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Our first swift of the year was released back to the wild on Sunday 12th July with a further seven youngsters soon to follow.

Members of WRAS's Care Team took the first swift up onto the Downs above Lewes to release it back to the wild not far from where it was originally found. Swifts are very active at the moment in East Sussex and can often be seen swooping through the area gathering insects to feed their young. Swifts are only present in UK for around 3 months, here in East Sussex they can be present for slightly longer as they feed up before migration down to Africa. The RSPB estimate there are only 59,000 breeding pairs in the UK and have an Amber UK Conservation Status. It is estimated that the UK has lost over half of its swifts in the last 20 years.

"These are magnificent birds, but are not the easiest of birds to look after, feed and hand rear, it takes a lot of time and patience. This swift was a youngster when it fell out of its nest onto the ground on 25th June in Lewes. It has taken a lot of hard work and round the clock care to get him up to strength and suitable for release. We have 7 other swifts in care at the moment and all are doing well and it won't be long before some of those are ready to go back to the wild too" explained Katie Nunn Nash, Lead Casualty Manager at East Sussex WRAS.

If you find a swift on the ground please follow the following advice:

- Don't throw it in the air – they can take off from the ground – they could be injured.
- Call a rescue – do not delay doing so – do not try and care for the swift yourself.
- Don't feed it unless a swift rescue advises you to do so and you have the correct food.
- Put your swift in a quiet, warm, safe, calm & clean environment – like a ventilated shoe box
- Weigh the bird and take a photo if you can, a registered swift rescue may ask for this
- Give it water by running a wetted cotton bud around the edge of the beak avoiding the nostrils.

***First Swift Release of the Year happens at Lewes***

## WRAS on Social Media!

Our work has always been heavily promoted on social media, but we have now joined TikTok a video social media platform. So why not follow us at [www.tiktok.com/@eastsussexwras](https://www.tiktok.com/@eastsussexwras).



We have been on Facebook since May 2010, and are now followed by 13, 763 people. You can follow us at:

[www.facebook.com/wildlifeambulance](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifeambulance)



facebook

We are also on Twitter, which we joined in February 2009. We have 2578 followers and have posted 9839 posts since starting the page. You can follow us on Twitter at:

[www.twitter.com/eastsussexwras](https://www.twitter.com/eastsussexwras).



On You Tube we have over 600 videos upload to the site with over 1894 followers. If you really want to see what we do out in the field this is the place to go! [www.youtube.com/eastsussexwras](https://www.youtube.com/eastsussexwras)



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## SE Water Repair Hazard

On 18th June WRAS received a call about two hedgehogs stuck down a pipe in Newhaven.

Volunteer rescuers Sue Bailey attended on site but sadly one of the hedgehogs had already passed away. The remaining hedgehog was underweight and thought to be dehydrated.

The pipe is believed to be something to do with South East Water and a metal cover was placed over the top of the pipe to help stop any additional hedgehogs becoming caught. South East Water were contacted and they agreed to send someone to have a look and secure the pipe properly the same day. The hedgehog was taken to WRAS's Casualty Centre where it was checked over and then bedded down with food and water.

After a few days of rest and care the hedgehog was returned to Newhaven late at night and returned to the wild.

If you see any drain or hole uncovered please try and contact the organisation responsible for the hole, be it the landowner, local water company, electrical company, telecoms company or local council. Hedgehogs have a habit of entering such holes so please check any uncovered holes you find regularly until they are properly covered.

## Stuck Fox!

WRAS rescuers were called out by staff from Eastbourne College after a fox was found with its head stuck in a plastic drain surround.

Rescuers Trevor Weeks and Ellie Langridge attended on site where they found the fox contained behind some hoarding from recent construction work.

The college Security unscrewed the hoarding to allow rescuers to gain access to the fox. Using a thick blanket Trevor was able to cover the fox, wrap it around him and lift him up carefully.

“Normally you would scruff a fox but this was not possible due to the plastic around the fox’s neck, all I could do is wrap the blanket round the fox” said Trevor.

Once back out of the enclosure, the fox was placed into a waiting cage and transported to WRAS’s veterinary Hospital. Rescuers were then able to cut away at the plastic making the hole bigger for the fox to get his head through.

