BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1071200

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-08-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Far Sunnybank Laithe Mewith High Bentham North Yorkshire LA2 7AX
Phone	07751125068
Email	admin@benthampetrescue.org.uk
Website	www.benthampetrescue.org.uk

Activities

Objects: 1. TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER PET ANIMALS IN BENTHAM AND DISTRICT WHO ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR BY FACILITATING THE CARE AND RE-HOMING OF SUCH ANIMALS.2. THE RELIEF OF PENSIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD KENNEL COSTS OR VETERINARY BILLS FOR THEIR PETS.

Activities: The rescuing and rehoming of abandoned pets and the financing of vet treatment as necessary. The charity runs a small cat sanctuary for temporarily housing cats and kittens and maintains contact with other charities having facilities for dogs and other pet animals. Also the charity liaises with local vets and contributes to the vet bills of OAPs when they cannot afford treatment for their pets.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BENTHAM AND DISTRICT
- Cumbria
- Lancashire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£27,183	£27,694	-	-
2024-01-31	£28,375	£30,209	-	-
2023-01-31	£31,937	£25,136	-	-
2022-01-31	£87,355	£27,013	-	-
2021-01-31	£34,482	£22,413	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Phillip Ware	Chair	2020-03-16
Carolyn Linney		2021-03-26
Dr James Douglas Annan		2025-11-22
Joanne Ruth Hall		2020-03-16
Kath Threlkeld		2021-02-01
Mrs Sue Arnott		2016-03-30
Patricia Roberts		2021-04-26

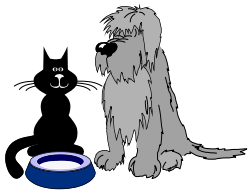
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2024-2025

Registered Charity No.1071200

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 02	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 01	Year 2025
From				To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bentham and District Pet Rescue
Other names charity is known by	Bentham Pet Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1071200*
Charity's principal address	Far Sunnybank Laithe
	Mewith, High Bentham
	North Yorkshire
	Postcode LA2 7AX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Phillip Ware	Chairman		Appointed by members at AGM
2	Joanne Hall	Secretary		Appointed by members at AGM
3	Sue Arnott	Treasurer		Appointed by members at AGM
4	Pat Roberts			Appointed by members at AGM
5	Carolyn Linney (Ellis)			Appointed by members at AGM
6	Kath Threlkeld			Appointed by members at AGM
7	Julia Hargreaves			Appointed by members at AGM
8	Ingrid Ellershaw			Appointed by members at AGM
9	Tanith Jansen van Rensburg			Appointed by members at AGM
	Val Marshall	Honorary President	Ceased to act as trustee on 16 March 2020 but retained honorary position	

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	Tracey Crewdson	Q-Workery, 12b Otley Street, Skipton, BD23 1DZ

*Bentham and District Pet Rescue applied to the Charity Commission for, and has been successful in requesting, a change in charitable status to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with registration number 1209722.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 6 July 1998 updated at AGM 16 March 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association* (see footnote on previous page)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by Members at Annual General Meeting / Co-option by members of the Executive Committee

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objects are:

(1) To relieve the suffering of cats, dogs and other pet animals in Bentham and district who are in need of care and attention, in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

(2) The relief of pensioners who are unable to afford kennel costs or veterinary bills for their pets.

Section D Report on performance

An introduction

This is a defining moment for our charity.

Since our foundation back in 1998, Bentham and District Pet Rescue has operated as the simplest form of charity – an unincorporated association whereby our trustees and officials were voted in on a yearly basis. For the last 3-4 years we have reported that it was our intention to upgrade to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) but this has proved to be a slow and challenging process. Thanks mostly to the efforts of our chairman, Phillip Ware, and having taken professional advice, we are delighted to have at last achieved this change in status. On 24 August 2024 a new charity, also known as Bentham and District Pet Rescue was registered with the Charity Commission. A transfer agreement has provided for all the assets of the 'old' charity (no 1071200) to be moved to the 'new' charity (no 1209722) as from 31 January 2025.

This is therefore the last annual report for the unincorporated association: Bentham and District Pet Rescue.

But whilst our legal status is changing, our charitable objects have not. Although we hope the new CIO will consider an alteration to the second of our aims – the relief of pensioners who are unable to afford kennel costs or veterinary bills for their pets – so as to extend a 'hardship fund' to other people in financial difficulty needing help with unexpected vet bills, we don't anticipate any change to our first aim. We will continue to help all types of pets where that is practicable.

However, as we have explained in previous years, being now an organisation reliant on placing rescued animals with volunteer fosterers in their own homes whilst finding them new homes, the practicalities of doing so for pets other than cats has limited our activities and focussed our work on felines. That work will continue with the new CIO, under the new heading 'Dales Cat Rescue', so that the public should be clearer about the scope of our activities. However, that does not rule out extending our services to directly help other pets in future.

As a voluntary organisation, throughout all 26 years since our foundation, we have depended on the support of many people – staff at the two veterinary practices in our area, the committed volunteers who have hosted rescue centres on their properties and, more recently the dedicated team of fosterers who invest their time and love in caring for the cats we rescue, plus the many folks who help us to raise funds to keep the whole show on the road. As always, whilst money is needed to pay the ever increasing bills, we can only survive with people volunteering to do the things that define our charity: caring for pets in need of help.

As we have now reached a milestone in the charity's history, the team is set to re-vitalise Bentham & District Pet Rescue, through the launch of 'Dales Cat Rescue', and to establish a sustainable management programme for the future.

Our activities during the year

When our last rescue centre closed in 2022, we switched to a foster-based model for our cat rescue operations. Since then we have enjoyed many successes, learnt from our mistakes and refined our practices and procedures accordingly.

This last year has seen us just as busy as ever with our fostering team overseeing the rescue and rehoming of 75 cats and kittens, all of which have been helped to find new lives with caring owners. With just ten regular fosterers (located in Paythorne, Settle, Helwith Bridge, Austwick, Eldroth, High Bentham, Kirkby Lonsdale and Crooklands), that's some achievement! Our co-ordinators' team has an affective system for admitting cats, allocating them to a fosterer to attend to their care until potential new homes are found through our website and Facebook appeals. Home checks are done in every case, often by relying on a virtual visit where the potential adopter lives some distance away. By using specialist software (ANILOG), we keep track of cats coming in, their veterinary history, and cats being rehomed as well as other aspects of our work such as trapping, neutering and releasing cats, or assisting with stray cats or (sadly) euthanising seriously ill free-living cats. However it continues to be our policy never to put a healthy cat to sleep.

Whilst there are always more cats needing help than we (and other local animal rescues) can possibly hope to care for, we try to prioritise cats in our local area. Even so, this year cats have come to us from as far away as Bedale, East Leeds and Burnley when people are desperately seeking a rescue place for a stray cat, or a cat needs to be rehomed because a family member develops allergies, because of a family split or an enforced house move where the new rental property does not allow pets. In one tragic case, two young cats we rehomed to a young woman in Greater Manchester had to come back to us a year later when she had a serious accident that left her unable to cope with them. Thankfully the cats now have another loving home with a family in Ingleton.

As always, we are grateful to our two local veterinary practices: Dalehead Vets at Settle and Westmorland Vets at Kirkby Lonsdale. Thanks are due for the support they give us, not only in discounting their charges for the charity's cats but also in referring to us special cases of pet owners in financial difficulty needing assistance with bills for urgent veterinary treatment.

