



for a free range future

Tis the season to be jolly and tens of thousands of commercial laying hens will be taking full advantage of the festive season as a direct result of our hard-working, non-complaining, dedicated, compassionate BHWT volunteers who have helped to give every hen homed a Happy Christmas. A heartfelt thank you to all involved in our often dirty, sometimes tear jerking, always uplifting work. It's a good time to reflect on achievements and I can scarcely believe sometimes that what started out as a simple idea, with the original dream being to save the lives of a lorry load of hens (around 4,000), has exploded into this charity bursting with good eggs in every sense! It's often felt like holding onto a tiger by its tail so fast is the growth, but I feel incredibly lucky to be involved, and humbled by the amazing public support.



THE TASTE TEST

We all know hens can be fussy eaters, and often resist pellets when there's corn on offer, but there's no doubt birds love the new Hentastic treats available. They are simply flying off the BHWT shop shelves at the moment and, if you haven't sorted out a Christmas stocking for your hens yet, be sure to put some Hentastic treats in there. All our BHWT hens give it the thumbs up and we seem to have an endless supply of willing taste testers ... Check out our shop at www.bhwt.org.uk/shop for hen and human Christmas goodies.

LUCKIEST HEN OF THE YEAR

Actually, there's thousands of course, but this photo of long standing supporter, Mel Lazenby, with Phillis, really touched me when she sent it in just as the last rays of autumn sunshine were beaming down. Here's what she wrote: "Morning Jane, I realise you must get a million emails, but I thought you'd like to know that Phillis is celebrating five years of freedom today. "I cannot believe she's still here, she was so poorly last year, but has been permanently



GOOD EGGS



Two good eggs this time around - Adrian & Nicole Doyle - who loved seeing their BHWT hens running around the paddock so much they wanted to do something to help more hens. So we were incredibly touched when they told us they were asking guests at their recent wedding for donations to the BHWT rather than presents. Mr & Mrs Doyle had a wonderful day, loved the table gifts we sent and through their kind gesture raised an astonishing £950. Amazing!



CHARITY CHICKS

We've had three chicks hatch within the charity this year and here's our Kent Co-ordinator, Karon McCarthy-Sadd's, brand new little daughter, Evelyn Jane, born on June 10 already showing her support for the BHWT. Is she cute or what?!

implanted since August 2012, and finally been given the all clear. Thank you for helping these two at the very start. If I'd known five years ago that Phillis would live this long, I could have slept way better over the years."

SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

If ever you needed an excuse to shop, here it is... you can raise valuable funds for the British Hen Welfare Trust - at no cost to you - just by shopping online. Too good to be true? Nope, it's true! From Amazon to Argos to Sainsbury's, thousands of online stores have signed up to donate to charity whenever you shop online via Give as you Live. You can choose to shop through the Give as you Live website or install the browser extension. All you need to do is join: go to www.giveasyoulive.com/join/

britishhenwelfare click on 'Get Started', fill in a few details and click 'Install'. The Give as You Live website has a tablet-friendly design and price comparison technology to help you get the best deal online. We'd also encourage you to install the browser extension - it keeps track of purchases from participating stores, even if you shop direct at the retailer's website, so you never forget to raise funds. So it's sorted, forget all the queues and heaving great bags of shopping home. Shop smart, get clicking and raise funds for all our lovely hens.

And that's it from us this year. It's been a pleasure to write for this lovely magazine. I hope you, and your hens, all have a wonderful Christmas.