“The fox was clearly pleased to be free from his black plastic cone “ said WRAS’s Lead Casualty Manager Katie Nunn Nash, “ we have decided to keep him in for a few days observations especially as he has been coughing which could be as a result of swelling from the plastic.”

Any animal caught like this can have an invisible ligature injury, which can cause swelling under the skin and affect the airway and circulation.

WRAS will monitor the fox closely and hopes he will make a full recovery.



# Tricky Gull Rescue on Eastbourne Rocks

On 17th June rescuer Ollie Long was called down to Eastbourne Seafront after a gull was seen with fishing line and a hook in its mouth.

On arrival Ollie found the bird about 4-5 metres down under the rocks on the sea shore. He could see the gull moving around underneath the rocks, but was not able to get to the bird. He called in assistance from WRAS's Trevor Weeks. "This was a really difficult situation. We considered Ollie climbing down between the rocks but he wouldn't have been able to climb back out again" said Trevor.

The sea defence rocks were difficult to work on and rescuers had to wear safety helmets in case they fell. "The gull kept disappearing out of our sight and the next minute it would be 2 or 3 metres away further along, making it really difficult for us to get close enough and gain control of the situation" said Ollie.

Eventually rescuers were able to encourage the gull further along to a much shallower section of rocks where the gull had more room and rescuers could operate more safely. Using poles and nets Trevor and Ollie were able to pin the bird to the side of a concrete wall and gently lift him up to safety ending a very tricky rescue situation.

Rescuers took the gull back to WRAS where it was checked over and the hook removed safely.

The damage to the lower beak was more minor than expected and it was not long before the gull was released back on Eastbourne Seafront.



# Hedgehog Cake Winner!

With the Coronavirus restrictions in place during Hedgehog Awareness Weeks 2020 which started back on 3rd May, WRAS decided to run a Hedgehog Cake Competition. Entries were submitted over the week, with a public vote for the best, taking place over the weekend of 9th and 10th May.

There were a total of 14 entries and the winner was Sarah Martin-Denness with this cake below displayed with some of the other entries.

A big thank you to everyone who entered and also to Faye's Emporium for donating a lovely prize of a silver hedgehog pendant and hedgehog note book. Why not have a look at some of Faye's items for sale on their website <https://www.fayesemporium.com/>

There you will find a selection of truly unique jewellery inspired by a love of nature and wildlife. Each piece is made from scratch by hand from the beginning stages of a sketch on paper to cutting and shaping the silver using hand tools; soldering, engraving and polishing created in their little studio in the evergreen village of Denton in East Sussex.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise vital funds.



# Meet the Trustees!

WRAS trustees have overall responsibility for our charity's vision, performance and strategy, making sure that we fulfil our legal responsibilities as an organisation and that we have a clear set of goals, doing what we were set up to do. Our trustees come from a variety of backgrounds, sharing their skills and knowledge in a voluntary capacity.

Over the next few editions of the newsletter we will be introducing each of our trustees so that you can learn a bit more about them:

**Adeline Garman:**

My name is Adeline Garman and I am one of the new trustees of the charity. I am delighted to be able to support the wonderful work carried out by the team at WRAS. I am a marketing professional and enjoy working with all sorts of businesses and charities, helping them find ways of communicating effectively with their stakeholders.

I am an animal lover and at home have a ball python and four cats. Whilst I haven't volunteered with WRAS, I do have a keen interest in animal rescue and conservation. Our family regularly volunteers with animals overseas and a particular highlight was a fortnight spent volunteering at the Kosgoda Sea Turtle Conservation Project in Sri Lanka. I am looking forward to working with the WRAS team to ensure that as many animals as need our help can be rescued and rehabilitated.

**Iain Turner:**

I have been a volunteer rescuer with the charity for about three and half years becoming a new Trustee recently. Having previously been in the Fire Service for 32 years, I now work as a consultant in Emergency Response Planning and Incident Management providing advice to multi-national companies in the UK power industry. I also work closely with schools delivering training and awareness on radicalisation of children and young adults and ways to counter it.

I am a school governor of a secondary school as well as being a Trustee on a multi academy Trust Board. I live in Sussex with my family consisting of a wife, four children, three grand children and two dogs. Thankfully, not all under the same roof!



