

HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE

England & Wales · Charity number 1006246

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1991-11-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF SICK, ILL-TREATED, NEGLECTED OR REJECTED DOGS, IN PARTICULAR DOGS OF THE BOXER BREED

Activities: We provide a rescue service for boxer dogs throughout the UK. We rescue, rehabilitate and re-home dogs via kennels or foster homes where necessary , and also provide help and support for the welfare of boxers in general. We ensure the neutering of all our boxers if medically possible and provide back up for life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£394,136	£74,453	-	-
2023-12-31	£59,943	£73,478	-	-
2022-12-31	£35,413	£57,618	-	-
2021-12-31	£27,737	£26,879	-	-
2020-12-31	£36,795	£36,455	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Donna Russell	Chair	2017-03-19
Angela Barber		2021-10-13
Julie Lorne Semmence		2021-10-13
KAREN KERBY		2014-03-26
LORRAINE HARVEY		2012-01-25
ROSEMARY ANGELA EVELINE WESTBROOK		

HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1006246

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Home Counties Boxer Welfare

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

10006246

Set out on pages

1 - 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sally Ward.

Date:

24-02-25

Name:

SALLY WARD.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
FCCA.

Address:

2 CHURCH LANE

CROUGHTON

NN13 5LS.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Helping Boxers in need find loving homes
Home Counties Boxer Welfare

Charity Number 1006246



Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts
for the period
from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Charity name: Home Counties Boxer Welfare

Charity registration number: 1006246

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The stated aim of the charity is: "The relief of sick, ill-treated, neglected or rejected dogs, in particular dogs of the Boxer breed." Our activities include: 1. Rehoming dogs who can no longer stay in their current homes, preferably from home to home but where necessary using a network of foster homes and kennels. 2. Meeting veterinary costs for dogs both in our care and also for some who remain with their families or who are in other rescues. 3. Providing behaviourist support to help dogs overcome issues which may arise from lack of training or even abusive treatment. 4. Providing advice and support to boxer owners on training, health and other boxer issues; giving encouragement and confidence to help them and their dog enjoy a positive and fun relationship. 5. Co-ordinating home checks and follow-up visits through a network of volunteers for potential adopters, adopting homes, fosterers and foster homes. 6. Fundraising via a range of activities to financially support the charity's operational costs. 7. Liaising with HCBW members through the issue of the annual 'Newslink' magazine. HCBW is a breed specific rescue. We are involved only with boxer dogs and sometimes boxer crosses. We try to help wherever we can and this year we have helped four boxer crosses to find new homes and supported another, in private ownership, with veterinary costs. We believe that boxers are unique and because of their distinctive behaviours and generally high energy; ensuring the dog is in the right empathetic home is very important. The knowledge within the charity gained over many years has proved invaluable in the successful rehoming of many dogs. We take care in seeking the right home for each and every dog, and in the rare cases where this goes wrong or the circumstances in the new home change adversely, we are there to take the dog back into our care. During 2024, four such dogs were returned to us and have been successfully rehomed again.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the	2024 began with 8 dogs in our care looking for homes; 3 in foster homes, one in kennels and the rest remained in their original homes. During 2024 we dealt with 62 dogs: 49 were rehomed, an additional 10 stayed with their original owners, while 2 were rehomed elsewhere. Sadly, one dog was pts due to unpredictable and unmanageable serious behavioural issues. At the year-end we had 3 dogs

activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	still looking for homes and 3 older dogs on long term foster. Very sadly one of our older dogs who had been in long term foster died just before Christmas. Our foster homes remain very special to us, and we work closely with them to provide any support they need for the care of our dogs. All foster dog vet bills are covered by HCBW and, where necessary, food is provided, especially if the dog requires a special diet. As in previous years, our veterinary costs continue to be a major expense. We have had a number of dogs that we have rehomed requiring expensive veterinary treatment for pre-existing conditions, including mainly allergy and skin conditions. Because the conditions are pre-existing, they are not covered by any pet insurance and so HCBW will make arrangements to help finance such situations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	HCBW strive to take into consideration both the needs of the dogs and the expectations of any potential adopters. Where a dog comes into our care, he or she is our prime concern. We endeavour to assess the dog fully before seeking a suitable home. Where the previous background is unknown, we will not rehome a dog with young children, older vulnerable children and/or vulnerable adults. All potential homes are considered based on the same criteria: the welfare of the dog.
Contribution made by volunteers	We are indebted to the small army of volunteers, across a wide swathe of the country, who home-check for us, often with little notice, and who diligently check out applicants' homes for suitability to adopt or foster. Although named Home Counties we routinely cover the Midlands down to the West Country and across to East Anglia and Kent from Gloucester, Worcester and occasionally Wales, We remain grateful to the regular sponsorships and donations made to support the running of HCBW. Members and supporters prove themselves selfless and generous, enabling us to provide the support to the dogs in our care. This year we have been very honoured to receive substantial legacies from two long term supporters. We are in the process of assessing the best way to invest the funds and to ensure they are spent for the welfare of boxer dogs in the UK, as intended by the legators.
Other	As with the previous year, we reached out to other charities and responded to individual owners to help with veterinary costs, thus enabling life changing/saving treatment which otherwise would not have been available for the dogs. During 2024 we donated £200 to other registered dog charities and over £11,850 to individuals where they lacked the funds to meet essential veterinary costs. We were prepared to do more.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	HCBW successfully placed 49 dogs into new, loving homes where their needs and welfare are being managed. The majority of these dogs go on to lead happy lives without the help and further support of HCBW. We maintain a continual connection with new families either with direct contact through the trustee or volunteer who oversaw the rehoming or by the many updates on our Facebook group. The welfare of HCBW's dogs is our main priority, and we will provide support wherever it is needed.
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	A high number of the dogs we re-homed this year were young dogs with behavioural challenges. We were able to provide behavioural support for many of them, as well as moral support for owners who just needed to be reassured that their dog was fine.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	We held a successful outdoor event in May this year which was well attended and provided a much-needed opportunity to speak to people face-to-face. It also gave us a chance to raise awareness of the rescue and to sell a selection of our merchandise. Feedback from the event was all very positive and we are hopeful of arranging another similar event in 2025. We continued with on-line sales of merchandise, including our own calendar featuring our rescued dogs and also our uniquely designed Christmas cards.
Investment performance against objectives	N/A
Other	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Financial Statement attached.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity has invested money accrued over many years, including from legacies and other donations. We have recently benefitted from two further large legacies from the estates of long-time supporters, amounting to £355,000. The funds are held to be used by the Trustees in order to cover any costs which may occur. Over recent years we have operated at an annual loss and the funds have been used to cover these. Following a practise established in 2022, we have reached out to other boxer rescue charities to offer financial help with their veterinary costs. We have also responded to financial requests towards veterinary care from boxer dog owners who might otherwise have been forced to give up or rehome their dogs, very much against their wishes. Readily accessible monies are held in bank deposits with the larger sum held in a portfolio of funds managed by Fidelius Wealth Management, Bath.
Amount of reserves held	£736,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Whilst we have a small army of volunteers who provide financial support and/or undertake home checks, offers of help with transporting dogs and assisting at dog shows, we continue to struggle to attract new volunteers to take up the role of trustee/committee members which is essential to ensure HCBW continues to operate.

