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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2019



Saturday 9th November

2pm-5pm

East Dean Village Hall

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WRAS were called out on 28th September to a pair of swans covered in oil swimming in the stream called "Crumbles Sewer" behind St Anthony's Hill and Leeds Avenue Eastbourne.

The two swans were rescued by volunteer rescuers Andrew and Charlotte Loftus. "We were concerned about the amount of oil on the swans and that they may have ingested some too" said rescuer Andrew.

The swans were taken to WRAS's Casualty Centre where they were cleaned by WRAS's Care Team. "We think the black sludgy oil is some form of waste oil. Luckily it has proven to be fairly easy to clean off using washing up liquid, and we don't think they had been covered for very long" said Katie Nunn Nash WRAS's Lead Casualty Manager. The incident was reported to the Environment Agency but at the time the source of the pollution was unknown.

On 1st October WRAS received multiple calls from local residents of Manton Court off Leeds Avenue Eastbourne after seeing a pair of clean white swans swim past the flats and then half an hour later see them black with oil.

Trevor Weeks attended on site with rescuer Ellie Langridge and they were able to swiftly catch one swan up on the grass by Manton Court.

"This

swan was heavily covered in oil and you could smell a diesel like smell on him. The poor swan was trying to preen the oil off its feathers but clearly didn't like the taste" said Ellie.

Rescuers then walked the drainage ditch called "Horsey Sewer" between Leeds Avenue and Birch Road and found a heavily oiled patch of vegetation, and a thick black oil on the surface of the water. Rescuers unable to find the second swan drove round to Birch Road to check further along where they then found a second larger patch of oil.

"This area of pollution was much worse. The reeds and other vegetation where the swans have made a pathway was caked in a thick black oil which was thinning and drifting east" said Trevor.



4 Oiled Swans

As Trevor and Ellie returned to WRAS's Casualty Centre with the swan numerous members of the public started phoning about a second swan which had made its way up stream close to Church Dale Road Eastbourne. Rescuers Karen Francis and Thea Taylor had a much harder job catching the second swan through the reeds along the embankment. "This oil seems thicker than that on the first two swans from Saturday. Its been much harder to clean off and these swans will need multiple washes to clean them up and get them back to full health" said Katie. "I am amazed that anyone would think that disposing of oil down a drain is an acceptable way of doing so" said

Trevor Weeks, "Its horrendous and life threatening to local wildlife. I hope that whoever has been doing so in the Birch Road Industrial Estate area, sees this and thinks twice in future. As far as I am aware they have committed an offence in not disposing of the oil in the correct way. I know the Environment Agency are stretched but I really hope that they are able to investigate this and find the source."

WRAS is urging anyone who knows anything about the source of the pollution and who is responsible to contact the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency e-mailed WRAS the following update:

Thank you very much for reporting this to us and providing photos.

Last night Southern Water investigated their surface water drainage system and discovered the source of the oil and put some absorbents in place to prevent any further oil coming out of their system. We will also be attending today and putting more absorbents in place to clean up the oil.

*Kind regards,
Olivia Morton*

*Environment Officer -
Land & Water (East)
WRAS rescuers
will keep an eye
on the area and
release the
four swans
once
pollution
free.*





Magpie Quick Turnaround.

After coming to us via Sussex Coast Vets, showing neurological signs and believed to have hit a window. After 48hrs in care he was much brighter flying perfectly and was returned to the garden where he was originally found in.



Greenfinch Released After Collision

This gorgeous goldfinch is back flying free in the wild again. He came in after flying into a window and damaging his shoulder. After some rest, allowing it to heal, and then regular exercise to build the strength back up (and stop him flying sideways). He was given the all clear and sent on his way home.



Help keep wildlife safe : Autumn Driving

People have a tendency to drive faster once darkness falls believing less traffic on the roads, and headlights giving advance warning of approaching vehicles. This is also when wildlife are more active so slow down.

If you see a dead wild animal on the road make a mental note of where it is and be cautious next time you drive along that road as it could be you who hits the animal next time.

Make sure all your lights and brakes are working, not just for your own safety, but for that of our wildlife. With good lights they stand a better chance of seeing and avoiding you. Plus with good brakes you stand a better chance of avoid them.

If you see a dead animal or bird on the road, report it to your local council so they can remove it. That way scavengers won't get hit whilst eating on the roads.

Know what to do if you come across a live road casualty. Have a box, pet carrier, blanket or towel available to help in an emergency. Save our number on your mobile phone.

Basic Wildlife First Aid & Rescue Training Course.

Do you fancy learning the basic principles of Wildlife First Aid and Rescue? Do you want to find out how you can better help when you find a wildlife casualty? Then this course is for you!

The course is divided into three 2 hour sessions with PowerPoint presentations showing videos and photos plus a few practical tasks, spread over either 3 evenings or all three sessions in one day.