# Volunteering during Covid-19

As a couple, we are in the fortunate position that neither of ourselves or our families fall into any of the Covid-19 vulnerable or at-risk categories so there was no impact on our commitment to the clean and feed shifts we carry out. We have both completed the First Aid training run by Trevor so were prepared to assist with rescues and releases if required.

Due to safeguarding measures, it was just ourselves on a Sunday morning for a period of time where there is normally a team of 7 but we were assisted by the on-duty staff which was a great help, especially with the volume of ducklings who are the not cleanest of guests ! It also gave us the opportunity to tend to casualties normally restricted to staff only, which was a great experience.

It has been an incredibly busy time with the emergency line ringing almost constantly during some shifts and the influx of casualties has made the centre quite full. As time has progressed and with the centre becoming extremely busy, the number of volunteers slightly increased. Meeting and working with other volunteers has been great while all respected and observed the social distancing rules to ensure safety for all.

This has proven, yet again, what a committed team there is at WRAS with a common goal to provide Everything required to aid recovery for all casualties in our care and we are so proud to play our part.

**Written by  
Volunteers  
Carla &  
Andy.**





2020 will certainly be remembered for the number of ducklings incidents WRAS has dealt with. Over 80 different duckling incidents were dealt with across East Sussex, with the vast majority of them being orphaned ducklings, where mum had been killed, died or just disappeared. The year has also been an exceptional year for mum and ducklings walking to ponds after nesting in gardens.

In our last newsletter we mentioned incidents in Roman Way Uckfield where mum and ducklings walking to a pond lost 3 ducklings down a drain which needed rescuing. There was also mum and ducklings in Eden Close Stone Cross which had to be walked down to Shinewater Lake to safety. There were also similar incidents at Swanley Close Langney and on South Road Hailsham. The newsletter also reported on eight orphaned ducklings which had to be rescued from a stream near Heathfield after being found abandoned.

The spate of calls to ducklings and mums walking continued into the summer.

On the following pages, we will share with you several of the rescues WRAS attended this summer, making the number of ducks and ducklings helped so far this year to over 172.

### ***So what causes so many orphans at this time of year?***

There are numerous causes, and it is not always easy to know the reason. Some are as a result of predators like cats, foxes and mink taking mum. On other occasions mum can be run over or caught by dogs. Not all orphan incidents involve the mum dying. Occasionally there are incidents involving humans getting too close or via disturbance like Barcombe Mills where high numbers of boats, paddle boards and swimmers can separate some of the babies from their mum. There are also incidents involving drains where the young get physically separated.

### ***Can a duckling survive on its own without its mum?***

It depends on the age of the duckling. Those which are very young and fluffy need help from mum to stay warm at night. Every year we have incidents at Sovereign Harbour where mum and ducklings are stuck in the water. Very young ducklings will struggle and get cold if they stay on the water overnight without being able to get out. Every year ducklings drown in marinas where they can't get out of the water due to the concrete walls surrounding them. Ducklings can feed themselves from day one. They naturally follow their mums lead in pecking at food and dabbling in the water.

### ***How easy is it to rear ducklings in captivity?***

If there is nothing wrong with the ducklings, they get a good mixed diet, and they have the company of other ducklings of the same or similar age and size, they can be fairly easy to rear doing most of the work themselves. However, rearing an individual can be extremely difficult. They do not do well on their own and seem to give up on life. Rescue centres often use mirrors so they can see their reflection and think they have company. We would generally advise people to take them to rescue centres so they can be reared in groups. They will be able to pick up on early signs of any health problems developing. Ducklings develop leg problems if they don't eat enough greens.

### ***Where do we release them?***

We only release them once they are completely waterproof. They spend time out doors to acclimatise themselves, then we find safe release sites for them. This is sometimes where they came from, depending of the safety of the location.