On the fund-raising front, our dedicated volunteers have held coffee mornings in High Bentham Town Hall and Hellifield Institute, plus afternoon teas at Langcliffe Institute, all organised by trustee Ingrid Ellershaw. Whilst the sums raised at these events is modest, they are invaluable in terms of attracting regular support for the charity amongst local people. Together with the work done on our Facebook page by trustee Tanith Jansen van Rensburg, we have a loyal following.

Behind the scenes, our Chairman has continued to liaise with Helen Harvie of H3 Solicitors who has provided much valued assistance through the process of changing our charitable status. We are indebted to Helen for getting us to the finishing line, at last, so that we can now approach the future on a more reliable foundation.

Our achievements

As noted above, we have been successful in re-homing a total of **28 cats and 46 kittens** during the last 12 months – one more than the previous year.

For many years we have supported a small number of cats with medical problems or conditions that have come into our care but who are unlikely to be adopted. These cats are in permanent foster care where we provide their fosterers with

specialist food for them and pay their vet bills. This year we said goodbye to Rose Marie (who had kidney problems) but Mia (on thyroid medication) and Lucy (who is blind) are still going strong.

Another possible candidate for this list was Tommy, a bedraggled ginger stray cat that had a gaping wound on his neck when brought in to us. Poor Tommy proved to be FIV positive, meaning that his immune system is compromised, thereby making healing his wound much more difficult. Although food, shelter and love quickly improved his general health, the gash on his neck (thought to have been from a dog bite) has proved to be a long-term challenge. We were on the verge of seeking a permanent foster home for him when a couple experienced in cat-care moved into the area and offered to adopt him. Although we continue to underwrite vet bills that are a consequence of his condition, we can rest in the knowledge that Tommy now has his perfect forever home.

We also continue to provide food and worm treatment for a colony of (neutered) cats that live on the allotments at Settle, overseen by local volunteers, Kevin and Andy, although numbers here are now diminishing.

Our work with 'free-living' cats has actually increased this year, mostly due to the help of our trustee Julia Hargreaves and Admissions Co-ordinator, volunteer James Annan. Twenty one barn, feral and stable cats were trapped, neutered and released (TNR), either to the original location (where it was safe to do so) or relocated. This included the TNR of six kittens which were beyond the age where taming for a domestic home was realistic; however we have since heard that some of these have become more friendly with their 'owners' at farms and stables. In addition, a total of 34 barn kittens were trapped and all successfully rehomed as pets although some were slow to tame. (This figure includes some whose stay with us spanned the year end.)

On a sad note we euthanased three cats: two who had been involved in road traffic accidents with no realistic prospect of recovery and one that tragically was too emaciated to survive when discovered in High Bentham. Another low point was losing Muffin, a tiny young kitten that lost his battle for survival.

This year we had four requests for financial help with vet bills from people in financial hardship' and made contributions towards the neutering of a dog, and vet checks and basic treatment for 3 stray cats. In one particular case referred to us by Dalehead Vets, a cat had been caught in an illegal snare and needed a leg amputating: we contributed £500 to the unexpected and significant bill incurred by his pensioner owner in this tragic case.

Our trustees

There have been no changes to our team of the trustees. All nine were re-elected at the AGM on 30 October 2024 held at Bentham Golf Club but with some members attending virtually via Googlemeet. We have trustees from as far afield as Farnhill near Skipton, Newton by Bowland near Clitheroe and Ulverston in Cumbria.

All our trustee meetings have been held virtually, in April, July and January. This continues to be the most practical and efficient way to bring together people who live some distance apart for discussion, updates and for decision-making.

In addition, a special general meeting was held on 8 January 2025 at which it was unanimously agreed "*to dissolve to dissolve the unincorporated association known as Bentham and District Pet Rescue (registered charity No 1071200) and transfer all assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities (including all cats and kittens currently the responsibility of the unincorporated association) to the newly established charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) (foundation) also known as Bentham and District Pet Rescue (registered charity no 1209722*)".

Despite the continuing (and sometimes heavy) commitment, all trustees gave of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any during the year. Payments made to trustees as reimbursements for direct costs incurred by the charity have been declared in our annual accounts. As required, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our finances

All our fosterers provide temporary accommodation for our cats and/or kittens without charge to the organisation although any out of pocket expenses are covered, food and litter provided and all vet bills paid by the Charity.

As stated in our previous report, in January 2023 the trustees agreed to raise our 'adoption fee' (re-categorised from our previous 'minimum donation for adoption') to £100 per cat or kitten in line with other local rescue charities. However we recognise that, for many of the cats that come into our care, this sum does not cover our expenditure on that animal. Nevertheless, the amount generated through the rehoming process for 2023-2024 is above that for the previous year.

Whilst we no longer incur the running costs of a rescue centre, our regular outgoings now include rent for storage space in High Bentham, a facility that enables us to store our 5 cat traps and numerous cat carriers, litter trays, scratch posts bedding and cat toys – most of which have been donated over the years. In addition we store food and litter here, both that specifically purchased to supply our cat fosterers and food donated by supporters through collecting bins in three local supermarkets.

The cost of food and litter, veterinary checks and treatment continue to represent our main outgoings. All these costs have risen considerably although our insurance premium has reduced slightly.

This year we have not received any legacies or funeral collections and have benefited from far fewer major donations from charitable trusts focussed on animal welfare. That has reduced our income significantly although local fund-raising events, regular supporters who make monthly donations and other incidental gifts continue to provide a main-stay. Our commission from Agria Insurance has increased*, as has the interest earned on our cash deposits.

We held 6 coffee mornings and afternoon teas this year, providing us with good support from the local community if not huge sums of money. Despite raising modest amounts for a lot of hard work, we recognise the value of local events in terms of raising awareness of our work.

Sales of Christmas cards were successful once again and we are indebted to Westmorland Vets, Bentham Post Office, Wholesome Bee, Badger in the Wall Gallery and the Pet Shop in Settle for selling these on the charity's behalf. We are also grateful to a number of small businesses in the area who host the Charity's collecting cans for small change throughout the year.

Other online fund-raising schemes like Easyfundraising, Paypal Giving Fund and our Amazon Wishlist continue to bring in money and other goods, and once again we have benefitted from vouchers for Pets at Home through its *Lifelines* scheme.

As at 31 January 2024, the Charity holds reserves of £142,261, none of which is restricted. It continues to be our intention that the Charity should hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for two years in case fund-raising efforts should fail. Our estimate is that £30k per annum should be set aside for this. In previous years, we have set aside funds over and above this operating reserve for our 'building fund' to enable us to secure a new site on which to establish a permanent cat rescue centre. However, with the establishment of the new charity, our trustees will take this opportunity to reconsider our future plans.

* *(Free pet insurance for 5 weeks is offered for all cats adopted from us, bringing us a small commission if the policy is maintained.)*

The year ahead

This is a touch environment in which to operate a charity that is entirely reliant on volunteers and we are acutely aware of the challenges we face.