Session 1) Background, Health & Safety, Basic First Aid Practices and Principles.
Session 2) Bleeding, Basic Bandaging, Bird Rescue plus Amphibian & Reptile Rescue.
Session 3) Bandage Muzzle, bedding out carriers/pods & Mammal Rescue.

The aim of the course is show people how they can help especially in the initial stages of a rescue when you first find a casualty, prevent you from panicking, what you can do whilst waiting for a rescue service to arrive, gives you back ground on what to expect a rescue service to do and what you can do to help when they arrive. It also helps people in situations where a rescue service may take a while to arrive and members of the public might need to step in and attempt capture. The presentations show pictures and video footage of sick and injured casualties so it is not suitable for anyone of a sensitive nature nor those aged under 16.

The course is not currently suitable for people who are hard of hearing or with visual impairment (although we hope to be able to run courses which are at a later date once we have obtained advice on the best way of doing so).

COST: £25 per person (Plus fees) either type of course. Booking Essential - Limited to 6 people maximum per course.

DATES/BOOKING Check out our website www.wildlifeambulance.org for dates and availability.

LOCATION: East Sussex WRAS, Unit 2 The Shaw Barn, A22, Whitesmith, East Sussex, BN8 6JD. (5 minutes north of Hailsham on the A22).The venue is at our Casualty Centre and involves climbing a set of stairs, unfortunately there is no lift.

If attending the day long courses, please bring packed lunch with you as we are out in the countryside. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided free of charge. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at trevor@eastsussexwras.org.uk.





East Dean & Friston Hedgehog Street.

By Sue Pettifor.

About 18 months ago, local residents Cathy Vine, Emma Young and myself, decided to set up a village Hedgehog Street group.

We've had a busy 18 months which has included organising a public Hedgehog Awareness talk and a talk for the local gardening club. The local pre-school were delighted that we organised an activity afternoon for them at the Vicarage where the children had fun identifying how hedgehog friendly the vicarage garden was and how it could be improved. We've had sponsorship from St Anne's Vets and Emslie and Tarrant Estate Agents which has enabled us to produce two flyers and distribute these to all houses in the village. Our written monthly articles for the local parish magazine and us attending the village fetes and farmers markets have generated lots of interest and several reports of hedgehog sightings in the village have been received.

The Parish Council has supported us financially with a grant for two consecutive years which enabled us to hire the village hall and purchase a wildlife camera. We are loaning out the camera and a hedgehog footprint tunnel to residents who are keen to find out what nocturnal visitors come into their gardens. One of the main threats to hedgehogs is development, so we are now also part of the steering group for local Neighbourhood planning and hope to have some influence with local decisions.

East Sussex WRAS have always encouraged and tried to help support people setting up Hedgehog Streets in their local community. All too often hedgehogs decline because they just can't move around and get from garden to garden making it difficult to find enough food or they are forced to move away into unsuitable areas. Hedgehog Street is a campaign set up jointly by the People's Trust for Endangered Species and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society to tackle this problem and help our prickly friends.

By Kathy Martyn

Pigeon Post

This season has been as crazy as ever at Pigeon HQ. Every year I mean to keep track of how many are reared at home, and every year after the first 40 Collared Doves I lose count! They have just kept coming so far, I have only had one from a hatchling, who is currently in the aviary with his friends plucking up courage to go. Wood Pigeons have been non stop, every time we think they are slowing down we get another batch. The babies have been coming in batches of 12-16, in addition to the older ones at the centre. We had an influx of poor woodies suffering from broken legs, sadly most were right at the hock joints, but many are doing well, and we are hopeful for release. It has been quieter at home for tiny feral pigeons this year, so instead of incessant feral squeaking I have had Woodie hugs and dovelet whistles keeping me company.

We have had many 'pre fledgie' ferals at the centre, sadly a lot have come in from flocks living under railway bridges, in Brighton in particular, mainly suffering from a very nasty persistent and recurrent respiratory infection, which has been very difficult to treat and pull them through, but many have made it and are awaiting release. We have also been helping out friends in Surrey with some of their birds suffering the same problem, also 'bridge pidgies'. Their finder Paul brings them down to us in style – travelling 1st class on the train, and then by taxi to the centre! The warm damp Summer this year has played havoc with viruses in particular, with a lot of pox in wood pigeons, as well as some very nasty Canker cases, which has kept our Isolation ward overflowing most of the season. The damp weather also saw an influx of ticks in doves, with the bird room looking like the aftermath of a boxing bout; collared doves everywhere with swollen black eyes and heads. We must have had around 20 in affected, and all barring one has so far survived. The end of the season has resulted in us finally getting Stock Doves, they always seem to come in this time of year.

