donation of £45 (increasing to £50 for talks booked for after 1st January 2019 onwards). In addition to the above - for talks booked outside of East Sussex, we will also require travel expenses (and cheap accommodation depending of distance and start time). Further information about talks for colleges is available on our website. If you are interested in booking a talk or presentation, please phone 01825873003.



Police Guard Swan till Rescuers Arrive.

This swan has come into care this afternoon after being found wandering around Lottbridge Drove between KFC and the Sovereign Leisure Centre, Eastbourne. Thank you to everyone who phoned us about this swan and to Sussex Police for keeping him safe till we arrived. The young swan is underweight and lethargic so will be staying for a few days recuperation before being reassessed.



Owl has leg pinned to save life.

This poor Tawny owl came to WRAS from Bexhill Wildlife Rescue. The team there were worried about one of its legs and asked us to take it on. On admission the owl was assessed and a nasty fractured leg was found. It was wrapped and splinted and booked for an X-Ray the following morning. X-Rays revealed a nasty displaced fracture of the tibiotarsus bone.

Sadly the fracture was beyond a simple splint and the owl was taken to Henley House vets for further advice as not all fractures are fixable in wild birds.

Casualty manager Chris spoke to Caroline Gould at Vale Wildlife in Gloucestershire, discussed our vet's findings and shared X-Rays. Her vet Tim Partridge agreed it was worth a try.

WRAS rescuer Tony Needs drove the 7 hour round trip to deliver the owl to Vale. The owl was settled and prepared for its operation the following day. Vet Tim and his team carried out a very difficult operation to put the bone back in place using external fixation. The owl is improving and recovering.

Thank you so much to Caroline, Tim and the team at Vale, Chris at Henley House Vets Uckfield, Bexhill Wildlife Rescue, and everyone else involved in giving the owl a chance.

This type of work on wild animals carries much greater risks, and the casualty's ability to live a suitable life afterwards has to be taken into consideration. Sadly WRAS sees too many cases where the bones are too badly damaged to be repaired. This is one lucky owl thanks to everyone working together.



Lewes Redwing.

This gorgeous Redwing was admitted from Lewes on 29th November. The poor bird is thought to have been caught by a cat. Luckily there are no major wounds or injuries, so it stayed with WRAS at its Casualty Centre overnight and was released the following day back close to where it was found.

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.

Charity Shop: 192 Terminus Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3BB.

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

Care Assistant & Orphan Support: Nikola Upton, Karen Francis

Vets: Simon Harris BVSc Cert VR, MRCVS. Dr Chris Hall BVSc, MRCVS, Mike Symons BVSc MRCVS, Sophie Common BVetMed 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

Treasurers: Murrae Hume 07815-070432

(PO Box / Postal Donations) Julia 07732-575989

Volunteering: Chris 01825-873003

chris@eastsussexwras.org.uk

Charity Shop: 01323-643111

To Book a Talk:

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

Work Placements: Please see our website for more information or contact Chris on 01825-873003 or chris@eastsussexwras.org.uk.

General E-mail:

trevor@eastsussexwras.org.uk

Events:

Please call the office on 01825-873003 or e-mail christine@eastsussexwras.org.uk

Veterinary Premises:

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Please tick if you would prefer not to be contacted by WRAS.

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Winter Crashed Swans.

This autumn has seen WRAS dealing with numerous crashed swans across the county. The above swan was rescued by Chris Riddington after being found sitting in the middle of the lane between Pevensey Service Station and Normans Bay. This was one of the many which crash land on roads around the Pevensey Levels, Lottbridge Drove, Sevenoaks Road, Seaside Eastbourne as well as at Glydne, and on the A22 Golden Jubilee Way and A27 near Berwick.

The young swan on the left also crashed at Ringmer in November and was found to have a strange shaped neck. The swan turned out to have a couple of dislocated vertebra likely to have fused when it was just a hatchling in the nest. As this swan can't straighten its neck fully it is now living at the Swan Sanctuary. Big thanks to them for taking him on.

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Hastings Hazel Dormouse.

This gorgeous dormouse was rescued in Hastings.



This Firecrest was caught by a cat in Northium Road Eastbourne on 28th December.

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