

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025
LEEK HOME FOR STRAYS**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

CHARITY NAME : Leek Home for Strays

CONSTITUTION OF CHARITY : Unincorporated Association

NATURE OF GOVERNING DOCUMENT : Trust Deed dated 1st March 1995

CHARITY REGISTRATION NO : 1045089

REGISTERED OFFICE : Leek Home for Strays
PO Box 4858
Uttoxeter
ST14 9DL

BANKERS : Nat West Bank Plc
Derby Street
Leek
Staffordshire

ACCOUNTANTS : Thompson Wright Limited
Chartered Accountants
Ebenezer House
Ryecroft
Newcastle
Staffs
ST5 2BE

CHARITY TRUSTEES : Date of Appointment

Andrea Bagnall	26th January 1996
Robert Duncalf	16th December 2013
Julia Turner	6th July 2021

The method of appointing Trustees is by a Resolution of a Meeting of the Trustees.

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The objective of the Charity by reference to its Governing Documents is as follows:-

The Trustees shall hold the capital and income of the Trust Fund upon trust to apply the income and all or such part or parts of the capital at such times in such manner as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit for or towards the relief of suffering of animals of any species that are in need of care and attention and in particular to provide or maintain kennels, catteries, refuges, rescue homes, animal hospitals, sanctuaries or such other facilities for the reception and care of unwanted animals or animals in distress and the treatment of sick or ill-treated animals.

These objectives are being furthered by obtaining donations from the public in cash and clothing and goods. The goods and clothing are sold through the Charity's own two shops to generate further funding, which is considered to be an effective way of generating funds within the local community.

Funds are also kept within a savings account to gain interest. The charity has a small portfolio of properties which are rented out to bring in revenue and act as an investment.

Organisational Structure

N Pierzchalla has continued in the role of manager / administration officer / property manager. She is the named contact for the Charity Commission and is authorised to act on behalf of the Trustees.

P Faulkner (who is a qualified veterinary nurse) has continued to take on training to widen her knowledge of how the charity works so reducing the risk to the continuity of the work of the charity should N Pierzchalla become ill or need to resign. All persons paid by the Charity for work carried out are self-employed and invoice the Charity as agreed by the Trustees.

There continues to be three Trustees who attend meetings regularly. The process of publishing monthly bank account statements (with annotations) has continued.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees have acted in regards to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The charity takes advice and guidance as published by the Charity Commission.

The Charity is a member of the Charity Retail Association to have access to additional information and support.

Although the registered name remains Leek Home for Stray Cats and Dogs the working name is now Leek Home for Strays.

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Summary of Main Activities

During 2024-2025 the Charity has focused on the following activities:-

- In partnership with a local Vet the charity is providing a voucher system allowing members of the public to have access to vaccination, chipping and neutering for canines and cats at a reduced cost.
- In cases of hardship the charity has been providing financial support for veterinary care. This is done on a case by case basis.
- Neutering of all cats which come into the care of the charity.
- Providing free neutering of feral cats in order to try to reduce the number of these animals within our local community.
- Liaising with other agencies such as social services to provide help for animals in distress.
- Finding new forever homes for strays and unwanted pets.

Annual Review

The Trustees met seven times, during the financial year. The majority of the meetings are now carried out as 'face to face meetings'. At each of these a report for each month is presented by N Pierzchalla which includes the following categories:

- Charity Shops and Staffing
- Overview of Finances
- Property Updates
- Animals currently in our care and homed during that month
- Health and Safety
- Other Updates

Fundraising

For 2024 – 2025 our main sources of income came from:

- shop sales at our two charity shops in Stanley Street, Leek which are run by volunteers only which ensures that running costs are kept low.
- rent from our portfolio of properties.
- cash donations from supporters.
- bequests.

The charity shop continues to use a QR code linked to the PayPal account so that customers can pay for items purchased in the shop as an alternative to cash.

During this financial year the Charity received a very significant sum from the estate of a local gentleman totalling £77,158 which was administered by Tinsdills Solicitors.

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The Trustees remain very grateful and appreciative for the hard work of the volunteers who work within the shop setting and to those who help with the nursing of sick animals. They thank the paid administration staff and also those paid to ensure the welfare of the animals. They also greatly appreciate the support given by the local community and beyond in terms of cash donations, items for the shops and bequests from loved ones.

Through a partnership with Leek Veterinary Surgery the charity offers veterinary support to individual cases where the owners are unable to pay the full cost and will take on unwanted felines for rehoming through the rehoming programme alongside helping 'true stray' cats.

Investments

To reduce the risk from arrears by tenants, any new tenants for the residential houses will be sought via Open Rent to increase the rigour of financial checks. For other properties the number of months' rent required will be increased to 3 months.

The Trustees continue to invest in a bank deposit account.

They have a portfolio of properties including two shops which they use as Charity shops to raise funds through the sale of donated goods. They also own two other shops, three studio apartment flats and a terraced house which they rent out. One of the studio flats became vacant in March and remains so. The irrecoverable rent outstanding in 2022 to 2023 for the sum of £4345.99 has been recorded as a loss. They added a new bungalow to strengthen their portfolio of investment properties, in an aim to protect savings against inflationary depreciation.

Key Successes

Throughout the financial year the Charity has continued to work alongside The Leek Veterinary Clinic to provide support for neutering, vaccination and chipping via a voucher system. This system provides these services at a significantly reduced cost.

The charity also offers financial support to individual cases where the owners are unable to pay the full cost for veterinary treatment. During this financial year over 65 bills have been paid in full or part by the charity ranging from medical bills, neutering of farm cats and providing medication.

