



Supervisors Report for the Annual General Meeting

Good evening to everyone at the Annual General Meeting. I hope you are all well. Well what can I say its once again been a busy summer, we have had many animals in that have needed hand feeding and then have gradually been weaned off to be able to be feeding on their own. As the birds start to go back out into the wild we start to get quieter and quieter at the hospital, which means that we are able to start looking at the future projects that we want to start at the hospital.

Current Projects:

The current projects that we have in progress at the moment are as follows:

- The education shed- Which we have managed to insulate, put in electricity, and plumb the water into now. And so now it is nearly in full operation, which is absolutely fantastic because it means it will be ready for any animals that need isolating and also the main purpose of it all, ready for the kids to be educated in.
- The isolation unit- This has also now been insulated and painted ready for any animals which may need isolating away from the rest of the animals.
- The swan pool area- This is an area that is already in use and we keep adding different ideas to it all the time, at this moment in time we are trying to get hold of some plastic astro turf that will enable us to wash down the area around the pool.

Future Projects:

The future projects that will be taking place at the hospital are as follows:

- The Squirrel Aviary- In the squirrel aviary we are looking at taking all the posts out and taking the wiring down as well and revamping in with new posts and wire and then this will be ready for next year when we get all the baby squirrels in again.
- The old owl Aviary will also be having the wire and post taken out and then new wire and posts put back in, and then we are looking at trimming back the hedge in the aviary enabling us to put other smaller birds of prey into the aviary as they will still have a place to hide in the aviary.
- Concrete Pens- We have 2 concrete pens where we are looking at revamping the foxes aviary in order to make it more wild for the foxes, so it will have an underground pen and several digging areas for the cubs to dig and we are looking at replacing the post on both aviaries but luckily the wire is in top condition therefore doesn't need replacing.

We are always revamping and looking at new things that we can do at the hospital and what we have to remember is that at the end of the day these things don't come cheap and we need to pay for them some how and that's where we ask the public to help us whether it is with old materials that they may have at home or the extra spare cash that they have put aside for a

chosen charity. All I'm asking is that you think of us if you have any of these things.

BBC ANIMAL 24/7

Once again we had the film crew in from the BBC's Animal 24/7 in this summer where they have been following up the stories on the Little Owls and the Lapwings that we have had brought into the Hospital due to them being babies that have been found being abandoned in the wild. They have been filming them every step of the way from being handfed to going out into the aviary and to being released into the wild. This is something that we really enjoy doing because it gives the public a chance to see what we do and it shows them being released as well.

Events

This year we once again attended the Lincolnshire Show in June where we were able to interact with the people of Lincolnshire and tell them a little bit about ourselves and what we do, they were able to watch the kestrels being handfed, and were able to see the photographs of the different injuries that the animals come in with, and what certain things animals may get caught in.

The other events that we were also invited to were, Market Rasen Ladies Day where we were allowed to go round all the betting tables and collected any unwanted change, Hartsholme Park Fair Day, where they allowed us to have a stall to sell our merchandise of which we made money for the hospital, and we also attended Boultham Park Fair, which is one of the local fairs for weirfield where we are able to take our bric a brac that is donated to Weirfield and are able to sell it and make 100% profit for Weirfield, of which we truly appreciate anything that is donated to Weirfield.

Thank You's

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helps out at Weirfield, whether you are a volunteer or a member of the public bringing an animal in, with out you doing these things for us we would not have the success rate that we have now so big thank you to you all. I would also like to say a big, big, big thank you to 2 volunteers, of which 1 is a committee member at Weirfield, Mick Armiger and Mark Priestley who is a current volunteer at Weirfield, these 2 men have been working extremely hard trying to get all the hospital jobs such as the education and isolation shed ready and sorted so that the volunteers/ work experience/ staff can use it so big thank you to you guys because without your help we wouldn't be able to get these projects finished, SO THANKYOU. And once again a thank you to the lady who I call SUPERWOMEN because she's always there when we need her and this lady is EF!! No matter how big or small the job is, if we need her she's there so thank you Ef.

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