



Friends of Wallace Kennels 2024-25 Trustees' Annual Report

*A Year of Compassion and Care for
Abandoned Dogs*

Our Story

Established in 1993, Friends of Wallace Kennels is a volunteer-led charity dedicated to relieving the suffering and distress of animals - particularly dogs - who require care due to abandonment, mistreatment, injury, illness, or owner hardship.

We proudly support Wallace Kennels in Brentwood, Essex, which provides refuge for stray, unwanted, and abandoned dogs across Brentwood and surrounding areas.

Our charity is run entirely by volunteers and guided by a committed board of trustees who meet quarterly and actively participate in all fundraising efforts. The generosity of our members, volunteers, and donors fuels everything we do - and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.



Community Engagement & Fundraising Highlights

This year marked several exciting developments:



We relaunched our website, introducing new donation tools and a streamlined membership application process. These enhancements have boosted engagement and support, and we plan further improvements in the coming year.



We joined the JustGiving platform, benefiting from two successful fundraisers that helped raise awareness and vital funds.



Our dedicated volunteers organised five jumble sales - held in April, June, September, December, and March. These events generated a significant portion of our annual income, and we extend heartfelt thanks to the organisers and everyone who donated items.



To raise our profile locally, we hosted a stall at the Brentwood Centre Family Fun Day in August, where we enjoyed meaningful conversations with visitors and shared our work.



We launched a new afternoon tea fundraising event, which we hope will become a biannual fixture in our calendar.



Our Impact

The kennels successfully rehomed approximately 175 dogs—a testament to the dedication of the team and the compassion of our supporters.



Every dog receives:

- Vaccinations
- Worm and flea treatments
- Microchipping
- Spaying/neutering



Many dogs arrive with complex health issues. Where these can be treated, we cover all veterinary costs, which totalled nearly £38,000 this year.



Beyond veterinary care, we contribute to daily operational costs and support infrastructure improvements. This year, we funded the initial phase of a new kennel block, with welding for the frames now complete.



Many of our members have adopted rescue dogs from Wallace Kennels and often share how these animals have become cherished companions.

How We Make a Difference

Our work delivers clear public benefit by:



Reducing the number of
stray and abandoned dogs
in the community.



Supporting mental
wellbeing through pet
companionship.



Providing volunteering
opportunities that foster
community engagement.

Real Life Rescues

From a puppy farm to a joyful, well-loved life with our member, Eve.



Hello, I'm Candy! I'm 12 years old now, and this is my rescue story.

I was born in a puppy farm in July 2012. It wasn't a nice place, but thankfully the council shut it down and I was taken to Wallace Kennels. I was scared and covered in fleas, but the kind lady there gave me a bath, food, and a warm bed. She checked on me often while I was being monitored for parvo, since my siblings hadn't survived.

Then one day, a lovely couple came to meet me. The lady cuddled me, and I felt safe. After a vet check and vaccinations, they came back—it was my gotcha day! I was nervous, but I soon realised I was going to be okay.

Since then, life has been wonderful. I celebrated my first birthday with liver cake and doggy friends, and I've had beach holidays in Cornwall with other Wallace Kennels rescues. I love digging in the sand and getting muddy, and the café where they have a doggy menu!

Now I'm older and have arthritis, but I still enjoy sniffy walks, days out in my buggy and seeing my doggy pals. I'm loved, cared for, and living my best life.

Thank you, Wallace Kennels, for giving me my forever home.





Financial Highlights

We remain in a good financial position, with no outstanding debts and reserves to cover at least six months of typical costs, including veterinary care and support for kennel operations.

During the year, we transitioned to an online print supplier, resulting in reduced costs and greater efficiency in producing promotional and fundraising materials.

Additional financial developments include:

- An initial investment in relaunching our website, which has enhanced functionality and donor engagement. Importantly, the ongoing annual costs are projected to be lower than our previous website support expenses.
- A shift in sales strategy, with higher-value donated books, clothing, and household items now being sold through online platforms rather than at jumble sales, generating increased returns.
- The finalisation of a new fixed-term savings account, designed to yield a higher rate of interest on a portion of our invested funds.