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	HCBW generated funds from adoption fees, membership subscriptions, regular sponsorship donations and one-off donations. This year have also very gratefully received legacies from the wills of two people totalling £355,000. A further £2,000 was received in memory of loved ones where the families kindly nominated the charity to receive donations from the funerals. We also have a portfolio of funds generating a regular return on our long-term investment.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The requests for help have continued with financial constraints continuing to be one of the main causes of dogs coming into rescue. The costs of dog ownership are increasing, particularly for insurance and vet bills, which is causing people to relinquish their dogs to our care, particularly following relationship breakups. Financial constraint is one of several main reasons why fewer people are looking to own larger dogs. The charity also faces problems finding suitable homes. Many homes now have two wage earners who are both out at work during the day and are leading much busier lifestyles. There is a general trend away from people wanting larger dogs and they are more likely to take on a smaller more manageable dog, so boxer dogs in general have become less popular. Since the Dangerous Dogs Act, as well as the more recent ban on XL Bullies, there has been a reluctance to take on a 'challenging' dog which requires extra time and further training. Sadly, an increasing number of the boxers we are asked to help are young dogs with behavioural issues.
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	HCBW is governed by a written constitution, adopted at the AGM in 2012
How is the charity constituted?	HCBW is an unincorporated charity.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees are elected from the membership at the AGM, being proposed and seconded by members. Trustees are elected, or re-elected, every year.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Home Counties Boxer Welfare
Other name the charity uses	HCBW
Registered charity number	1006246
Charity's principal address	26 Latimer Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1HY

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustees name	Office if any	Dates acted if not the whole year
Donna Russell	Chairperson	
Karen Kerby	Secretary	
Lorraine Harvey	Treasurer	
Rosemary Westbrook		
Eleanor Barton		Up to July 2024
Tracey Lowes		Up to November 2024
Angela Barber		
Julie Semmence		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

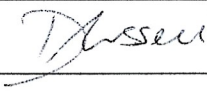
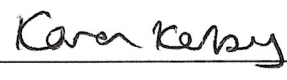
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Fidelius Wealth Management	Alexander House, James Street West Bath, BA1 2BT

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report and Accounts above		
Signed on behalf of the HCBW Trustees		
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DONNA RUSSELL	KAREN KERRY
Position (eg. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	01-02-2025	14/02/2025



HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Income for the year		2024		2023	
Subscriptions	2024	£550.00		2023	£690.00
	2025	£390.00	£940.00	2024	£220.00
Sponsorship			£5,284.00		£910.00
Donations for adopted dogs			£16,350.00		£5,489.00
Payments under Oldies Scheme			£1,280.00		£11,074.00
Donations including legacies and in memoriam donations					£1,300.00
Donations			£4,414.45		£5,367.48
Legacies and in memoriam donations			£357,006.06		£27,862.90
Fundraising from ppgiving, easyclick,easyfundraising & benevity			£3,547.84		£1,696.23
Commission			£449.66		£52.22
Gift Aid refund from HMRC			£0.00	21/22&22/23	£5,006.43
Funday receipts			£559.36		
Merchandise sales		£1,353.64			£1,222.36
less postage & package		£223.93	£1,129.71		£237.61
Investment income					£984.75
Bank and building society interest receivable					
Barclays Deposit		£3,175.18			£120.41
Manchester B Society		£0.00	£3,175.18		£80.41
Total income			£394,136.26		£200.82
					£59,943.83
Expenses					
Stock purchases for fund generation		402.24			£116.35
Dog care and welfare activities					
Veterinary and other costs relating to the dogs		£32,602.92			£54,641.50
Kennels charges		£18,646.25			£5,721.39
Foster dog expenses		£5,113.23			£818.64
Travelling costs		£2,254.50			£2,286.40
Behaviourist support		£437.50			
Hire of fields for dog introductions		£79.98			£33.50
Dog training costs					£2,106.33
Support for non HCBW dogs		12615.54			
Donations for vet costs for dogs in other rescues		£200.00			£6,050.00
Support costs					
Insurance		£271.65			£271.65
AGM, Shows & Rallies		£174.20			£31.78
Website and software costs		£945.88			£804.88
Printing & Stationery.		£72.86			£39.45
Newslink production & despatch		£355.14			£442.15
Miscellaneous expenses		£107.28			£36.97
Legal fees		£174.00			£78.00
Total payments made			£74,453.17		£73,478.99
Excess of income over expenditure			£319,683.09		-£13,535.16

Value of investments	LTI	£390,743.18		£366,481.77
	Revaluation	<u>£16,514.83</u>	£407,258.01	<u>£24,261.41</u> £390,743.18
Monies held				
Cash		£0.00		£0.00
Bank current account		£6,449.02		£830.15
Bank deposit account		£329,122.12		£15,155.88
Paypal		£605.53	£336,176.67	£507.55 £16,493.58
			<u>£743,434.68</u>	<u>£407,236.76</u>
Non- monetary assets				
Merchandise		£276.54		£139.71
PA system	Written down value	£23.73		£31.64

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HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1006246

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

for the period
from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity name: Home Counties Boxer Welfare

Charity registration number: 1006246

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The stated aim of the charity is: "The relief of sick, ill-treated, neglected or rejected dogs, in particular dogs of the Boxer breed." Our activities include: 1. Rehoming dogs who can no longer stay in their current homes, preferably from home to home but where necessary using a network of foster homes and kennels. 2. Meeting veterinary costs for dogs both in our care and also for some who remain with their families or who are in other rescues. 3. Providing behaviourist support to help dogs overcome issues which may arise from lack of training or even abusive treatment. 4. Providing advice and support to boxer owners on training, health and other boxer issues; giving encouragement and confidence to help them and their dog enjoy a positive and fun relationship. 5. Co-ordinating home checks and follow-up visits through a network of volunteers for potential adopters, adopting homes, fosterers and foster homes. 6. Fundraising via a range of activities to financially support the charity's operational costs. 7. Liaising with HCBW members through the issue of the annual 'Newslink' magazine. HCBW is a breed specific rescue. We are involved only with Boxer dogs and sometimes Boxer crosses. We try to help wherever we can and this year we have helped nine boxer crosses as opposed to much smaller numbers in earlier years. We believe Boxers are unique and, because of their distinctive behaviours and generally high energy, ensuring the dog is in the right empathetic home is very important. The knowledge within the charity gained over many years has proved invaluable in the successful rehoming of many dogs. We take care in seeking the right home for each and every dog and in the rare cases where this goes wrong or the circumstances in the new home change adversely, we are there to take the dog back into our care.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	2023 was a busy year for the charity. We rehomed 44 dogs, and helped a further 3 remain in their homes. At the year-end we had 5 of our dogs in foster. Two of whom were in long term foster care, three who were actively seeking homes and in addition we had a further two who were with us temporarily for a welfare stay whilst their owners were unwell. Very sadly 2 dogs died in foster in the year. One came in with a terminal illness which we quickly discovered and another was elderly and survived very happily in foster for almost a year before becoming ill. We also had the heartache of