There is a strong likelihood that forthcoming legislation may affect the standards required of animal rescue organisations and we are yet to hear what that may mean for us in practical terms. On top of that, it seems that nationally and across the spectrum, charities are finding it harder and harder to attract and retain volunteers. Although it is comforting to realise that we are not alone in this, we need to rise to the challenge, making sure that we value and cherish all those who actively support the work we do.

One of the many reasons for switching to a CIO has been to enable us to seek paid help with the many administrative tasks that keep the Charity's wheel turning and to reduce the burden on some of the trustees so as to free up time to tackle other governance issues. During the next year, we anticipate taking that next step.

As we look ahead to a positive year of restructuring, re-focussing and rejuvenation, we must acknowledge those people who, over past years and though their efforts, have ensured that Bentham and District Pet Rescue can now look ahead with confidence. In particular we would like to thank our founder, Val Marshall and her late husband Peter, all previous trustees of the charity, and Pat Roberts, Pam Whitehead and Louise Pauley who each hosted a rescue centre at their homes for several years. We look forward to making a fresh start but we do so recognising the foundations that have been laid for us.

Section E Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Phillip Ware	Sue Arnott
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date	26/09/25

Bentham and District Pet Rescue

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Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025

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2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2022.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard FRS 105)

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probably the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are include in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

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Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to in at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past even that commits the charity to the expenditure.

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Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

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3. Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further nay of the charity's objectives.

4. Restricted funds

The charity's restricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees only n accordance with the restrictions placed on the restricted funds by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

5. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or benefits arising from employments with the charity during the year ended 31 January 2025.

6. Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available are true, correct and complete.

We verify that all information provided from electronic records is a true and accurate reflection of transactions and financial activity of the Charity over the financial period to 31 January 2025.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports contained therein have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained to be sent to the charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

P Ware	S Arnott	J R Hall
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Chair	Treasurer	Secretary
Date 2025	Date 2025	Date 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Unrestricted funds - income		
Donations, grants and fundraising	12649	15230
Gift aid	2432	2015
Adoption fees	7480	6335
Insurance commission	1100	451
Interest	2204	1744
Donated professional services	1318	1300
	27183	27075
Unrestricted funds – expenditure		
Cards/misc fundraising	577	755
Catteries	-	368
Depreciation of Equipment	78	410
Donations and gifts	-	79
Entertaining	-	278
Feed, litter and other supplies	2208	2208
Gifts	50	-
Insurance	438	464
Legal and Professional fees	1991	2621
Licenses and Subscriptions	69	84
Meeting expenses	185	-
Paypal fees	39	42
Postage and stationery	20	69
Rent	1680	1680
Room Hire	356	-
Repairs & Renewals, Equipment	-	61
Software and IT	595	3930
Travelling	-	13
Veterinary fees	18784	17810
	27694	28909
Unrestricted funds – net (deficit) surplus	**(1088)**	**(1834)**
Unrestricted funds summary		
Brought forward	142261	144095
Net (deficit) surplus	(402)	(1834)
Carried forward	141859	142261

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2025 Continued

	2025 £	2024 £
Restricted funds – income		
Donations and grants	-	1300
Restricted funds – expenditure	**-**	1300
Restricted funds – net (deficit)	**-**	**-**

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed Assets			
Original cost		1645	1645
Depreciation		(936)	(858)
		709	**787**
Current Assets			
Cash book		493	672
Cash at Bank		134063	132327
Paypal account		5192	4883
Debtors	1	(281)	2431
Stock		608	559
Prepayments		-	1220
		140075	**142229**
Creditors			
Other creditors		61	1281
VAT		(450)	(526)
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		**140464**	**141474**
Total current Assets Less Current Liabilities		**141173**	**142261**
Total Net Assets (Liabilities)		**141173**	**142261**
Charity Funds			
Opening balance equity		142261	139228
Retained earnings			3033
Suplus/(deficit)		(1088)	
Total charity funds		**141173**	**142261**

Notes:

1. **VAT in previous accounts b/f as hadn't been included**

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Adoption fees	7480	6335
Insurance commission	1100	451
Interest	2204	1744
Donated professional services	1318	1300
	27183	27075
Unrestricted funds – expenditure		
Cards/misc fundraising	577	755
Catteries	-	368
Depreciation of Equipment	78	410
Donations and gifts	-	79
Entertaining	-	278
Feed, litter and other supplies	2208	2208
Gifts	50	-
Insurance	438	464
Legal and Professional fees	1991	2621
Licenses and Subscriptions	69	84
Meeting expenses	185	-
Paypal fees	39	42
Postage and stationery	20	69
Rent	1680	1680
Room Hire	356	-
Repairs & Renewals, Equipment	-	61
Software and IT	595	3930
Travelling	-	13
Veterinary fees	18784	17810
	27694	28909
Unrestricted funds – net (deficit) surplus	**(1088)**	**(1834)**
Unrestricted funds summary		
Brought forward	142261	144095
Net (deficit) surplus	(402)	(1834)
Carried forward	141859	142261

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 January 2025 Continued

	2025 £	2024 £
Restricted funds – income		
Donations and grants	-	1300
Restricted funds – expenditure	**-**	1300
Restricted funds – net (deficit)	**-**	**-**

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed Assets			
Original cost		1645	1645
Depreciation		(936)	(858)
		709	**787**
Current Assets			
Cash book		493	672
Cash at Bank		134063	132327
Paypal account		5192	4883
Debtors	1	(281)	2431
Stock		608	559
Prepayments		-	1220
		140075	**142229**
Creditors			
Other creditors		61	1281
VAT		(450)	(526)
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		**140464**	**141474**
Total current Assets Less Current Liabilities		**141173**	**142261**
Total Net Assets (Liabilities)		**141173**	**142261**
Charity Funds			
Opening balance equity		142261	139228
Retained earnings			3033
Suplus/(deficit)		(1088)	
Total charity funds		**141173**	**142261**

Notes:

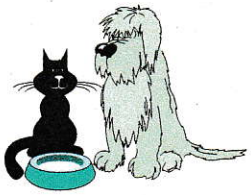
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BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1071200

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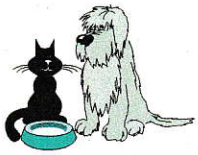
Bentham and District Pet Rescue



Registered Charity No.1071200

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2023-2024



Registered Charity No.1071200

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 02	Year 2023	Day 31	Month 01	Year 2024
From				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bentham and District Pet Rescue
Other names charity is known by	Bentham Pet Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1071200*
Charity's principal address	Far Sunnybank Laithe
	Mewith, High Bentham
	North Yorkshire
	Postcode LA2 7AX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Phillip Ware	Chairman		Appointed by members at AGM
2	Joanne Hall	Secretary		Appointed by members at AGM
3	Sue Arnott	Treasurer		Appointed by members at AGM
4	Pat Roberts			Appointed by members at AGM
5	Carolyn Linney (Ellis)			Appointed by members at AGM
6	Kath Threlkeld			Appointed by members at AGM
7	Julia Hargreaves			Appointed by members at AGM
8	Ingrid Ellershaw			Appointed by members at AGM
9	Tanith Staveley			Appointed by members at AGM
	Val Marshall	Honorary President	Ceased to act as trustee on 16 March 2020 but retained honorary position	

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	J S Andrews & Co	22 Dalesview Close, Clapham, North Yorkshire, LA2 8RP

* Subsequent to 31 January 2024, Bentham and District Pet Rescue applied to the Charity Commission for, and was successful in requesting, a change in charitable status to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with registration number 1209722.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 6 July 1998 updated at AGM 16 March 2020
How the charity is constituted	Unincorporated Association* (see footnote on previous page)
Trustee selection methods	Election by Members at Annual General Meeting / Co-option by members of the Executive Committee

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objects are:

(1) To relieve the suffering of cats, dogs and other pet animals in Bentham and district who are in need of care and attention, in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

(2) The relief of pensioners who are unable to afford kennel costs or veterinary bills for their pets.