The Charity has also taken on unwanted felines for rehoming through the rehoming programme alongside helping 'true stray' cats. Over the year they have found new homes for over 85 animals.

The local rural community is also supported by providing free or subsidised neutering for farm and feral cats. These animals are then returned to their homes.

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The administration has also:

- Reviewed and implemented new protocols linked to the provision of vouchers and veterinary support.
- Monitored and revised chipping protocols reflecting the change in legislation from June 2024 regarding chipping of felines.
- Monitored the revised systems/ protocols for referring clients to the Leek Veterinary clinic.
- Received the review by Heaward Solutions and written an action plan reflecting recommendations made for moving the charity forward over the next 5 years
- Reviewed the risk to the Charity and investigated ways to reduce these risk factors in so far as this is within their power to do so.
- Reviewed and monitored the income from the rental properties to ensure that they are adding value to the Charity.

Looking forward to 2025 – 2026 the Trustees intend to:

- Review risks to the Charity
- Start to implement the short/medium/long term plan written in response to the Heaward review. This includes working towards converting the Charity to an Incorporated Charity.
- Implement a three year programme to have all properties within the portfolio valued.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees have recently reviewed all the major risk areas faced by the charity, and systems are in place to reduce these.

These accounts comply with current statutory requirements and with the requirements of the Charity's governing document.

On Behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bagnall', written in a cursive style.

Andrea Bagnall (Chair of Trustees):

Date : 16th October 2025

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RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 2025

Unrestricted Funds	Notes	30.04.25 £	30.04.24 £
Receipts			
Donations	2	92,624	47,140
Shop Takings		33,125	37,227
Deposit Account Interest Received		5,156	4,757
Rental Income		39,240	34,114
Other Income - Commission/Courts		614	261
Total Receipts		<u>170,759</u>	<u>123,499</u>
Payments			
Charitable expenditure	3	108,268	99,287
Management & administration of the charity	4	<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,640</u>
Total Payments		<u>111,208</u>	<u>101,927</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)for the Year		59,551	21,572
Cash fund brought forward at 1st May 2024		<u>998,490</u>	<u>976,918</u>
Cash fund carried forward at 30th April 2025		<u><u>1,058,041</u></u>	<u><u>998,490</u></u>

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	30.04.25		30.04.24	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	6		735,634		732,880
Monetary Assets					
Cash In Hand		370		370	
Paypal Account		9,063		5,350	
Bank Current Account		3,343		11,519	
Club/Societies Reserve Accounts		400,024		337,867	
		<u>412,801</u>		<u>355,106</u>	
Liabilities					
Accountancy Fees & Accruals	5	5,670		4,772	
		<u>5,670</u>		<u>4,772</u>	
Net Assets			407,131		350,334
Total assets less liabilities			<u>1,142,765</u>		<u>1,083,214</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by
Andrea Bagnall - Chair of Trustees

A Bagnall

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LEEK HOME FOR STRAYS**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2025****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Accounting Convention**

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Income from Donations and Shop Takings

2 <u>DONATIONS</u>	30.04.25	30.04.24
	£	£
Various Donations	92,624	47,140
	<u>92,624</u>	<u>47,140</u>

3 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	30.04.25	30.04.24
	£	£
Rent and Rates	641	546
Animal Upkeep	31,476	32,407
Veterinary Fees	15,492	15,802
Heat, Light & Water	1,713	1,689
Sundries	2,479	3,573
Telephone	901	1,113
Repairs and Renewals	8,256	4,766
Postage, Stationery & Advertising	2,570	2,788
Motor	2,039	2,496
Bank Charges	586	516
Legal and professional	2,483	2,515
Insurance	7,075	1,079
Animal Welfare	13,606	14,159
Administration Property	2,540	2,160
Administration Finance	3,090	2,140
Profit/Loss on disposals of assets	- 163	-
Depreciation on assets	13,485	11,538
	<u>108,268</u>	<u>99,287</u>

4 MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY

	30.04.25	30.04.24
	£	£
Accountancy	<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,640</u>

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5 Liabilities

	<u>30.04.25</u>	<u>30.04.24</u>
	£	£
Monies owed to consultant	-	-
Accountancy	2,880	2,640
Accrued Invoices	2,790	2,132
	<u>5,670</u>	<u>4,772</u>

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £	Security Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	15 Stanley Street £	18 Westview
Cost as at 01.05.24	1,324	6,632	17,660	115,000	120,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	1,006	4,506	11,072	-	-
Cost as at 30.04.25	<u>318</u>	<u>2,126</u>	<u>6,588</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>

	Land, 16a 16b & 18 Stanley Street £	Improvement to Property £	Motor Fiat Qudo £	33 Reddie Close £	Total £
Cost as at 01.05.24	225,000	110,556	4,987	209,139	810,298
Additions	-	3,100	14,027	-	17,127
Disposals	-	-	4,987	0	4,987
Depreciation	-	66,713	3,507	-	86,803
Cost as at 30.04.25	<u>225,000</u>	<u>46,943</u>	<u>10,520</u>	<u>209,139</u>	<u>735,634</u>

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7 ACCOUNTANCY FEES

These are costs relating to the preparation of the accounts and the independent examiner's report.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Leek Home for Strays

I report on the accounts of Leek Home for Strays for the year ended 30th April 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



R Buxton
Chartered Accountant
Director, Thompson Wright Limited
Chartered Accountants
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Ryecroft
Newcastle-under-Lyme
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Date: 16th October 2025