	euthanising an adult male. He was highly traumatised before coming to us and was showing signs of significant aggression. It was a decision we took with heavy and unwilling hearts, but one that was proposed by and supported by the vet and dog warden services. Our foster homes remain very special to us, and we work closely with them about any support they need for the care of our dogs. All foster dog vet bills are covered by HCBW and, where necessary, food is provided, especially if the dog requires a special diet. As in previous years our veterinary costs continue to be our major expense. We have had a number of dogs that we have rehomed requiring expensive veterinary treatment for pre-existing conditions, including mainly allergy and skin conditions. Such conditions will not be covered by any pet insurance and so HCBW make arrangements to help finance such situations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	HCBW strive to take into consideration both the needs of the dogs and the expectations of any potential adopters. Where a dog comes into our care, he or she is our prime concern. We endeavour to assess the dog fully before seeking a suitable home. Where the previous background is unknown, we will not rehome a dog with young children or older vulnerable children and/or vulnerable adults. All potential homes are considered based on the same criteria - the welfare of the dog.
Contribution made by volunteers	We are indebted to the small army of volunteers across a wide swathe of the land, who home-check for us, often with little notice, and who diligently check out applicants' homes for suitability to adopt or foster. Although named Home Counties we routinely cover the Midlands down to the West Country and across to East Anglia and Kent from Gloucester, Worcester and occasionally Wales, We remain grateful to the regular sponsorships and donations made to support the running of HCBW. Members and supporters prove themselves selfless and generous, enabling us to provide the support to the dogs in our care.
Other	As with the previous year, we reached out to other charities and individual owners to help with veterinary costs thus enabling life changing/saving treatment which otherwise would not have been available for the dogs. In the year we donated £6050 to other registered dog charities and over £8,000 to individuals where they lacked the funds to meet the essential veterinary costs.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	HCBW successfully placed 44 dogs into new, loving homes where their needs and welfare are being managed. The majority of these dogs go on to lead happy lives without the help and further support of HCBW. We maintain a continual connection with new families either with direct contact through the trustee or volunteer who oversaw the rehoming plus via update e-mails and posts on our Facebook page. The welfare of HCBW's dogs is our main priority, and we will provide support wherever it is needed. We were able to provide support for three dogs to remain with their loving families. This included providing short term foster care for them whilst their family circumstances went through a temporary period of change. We also provided behavioural support for some as well as moral support for owners who just needed to be reassured that their dog was fine.
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	We were upset to deny help to two dogs whose behaviour was too challenging to safely rehome them.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	We scheduled an informal fundraising dog show in the early Summer at an outdoor venue. However, the weather was exceptionally hot and for the welfare of the dogs, we postponed the event. We rescheduled for the autumn and unbelievably the weather on that day was even hotter than the summer so, in consideration for the dogs we cancelled effectively meaning we held no fundraising events in the year. We continued with on-line sales of merchandise, including our own calendar featuring our rescued dogs and also our uniquely designed Christmas cards.
Investment performance against objectives	N/A
Other	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Financial Statement attached.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity has invested money accrued over many years, including several legacies and other donations. The funds are held to be used by the Trustees in order to cover any costs which may occur. Over recent years we have operated at an annual loss and the funds have been used to cover these. Following practise established in 2022, we have reached out to other boxer rescue charities to offer financial help with their veterinary costs. We have also responded to financial requests towards veterinary care from boxer dog owners who otherwise could be forced to give up or rehome their dogs very much against their wishes. Readily accessible monies are held in bank deposits with the larger sum held in a portfolio of funds managed by Fidelity Wealth Management, Bath.
Amount of reserves held	£390,743.18
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Whilst we have a small army of volunteers who undertake home checks, offers of help with transporting dogs and assisting at dog shows, we continue to struggle to attract new volunteers to take up the role of trustee/committee members which is essential to ensure HCBW continues to operate .
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	HCBW generated funds from adoption fees, membership subscriptions, regular sponsorship donations and one-off donations. We have also very gratefully received legacies from the wills of two people this year totalling £25,000 . A further £2,862.90 was received in memory of loved ones where the families kindly nominated the charity to receive donations on the death of their loved ones.

	We also have a portfolio of funds generating a regular return on our long term investment.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The requests for help have continued with financial constraints continuing to be one of the main causes of dogs coming into rescue. The costs of dog ownership are increasing, particularly for insurance and vet bills which is causing people to relinquish their dogs to our care, particularly following relationship breakups . Financial constraint IS one of several main reasons why fewer people are looking to own larger dogs.
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

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Karen Kerby	Secretary	
Lorraine Harvey	Treasurer	
Rosemary Westbrook		
Eleanor Barton		
Tracey Lowes		
Angela Barber		
Julie Semmence		
Sue Armstrong		To 5 March 2023

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

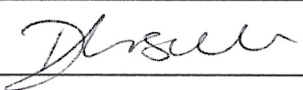
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Fideliis Wealth Management	Alexander House, James Street West Bath, BA1 2BT

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report and Accounts above		
Signed on behalf of the HCBW Trustees		
Signature(s)		Karen Kerby
Full name(s)	DANNA RUSSELL	KAREN KERBY
Position (eg. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	28/07/2024	28/7/24



HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Income for the year		2023		2022	
Subscriptions		2023	£690.00	2022	£770.00
		2024	<u>£220.00</u>	2023	<u>£240.00</u>
			£910.00		£1,010.00
Sponsorship			£5,489.00		£5,324.00
Donations for adopted dogs			£11,074.00		£7,792.60
Payments under Oldies Scheme			£1,300.00		£1,660.00
<u>Donations including legacies and in memoriam donations</u>					
Donations			£5,367.48		£7,648.67
Legacies and in memoriam donations			£27,862.90		£7,293.44
Fundraising from Paypal Giving, Amazon, Easy Click, Easy Fundraising			£1,696.23		£1,079.66
Commission			£52.22		
Gift Aid refund from HMRC	21/22&22/23		£5,006.43	20/21	£2,171.97
Merchandise sales					
			£1,222.36		£1,570.18
less postage & package			<u>£237.61</u>		<u>£149.98</u>
			£984.75		£1,420.20
Investment income					
Bank and building society interest receivable					
	Barclays Deposit		£120.41		£3.52
	Manchester Building Society		£80.41		£8.59
			<u>£200.82</u>		<u>£12.11</u>
Total income			£59,943.83		£35,412.65
Expenses					
Stock purchases for fund generation			£116.35		£183.90
Dog care and welfare activities					
Veterinary costs			£54,641.50		£43,342.30
Kennels charges			£5,721.39		£3,489.50
Travelling costs			£2,286.40		£2,337.30
Miscellaneous dog related expenses					£171.00
Hire of fields for meet 'n greets			£33.50		£0.00
Dog training costs			£2,106.33		£0.00
Foster dog expenses			£818.64		£176.64
Donations for vet costs for dogs in other rescues			£6,050.00		£5,266.28
Support costs					
Insurance			£271.65		£496.60
AGM, Shows & Rallies			£31.78		£96.00
Website and software costs			£804.88		£933.88
Printing & Stationery.			£39.45		£257.96
Newslink production & despatch			£442.15		£209.00
Miscellaneous expenses			£36.97		£78.00
Legal fees			£78.00		£580.00
Total payments made			<u>£73,478.99</u>		<u>£57,618.36</u>
Excess of expenditure over income			<u>-£13,535.16</u>		<u>-£22,205.71</u>

Value of investments	LTI	£366,481.77		£409,799.93	
	Revaluation	<u>£24,261.41</u>	£390,743.18	<u>-£43,318.16</u>	£366,481.77

Monies held

Cash		£0.00		£66.47	
Bank current account		£830.15		£4,569.12	
Bank deposit account		£15,155.88		£7,735.47	
Building society account		£0.00		£17,186.05	
Paypal		£507.55	£16,493.58	£471.63	£30,028.74
			<u>£407,236.76</u>		<u>£396,510.51</u>

Non- monetary assets

Merchandise		£139.79			£169.24
PA system	Written down value	£31.64			£42.18



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Home Counties Boxer Welfare

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1006246

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

08/03/2024

Name:

Chris Hinks

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

20 Buckingham Way, Frimley

Surrey. GU16 8XF

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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members of**

Charity Name
Home Counties Boxer Welfare

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

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(if any)** 1006246

Set out on pages

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Signed:

Date: 01/03/2023

Name:

Chris Hinks

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

20 Buckingham Way, Frimley

Surrey. GU16 8XF



Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for the period

from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Charity name: Home Counties Boxer Welfare

Charity registration number: 1006246

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The stated aim of the charity is: "The relief of sick, ill-treated, neglected or rejected dogs, in particular dogs of the Boxer breed." Our activities include: 1. Rehoming dogs who can no longer stay in their current homes, where necessary using a network of foster homes and kennels. 2. Meeting veterinary costs for dogs both in our care and also for some who remain with their families or are with other rescues. 3. Providing behaviourist support to help dogs overcome issues which may arise from lack of training or even abusive treatment. 4. Providing advice and support to boxer owners on training, health and other boxer issues; giving encouragement and confidence to help them and their dog enjoy a positive and fun relationship. 5. Co-ordinating home checks and follow-up visits through a network of volunteers for potential adopters, adopting homes, fosterers and foster homes. 6. Fundraising via a range of activities to financially support the charity's operational costs. 7. Liaising with HCBW members through the issue of the annual 'Newslink' magazine, and the HCBW Facebook group and pages. HCBW is a breed specific rescue. We are involved only with boxer dogs and sometimes boxer crosses. We believe boxers are unique and because of their distinctive behaviours and generally high energy, ensuring the dog is in the right empathetic home is very important. The knowledge within the charity gained over many years has proved invaluable in the successful rehoming of many dogs. We take care in seeking the right home for each and every dog and in the rare cases where this goes wrong or the circumstances in the new home change adversely, we are there to take the dog back into our care. In 2021 we incorporated Norfolk Boxer Rescue within HCBW and over 2022 the relationship firmly cemented in all areas from dog care and management matters to financial ones.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the	During the year we rehomed 40 dogs, mainly rehoming from home to home but we did use kennels where needed. Two dogs, although beautiful had specific behavioural challenges which required a lot of diligence to find the right home for them. Homes that can give dogs that something extra are like gold dust and often difficult to find. The meet and greet for those dogs needed to be carefully

activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	managed and more than one meeting was necessary. It also took time to support the new families during the early days. In addition to the re-homings, we also facilitated a welfare stay for one of our dogs previously rehomed and discussed potential re-homings with four more families who in the end, with advice from ourselves, decided to keep their dogs. Very sadly a staunch supporter of the charity died in the year and we helped with finding a new home for her much loved dog, formerly adopted from ourselves. Very sadly one older dog came to us in very poor health and on a vet's advice she was put to sleep to end her suffering. On the financial front, we supported the costs as follows: 1. Where dogs come into our care and are already on medication it is impossible for owners to get insurance to cover those ailments and we take the responsibility for funding the veterinary costs for those known issues. 2. We fund the costs of neutering for those dogs who are entire when they come into rescue 3. We respond to requests for financial help for boxer dogs or boxer crosses with other charities who require veterinary care and where funds are tight. £3,278.59 was spent in supporting other rescues. 4. We helped two private individuals to meet the veterinary costs for their own dogs, paying £1987.69 towards their costs. 5. We have an Oldies Scheme to encourage the adoption of older dogs and help to meet costs for which insurance cover is prohibitive. These costs amounted to £7,665.04
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	HCBW's paramount concern is for the welfare of our dogs. When a dog comes into our care we endeavour to assess fully before seeking a suitable home. When seeking that home, we are mindful of the abilities and expectations of potential adopters and their resident & frequent visiting families and friends. We do not rehome rescue dogs to homes with children unless we feel confident about the dog's background and history, and believe the dog and children will be able to cope.
Contribution made by volunteers	Our foster homes remain very special to us, and we work closely with them regarding any support they need for the care of our dogs. We continue to be indebted to the small army of volunteers across a wide swathe of the country, who home-check for us, often with little notice, and who diligently check out applicants' homes for suitability to adopt or foster. Although named Home Counties we routinely cover the Midlands down to the West Country and across to Norfolk, Suffolk & Essex from Gloucester, Worcester and occasionally Wales. We are delighted to continue to benefit from the volunteer support from former Norfolk Boxer Rescue supporters. We remain grateful to the regular sponsorships and donations made to support the running of HCBW. Members and supporters prove themselves selfless and generous, enabling us to provide the support to the dogs in our care, even during the difficult times we have all found ourselves in this year. We are also indebted for the kindness of those who remembered HCBW in their wills through leaving a legacy, and to the family and friends of dog lovers who gave donations in lieu of funeral flowers in their memory.
Other	During normal years HCBW would organise two Fun Dog Shows as well as a Christmas party. This year we were able to hold one social event which included