Two half grown babies came to me at home, sadly one was runty and did not survive, but the other is doing amazingly well and has endeared himself to everyone, these 2 were followed by 2 adults the same week. With 8 doves still at home and 6 woodies, I am laying bets that I will still be busy into the winter!



One of the young baby Wood Pigeons



The newly hatched stock dove.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, UCKFIELD

Festival of Christmas trees 2019



Friday 6th December 10am-9pm

Saturday 7th December 10.30am-6pm

(Saturday 'Quiet Hour' 9.30am-10.30am)

Sunday 8th December 11.30am-4pm

& Festival Closing Service 4.30pm

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Festival of Christmas Trees 2019

East Sussex WRAS is joining a number of other charities and businesses to celebrate Christmas at Holy Cross Church, Belmont Rd, Uckfield TN22 1BP.

This annual festival is hugely popular and very impressive with over 100 trees on display all sponsored and decorated by local organisations, schools, charities and individuals.

There is no admission fee but the church is asking for donations to help with the upkeep of the church.

There will also be live entertainment, juggling, face painting, refreshments as well as mince pies of course! The church has also organised a raffle, array of gifts, jams, chutneys, decorations, sweets and treats to taste and buy in aid of Holy Cross Church.

Last year saw over 6000 visitors to the church to see the trees in all their glory.

Taylor Engley Bat Rescue

East Sussex WRAS were called out to a bat hiding behind a shop sign in Hailsham High Street. Shoppers watched rescuers as they used a ladder to climb up to the sign above the shop window to rescue the poor creature.

Rescuer Trevor Weeks was able to safely wrap the juvenile bat up into a tissue before climbing down to waiting members of the public eagerly wanting to see the little creature.

Underweight, the bat was taken to Jenny Clark at the Sussex Bat Hospital for specialist care and attention.



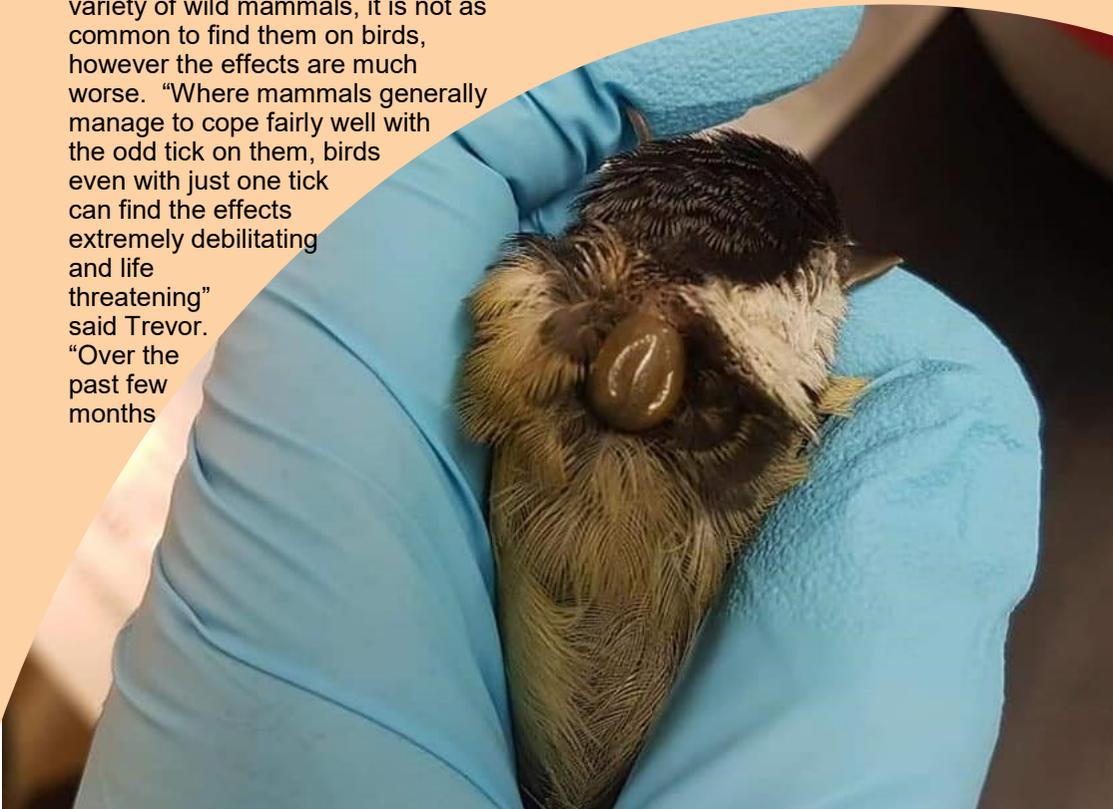
Birds & Ticks Don't Mix!

WRAS's Care Staff are asking members of the public who find poorly wild birds with ticks on them to seek urgent help in order to help save the birds lives.