Receipts & Payments

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025



Receipts	£
Income from Donations and Legacies	
Donations	10,312
Income via JustGiving	892
Gift Aid claimed	4,858
Legacies	5,864
Income from Other Trading Activities	
Afternoon tea event	1,215
Essex Lottery	549
Jumble sales	9,771
Sale of items	3,041
Investment Income	
Interest Received	1,533
Total Receipts	38,035

Payments	£
Charity Management & Administration	
AGM & committee meetings	85
Fees & insurance	439
Kennel expenses	
Electricity & gas	12,776
Operational support	15,500
Infrastructure improvements	4,270
Veterinary fees	37,974
Expenditure on Raising Funds	
Afternoon tea event	252
Communications including website	2,004
Jumble sales	663
Other fundraising - village fairs, etc	45
Total Payments	74,009

Net movement in funds:	-35,974
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Balance Sheet



	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
	£	£
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Current Account	1,641	24,877
Cash/Undeposited Receipts	230	80
Savings Account 1	27,109	40,965
Savings Account 2	66,306	65,338
Net Assets	95,287	131,260
<i>Funds & Reserves</i>		
Unrestricted General Funds	95,287	131,260
Funds Provided	95,287	131,260

Community Support and Volunteering

There are many ways to get involved. Whether it's baking a cake for one of our fundraising events, helping at jumble sales or donating items for sale, or offering time to walk dogs at the kennels, it makes a difference.

Local businesses also play a vital role in supporting us. Many act as collection points for donations of dog food and other essential items from the public, and display collection tins for loose change, helping us ensure that the dogs have what they need.

Want to help?

If you'd like to volunteer, host a collection tin, or become a donation point, please get in touch.



Contact us

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Trustees as at 31 March 2025

Teresa Bartholomew - Chairman
Carol Bartrop (Appointed October 2024)
Charlotte Bell – Treasurer (Appointed May 2024)
Julia Bolton - Secretary
Christine Duniam (Appointed January 2025)
Deborah Evans
Jacqueline Fairbairn
Susanne Littlechild
Jacqueline Rudy

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Balance Sheet

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
<i>Current Assets</i>	£	£
Business Account (Barclays savings)	27,108.93	40,964.62
Cash/Undeposited Receipts	230.00	80.00
Current Account (Barclays)	1,641.32	24,877.52
Virgin Account (savings)	66,306.27	65,338.16
 Net Assets	 95,286.52	 131,260.30
 <i>Funds & Reserves</i>		
Unrestricted General Funds		
General Fund	95,286.52	131,260.30
 Funds Provided	 95,286.52	 131,260.30

Declaration

The trustees of Friends of Wallace Kennels declare that they have approved the 2024-25 financial accounts.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees



Name: Charlotte Bell

Position: Treasurer

Date: 23 April 2025

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Receipts & Payments - 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	£	£
<i>Receipts</i>		
<i>Income from Donations and Legacies</i>		
Donations (including membership fees & tins)	9,431.51	10,062.62
Gift Aid claimed	4,857.79	0.00
Income via Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)	647.81	267.12
Income via Charities Trust	50.00	0.00
Income via JustGiving	891.78	0.00
Income via PayPal Giving Fund	182.69	incl in CAF
Legacies	5,864.22	0.00
Sundries	-	0.08
<i>Income from Other Trading Activities</i>		
Afternoon tea event	1,215.00	0.00
Essex Lottery	548.50	449.00
Jumble sales	9,771.35	10,436.04
Sale of items - eBay, car boot, events, etc	3,041.31	incl in jumble sales
<i>Investment Income</i>		
Interest Received	1,532.77	985.41
Total Receipts	38,034.73	22,200.27
<i>Payments</i>		
<i>Charity Management & Administration</i>		1,443.34
AGM & committee meetings	85.00	
Bank charges	12.61	
License fees & insurance	426.44	
<i>Kennel expenses</i>		24,527.19
Electricity & gas	12,776.22	
General additional kennel contribution	15,500.00	
Kennels refurbishment (welding costs)	4,270.00	
Veterinary fees	37,974.18	34,814.11
<i>Expenditure on Raising Funds</i>		1,526.03
Afternoon tea event	252.39	
Communications - website, printing, postage, etc	2,003.61	
Jumble sales - hall hire, advertising, catering	663.06	
Other fundraising - village fairs, etc	45.00	
Total Payments	74,008.51	62,310.67
Net movement in funds	-35,973.78	-40,110.40
Total funds brought forward	131,260.30	171,370.70
Total funds carried forward	95,286.52	131,260.30

A new accounting system has been used from 1 April 2024 and the categories of receipts and payments are different from the previous year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Wallace Kennels

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Wallace Kennels (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities

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

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 

Name: TRACY SYMONS

Date: 29th April, 2025