# Four mums walk their ducklings in

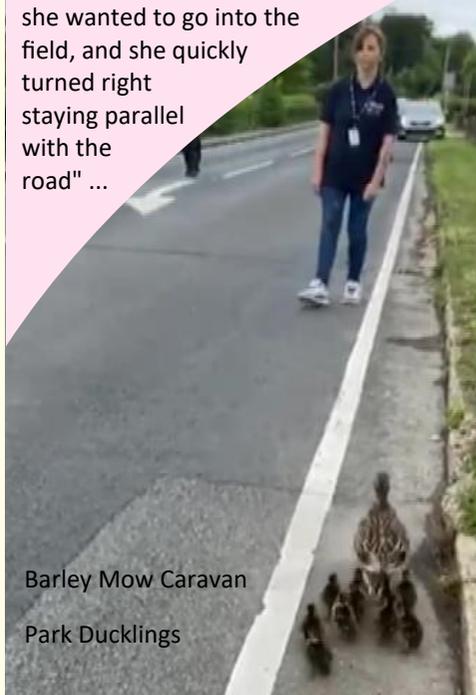
Traffic had to be stopped and the road closed for about 5 minutes whilst rescuers helped a duck and 10 ducklings. Lunchtime Friday 19th June, residents of the Barley Mow static caravan park in Uckfield called WRAS when the female mallard mother and her young started wandering towards the main road. Rescuers attended quickly and kept the family contained at the park whilst an assessment of the area took place.

The biggest problem rescuers faced was not knowing where she wanted to go, and they didn't want to relocate her to the wrong place. With several ponds near by the situation was far from simple. "We needed to give her some space and let her decide where she wants to go, unfortunately this meant escorting her out onto a small section of the main road" said Trevor.

Two veterinary ambulances with flashing orange beacons were used to warn and slow traffic. Rescuers Julie Stafford and Ellie Langridge with the help of local residents let the mum start walking. "She was reluctant to walk out of the caravan park, but she would have only ended up at a dead end if she didn't head out" said Ellie, "once she was out on the road traffic was slowed down and stopped so we could get her safely along."

She walked straight past the turning to the first pond on her right, and wanted to head along the road, she started turning to go into the field on the opposite side of the road. Once the family were off the road, traffic was free to proceed again.

"I wasn't overly convinced that she wanted to go into the field, and she quickly turned right staying parallel with the road" ...



Barley Mow Caravan  
Park Ducklings

# *the Eastbourne Road Area Uckfield.*

said Trevor, "rescuer Julie stayed on the pavement in case she tried to come back out onto the road."

Luckily the mum and all ten ducklings started wandering across the field to one of the local ponds where she was eventually on the water and safe.

WRAS would like to thank the public for their co-operation and patience, during the rescue. Less than a week later rescuers were called to another mum and 10 newly hatched ducklings further up the road at Copperbeach Nursing Home. The staff and residents had been watching her for weeks waiting for the eggs to hatch. They called WRAS worried about the rather dangerous walk she would have to take to get to the nearby Harlands Pond, which she would fly off to daily.

Rescuers again responded quickly, and kept her secure whilst assessing the area. To walk them to the pond would have involved them travelling along the Eastbourne Road close to dangerous bends, and along two estate roads with loads of drains to manoeuvre round. So it was on this occasion it was decided that to walk them was too dangerous and difficult. The more risky approach of capture and relocate was used. Trevor was able to catch mum whilst Ellie and Julie quickly rounded up the ducklings.

They were driven along the road and round to Harlands Pond, where they were lifted over the fence, and released at the pond edge. They joined a couple of other families of ducks and juvenile ducks.

Only a week later rescuers were called to Old Common Way Uckfield with another mum and ducklings. this time they were trapped in a garden. Rescuers had to somehow try and...



Copperbeach Nursing Home Ducklings



Old Common Way Ducklings.

## Unusual Duckling Rescue

... get them to walk through the garage out to the road and across the driveways to one of two potential ponds.

A blanket was rolled up and made into a slope for the ducklings and mum to climb up into the garage. After a little bit of encouragement from rescuers Ellie and Julie, mum eventually walked her young through the garage and out onto the street. She clearly knew where she was going and was very quickly on the pond just a short walk away.

WRAS rescuers had an unusual call to some ducklings in a chimney in the same road, which resulted in the Fire Service coming out to assist with the rescue.

