

ANNUAL REPORT 24/25

Royston Animal Welfare (RAW), c/o The Secretary, 8 Vernon Street, Birdwell Barnsley S70 5 TH was constituted on 4th February 1997 and is registered with the Charities Commissioners (no 1064870)

The Charity is administered by a management committee, comprising

Chairperson – Mrs E Speight

Secretary -Miss S Whittaker

Other Trustees –Mrs G Hodgson, Mrs J Hirst, Mrs J Jepson, Mrs S Millar.

The object of the charity is to rescue and rehome ill-treated and abandoned animals in the Barnsley area, providing veterinary treatment and accommodation where necessary, and to assist in the cost of vet care for animals belonging to people on low incomes.

This year has been a more stable year for RAW in many ways. After the resignation of our last treasurer the remaining trustees made the decision to utilize the services of a bookkeeper to maintain and manage both our day to day and annual accounts. It was felt that with the increased “treasurer turnover” in the past few years and the increased peace of mind having a professional do our books brings, that this was the right decision. We are working with LD Bookkeeping and have found this arrangement to be working well for both sides. We have still not been able to find a suitable person to fill the position of dog co- Ordinator even after extensive advertising, and with the closure of our last kennels last year this has become an even harder task. We still offer help and advice to dog owners wishing to relinquish their pets and point them in the direction of other reputable rescues. We have also been able to support previous adopters with particular large vet bills when they have asked for help. We intend to continue to advertise the position in the hope we are able to resume the doge side of RAW at some point in the future. The position of Cat Co Ordinator remains the same.

During the past year RAW has rehomed 182 animals, the breakdown being as follows 182 (143) cats 0 (3) dogs. We have been able to take in more cats/

kittens this year due to another fosterer joining the team and Dawn being able to utilize the space she has especially for kittens. During the summer we were alerted to the plight of a feral colony in the local area. With the help of the feeders from the area we have been able to neuter and microchip the majority of the cats (30). We have been working with a lady who offered to try and “tame” some of the kittens so they could be rehomed. Raw also contributes to the monthly cost of feeding the cats and will continue to work with the locals to trap, neuter and chip the remaining unneutered ones to ensure the situation does not get out of control again. This is an ongoing project which up to now seems to be successful in its objectives, the cats have a much better future.

We currently have 7 cats in permanent foster, Kara & Selena a bonded pair and due to Kara’s deformities s are with Dawn Prince, Elliot is in the care of Nikki Prince (cat

fosterer) due to him having issues with a deformed chest cavity, we are unsure of how this will affect him in the future so we are keeping a close eye on his development. Iris who also has breathing difficulties and gastrointestinal issues. Fozzie, and Max both have FIV and thus any related treatments will be covered by RAW. Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to 2 of our permanent foster cats Thomas and Socks. Both of whom were cared for exceptionally in their last months by Gemma and Alex. Gemma has gone on to permanently foster Millie, another golden oldie with thyroid issues. We are sorry to report that unfortunately 7 cats/ kittens have been PTS this year, all for medical reasons and on veterinary advice.

Adoption fees count for 11.15% of the charities income this year, the rest being derived from membership fees, fundraising, donations and legacies. Membership stands at this year. We are currently reviewing this and hope to increase the numbers again in the coming year.

Fundraising events during 2024/25 have once again been very successful. We attended 10 galas during the summer season including a number of events we hadn't been to before, including New Lodge, Mapplewell and Harley. A total of £1814 was raised through these local events providing an opportunity not only to raise funds for RAW but also to increase public awareness of our work and the importance of responsible pet ownership. We have again held 2 wonderful evenings of mediumship with Pietro Politano and local author Milly Johnson has donated funds raised from 2 events she hosted to promote her new books,

raising totals of £1602 and £1839 respectively. We continue to work with Lisa, the community champion at our local Tesco store, she has held book sales and tombola's throughout the year on behalf of RAW and raised £530. We are also collaborating with Tabby Teas; a cat Café located in Sheffield. They reached out to RAW in November looking for a suitable addition to the café cats. We just happened to have the perfect feline for them in the shape of total softie Jon who is extremely friendly with both people and other cats. Tabby Teas adopted Jon and after an initial stay with one of their foster team he joined the café gang in January 2025. He's very popular and loves his new job as "chief meet and greeter". Tabby Teas have displayed RAW info and leaflets in the café and promote our other cats who are available for adoption on their social media channels. This has proved very successful so far and a cat has recently been rehomed as a direct result of someone seeing him on the Tabby teas Facebook page. Due to the increased number of kittens we have taken in and rehomed this year we decided to run a "kitten appeal" to try and cover some of the vet / food costs the little ones incur. This proved successful and raised £1602. Our charity shop continues to thrive and make a profit each month after bills and rent are deducted, this year's profit being £18,238. We have received over £1000 in "lifeline" vouchers from Pets at Home which we use to purchase cat litter and food for our fosterers. We have again received a donation from Nah that's Reht Good Jams of £100. We must take this opportunity to thank everyone of our supporters and shop volunteers for making this venture highly successful, by both donating items and time to raise funds for RAW.