Section D Report on performance

An introduction

Since we began in 1998, our charity, Bentham and District Pet Rescue, has relied on volunteers and supporters for every aspect of its work. In this, our twenty-fifth year, we value our team and the numerous people who help us more than ever. These are challenging times in the voluntary sector and finding people willing to spare time and resources for a charity, particularly one focussed on pets, can be difficult. However those who are prepared to do so are prized and have made us the modestly successful organisation we have become.

We are still on that journey from the small scale operation begun by our founder and developed by three subsequent volunteers, each hosting a rescue centre within their gardens. We remain indebted to Val Marshall, Pat Roberts, Pam Whitehead and Louise Pauley for helping to move the organisation forward, step by step, towards the stage we are now.

Whilst we no longer have a rescue centre, it remains our ambition to establish a permanent base, but meanwhile we have morphed our operations into one of co-ordinated fostering. This is a continual learning process for us all but we have had many successes this year not least having rehomed a total of 74 cats and kittens!

Although we are a charity that aims to help cats, dogs and other pet animals, our ability to take animals into our care has generally been limited to cats (with the occasional rabbit, ferret and guinea pig along the way). Physically accommodating rescue cats within an individual's home is more discreet than with dogs, and it continues to be more practical to operate on this basis when reliant on fosterers.

This focus on cats has created a degree of confusion amongst some members of the public enquiring about our services given our title as a "Pet Rescue". Inevitably this means that anyone who approaches us for direct help in rehoming a dog is referred to one of our neighbouring rescue charities with well-established centres for all types of pet. We have debated this issue many times and have resolved to move forward the first of our two charitable objects by introducing a new

operational name for our hands-on rehoming work: 'Dales Cat Rescue' will be launched once our current charitable status is upgraded to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), a process that is now underway.

To summarise the 12 months to 31 January 2024, this has been a year of consolidation in terms of our cat fostering operations, preparation in terms of our plans for the future, and appreciation of the tremendous efforts our volunteers put into ensuring the charity's success.

Our activities during the year

Last year we identified our top priority in terms of future planning being to start the process of transitioning to a more sustainable status for our charity. To continue as an unincorporated association will limit our development and we recognise the need to underpin our future work by being on a more steadfast legal basis. To assist us in the process of change, we have appointed a solicitor specialising in work with charities (Helen Harvie of H3 Solicitors) and we are pleased to report that the process of establishing Bentham and District Pet Rescue as a CIO has begun.

Tying up loose ends from the planned closure of our last rescue centre in 2022, last year we offered our small wooden building to a number of local animal rescue charities. This eventually found a home with Wolfwood – a dog and wildlife rescue charity near Lancaster. Two large animal holding cages went to Craven Wildlife and now house rescued owls.

Meanwhile the charity's day to day work has continued throughout the last 12 months.

Through a team of nine fosterers (located in Paythorne, Settle, Helwith Bridge, Austwick, Eldroth, High Bentham, Kirkby Lonsdale and Crooklands) and co-ordinated by a team of seven (mostly trustees), we have evolved a successful system for admitting cats, allocating them to a fosterer to attend to their care until new potential homes are found through our website and Facebook appeals. A small team of home-checkers are on hand to visit potential adopters before we place a cat with them, on occasion by relying on a virtual visit where the adopter is some distance away.

By reviewing our processes regularly, we have refined our paperwork so that, besides adoptions, we have a reliable system for recording other aspects of our work such as trapping, neutering and releasing cats, or assisting with stray cats or (sadly) euthanising seriously ill free-living cats. This has been made much easier through the use of specialist software (ANILOG) that enables us to keep track of cats currently in foster care, a historical record of rehomed cats, potential adopters and produce other statistics. This is a regular expense to the charity but it has proved itself invaluable and the charity is grateful to trustee Dr Julia Hargreaves for her expertise and perseverance with this system.

Because teamwork has been the essence of our work this year, at our AGM we decided against awarding our 'Marion Casey Volunteer of the Year Award' as to single any one person out from the rest didn't seem fair. With our key co-ordinator, trustee Carolyn Linney, taking time out this year for maternity leave, her roles have been split between other trustees with Julia Hargreaves, Tanith Staveley, Pat Roberts and Sue Arnott all taking on additional tasks. Beside those people who have helped with the fostering project, others have assisted with the local coffee mornings and afternoon teas held this year to raise funds. To show how much we value this support, we held a post-Christmas lunch quiz for our volunteers, celebrating both our people and our collective achievements.

We still have continued support from our two local veterinary practices: Dalehead Vets at Settle and Westmorland Vets at Kirkby Lonsdale and, as always, we are extremely grateful for the help they give us, not just in discounting their charges for the charity's cats but also in referring to us special cases of pet owners in financial difficulty needing assistance with bills for urgent veterinary treatment.

Our achievements

As noted above, we have been successful in re-homing a total of **28 cats and 46 kittens** during the last 12 months – 24 more than the previous year.

Of particular note in 2023 is the sad case of a thin cat seen looking for food and shelter in a garden in Hellifield. The residents were concerned that she looked to have a poorly eye and contacted us for help. The cat was eventually trapped and brought to our local vets for attention and taken into care with one of our fosterers. With a terrible eye injury, she was referred to a specialist veterinary eye hospital in Penrith. It transpired that the cat we named Ebony had been shot in the eye, with the air gun pellet still lodged in her neck. Thankfully, after having the eye removed, she made a good

recovery and has since been adopted by her fosterer. However the treatment left the charity with a bill approaching £2000 but through a crowd-funding appeal set up by trustee, Tanith Staveley, we quickly reached that sum to cover our costs.

We currently support 3 cats in permanent foster care - Mia, Rose Marie and Lucy – most of whom are elderly cats with medical problems or conditions who are unlikely to be adopted, but we said goodbye to Ruby in August. We also continue to support a colony of (neutered) cats that live on the allotments at Settle, providing food and worm treatment to the cats with the help of local volunteers, Kevin and Andy.

In the summer we part-funded the setting up of a catio facility adjoining one of our volunteer's garage which has enabled her to foster up to 4 cats at one time which has increased the number we can accommodate. Otherwise, all our fosterers provide temporary accommodation for our cats and/or kittens without charge to the organisation although any out of pocket expenses are covered and food and litter provided.

We had hoped to set up a local scheme to encourage cat neutering by offering to subsidise veterinary costs and thereby tackle the never ending problem of unwanted kittens. However, having looked into schemes previously run by other pet rescue charities, the difficulties of means-testing applicants proved prohibitive. Even so, referrals through Dalehead Vets have led to us part-funding 10 stray, farm or feral cats during the year (in line with our agreed policy).

Our volunteer admissions manager, James Annan, has developed some expertise in trapping feral cats for neutering and release and we are most grateful for his assistance.