"Ticks on birds can be fatal if left alone" said Trevor Weeks MBE founder of WRAS, "mammals cope much better than birds, which need urgent veterinary help, to both safely remove the ticks, but also more importantly to get the right medication in order to treat the effects of the tick bite."

Ticks can grow up to the size of a large garden pea and are generally a brown or greyish colour which varies in shade depending on how much blood they have ingested. Ticks carry various zoonotic pathogens and although it is common that we find them on a wide variety of wild mammals, it is not as common to find them on birds, however the effects are much worse. "Where mammals generally manage to cope fairly well with the odd tick on them, birds even with just one tick can find the effects extremely debilitating and life threatening" said Trevor. "Over the past few months

we have seen great tits, greenfinches, doves, pigeons and other garden birds admitted with ticks attached to their heads and bodies" explained Lead Casualty Manager Katie Nunn Nash, "they are all lethargic, eyes closed, often with severe bruises around their heads. Sometimes they are struggling to keep their heads up. People often say they look like they have collided with a window and got black eyes as a result, especially if they can't see the hidden ticks. If we can get antibiotic and anti-inflammatory medication started as soon as possible then we at least stand a chance of successfully treating them. Anyone picking up a wild bird or mammal is advised to wear gloves or use a cloth to help prevent tick bites.



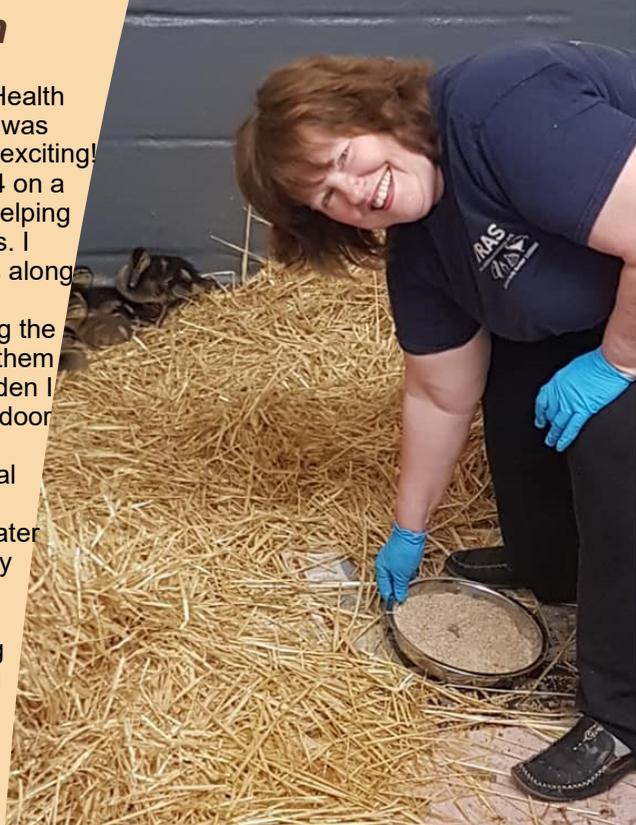
Jeanetta Kelsey.

My main reason for joining WRAS as a volunteer was so that I could see hedgehogs up close, and to meet people as I was new to the area, and I have achieved both. Not only have I met hedgehogs, but also discovered how all wildlife have such different characters, yes, even seagulls and pigeons all have characters. From foxes and badgers to owls and birds of prey, I have learned a lot about wildlife, but still have a lot more to learn. Although the reasons for the animals coming into hospital are so very sad, being involved in the release of them once they are better, is just so satisfying.

Unfortunately we are not allowed to kiss and cuddle them, which is very difficult, but they are wild animals and need to remain wild. Feeding up orphan baby birds during the summer months is pretty stressful work, as they are fed every half hour, but to watch them grow and then fly free is just magical. Feeding and cleaning as a volunteer is dirty and smelly, but so much fun, and the shower once home is the best one of the week.

Katey Edmunson

After 42 years in the National Health Service, I retired and felt like it was time to try something new and exciting! So I began volunteering in 2014 on a Thursday and Friday morning helping one of the feed and clean shifts. I now help bring new volunteers along through doing taster sessions whenever I can. I love teaching the new volunteers and showing them the ropes. At home in my garden I now have one of WRAS's outdoor aviaries where some of the garden birds receive their final rehabilitation before release back to the wild. Five years later I love it more and more every day. Whatever I give, I get back one thousand times, often sad, always rewarding and never dull, volunteering at WRAS is amazing and a total privilege. It's the best thing I have ever done.



Andrew Loftus.