	a fun dog show, as well as our Christmas party. Both of these events raised much needed funds for the charity.
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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Please see above for the main activities of the charity in the year. The majority of the rehomed dogs go on to lead happy lives without significant help and further support of HCBW. We maintain a continual connection with new families either with direct contact through the trustee or volunteer who oversaw the rehoming, and/or via update posts on our Facebook page. The welfare of HCBW's dogs is our main priority, and we will provide support wherever it is needed. We took miscellaneous phone calls seeking help and advice on behavioural and feeding issues and provided the help we could.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	The return to normal fundraising activities post-Covid has been slow. At the beginning of the year, appetite for events seemed sluggish and it was not until September that we hosted a pared-back Fun Day aimed at bringing boxer dog owners and supporters together for an informal catch up. This was held at Tyttenhanger Green and was very well received, raising funds through donations, the sale of merchandise and refreshments. We followed this with a Christmas Party at the end of November which was not so well attended but those there were very generous with donations and with the purchase of 2023 Calendars and Christmas cards. We continued to raise money via an on-line shop, accessed through our website, selling boxer-related merchandise, including Christmas cards and our own HCBW Calendar.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Financial Statement attached.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity has invested money accrued over many years, including from significant legacies in past years. The funds are held to be used by the Trustees in order to cover any costs which may occur not covered by income. This year our excess costs over income, mainly for veterinary and kennelling expenses, totalled £22,205.71. Readily accessible monies are held in bank and building society deposits, with the larger sum held in a portfolio of funds managed by Fidelius Wealth Management, Bath.
Amount of reserves held	At 31 December 2022, monies held totalled £396,510.51. This is a significant reduction from 31 December 2021 and reflects adverse trading conditions on stock markets where our portfolio suffered a deficit of £43,318.16 in the year. We have invested in ethical holdings and these took a sharp knock downwards in the markets.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	HCBW generates funds from adoption fees, membership subscriptions, regular sponsorship donations, one-off donations and events such as our fun dogs shows and Christmas party.

	We also have a portfolio of funds generating a regular return on our long-term investment referred to above.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The number of boxer dog litters registered with the kennel club has declined which in turn seems to reduce the number of dogs coming into rescue, but from our activities it does appear there is still a need for the work and support we do. Our volunteers and trustees are aging and although we have some great volunteers to help with the dog-related activities eg, assessing dogs, home-checking potential new homes, we struggle to find boxer lovers willing to take on Trustee and Committee Membership responsibilities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	HCBW is governed by a written constitution, adopted at the AGM in 2012
How is the charity constituted?	HCBW is an unincorporated charity.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees are elected from the membership at the AGM, being proposed and seconded by members. Trustees are elected, or re-elected, every year

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Home Counties Boxer Welfare
Other name the charity uses	HCBW
Registered charity number	1006246
Charity's principal address	26 Latimer Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1HY

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustees name	Office if any	Dates acted if not the whole year
Donna Russell	Chairperson	
Karen Kerby	Secretary	
Lorraine Harvey	Treasurer	
Sue Armstrong		
Angela Barber		
Eleanor Barton		
Tracey Lowes		
Julie Semmence		
Rosemary Westbrook		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Fidelius Wealth Management	Alexander House, James Street West Bath, BA1 2BT

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report and Accounts above		
Signed on behalf of the HCBW Trustees		
Signature(s)	<i>Donna Russell</i>	<i>Karen Kerby</i>
Full name(s)	DONNA RUSSELL	Karen Kerby
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Secretary
Date	4 MARCH 2023	4th March 2023



HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income for the year	2022		2021	
Subscriptions	2022	£770.00	2021	£690.00
	2023	<u>£240.00</u>	2022	<u>£270.00</u>
		£1,010.00		£960.00
Sponsorship		£5,324.00		£6,527.38
Gift aid on Virgin Money donations		£0.00		£346.12
Donations for adopted dogs		£7,792.60		£3,210.00
Payments under Oldies Scheme		£1,660.00		£1,870.00
Donations including legacies and in memoriam donations				£12,063.09
Donations		£7,648.67		
Legacies and in memoriam donations		£7,293.44		
Fundraising from Paypal Giving, Amazon, Easy Click, Easy Fundraising		£1,079.66		£1,410.35
Gift Aid refund from HMRC		£2,171.97		
Merchandise sales		£1,570.18		
less postage & package		<u>£149.98</u>		£1,335.50
		£1,420.20		
Investment income				
Bank and building society interest receivable				
Barclays Deposit		£3.52		£2.71
Manchester Building Society		<u>£8.59</u>		<u>£14.44</u>
		£12.11		£17.15
Total income		<u>£35,412.65</u>		<u>£27,739.59</u>
Expenses				
Stock purchases for fund generation		£183.90		£105.44
Dog care and welfare activities				
Veterinary costs		£43,342.30		£19,001.85
Kennels charges		£3,489.50		£1,246.60
Travelling costs		£2,337.30		£988.60
Miscellaneous dog related expenses		£171.00		£20.00
Foster dog expenses		£176.64		£488.12
Donations for vet costs for dogs in other rescues or owner		£5,266.28		£3,012.80
Support costs				
Insurance		£496.60		£390.20
AGM, Shows & Rallies		£96.00		£0.00
Website and software costs		£933.88		£804.88
Printing & Stationery.		£257.96		£431.95
Newslink production		£209.00		£215.35
Miscellaneous expenses		£78.00		£173.00
Legal fees		£580.00		£0.00
Total payments made		<u>£57,618.36</u>		<u>£26,878.79</u>
Excess of expenditure over income		<u>-£22,205.71</u>		<u>£858.80</u>

Value of investments	LTI	£409,799.93	£393,668.65
	Revaluation	<u>-£43,318.16</u> £366,481.77	<u>£16,131.28</u> £409,799.93

Monies held

Cash	£66.47	£0.17
Bank current account	£4,569.12	£5,787.84
Bank deposit account	£7,735.47	£28,731.95
Building society account	£17,186.05	£17,177.46
Paypal	£471.63 £30,028.74	£537.03 £52,234.45

£396,510.51

£462,034.38

Non- monetary assets

Merchandise	£169.24	£316.37
PA system	Written down value £42.18	£56.25

HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1006246

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Home Counties Boxer w

Report to the trustees/
members of

Home Counties Boxer Welfare

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1006246

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

03-MAR-2022

Name:

CHRIS HINKS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

(if any):

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Address:

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FRIMLEY
SURREY GU16 8XF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for the period

from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

Charity name: Home Counties Boxer Welfare

Charity registration number: 1006246

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The stated aim of the charity is: “The relief of sick, ill-treated, neglected or rejected dogs, in particular dogs of the Boxer breed.” Our activities include: 1. Rehoming dogs who can no longer stay in their current homes, where necessary using a network of foster homes and kennels. 2. Meeting veterinary costs for dogs both in our care and also for some who remain with their families. 3. Providing behaviourist support to help dogs overcome issues which may arise from lack of training or even abusive treatment. 4. Providing advice and support to boxer owners on training, health and other boxer issues; giving encouragement and confidence to help them and their dog enjoy a positive and fun relationship. 5. Co-ordinating home checks and follow-up visits through a network of volunteers for potential adopters, adopting homes, fosterers and foster homes. 6. Fundraising via a range of activities to financially support the charity's operational costs. 7. Liaising with HCBW members through the issue of the annual 'Newslink' magazine, and the HCBW Facebook group and pages. HCBW is a breed specific rescue. We are involved only with Boxer dogs and sometimes Boxer crosses. We believe Boxers are unique and because of their distinctive behaviours and generally high energy, ensuring the dog is in the right empathetic home is very important. The knowledge within the charity gained over many years has proved invaluable in the successful rehoming of many dogs. We take care in seeking the right home for each and every dog and in the rare cases where this goes wrong or the circumstances in the new home change adversely, we are there to take the dog back into our care. During the year we extended our area of operation to include Norfolk and Suffolk. This evolved through joining with Norfolk Boxer Rescue [NBR] and incorporating their rehoming and welfare activities within our charity. Although not a registered charity, NBR operated for many years assuming similar and aims and operational activities as ourselves. We were pleased to welcome their supporters within the HCBW fold and were delighted to co-opt two active ex-NBR committee members to the HCBW committee.
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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	2021 continued in the same vein as 2020 and proved a very challenging year for everyone, and for all dogs in need of rescue help. We started the year with 2 dogs in long-term foster and 1 still in the original home whilst seeking a new home. During 2021 we had 29 people contacting us wanting help with their dog, making 32 dogs in all to whom we extended care. Out of those, 6 have ended up staying with their owners after we offered some behavioural help and moral support, 1 was rehomed privately to a friend, 1 elderly foster girl died and 19 have been re-homed either to people who were already on our waiting list, or to people who came forward following specific adverts on our website and Facebook page. At the year-end, 4 were in foster care and one in kennels During the year we provided respite care with one of our valued fosterers for a young dog whilst her owner was hospitalised. Subsequently she has been adopted by her fosterers and is within the numbers above. Our highly valued foster homes again played an important role this year, stepping up at short notice and providing a safe haven for the dogs who needed urgent special care. Our veterinary costs continue to be a major expense this year. We continue to support dogs requiring on-going veterinary treatment for pre-existing conditions, one with epilepsy and several with allergy and skin conditions. Such conditions will not be covered by any pet insurance and so HCBW make arrangements to help finance their care. All vet bills are covered by HCBW for our foster dogs and, where necessary, food is provided, especially if the dog requires a specific diet. During the year we reached out to other charitable or non-profit making concerns to help with extra-ordinary veterinary bills for specific dogs needing help, making three donations totalling £2500. We also made a donation of £250 to assist an owner where the insurance coverage did not stretch to cover full costs. Plus also helping another owner, both financially (£262.80) and with advice and support, to help her young puppy with worrying and extreme symptoms.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	HCBW's paramount concern is for the welfare of our dogs. When a dog comes into our care we endeavour to assess fully before seeking a suitable home. When seeking that home, we are mindful of the abilities and expectations of potential adopters and their resident & frequent visiting families and friends. We do not rehome rescue dogs to homes with children unless we feel confident about the dog's background and history, and believe the dog and children will be able to cope.
Contribution made by volunteers	Our foster homes remain very special to us, and we work closely with them regarding any support they need for the care of our dogs. We are also indebted to the small army of volunteers across a wide swathe of the country, who home-check for us, often with little notice, and who diligently check out applicants' homes for suitability to adopt or foster. Although named Home Counties we routinely cover the Midlands down to the West Country and across to Kent and Essex from Gloucester, Worcester and occasionally Wales. Our remit now extends to cover Norfolk and Suffolk where the volunteers who helped NBR have expressed a willingness to continue their support for boxers with HCBW.

	We remain grateful to the regular sponsorships and donations made to support the running of HCBW. Members and supporters prove themselves selfless and generous, enabling us to provide the support to the dogs in our care, even during the difficult times we have all found ourselves in this year. We are also indebted for the kindness of those who remembered HCBW in their wills through leaving a legacy, and to the family and friends of dog lovers who gave donations in lieu of flowers in their memory.
Other	During normal years HCBW would organise 2 Fun Dog Shows as well as a Christmas party. Unfortunately, all of these had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic and we have hosted no fund-raising activities.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	HCBW successfully placed 19 dogs into new, loving homes where their needs and welfare are being managed. The majority of these dogs go on to lead happy lives without the help and further support of HCBW. We maintain a continual connection with new families either with direct contact through the trustee or volunteer who oversaw the rehoming, and/or via update posts on our Facebook page. The welfare of HCBW's dogs is our main priority, and we will provide support wherever it is needed. We were able to provide support for an additional 6 dogs to remain with their loving families. This included providing short term foster care, and also behavioural support for some, as well as moral support for owners who just needed to be reassured that their dog was fine.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	HCBW organised our regular dog show at Worplesdon, Guildford and at Tyttenhanger Green near St Albans but sadly both events, as well as our Christmas party, had to be cancelled. The cancellations meant we raised no funds from events in the year, but we continued to raise money via an on-line shop, accessed through our website, selling boxer-related merchandise, including Christmas cards and our own HCBW Calendar.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Financial Statement attached. Our income was boosted by the receipt of legacies in the year totalling £2000 plus a donation of £5000 from NBR. This meant we had no operating loss this year, which had been the pattern for all but one of recent years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity has invested money accrued over many years, including from significant legacies in past years. The funds are held to be used by the Trustees in order to cover any costs which may occur not covered by income. Over recent years, excluding 2020, we have operated at an annual loss and the funds have been used to cover these. Readily accessible monies are held in bank and building society deposits with the larger sum held in a portfolio of funds managed by Fidelity Wealth Management, Bath.