The initial report was from residents in Old Common Way Uckfield, of a duck who had nested in a false chimney and now had ducklings in there unable to get out. The residents could hear cheeping coming from the chimney and mum was flying back and forth from the neighbouring pond and the chimney, seemingly becoming more frustrated.

Rescuers attended but were not sure what they would be faced with but it was all exactly as described over the phone.

Unfortunately due to the area and position of the chimney it was not possible to use our ladders to gain access and we made a call to East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service who offered to come and help and were with us within 15 minutes.

They were able to gain access to the chimney and found 2 very little and very messy duckling in a sorry state, as well as 2 deceased ducklings and 6 eggs which were cold and had no chance of hatching.

Rescuers had to make the hard ...



Chimney Ducklings

## Haywards Heath Ducklings!

decision to bring the 2 ducklings into care instead of reuniting them with mum due to their poor condition, if we had allowed them on to the pond with mum they would not have survived.

A huge thank you the staff of East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for coming to help in this bizarre situation, sadly mum has lost her babies but all being well these little ones now stand a chance of survival.

WRAS rescuers spent the afternoon of Saturday 2nd May in Haywards Heath, trying to catch 16 orphaned ducklings from the Franklands village pond, after local residents found the duckling's mum dead at the pond. Fearing the ducklings would not survive they called for help.

A group of rescuers attended in two veterinary ambulances and using two boats, various nets, and sheer determination they finally managed to catch all 16 ducklings. "This was not an easy rescue" said rescuer Thea, "it was a wide pond and plenty of vegetation where the young could hide and disappear, it took a lot of patience."

These little ones are too young to be alone without mum and wouldn't survive if left. They were taken to WRAS's Casualty Centre where they were reared as a group. "Luckily ducklings do really well if kept in a group, making it very easy to rear them in comparison with many other young wild birds of the same age" said Katie.

The 16 ducklings stayed with WRAS for almost a month before they were returned to Haywards Heath for release, much to the delight of the local residents who came out in force to watch them swim off.



Franklands Village Pond Ducklings

## *Sad outcome for difficult Deer Rescue*

Rescuers from East Sussex Wildlife Rescue were called down to Eastbourne after staff at the Suzuki Garage by Whitley Road railway bridge noticed a young deer caught in the fencing.

Duty Rescue Co-ordinator Ellie Langridge and Care Team member Holly Davis were the first on the scene and called in support from WRAS founder Trevor Weeks and rescuer Ollie Long. "This was not quite what I was expecting to find" said Trevor, "the deer was quite young and stuck fast. The tissue was swelling and badly bruised".

WRAS's vet Mike Symons was called and asked to attend on site as the deer was going to need sedating, in order to free it.

WRAS also contacted Network Rail for assistance as entry to the railway was going to be necessary too. Network Rail sent a manager across from Brighton to help with the rescue. The deer was sedated and initially hoped that it would be able to reverse out of the gap, but due to the length of time the deer had been caught and the swelling was too great and the deer even with lubrication would not move.

Whilst the deer was sedated, Network Rail worked on cutting some of the fixings on the fence to move an upright bar which could then be jacked wider apart. This took a while and rescuers had to cover the deer whilst the cutting took place. "The fence is designed not to be tampered with so to remove the upright bar was quite difficult and challenging for Network Rail" said Trevor.

Once the bars were widened, rescuers were able to gently lift the deer out of the fence. Once in WRAS's veterinary ambulance the deer was driven to the charities veterinary hospital at Whitesmith where deer specialist were contacted.

The deer was taken to a specialist centre but sadly the poor deer passed away during the second night.



# A Busy Season so far!

Every year WRAS sees an increase in the number of casualties it helps. 2020 has been no exception but the Coronavirus restrictions has really had a big impact.

Having to stand the vast majority of our volunteers down for most of the spring and summer season and working on a skeleton crew, has proven challenging. Costs of PPE have risen along with other cleaning supplier too.

Staff have had to change the way they work and prioritise casualty care over some administrative roles. Ellie our student and volunteer co-ordinator has spent much of her time feeding and cleaning the casualties and helping in the orphan room while co-ordinating a much small group of volunteers.