I have been Volunteering at WRAS for 6 ½ years with my wife Charlotte. We decided to join WRAS because we wanted make a difference and since then we have never looked back. We do a variety of jobs from feeding and cleaning shifts to doing rescues and orphan rearing we love every minute of it, seeing the rewards of the hard work is worth it. My best experiences with WRAS is seeing the variety of casualties from the smallest to the largest coming into care and learning so much about them with so much more to learn, every shift is, different from the last as it can change so much each week and the anticipation for what you will see is intriguing. My best moment was helping rescue "Norman" the Red Footed Booby which somehow had strayed from the Galapagos Islands. Seeing the diversity of animals we have is fascinating and educational, so your never short of things to see and do but all in all I would never change what I do with my wife at WRAS.

Jack Ley

Originally I began volunteering at WRAS to gain work experience for my college course at Plumpton. Now, 3 years later I am still coming in once a week to care for the casualties as well as assisting with rescues and releases. I feel like I have learnt not only about wildlife, but also about myself. Volunteering has helped me become more confident in talking with the public, as well as increasing my knowledge of British wildlife and the welfare needs of the animals. Throughout my journey I have not only made friends at WRAS but family. Every Thursday I come in and work alongside the same hardworking volunteers each week to care for the casualties. We all have the same motive, to help these animals survive. One of my best rescues involved saving a guillemot covered in oil on Eastbourne beach. I'll never forget the thrill of capturing her knowing we could get her treated, washed and released back in the wild.





Road Casualty Fox.

This road casualty fox came into care on Sunday 29th September via Oathall Vets Haywards Heath. He was still very dazed but was already showing signs of improvement when admitted. Although having bitten his tongue, we are hopeful for a full recovery and quick release.



Roundabout Hedgehog.

This hog was found wandering across the centre of the Aldi roundabout in Lewes on Monday 30th September at 9:30am. He is now being looked after at WRAS's Casualty Centre and should be suitable for released soon.



Amazing Success!

Summer Fete

A wonderful day was had by all at our Summer Fete on Sunday 1st September! The event was organised by Ellie Langridge WRAS's Volunteer & Student Co-ordinator and as her first event it was a cracker. After a lot of hard work, countless phone calls, e-mails and head scratching, the day finally came and raised an amazing £1,526.27!

A huge thank you to all of our hardworking volunteers who helped, all of the amazing stall holders, a special thank you to Hailsham FM who broadcast live throughout the event and of course the lovely members of public who came along and helped us raise such an amazing amount for our charity.





Hastings

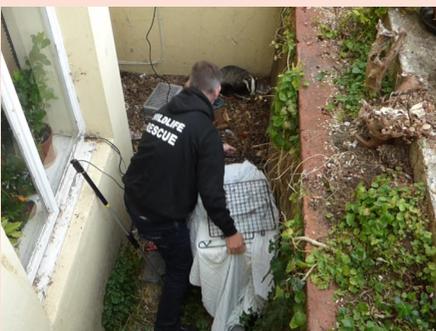
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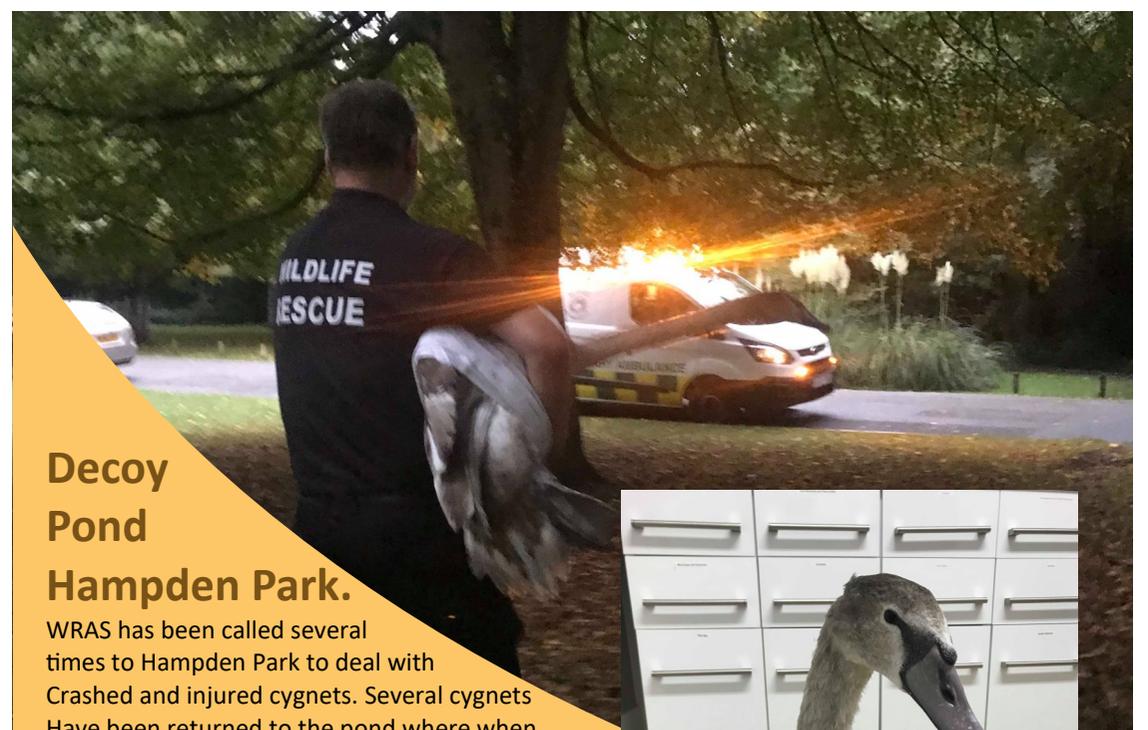
Rescuers were called at 11am on 9th September 2019 to a badger which had fallen into the basement of a flat in Magdalen Road Hastings. On arrival rescuers found the young badger at the bottom of the basement unable to climb out. Rescuer Trevor Weeks climbed down armed with a large blanket, dog grasper and badger cage. "The badger was luckily nice and co-operative but clearly very wary of what I was doing. I placed the cage in front of him and covered it with the blanket so it made a nice dark cave, hoping the badger would then want to run inside and hide. With a bit of encouragement the badger did exactly that, making my life so much easier" said Trevor.