Amount of reserves held	At 31 December 2021, monies held totalled £462,034.38
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	HCBW generates funds from adoption fees, membership subscriptions, regular sponsorship donations, one-off donations and, in normal times, events such as our fun dogs shows and Christmas party. In 2021 it was not possible to host any events. We also have a portfolio of funds generating a regular return on our long-term investment.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	As the number of Boxer puppies born in the UK and registered with the Kennel Club has declined, the demand for the charity's services has seen a relative decline too. However, in the long term we expect that there will continue to be a need for the charity to continue operating.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	HCBW is governed by a written constitution, adopted at the AGM in 2012
How is the charity constituted?	HCBW is an unincorporated charity.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees are elected from the membership at the AGM, being proposed and seconded by members. Trustees are elected, or re-elected, every year. Frank Armstrong resigned from the committee in March 2021 but continues to offer the charity fulsome support. We are grateful to Frank for his contribution when on the committee and his continuing commitment as a volunteer. Sue Armstrong was co-opted to the committee following Frank's resignation and Angela Barber and Julie Semmence were co-opted when Norfolk Boxer Rescue joined HCBW.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Home Counties Boxer Welfare
Other name the charity uses	HCBW
Registered charity number	1006246
Charity's principal address	26 Latimer Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1HY

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustees name	Office if any	Dates acted if not the whole year
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Donna Russell	Chairperson	
Karen Kerby	Secretary	
Lorraine Harvey	Treasurer	
Eleanor Barton		
Rosemary Westbrook		
Tracey Lowes		
Frank Armstrong		Resigned : 19.03.21
Sue Armstrong		Co-opted from 20.03.2021
Angela Barber		Co-opted from 13.10.2021
Julie Semmence		Co-opted from 13.10.2021

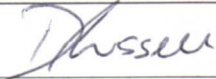
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Fidelius Wealth Management	Alexander House, James Street West Bath, BA1 2BT

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report and Accounts above		
Signed on behalf of the HCBW Trustees		
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DONNA RUSSELL	KAREN KERBY
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	SECRETARY
Date	1 - MAR - 2022	02/03/22



HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

Income for the year		2021		2020	
Subscriptions	2021	£690.00		2020	£930.00
	2022	<u>£270.00</u>	£960.00	2021	<u>£380.00</u>
					£1,310.00
Sponsorship			£6,527.38		£7,398.58
Gift aid on Virgin Money donations			£346.12		£277.50
Donations for adopted dogs			£3,210.00		£3,175.00
Payments under Oldies Scheme			£1,870.00		£1,735.00
Donations including legacies received			£12,063.09		£14,032.01
Shows & rally receipts			£0.00		£0.00
Receipts from Paypal Giving, Amazon, Easy Click, Give as You Live			£1,410.35		£1,244.37
HM Revenue & Customs- gift aid			£0.00	2018/19&2019/20	£6,232.63
Merchandise sales			£1,333.50		£1,276.76
Investment income					
Bank and building society interest receivable					
	Barcla	£2.71			£27.28
	Mancf	<u>£14.44</u>	<u>£17.15</u>	<u>£85.39</u>	<u>£112.67</u>
Total income			£27,737.59		£36,794.52
Expenses					
Stock purchases for fund generation		£105.44		£193.70	
Dog care and welfare activities					
Veterinary costs		£19,001.85		£27,281.63	
Kennels charges		£1,246.60		£5,499.75	
Travelling costs		£988.60		£1,312.80	
Miscellaneous dog related expenses		£20.00		£238.98	
Foster dog expenses		£488.12			
Donations to dogs in other rescues or ownership		£3,012.80			
Support costs					
Insurance		£390.20		£468.60	
AGM, Shows & Rallies		£0.00		£0.00	
Website and software costs		£804.88		£830.99	
Printing & Stationery.		£431.95		£336.26	
Newslink production		£215.35		£95.80	
Miscellaneous expenses		£173.00		£196.29	
Total payments made			£26,878.79		£36,454.80
Excess of income over receipts			£858.80		£339.72

Value of investments	LTI	£393,668.65		£415,551.92	
	less transfer	-		-£20,000.00	
	gain/loss on revaluation	<u>£16,131.28</u>		<u>-£1,883.27</u>	
			£409,799.93		£393,668.65

Monies held

Cash		£0.17		£7.91	
Bank current account		£5,787.84		£4,471.98	
Bank deposit account		£28,731.95		£28,729.24	
Building society account		£17,177.46		£17,163.02	
Paypal		£537.03		£1,003.50	
Virgin Money		<u>£0.00</u>	£52,234.45	<u>£0.00</u>	£51,375.65

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Non- monetary assets

Merchandise		£316.37		£359.12	
PA system	Written dov	£56.25		£75.00	

HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1006246

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for the period

from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Charity name: Home Counties Boxer Welfare

Charity registration number: 1006246

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The stated aim of the charity is: "The relief of sick, ill-treated, neglected or rejected dogs, in particular dogs of the Boxer breed." Our activities include: 1. Rehoming dogs who can no longer stay in their current homes, where necessary using a network of foster homes and kennels. 2. Meeting veterinary costs for dogs both in our care and also for some who remain with their families. 3. Providing behaviourist support to help dogs overcome issues which may arise from lack of training or even abusive treatment. 4. Providing advice and support to boxer owners on training, health and other boxer issues; giving encouragement and confidence to help them and their dog enjoy a positive and fun relationship. 5. Co-ordinating home checks and follow-up visits through a network of volunteers for potential adopters, adopting homes, fosterers and foster homes. 6. Fundraising via a range of activities to financially support the charity's operational costs. 7. Liaising with HCBW members through the issue of the annual 'Newslink' and the HCBW Facebook page. HCBW is a breed specific rescue. We are involved only with Boxer dogs and sometimes Boxer crosses. We believe Boxers are unique and because of their distinctive behaviours and generally high energy, ensuring the dog is in the right empathetic home is very important. The knowledge within the charity gained over many years has proved invaluable in the successful rehoming of many dogs. We take care in seeking the right home for each and every dog and in the rare cases where this goes wrong or the circumstances in the new home change adversely, we are there to take the dog back into our care.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	2020 was a very challenging year for everyone, and for all dogs in need of rescue help. We started the year with 4 dogs in long-term foster, 2 in kennels and 2 still in their original homes. During 2020 we had 21 people contacting us wanting help with their dog. Out of those, 5 have ended up staying with their owners after we offered some behavioural help and moral support. The rest have been re-homed either to people who were already on our waiting list, or to people who came forward following specific adverts on our website and Facebook page.