The year started with the normal level of casualties with January and February being around the 120 –140 mark. March always sees a slight increase up to around 200 then there is always a sharp increase in April and May. Normally peaking in June and July. However with so many people being at home and off work we found May and June turned out to be exceptionally busy with the figures for May and June rocketing to over 700 for the first time, the final figures are not fully counted yet but are already over 800 for each month. We suspect that many of the catted and injured birds found and reported would normally otherwise have been found dead by the person returned home from work later in the day. Coronavirus has helped us deal with more casualties, and we have noticed that more people have been available to deliver casualties than normal.

One of our biggest concerns was not being able to pick up casualties during the lockdown, but it quickly become apparent that Government considered our work as an essential role, so we continued triaging each call and responding where necessary or asking people to deliver, but keeping journeys down to a minimum.

Thank you to all our volunteers for pulling together to help with collections too.



| Year | Total | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2016 | 2887  | 126 | 115 | 126 | 245 | 335 | 377 | 407 | 377 | 231 | 247 | 188 | 113 |
| 2017 | 3273  | 86  | 115 | 169 | 277 | 495 | 544 | 492 | 342 | 217 | 232 | 194 | 110 |
| 2018 | 3594  | 123 | 130 | 154 | 318 | 562 | 671 | 641 | 309 | 212 | 225 | 140 | 109 |
| 2019 | 3968  | 138 | 96  | 210 | 397 | 554 | 500 | 548 | 415 | 364 | 330 | 258 | 158 |
| 2020 | 2829  | 136 | 129 | 200 | 397 | 820 | 798 | 417 |     |     |     |     |     |

The figures for 2020 are not complete yet, so the totals for May, June and July will increase further.

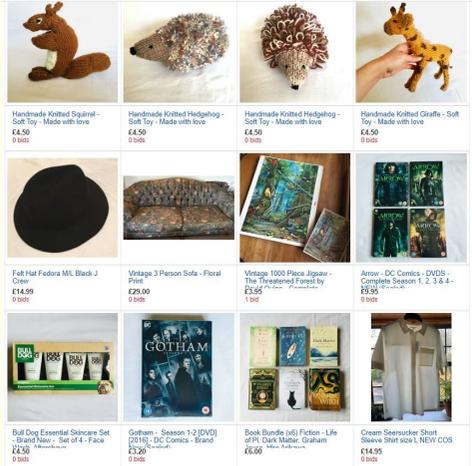


This little fluffy herring gull stayed with WRAS for a couple of weeks after being passed to us from a vets practice. There were concerns he may have broken his leg but on assessment no fractures were found and it was just a little bruised. Each day he became stronger and stronger, standing and walking for longer periods of time and now you can hardly tell he ever had an problem with his leg to start with. He was one of many we have dealt with this summer and released.



## Hedgehog falls in pot of glue.

A hedgehog had to be put to sleep after it fell into a pot of glue in Eastbourne. The hedgehog was so badly covered around its belly, genitals, legs, toes and even around its face and in its mouth, that the poor creature had to be put to sleep. Staff tried hard and even WRAS's Vet attended to help, but eventually it was decided that the hedgehog was suffering too much. WRAS's vet was also concerned about the fumes causing long term damage to the hedgehogs lungs. If you have glue in your shed or garage please cover ensure the lid in on or place up on a shelf where other creatures cannot become stuck.



## Please support our Online Charity Shop!

As with all other non-essential shops WRAS's Charity Shop had to close in March. This has given Shop Manager Faye and her Assistant Rachel time to go through items in the shop, sort out loads of bits and start using an Ebay shop to raise money for WRAS. There are lots of items available and the online shop changes every few days with new items being uploads. Please pay our ebay charity shop a visit at : <https://charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/East-Sussex-WRAS/124284>

# Gull Season 2020!

Every summer East Sussex WRAS gets swamped with calls about young gulls jumping off roof tops. At different development stages the advice changes, from very young day old chicks which need to be up on the nests to fledglings learning to fly which should be left alone.

Two of our veterinary ambulances have ladders on, to help get young gulls back up onto roof tops. Virtually every day throughout the gull season our ambulances were out putting them back on roofs. On the occasions when they couldn't go back up due to the roof being too high, too steep, due to injury or it is unclear where they have come from, the birds were packaged up and take either to WRAS's Casualty Centre or to Bird Aid at Hailsham, which WRAS helps to fund during the busy gull season.