The badger was lifted out of the basement but as it was daylight the badger could not be released without risking it running in front of cars and getting run over.

"He was bedded down for the day at WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith where he tucked into jam and peanut butter sandwiches as well as dog food and biscuits" said Lead Casualty Manager Katie Nunn Nash.

As badgers are territorial they have to be released very close to where they were found to avoid any territorial conflicts. "We returned to Hastings at about midnight and decided to release the badger only a few metres away in a side street. After letting the badger spend a few minutes to look round, he quickly realized where he was, and was soon running off home."





Decoy Pond Hampden Park.

WRAS has been called several times to Hampden Park to deal with Crashed and injured cygnets. Several cygnets Have been returned to the pond where when first started to fly and where crashing around the lake, but more recently cygnets have been crashing much further afield.

The parents have already started to encourage the cygnets to leave the pond and as the Autumn and Winter progresses they

Will start getting more territorial and even attack their young to encourage the to fly off.

One cygnet which landed close to Eastbourne Hospital was moved to Princes Park to join the non-territorial flock of swan. It is likely it will fly back at some point but is bound to be told off by dad and encouraged to leave again.

On 25th September rescuers were also called to one of the cygnets which was having trouble standing. The bird was using its wings to push itself along. When rescuers arrived on site members of the public were preventing the bird from returning to the water waiting on our arrival. The cygnet was quickly caught and carried back to WRAS's ambulance where it was examined. There was concern over a possible pelvic or keel injury, possible due to crash landing so the cygnet was taken back to WRAS's Casualty Centre where it was assessed by the Care Team and given medication.



Swans in trouble...

WRAS Calendar Competition Winners.

Since January WRAS has been running a Photo Competition with six winning entries being used in a 2020 Calendar to raise money for WRAS. Thank you so much to everyone who send in photo entries. There were so many really nice photos that choosing the winners was not at all easy, so we let our volunteers vote for the winners.

The calendar also has six photos of casualties which have come into WRAS including some baby hedgehogs, birds and fox cubs, as well as a nosy badger, bat and nestling Tawny Owl. If you would like a copy of our calendar, they are available to pick up at WRAS's Charity shop in Terminus Road Eastbourne as well as from WRAS's Casualty Centre at Whitesmith. They cost £5.00 each when collecting them. Alternatively you can send a cheque for £6.50 per calendar payable to "East Sussex WRAS" along with you name and address to East Sussex WRAS, Unit 2 The Shaw Barn, Whitesmith, BN8 6JD stating how many calendars you want.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, here are the winning photos.



Left: 5 hungry baby swallows taken by Rob Moore.



Right: Curlew taken by Jan French .



Left: Beautiful Goldcrest taken by Sara Gowers.



Right: Grey Squirrel taken by Terry Colgate.



Left: Splashing Swan taken by Kay Langridge.



Right: Beautiful Broad-bodied Chaser Dragonfly taken by Kay Langridge.

Wendy checking one of the Footprint Tunnels.



Cooksbridge Hedgehog Survey

**By Wendy Darby,
Hamsey Hedgehogs**

An exciting hedgehog survey is taking place in Cooksbridge by Hamsey Hedgehogs. The survey started mid-September and will last until end October 2019. The area being surveyed is residential housing backing onto allotments. WRAS have provided trail cameras and footprint tunnels to identify where hedgehogs visit on their nightly adventures.

A survey briefing meeting was held with the local parish community to gain interest and support. Many people attended the meeting, some of whom were keen to be involved and help with the survey.