	In addition, one of our long-term foster dogs who struggled with separation anxiety, convinced his foster Mum he should stay with her permanently. At the year end we had 2 dogs in long term foster care and 1 dog seeking a new home but remaining with his family whilst that home was being sought. We provided respite care with one of our valued fosterers for a young dog whilst her owner was hospitalised. The introduction of lockdown in March meant that the movement of rescue dogs was only permissible for the welfare of the dog, and had to be completed by a member of the committee. We managed this situation as best we could, and were relieved when the restrictions were eased a little. Our highly valued foster homes again played an important role this year, stepping up at short notice and providing a safe haven for the dogs who needed urgent special care. Our veterinary costs continue to be a major expense, as there have been a number of dogs, this year, needing expensive vet treatment and operations. In addition, we have had a number of dogs requiring on-going veterinary treatment for pre-existing conditions, one with epilepsy and several with allergy and skin conditions. Such conditions will not be covered by any pet insurance and so HCBW make arrangements to help finance their care. All vet bills are covered by HCBW for our foster dogs and, where necessary, food is provided, especially if the dog requires a specific diet.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	HCBW's paramount concern is for the welfare of our dogs. When a dog comes into our care we endeavour to assess fully before seeking a suitable home. When seeking that home, we are mindful of the abilities and expectations of potential adopters and their resident & frequent visiting families and friends. We do not rehome rescue dogs to homes with children unless we feel confident about the dog's background and history, and believe the dog and children will be able to cope.
Contribution made by volunteers	Our foster homes remain very special to us, and we work closely with them regarding any support they need for the care of our dogs. We are also indebted to the small army of volunteers across a wide swathe of the country, who home-check for us, often with little notice, and who diligently check out applicants' homes for suitability to adopt or foster. Although named Home Counties we routinely cover the Midlands down to the West Country and across to Kent and Essex from Gloucester, Worcester and occasionally Wales, We remain grateful to the regular sponsorships and donations made to support the running of HCBW. Members and supporters prove themselves selfless and generous, enabling us to provide the support to the dogs in our care, even during the difficult times we have all found ourselves in this year.
Other	During normal years HCBW organise 2 Fun Dog Shows as well as a Christmas party. Unfortunately, all of these had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	HCBW successfully placed 18 dogs into new, loving homes where their needs and welfare are being managed. The majority of these dogs go on to lead happy lives without the help and further support of HCBW. We maintain a continual connection with new families either with direct contact through the trustee or volunteer who oversaw the rehoming, and/or via update posts on our Facebook page. The welfare of HCBW's dogs is our main priority, and we will provide support wherever it is needed. We were able to provide support for an additional 4 dogs to remain with their loving families. This included providing short term foster care, and also behavioural support for some, as well as moral support for owners who just needed to be reassured that their dog was fine.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	HCBW organised our regular dog show at Worplesdon, Guildford and at Tyttenhanger Green near St Albans but sadly both events, as well as our Christmas party, had to be cancelled. The cancellations meant we raised no funds from events in the year, but we continued to raise money via an on-line shop, accessed through our website, selling boxer-related merchandise, including Christmas cards and our own HCBW Calendar.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Financial Statement attached. Our income was boosted by the receipt of three legacies in the year totalling £8,500 which meant we had no operating loss, as was the case in all recent years.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity has invested money accrued over many years, including from significant legacies in past years. The funds are held to be used by the Trustees in order to cover any costs which may occur not covered by income. Over recent years we have operated at an annual loss and the funds have been used to cover these. Readily accessible monies are held in bank and building society deposits with the larger sum held in a portfolio of funds managed by Fidelity Wealth Management, Bath.
Amount of reserves held	At 31 December 2020, monies held totalled £427,881.28
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	HCBW generates funds from adoption fees, membership subscriptions, regular sponsorship donations, one-off donations and, in normal times, events such as our fun dogs shows and Christmas party. We also have a portfolio of funds generating a regular return on our long-term investment.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	As the number of Boxer puppies born in the UK and registered with the Kennel Club has declined, the demand for the charity's services has seen a relative decline too. However, in the long term we expect that there will continue to be a need for the charity to continue operating.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	HCBW is governed by a written constitution, adopted at the AGM in 2012
How is the charity constituted?	HCBW is an unincorporated charity.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees are elected from the membership at the AGM, being proposed and seconded by members. Trustees are elected, or re-elected, every year.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Home Counties Boxer Welfare
Other name the charity uses	HCBW
Registered charity number	1006246
Charity's principal address	26 Latimer Stony Stratford Milton Keynes MK11 1HY

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustees name	Office if any	Dates acted if not the whole year
Donna Russell	Chairperson	From 15 March 2020
Karen Kerby	Secretary	
Lorraine Harvey	Treasurer	
Eleanor Barton	Chairperson	To 15 March 2020
Rosemary Westbrook		
Tracey Lowes		
Frank Armstrong		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial	Fidelius Wealth Management	Alexander House, James Street West Bath, BA1 2BT

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report and Accounts above		
Signed on behalf of the HCBW Trustees		
Signature(s)	<i>Karen Kerby</i>	<i>Dr Russell</i>
Full name(s)	KAREN KERBY	DONNA RUSSELL
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	CHAIR
Date	22/2/2021	23/2/2021



HOME COUNTIES BOXER WELFARE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

Income for the year	2020		2019	
Subscriptions	2020	£930.00	2019	£1,040.00
	2021	<u>£380.00</u>	2020	<u>£460.00</u>
		£1,310.00		£1,500.00
Sponsorship		£7,398.58		£7,788.06
Gift aid on Virgin Money donations		£277.50		<u>£222.50</u>
Donations for adopted dogs		£3,175.00		£5,980.00
Payments under Oldies Scheme		£1,735.00		£2,230.00
Donations including legacies received		£14,032.01		£5,952.21
Shows & rally receipts		£0.00		£1,151.62
Fundraising from Paypal Giving, Amazon, Easy Click, Give as You Live		£1,244.37		£1,265.46
HM Revenue & Customs- gift aid	2018/19&2019/20	£6,232.63		£0.00
Merchandise sales		£1,276.76		£982.38
Investment income				
Bank and building society interest receivable				
	Barclays	£27.28		£41.79
	Manchester	<u>£85.39</u>		<u>£91.92</u>
		£112.67		£133.71
Total income		<u>£36,794.52</u>		<u>£27,205.94</u>
Expenses				
Stock purchases for fund generation		£193.70		£207.00
Dog care and welfare activities				
Veterinary costs		£27,281.63		£22,831.56
Kennels charges		£5,499.75		£3,746.00
Travelling costs		£1,312.80		£3,145.49
Miscellaneous dog related expenses		£238.98		£370.11
Support costs				
Insurance		£468.60		£468.60
AGM, Shows & Rallies		£0.00		£397.08
Website and software costs		£830.99		£661.00
Printing & Stationery.		£336.26		£840.28
Newslink production		£95.80		£85.00
Miscellaneous expenses		£196.29		£57.50
Charitable donations		£0.00		£530.00
Total payments made		<u>£36,454.80</u>		<u>£33,339.62</u>
Excess of income over receipts		<u>£339.72</u>		<u>-£6,133.68</u>

Value of investments		LTI	£415,551.92	
		less transfer	-£20,000.00	
		loss on revaluation	<u>-£1,883.27</u>	
			£393,668.65	£415,551.92
Monies held				
Cash			£7.91	£5.24
Bank current account			£4,471.98	£3,019.31
Bank deposit account			£28,729.24	£10,201.96
Building society account			£17,163.02	£17,077.63
Paypal			£1,003.50	£669.29
Virgin Money			£0.00	£62.50
			£51,375.65	£31,035.93
			<u>£445,384.02</u>	<u>£446,587.85</u>
Non- monetary assets				
Merchandise			£359.12	£415.57
PA system	Written down value		£75.00	£100.00



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Home Counties Boxer Welfare

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1006246

Set out on page

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

L. E. Gorsuch

Date:

26/02/2021

Name:

Louise Elizabeth Gorsuch

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

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