This year we have had no direct requests for help with vet bills from 'pensioners in financial hardship' although we continue to remind our vets that the fund is available if needed. However we have supported two pensioners in High Bentham with their aging cats on the basis of a commitment given some years ago.

Our trustees

Three new trustees were appointed this year. All existing trustees were re-elected at the AGM on 26 September 2023 held at Bentham Golf Club but with some members attending virtually via Googlemeet. We have trustees from as far afield as Farnhill near Skipton, Newton by Bowland near Clitheroe and Ulverston in Cumbria.

As in the previous year, all our trustee meetings have been held virtually, in May, August, October and January. This continues to be the most practical and efficient way to bring together people who live some distance apart for discussion, updates and for decision-making.

In April 2023, one of our trustees accepted an invitation from Battersea Cats and Dogs Home to attend a small cat rescue workshop held in Birmingham. It proved to be a valuable exchange of experiences and challenges facing all rescues like ours and we look forward to participating in other similar events and training opportunities presented by the Battersea Academy in future.

Despite the continuing (and sometimes heavy) commitment, all trustees gave of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any during the year. Payments made to trustees as reimbursements for direct costs incurred by the charity have been declared in our annual accounts. As required, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our finances

As stated in our previous report, in January 2023 the trustees agreed to raise our 'adoption fee' (re-categorised from our previous 'minimum donation for adoption') to £100 per cat or kitten in line with other local rescue charities. However we recognise that, for many of the cats that come into our care, this sum does not cover our expenditure on that animal. Nevertheless, the amount generated through the rehoming process for 2023-2024 is above that for the previous year.

Whilst we no longer incur the running costs of a rescue centre, our regular outgoings now include rent for storage space in High Bentham, a facility that enables us to store our 5 cat traps and numerous cat carriers, litter trays, scratch posts bedding and cat toys – most of which have been donated over the years. In addition we store food and litter here, both

that specifically purchased to supply our cat fosterers and food donated by supporters through collecting bins in three local supermarkets.

The cost of food and litter, veterinary checks and treatment continue to represent our main outgoings. All these costs have risen considerably although our insurance premium has reduced slightly.

This year we have not received any legacies or funeral collections and have benefited from far fewer major donations from charitable trusts focussed on animal welfare. That has reduced our income significantly although local fund-raising events, regular supporters who make monthly donations and other incidental gifts continue to provide a main-stay. Our commission from Agria Insurance has increased*, as has the interest earned on our cash deposits.

We held 6 coffee mornings and afternoon teas this year, providing us with good support from the local community if not huge sums of money. Despite raising modest amounts for a lot of hard work, we recognise the value of local events in terms of raising awareness of our work.

Sales of Christmas cards were successful once again and we are indebted to Westmorland Vets, Bentham Post Office, Wholesome Bee and the Pet Shop in Settle for selling these on the charity's behalf. We are also grateful to a number of small businesses in the area who host the Charity's collecting cans for small change throughout the year.

Other online fund-raising schemes like Easyfundraising, Paypal Giving Fund, Amazon Smile (*closed in 2023*) and our Amazon Wishlist continue to bring in money and other goods, and once again we have benefitted from vouchers for Pets at Home through its *Lifelines* scheme.

As at 31 January 2024, the Charity holds reserves of £142,261, none of which is restricted. It continues to be our intention that the Charity should hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for two years in case fund-raising efforts should fail. Our estimate is that £25k per annum should be set aside for this. It is intended that funds over and above this operating reserve should form our 'building fund' to enable us to secure a new site on which to establish a permanent cat rescue centre.

* *(Free pet insurance for 5 weeks is offered for all cats adopted from us, bringing us a small commission if the policy is maintained.)*

The year ahead

We regarded last year as the start of a new chapter in our evolution. This year has seen us take a further step in that process of change.

After a history of working from a succession of rescue centres sited in the gardens of volunteers and reliant on that one key host to co-ordinate all practical work, 2023-24 saw us switch to a more team-based approach. The care of our cats is now managed by a team of foster carers and we share responsibility for co-ordination of the fostering scheme. This continues to demand a huge commitment from certain key individuals but the system has been working well and we anticipate it being improved further during the forth-coming year.

We anticipate (at last) changing our charitable status to a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) to open up the possibility of appointing a part-time paid manager to co-ordinate our operations and to bid for funds to support this. Although the charity's name and aims will not change, we plan to manage the operational side of our business under a new banner – Dales Cat Rescue. We hope this will better represent the hands-on work we do, having the capacity to help cats only and to avoid the perception that we are concerned only with pets in Bentham.

The year ahead will be committed to bringing about that step change whilst reviewing and improving our new fostering processes.

As this happens, we will need to reinvigorate communications with our supporters, both local and online, and to seek out additional committed volunteers and, most essentially, new trustees to take the charity positively into the future.

Section E Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	[redacted]	[redacted]
Full name(s)	Phillip Ware	Sue Arnott
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date 4/10/24

Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Charity number 1071200 - England and Wales

Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 January 2024

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants

22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024 on pages 8 to 15:

- Responsibilities of the trustees

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Responsibilities of the independent examiner

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document `Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017` (`the Directions`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such items.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

Continued

Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, I do not accept responsibility to any third parties for my work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

This report has been prepared only for your use as trustees and to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

[redacted]

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
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12 September 2024

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024 on pages 8 to 15:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

Continued

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

[redacted]

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
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12 September 2024

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024 on pages 8 to 15 :

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

Continued

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
Continued

The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures *to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant* information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibilty to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 5.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 5 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

[redacted]
P Ware
Trustee
Chairperson

12 September 2024

[redacted]
S Arnott
Trustee
Treasurer

12 September 2024

[redacted]
J Hall
Trustee
Secretary

12 September 2024

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 4		
Donations, grants and miscellaneous fundraising		15,230	8,837
Gift aid		2,015	-
Legacies		-	12,774
Animal adoptions		6,335	4,900
Insurance commission		451	401
Interest		1,744	775
Donated professional services		1,300	1,250
		27,075	28,937
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 4		
Veterinary		17,810	7,354
Catteries		368	448
Feed and miscellaneous supplies		2,399	1,271
Miscellaneous fund raising		755	631
Rent		1,680	1,120
Electricity		-	165
Repairs, renewals and miscellaneous equipment		61	252
Travelling		13	259
Telecommunications and software		476	571
Postage and stationery		69	146
Accountancy fee (waived)		1,040	1,000
Independent examiner`s fee (waived)		260	250
Legal fees		2,621	663
Insurance		464	567
Transaction charges		42	38
Subscription		84	-
Bad debt		-	100
Entertaining		278	-
Donations and gifts		79	1,065
Depreciation of equipment		410	4,038
		28,909	19,938
Unrestricted funds - net (deficit) surplus		(1,834)	8,999

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
Continued

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	2 and 4		
Brought forward		144,095	135,096
Net (deficit) surplus		(1,834)	8,999
Carried forward		142,261	144,095

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
Continued

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Restricted funds - income	2 and 5		
Donations and grants		1,300	3,000
Restricted funds - expenditure	2 and 5		
Veterinary		1,300	4,775
Feed and miscellaneous supplies		-	423
		1,300	5,198
Restricted funds - net (deficit)		-	(2,198)
Restricted funds - summary	2 and 5		
Brought forward		-	2,198
Net (deficit)		-	(2,198)
Carried forward		-	-

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Equipment	2 and 3		787		1,103
Current assets	2				
Stock		559		344	
Debtors		3,483		1,553	
Prepayments		1,220		182	
Paypal account		4,883		3,033	
Cash at bank		132,327		138,852	
Cash in hand		672		202	
		143,144		134,269	
Creditors	2				
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors		(1,670)		(1,174)	
Net current assets			141,474		142,992
Total net assets			142,261		144,095
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	4		142,261		144,095

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 8 to 15.