At midnight Christmas 2018 a juvenile female hedgehog, weighing only 250g was rescued while coming for a snack on my deck in Cooksbridge, E Sussex. Luckily, WRAS was open early on boxing day, so the young female was safe for the winter – provided with care, food and shelter to prevent early death from the cold winter. Remember, Hedgehogs need to be over 450g to stand a chance of waking from hibernation in the Spring. In April this year she was returned to my garden, micro-chipped and healthy.

I've been feeding the hedgehogs for several years with at least 3-5 visiting each evening. Were these the only ones in the village of Cooksbridge, Hamsey Parish just outside Lewes East Sussex? With equipment from WRAS, we are conducting a localised survey (35 houses and a small adjoining allotment area) – alongside raising awareness in the wider Parish, including Offham, Hamsey and Bevenbridge villages.

Four 'Footprint Tunnels' and three motion sensitive cameras are being deployed in



www.hedgehogstreet.org

different locations for five-day periods. Volunteers help set-up morning and evening and collect the results. Due to the cold nights in early September we were worried that sightings would be down as there had been clear evidence of hibernating behaviour.

Fortunately, this has not been the case with nightly activity in all but one site, interestingly no footprints where there is known Badger activity (the Badger's ate the allotment holder's sweetcorn!).

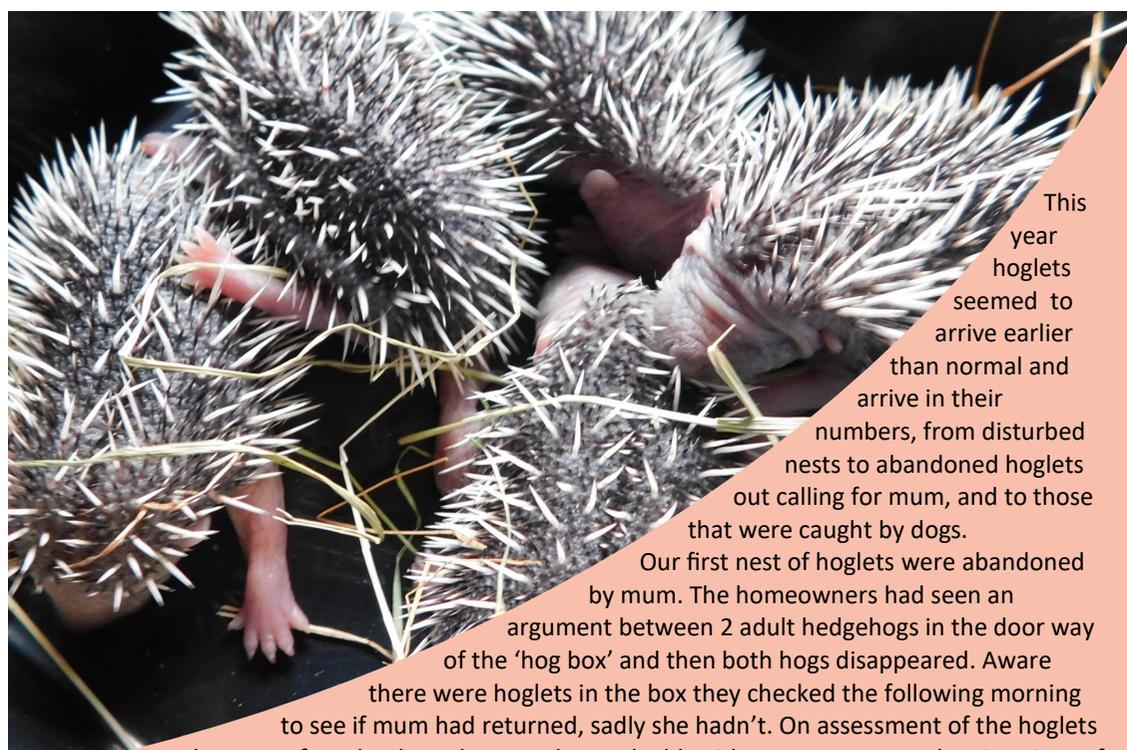
Progress, sightings and videos are being posted on our local website and a nascent 'Hamsey Hedgehog' support group is developing. Conditions have not allowed us to undertake hedgehog markings or trace those with WRAS microchips as yet, so we can not determine population size. However, the level of tunnel activity, sighting and juveniles observed appear to indicate we may have a sizeable, healthy breeding population. A heart-warming thought given their declined status.

Raising awareness will also enable us to improve survival of late born juveniles with supplementary feeding and 'rescue' as we head for winter – especially given the predictions for a very cold one this year. We hope next Spring to work on getting a better understanding of Hedgehog population density.

As this survey is not yet complete, we will update you in our next issue.



Hedgehog being returned home to Cooksbridge in April



This year hoglets seemed to arrive earlier than normal and arrive in their numbers, from disturbed nests to abandoned hoglets out calling for mum, and to those that were caught by dogs.

