

Press release: Commission appoints Interim Managers at The Alternative Animal Sanctuary



CHARITY COMMISSION
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The Charity Commission has today announced the appointment of interim managers to The Alternative Animal Sanctuary ([1111406](#)) due to continued concerns about the governance and management of the charity.

Interim managers are appointed to take over the running of a charity where the Commission has identified misconduct or mismanagement, or there is a need to protect the charity's property.

The Commission opened a [statutory inquiry](#) into The Alternative Animal Sanctuary in March 2017 to examine the administration, governance and financial management of the charity.

The Commission made an order under Section 76 (3)(g) of the Charities Act 2011 on 2 January 2019 to appoint Phil Watts and Sarah Tomlinson of Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP as joint interim managers to the exclusion of the trustees.

The interim managers will take on control of the management and administration of the charity from the current trustees, with the exception of the day-to-day care of the animals at the sanctuary, until the Commission makes a further order.

The Commission's investigation continues; it intends to publish a report setting out its findings on conclusion of the inquiry. Reports of previous inquiries are available on [GOV.UK](#).

Ends

Notes to Editors:

1. This appointment is a temporary and protective power that will be reviewed at regular intervals. It will continue until the Commission makes a further order for its variation or discharge.
2. The Charity Commission is the independent regulator of charities in

England and Wales. For more information see the [about us](#) page on GOV.UK.
3. Search for charities on our [online register](#).

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