[redacted]
P Ware
Trustee
Chairperson

12 September 2024

[redacted]
S Arnott
Trustee
Treasurer

12 September 2024

[redacted]
J Hall
Trustee
Secretary

12 September 2024

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

1 Charity objectives

The charity's main objectives are:

To relieve the suffering of dogs, cats and other pet animals in Bentham and district which are in need of care and attention, and in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

To offer financial assistance to pensioners who are unable to afford kennel or veterinary costs for their pet animals.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

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The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

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It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value *realised when sold or disposed of.*

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. *Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.*

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
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Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
Continued

3 Equipment

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	8,386	8,897
Acquisitions	94	711
Disposals	(6,835)	(1,222)
Carried forward	1,645	8,386
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	7,283	4,467
Provision	410	4,038
Written back on disposals	(6,835)	(1,222)
Carried forward	858	7,283
Written down value:		
Carried forward	787	1,103

4 Unrestricted funds

The charity`s unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity`s objectives.

5 Restricted funds

The charity`s restricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees only in accordance with the restrictions placed on the restricted funds by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

6 Trustees` remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees` remuneration or benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 January 2024.

7 Related party transactions

The charity received from trustees and volunteers the benefit of free use of land on which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to its use of that land. These related party transactions ceased during the year ended 31 January 2023.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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8 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity`s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Charity number 1071200 - England and Wales

Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 January 2024

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants

22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
Lancaster
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024 on pages 8 to 15:

- Responsibilities of the trustees

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Responsibilities of the independent examiner

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document `Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017` (`the Directions`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such items.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, I do not accept responsibility to any third parties for my work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

This report has been prepared only for your use as trustees and to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

[redacted]

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

12 September 2024

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024 on pages 8 to 15:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

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Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

[redacted]

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
Lancaster
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

12 September 2024

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024 on pages 8 to 15 :

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures *to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant* information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibilty to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 5.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 5 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

[redacted]
P Ware
Trustee
Chairperson

12 September 2024

[redacted]
S Arnott
Trustee
Treasurer

12 September 2024

[redacted]
J Hall
Trustee
Secretary

12 September 2024

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 4		
Donations, grants and miscellaneous fundraising		15,230	8,837
Gift aid		2,015	-
Legacies		-	12,774
Animal adoptions		6,335	4,900
Insurance commission		451	401
Interest		1,744	775
Donated professional services		1,300	1,250
		27,075	28,937
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 4		
Veterinary		17,810	7,354
Catteries		368	448
Feed and miscellaneous supplies		2,399	1,271
Miscellaneous fund raising		755	631
Rent		1,680	1,120
Electricity		-	165
Repairs, renewals and miscellaneous equipment		61	252
Travelling		13	259
Telecommunications and software		476	571
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Accountancy fee (waived)		1,040	1,000
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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2024

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Creditors	2				
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Creditors		(1,670)		(1,174)	
Net current assets			141,474		142,992
Total net assets			142,261		144,095
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	4		142,261		144,095

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 8 to 15.

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P Ware
Trustee
Chairperson

12 September 2024

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S Arnott
Trustee
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12 September 2024

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12 September 2024

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
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Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024
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3 Equipment

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5 Restricted funds

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6 Trustees` remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees` remuneration or benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 January 2024.

7 Related party transactions

The charity received from trustees and volunteers the benefit of free use of land on which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to its use of that land. These related party transactions ceased during the year ended 31 January 2023.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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8 Going concern

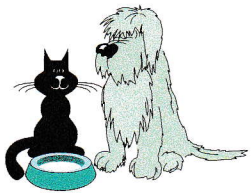
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BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1071200

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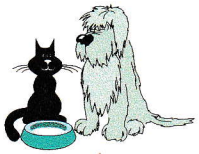
Bentham and District Pet Rescue



Registered Charity No.1071200

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Email: admin@benthampetrescue.org.uk

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2022-2023



Registered Charity No.1071200

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 02	Year 2022	Day 31	Month 01	Year 2023
From				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bentham and District Pet Rescue
Other names charity is known by	Bentham Pet Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1071200
Charity's principal address	Far Sunnybank Laithe
	Mewith, High Bentham
	North Yorkshire
	Postcode LA2 7AX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Phillip Ware	Chairman		Appointed by members at AGM
2	Joanne Hall	Secretary		Appointed by members at AGM
3	Sue Arnott	Treasurer		Appointed by members at AGM
4	Pat Roberts			Appointed by members at AGM
5	Carolyn Linney (Ellis)			Appointed by members at AGM
6	Kath Threlkeld			Appointed by members at AGM
7				
8	Val Marshall	Honorary President	Ceased to act as trustee on 16 March 2020 but retained honorary position	

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	J S Andrews & Co	22 Dalesview Close, Clapham, North Yorkshire, LA2 8RP

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 6 July 1998 updated at AGM 16 March 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by Members at Annual General Meeting / Co-option by members of the Executive Committee

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objects are:

(1) To relieve the suffering of cats, dogs and other pet animals in Bentham and district who are in need of care and attention, in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

(2) The relief of pensioners who are unable to afford kennel costs or veterinary bills for their pets.

Section D Report on performance

An introduction

Bentham and District Pet Rescue (the Charity) began in 1998, being run from the garage of the original founder (and now Honorary President) Val Marshall. Since then, three others have committed their time, efforts and back gardens to running a rescue centre from their properties - Pat Roberts, Pam Whitehead and Louise Pauley.

The terms of our constitution narrows our field of operation to the Bentham district but that has proved difficult to define with boundaries being somewhat fluid. Essentially the charity aims to work around Bentham in areas not covered by other cat welfare organisations. This normally extends to the north west Craven district of North Yorkshire plus areas of north Lancashire and south Cumbria, extending as far east as Hellifield and west to Kirkby Lonsdale.

Since its inception, Bentham Pet Rescue has responded to calls from members of the community about lost or abandoned animals, for help to manage colonies of feral and farm cats through a neutering scheme supported by our two local vet practices, and for help in the case of financial hardship, with a particular focus on assistance to pensioners struggling to pay for necessary treatment for their beloved pets. Our hands-on facilities for pet rescue have been restricted to cats, with two centres operating at the start of 2021*, but contacts with other animal rescue charities in the region have enabled us to direct requests for help with other pets.

As always, the Charity has relied on donations from supporters and on volunteers who organise fund-raising events throughout the year and those who give their time to help at the cat sanctuaries. Our volunteers were initially from the Bentham area, but more recently have lived in Burton in Lonsdale, Settle, Hellifield, Paythorne, Clapham, Ingleton, Hornby and Kirkby Lonsdale with trustees from as far afield as Farnhill near Skipton, Newton by Bowland near Clitheroe and Ulverston.