Our first nest of hoglets were abandoned by mum. The homeowners had seen an argument between 2 adult hedgehogs in the door way of the 'hog box' and then both hogs disappeared. Aware there were hoglets in the box they checked the following morning to see if mum had returned, sadly she hadn't. On assessment of the hoglets they were found to be only around a week old, with empty tummys, showing signs of dehydration and were starting to call for food, so they had to be rescued. All 4 did very well and once they had grown up and were big enough to go outside, they returned to the garden they were found in a soft release pen where they stayed enclosed for a further week before being allowed out to start there adventures in the big wide world.

Another group arrived this time 2 by 2, the first pair arrived after being seen out in the garden alone in the middle of the day. It was thought that sadly mum may have been a casualty in the road nearby. Luckily both hoglets were still in good health and were quickly tucking into food. A couple of days later just as they were settling down, we had a call to say another 2 had appeared out in the garden again alone in the middle of the day. After a full health check and also both in good health they were reunited with their siblings where all 4 grew quickly and have now been released back to the area they were found.

Sadly some times nests can be disturbed by predators or by gardening machinery, in one case we are unsure which was the case but when 4 hoglets were found dotted around the garden still with their eyes closed, there was cause for concern. The finders collected them all up and kept them safe. Two of the hoglets had nasty injuries, one to the nose which had caused severe nasal trauma, sadly too much damage had been caused to him and another has a fracture to its front leg and a wound on her tummy. Because the fracture was stable it has healed and she is doing well so far but will be monitored to how she uses it as she grows. The other 2 hoglets had some flystrike on but luckily no wounds and once removed responded very well to their care. Hopefully they will return to the wild soon.

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

Standing Order Form:

If you wish to make a standing order to WRAS please fill in your name and address above and complete your bank details then send this form to: East Sussex WRAS, Po Box 2148, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 9DE. Yes, I would like to help East Sussex WRAS by donating £ ____ on a regular monthly standing order until further notice.

My Account No: _____ My Sort Code: ____ / ____ / ____

Please start my standing order on ____ / ____ / _____. (At Least 3 weeks away please.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Name: _____

Bank Address: _____

Bank Postcode: _____

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

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

Signed _____ Date: _____

Easy Ways to Support WRAS!

There are various way in which you can help support WRAS and most of the completely free of charge. Check out the various links to Give As You Live, Savoo, Give A Car and many more on our website at:

www.wildlifeambulance.org/how-you-can-help/fundraising/



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Preventing Birds in Chimneys.

One of WRAS's regular call-outs is to birds which have fallen down chimneys. Frequently it is jackdaws which have a habit of nesting inside. Other calls often involves pigeons and gulls. With our modern centrally heated homes often our old fireplaces are boarded or even bricked up, making it often difficult to gain access to the trapped bird.

Knocking holes in walls is often not straight forward and with limited access it can be hard to catch them. When gas fires are in front of boarded up fire places, gas safe engineers are needed to disconnect before rescuers can even attempt a rescue.

However there is a simple and effective way of stopping these events from occurring. A simple metal mesh cowl will stop bird from getting inside. Be careful you have the right type installed as some without mesh will still allow birds, especially starlings, to get inside and cause you problems. There are plenty of companies on-line which can purchase and install these.



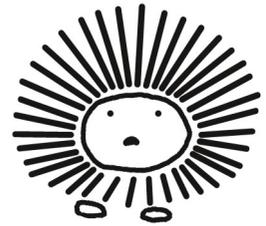
Starling being released after falling down a Chimney in Newhaven.



Fishing Line Causes Two Rescues.

Two days and two gulls rescued from rooftops, both caught by fishing line. The first gull rescued, in Seaford, after being spotted hanging, by it's leg needed the assistance from East Sussex Fire and Rescue. The gull was retrieved and found to have been caught by fishing line wrapped round his leg. The second gull was from Pevensy Bay. The local residents managed to rescue the gull after they found him hanging from the guttering. He had a large hook embedded in his beak and the attached line had become caught. Both are recovering well and should be released back to the wild.





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WILDLIFE RESCUE

Information:

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service.

Reg Charity 1108880 RVCS No. 6548374

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

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

Registered Address: 8 Stour Close, Stone Cross, 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, (New Trustees currently being appointed).

Operations Director: Trevor Weeks MBE

Casualty Managers: Katie Nunn Nash, Kathy Martyn, Karen Francis

Duty Rescue Co-ordinators : Trevor Weeks. Katie Nunn Nash

Care Assistant & Orphan Support: Nikola Upton, Holy Davies

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

Volunteer & Student Co-ordinator: Ellie Langridge.

Casualty Centre: 01825-873003

Website: www.wildlifeambulance.org

24hr Rescue Line: 07815-078234



East Sussex WRAS is proud to receive regular support from International Animal Rescue and Aspen. Thank you.