Many of those with injured wings and legs end up at WRAS's Casualty Centre where they are seen by our vets and Care Team and nursed back to health, before being sent down to Bird Aid or returned to the wild.

Between 1st June and 12th July 2020 WRAS received over 450 phone calls about hatchling, nestling and fledgling gulls. The vast majority of them were youngsters falling off rooftops. There were 21 trapped either in chimneys, fencing or some form of netting. About 10% of all the calls dealt with were outside of WRAS's area, including many calls from Devon, East Anglia, the Midlands, Wales, and even Ireland.

Our rescuers and volunteers have worked amazingly well this summer dealing with so many calls especially with Coronavirus too.





At home I have been crazily busy, I have never had so many animals and birds here. At the moment my record is 62 hedgehogs (mums and babies) as well as baby birds at home at any one time. In my last article I wrote about Pinocchio, an amazing little feral pigeon I was looking after who had the worst Canker I had seen, right up inside his nasal cavity, which made it very hard to treat and took 5 weeks to clear. He was left with a flattened beak on one side, and frayed feathers, which meant he had to stay behind in the indoor aviaries whilst his friends were released. Incredibly in the last week he has gone outside into a release pen (pictured above), with some younger pigeons who I also hand reared, and he has quickly established himself King of the Aviary, directing everything from his nest upon high and showing off to everyone. It is very quiet at the hospital without his cooing, and watching everyone coming and going. Over the last few months I must have had over 50 or 60 youngsters, if not more, they included 2 lovely Stock Doves, Fred and Ginger, who came in from separate locations, but were released together in Uckfield once fully grown. Wood Pigeon season is still in full flow at the moment, and I am averaging 10-12 woody youngsters at home at any one time. As well as a new influx of young feral pigeons, and the last of the Collared Dovelets for now at least.

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made payable to "East Sussex WRAS" or please debit my:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Easy Ways to Support WRAS!

There are various ways 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/](http://www.wildlifeambulance.org/how-you-can-help/fundraising/)



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## *News in Brief!*



## **Hedgehog in Mesh Feeder**

Do you have a wire mesh basket over a ground bird feeder? If so please consider either not using it or raising it up on bricks to help reduce the risks of hedgehogs getting caught in it. This morning Duty Rescue Co-ordinator Ellie Langridge was called out to this poor hedgehog which had become trapped as it tried to climb through the mesh in a garden in Stone Cross.

## **Builders Illegal Nest Disturbance.**

Sadly these 4 baby pigeons are now in care and their parents distraught after their nests were taken down by builders in Seaford. Thankfully taken into a vets who passed them on to us for hand rearing.



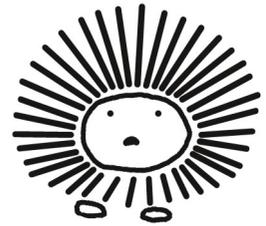
## **Sheffield Park Grebe Rescue.**

Sunday 12th July WRAS received a call from Sheffield Park after visitors to the National Trust property raised concerns over one of the grebe chicks which had fallen down the weir off of the main lake and was swimming around calling for his family unable to get back.

Rescuers Thea Taylor and Daryl Farmer attended on site and a dry suit was used to wade out in order to catch the youngster. After a little chase the rather ungrateful grebe was taken back to the main lake and released. It paddled off like a rocket and was successfully reunited with his family.

A video of the release is on our facebook page [www.facebook.com/wildlifeambulance](http://www.facebook.com/wildlifeambulance).





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# ***Information:***

**East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service.**

**Reg Charity 1108880 RVCS No. 6548374**

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

**Casualty Centre:** Unit 2, The Shaw Barn, A22, Whitesmith, BN8 6JD

**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 unless advised to do so after calling the Rescue Line, as they are not staffed constantly.)

**Operations Director:** Trevor Weeks MBE

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

**Duty Rescue Co-ordinators :** Trevor Weeks. Katie Nunn Nash, Karen Francis, Ellie Langridge.

**Care Assistant & Orphan Support:** Nikola Upton, Holly Davis

**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](http://www.wildlifeambulance.org)

**24hr Rescue Line: 07815-078234**



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