* Our centre in Burton in Lonsdale closed in 2021.

Our activities during the year

This has been a year of significant change for the way we operate.

As we anticipated, in June our dedicated volunteer Louise Pauley stepped down from her role as our main cat re-homer and we closed the rescue centre which operated from her garden. Over the previous 6 years, Louise's work for our charity and her dedication to the many cats she helped was outstanding. Although we paid tribute to Louise at our AGM in September, awarding her the 'Marion Casey Volunteer of the Year Award', we continue to be indebted to Louise for steering the charity towards the more professional and outward-looking organisation it is today.

Louise's departure prompted a re-think of how we operate. Calling on the experience of Inga Voit, a colleague from neighbouring charity Eden Animal Rescue, we considered various other models before settling on a fostering scheme as the most practicable way forward for Bentham & District Pet Rescue.

Unsurprisingly, this required a tremendous amount of planning, preparation, research, administration and sheer hard work, particularly from our trustee Carolyn Linney who drafted much of the paperwork necessary to document each stage of the fostering process. Although we learn all the time and plan to regularly review our procedures, it is a tribute to the work done that we have been asked by two other small rescue charities undergoing similar reorganisation for copies of our documents, and of course we have been glad to share.

With the close of the rescue centre at Newby near Clapham, we needed to find a new home for the small cattery building housing 3 individual pens that was installed in 2019. With no other volunteer offering space to take this, the trustees agreed to offer this to another local charity with similar aims. After inviting expressions of interest from a number of animal rescue charities in the region, we were delighted to offer this to Settle Wildlife Rescue.

This building had been funded through a substantial donation from a local supporter, Ian Macdonald, to whom we had rehomed two cats. It came as a shock to the whole community when, in June, he died in a tragic accident. Not only was that devastating for his friends and family, but we sadly lost a potential business partner for our future development. However, we were privileged to be able to find a wonderful new home for Ian's beloved cats.

The departure from our base in Newby also brought to a head another challenge – storage of all our equipment. We have 5 cat traps, 3 free-standing cat pens, more cat litter trays than we can count, cat beds, blankets, toys and all manner of incidental pet-related items that have been donated by kind supporters. In addition, we needed space to store donated food and stock items such as litter and specialist food. By good fortune, at the end of May 2021 we were able to acquire use of a lock-up unit at Pye Mill in High Bentham for a modest rental. After a good clean-up by a group of volunteers, a splash of paint and the purchase of some sturdy shelving, we now have a convenient store from which to distribute items as and when required.

But whilst some things have changed dramatically, some things have stayed the same.

We continue to treasure our volunteers without whom we could not operate. We still have a wonderful group of people who help at local fund-raising events but we also now have fosterers and a home-check team as well as continued hands-on help from key trustees. We managed only one social event this year – a Christmas lunch – but we have set up a WhatsApp group to help everyone keep in touch with cats - from admission to adoption and all that goes on between!

We still have continued support from our two local veterinary practices: Dalehead Vets at Settle and Westmorland Vets at Kirkby Lonsdale. This year we also worked closely with Carnforth Pet Care whilst we had fosterers based over towards the west of our patch. We are extremely grateful to all three veterinary surgeries for the help they give us.

With the demands on trustee time due to the changed working practices, sadly communication with our supporters has taken a back seat this year. We did not produce our newsletter, *'Pawprint'* in 2022, but we intend to bring it back into production. However our Facebook page has continued to be the main means of contact for many people, alongside our website and both have worked effectively. In addition, the website draws attention to ways people can help the charity such as small-scale fund-raising schemes like Easyfundraising, Paypal Giving Fund, Amazon Smile (*closed in 2023*) and our Amazon Wishlist. We have also benefitted substantially from vouchers for Pets at Home through its *Lifelines* scheme.

Our search for an opportunity to establish a permanent rescue centre has continued although it has not been the main thrust of our efforts this year. However this has brought into focus the need to change our charitable status – potentially to a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation). This will be top of the priority list for 2023.

Our achievements

Having shaken off the restrictions brought about through the Covid 19 pandemic, we gradually moved back to full rehoming services this year.

Despite the closure of our centre in Newby, we have been successful in re-homing a total of 15 cats and 35 kittens during the last 12 months – only one less than the previous year. We currently support 4 cats in permanent foster care - Ruby, Mia, Rose Marie and Lucy – most of whom are elderly cats with medical problems or conditions who are unlikely to be adopted. We also continue to support a colony of (neutered) cats that live on the allotments at Settle, providing food and worm treatment to the cats with the help of local volunteers, Kevin and Andy.

There was inevitably a pause in re-homing as the centre was decommissioned and the last cats found homes before our fostering scheme came on stream. However we took in our first rescue cat in June 2022 and have progressed from there.

We were initially joined by two volunteer fosterers who had previously worked with Bay Cat Rescue, Julie Moore and Tina Harrison. It was invaluable to have the benefit of their experience and we were grateful to both for the care they gave to several cats before leaving us to work on other projects.

Our ability to take in cats and kittens is inevitably dependant on the number of foster places available. By the end of the year we had 4 regular fosterers and a three temporary carers on our list. We expect to recruit more but accept that the number is likely to fluctuate from time to time. We aim to ensure that no fosterer is out of pocket in terms of expenses associated with caring for our cats and try to provide all that is needed in terms of food, litter and equipment. However we know that all our carers go the extra mile to make sure the cats placed in their care have the best conditions from which to recover, recuperate and/or rejuvenate in order to move on to their new homes.

This year our cat traps have been much used.

- Two were loaned to a nearby garden retail business which had several visiting semi-feral cats. Four female and one male cat were subsequently trapped, neutered and released, all with the intention that they will stay on the site and be fed.
- Two stray male cats in Settle with no known owners were caught, neutered and released, again with general oversight of their future care arranged.
- One trap was loaned to a lady whose pet cat had been frightened away from the house and now wouldn't go home; the cat was trapped, taken back and happily reunited with her family.
- Another was lent to a lady who was concerned about a stray cat visiting the site of another garden business. With a great deal of patience, she caught the cat, had him neutered, took him into her home and now has a happily settled feline companion.
- One was loaned to a lady concerned about two kittens on a nearby farm. One was trapped, came into foster care and has since settled in permanently with his fosterer; sadly, the other was never found.
- Two were loaned to a farmer with an expanding cat population; two cats were trapped and neutered, four kittens were collected, fostered and rehomed. Others are an ongoing issue.
- One was loaned to a nearby industrial business with a mum cat and two kittens living on its premises. The cat and one kitten were caught but unfortunately the second kitten was not seen again.
- Five kittens were trapped, fostered and rehomed while the mum cat was neutered and returned to a rural location.

Our approach is always to promote neutering, by funding the whole or part of the cost (in line with our agreed policy). Hopefully in future we will establish a small team of volunteers to develop expertise in the skill of trapping feral cats for neutering and release. A wildlife camera, purchased this year through kind donations, and two alarms will help us to monitor traps remotely.

This year we have had only one request for help with vet bills from a 'pensioner in financial hardship' although we continue to remind our vets that the fund is available if needed. However we agreed to support a man who adopted a cat from us with a known medical condition that reoccurred from time to time. Since treatment for such conditions is not normally covered by insurance, we considered it only fair that the Charity met half of the considerable costs of the cat's treatment when the condition flared up again.