RAW has once again been extremely fortunate this year to benefit from substantial legacies left to us by former valuable supporters. We received £1000 from the estate of the late John Mollard and £59,625 from the estate of the late Joan Field. Generous legacies such as the ones above have not only enabled RAW to keep on top of the ever-increasing vet bills we find ourselves with each month but have also enabled us to run a highly successful microchipping event in conjunction with Churchfield vet this year. We ran it to coincide with new legislation which came into effect on June 24 stating cats need to be microchipped by the age of 20 weeks by law. The amount of £2000 was set aside for this and it enabled us to chip 108 cats in the run up to the new law coming into effect. We plan to run this event again next year and open up the offer to dogs too, this will hopefully ensure that more pets can be reunited with their owners should they go missing.

Rawry is still in operation and has raised £1500 this year. Sponsorship brings in a steady income too.

Special thanks go to Churchfield Vets for their continued support and advice. To our regular cat fosterers Kathleen & George King, Elizabeth Speight, Nikki Prince, Dawn Hodgson, Janet Hirst, Christine Palmer and our newest fosterer Kerry Taylor. Permanent cat fosterers Gemma Riley, Dawn Prince and Joanne King who provide long-term loving care for the cats in our care. Thanks as always to Sharon our cat co coordinator and the band of regular helpers. Our gratitude also extends to Liz who keeps our adoption pages up to date with new arrivals both on our own website and others we regularly advertise on, Gill Partington who produces the informative newsletter each month and each and every one of the volunteers and supporters who give their time and effort to fundraise on RAW's behalf.

2024/25 has on the whole been a successful year for RAW as we have not only been able to rehome more cats and kittens than ever before but have also been able to reach out to the wider community assisting with the neutering, chipping and ongoing care of a local feral colony, and funding the microchipping campaign this past year too. We intend to continue with both projects in the coming year and hope to also build on their success. As ever RAW'S success is down to the support and generosity of our, adopters, fosterers, volunteers' trustees and the general public alike. A big THANK YOU goes out to all involved.

Royston Animal Welfare
Income and Expenditure for the year ended 28 February 2025

	28th February 2024		28th February 2023	
INCOME				
Gifts and Donations				
Collection Boxes & Street Donations	212.05		863.00	
Donations	4,665.58		28,289.00	
Gift Aid	2,191.19		0.00	
Legacy Donations	62,023.65		0.00	
Regular Donations	61.00	69,153.47	0.00	29,152.00
Charitable activities				
Adoption Cats	13,610.00		11,043.00	
Memberships	1,628.00		0.00	
Sale of Donated Goods	173.00		0.00	
Shop Income	26,946.87	42,357.87	21,787.00	32,830.00
Other trading activities				
Markets, Fairs & Events	2,831.30		3,079.00	
RAW Fundraising Event	1,993.42		0.00	
RAW 200	1,510.90		1,448.00	
Sponsorships	680.00		0.00	
Supporters Fundraising Events	2,113.41	9,129.03	2,285.00	6,812.00
Income from Investments				
Commission	2,552.65		2,790.00	
Interest Income	1,151.52		476.00	
		3,704.17		3,266.00
TOTAL INCOME	124,344.54		72,060.00	

LESS EXPENSES

Animal Feed & Care	8,302.44	10,429.82	
Audit & Accountancy fees	2,107.00	0.00	
Cleaning	1,839.59	0.00	
Depreciation	604.00	604.00	
General Expenses	40.00	12,234.00	
Insurance	705.80	591.00	
IT Software and Consumables	1.01	0.00	
Light, Power, Heating	664.71	0.00	
Mileage	408.50	0.00	
Rates	259.36	0.00	
Rent	5,870.24	0.00	
Shop Expense	720.38	0.00	
Vet Costs	37,332.80	29,603.00	
		58,855.83	53,461.82
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		65,488.71	18,598.18
Balance Brought Forward		203,805	185,207
Balance Carried Forward		269,294	203,805

Royston Animal Welfare
Statement of Monetary Assets as at 28 February 2025

	28th February 2025		28th February 2024	
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
Cat Shed				
Cost	3,020.00		3,020.00	
Depreciation brought forward	1,610.67		1,006.67	
Depreciation in the year	604.00		604.00	
Net Book Value		805.33		1,409.33
 CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors and Prepayments	1,997.00		900.00	
Cash	-		-	
Bank Current Account	180,340.90		116,768.62	
Bank number 2 account	3,587.35		3,576.45	
Bank Deposit Account	<u>85,979.00</u>	271,904.25	<u>84,827.48</u>	206,072.55
 CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accruals	3,438.22		3,676.73	
Accounts Payable	-22.50	3,415.72		
 Net Assets	<u><u>269,293.86</u></u>		<u><u>203,805.15</u></u>	
 Ratio Adoptions to Income	<u>13,610.00</u>		<u>11,042.50</u>	
	124,344.54		72,059.75	
	11%		15%	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
ROYSTON ANIMAL WELFARE

On accounts for the year
ended

28 FEBRUARY 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1064870

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28 / 02 / 2025.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

14/11/2025

Name:

NICOLA FALLON

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qualification(s) or body

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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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