Our trustees

No new trustees were appointed this year. All existing trustees were re-elected at the AGM which had been delayed until 12 September 2022 so as to ensure the annual accounts had been examined. This meeting was held at Bentham Golf Club but with some members attending virtually via Googlemeet.

In fact all 3 trustee meetings this year have been held virtually, in March, August and January. This is the most practical and efficient way to bring together people who live some distance apart for discussion, updates and for decision-making. Fewer meetings have been necessary since our fostering scheme has launched and is now working well.

Despite the continuing (and sometimes heavy) commitment, all trustees gave of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any during the year. Payments made to trustees as reimbursements for direct costs incurred by the Charity have been declared in our annual accounts. As required, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our finances

The planned closure of our last rescue centre has brought about savings in some areas of expenditure, primarily the overheads involved in maintaining and heating a small building and the small remuneration paid to our centre manager. However we now incur the cost of renting our small but essential storage facility.

Unsurprisingly, given we have still managed to take in and rehome a good many cats, the cost of food and litter, veterinary checks and treatment continue to represent our main outgoings. In general, all costs have risen slightly with the exception of insurance which has dropped, essentially as a result of changing companies.

In January 2023 the trustees agreed to raise our 'adoption fee' (re-categorised from our previous 'minimum donation for adoption') to £100 per cat or kitten in line with other local rescue charities. Even without this increase, the amount generated through the rehoming process is only slightly below the total for the previous year.

We have benefited again from a small number of legacies, funeral collections and major donations from charitable trusts focussed on animal welfare which have significantly enhanced the income we are able to raise from local fund-raising events, regular supporters who make monthly donations and other incidental gifts. Our commission from Agria Insurance has increased*, as has the interest earned on our cash deposits.

Our local events were limited to coffee mornings and afternoon teas but nonetheless provided us with good support from the local community if not huge sums of money. Despite raising modest amounts for a lot of hard work, we recognise the value of local events in terms of raising awareness of our work. Indeed, our coffee morning in Hellifield in April 2022 was held specifically to raise money to help animals in Ukraine; from the proceeds we were delighted to send £150 to each of two charities actively helping pets in the war-troubled country – IFAW and PETA.

Sales of Christmas cards were successful once again and we are indebted to Westmorland Vets, Bentham Post Office, Wholesome Bee and the Pet Shop in Settle for selling these on the charity's behalf. We are also grateful to a number of small businesses in the area who host the Charity's collecting cans for small change, and to a local volunteer who devised a quiz that raised a small amount but much appreciated nonetheless.

* *(Free pet insurance for 5 weeks is offered for all cats adopted from us, bringing us a small commission if the policy is maintained.)*

As we noted last year, we were notified of a legacy bequest of £50,000 from a former trustee of our charity, Rosemary Jenkins, formerly of Clapham. The funds were not received until after 31 January 2022 and this was therefore recorded in last year's accounts.

Rosemary was a keen volunteer in the early days of our charity, taking a turn on the rota for cleaning the pens in the cat sanctuary, covering the lunchtime slot on the bric-a-brac stall at Clapham Street Fair, as well as taking on the role of trustee. She adored cats, having many of her own but also helping several strays in the village and letting them use her garage for shelter. Rosemary was much loved by those who remember her.

With this substantial donation to our funds, it was agreed that we should set up a dedicated on-line savings account specifically to hold capital reserves as a 'building fund'. Seeking a convenient and efficient system with an ethical bank led us to add a Community Savings account with the Co-operative Bank to sit alongside our Co-op Community current account. Funds from our (off-line) account at Skipton Building Society were also transferred into this new savings account and the old SBS account closed.

As at 31 January 2023, the Charity holds reserves of £144,095, none of which is restricted. It continues to be our intention that the Charity should hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for two years in case fund-raising efforts should fail. Our estimate is that £25k per annum should be set aside for this. It is intended that funds over and above this operating reserve should form our 'building fund' to enable us to secure a new site on which to establish a permanent cat rescue centre.

The year ahead

This year has seen the start of a new chapter in our evolution.

The ending of our operations based on a rescue centre brought to a close more than twenty years of pet rescues essentially managed by the volunteer(s) in whose garden(s) these were sited. We continue to acknowledge the contributions of those individuals - the original founder (and now Honorary President) Val Marshall (1997-2001), Pat Roberts (2001-2021), Pam Whitehead (2009-2016) and Louise Pauley (2016-2022) – and we celebrate the huge numbers of pets these people were able to help.

However 2023 saw the beginnings of a new way of working, one that is developing into a team-based approach, so that all the responsibility is not placed solely on one individual. We are still expecting a huge commitment from certain key individuals – perhaps too much at times – and need to address this.

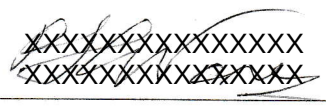
We recognise that to become more sustainable we must change our charitable status to open up the possibility of appointing a part-time manager to co-ordinate our operations and to bid for funds to support this. The year ahead will be committed to bringing about that step change whilst reviewing and improving our new fostering processes.

As this happens, we will need to reinvigorate communications with our supporters, both local and online, and to seek out more committed volunteers and, most essentially, new trustees to take the charity positively into the future.

Section E Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Phillip Ware	Sue Arnott
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date 4th July 2023

Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Charity number 1071200 - England and Wales

Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 January 2023

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023 on pages 8 to 15:

- Responsibilities of the trustees

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Responsibilities of the independent examiner

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document `Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017` (`the Directions`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
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As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such items.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
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To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, I do not accept responsibility to any third parties for my work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

This report has been prepared only for your use as trustees and to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.



J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

30 June 2023

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023 on pages 8 to 15:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

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Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
Lancaster
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30 June 2023

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue to J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023 on pages 8 to 15 :

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2022 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
Continued

The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 to 3, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibilty to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 5.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 5 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

XXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
P Ware	S Arnott	J Hall
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Chairperson	Treasurer	Secretary
30 June 2023	30 June 2023	30 June 2023

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 4		
Donations, grants and miscellaneous fundraising		8,837	13,947
Gift aid		-	7,061
Legacies		12,774	50,000
Animal adoptions		4,900	5,175
Insurance commission		401	193
Interest		775	29
Donated professional services		1,250	950
		28,937	77,355
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 4		
Veterinary		7,354	-
Catteries		448	3,346
Food and litter		1,271	2,641
Miscellaneous fund raising		631	787
Rent		1,120	-
Electricity		165	426
Repairs, renewals and miscellaneous equipment		252	183
Travelling		259	1,521
Telecommunications		142	219
Software and related training		429	299
Postage and stationery		146	37
Accountancy fee (waived)		1,000	750
Independent examiner`s fee (waived)		250	200
Legal fee		663	210
Insurance		567	594
Transaction charges		38	73
Bad debt		100	-
Meetings		-	111
Donations and gifts		1,065	462
Depreciation of equipment	3	4,038	2,494
		19,938	14,353
Unrestricted funds - net surplus		8,999	63,002

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2023
Continued

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	2 and 4		
Brought forward		135,096	72,094
Net surplus		8,999	63,002
Carried forward		144,095	135,096

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2023
Continued

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Restricted funds - income	2 and 5		
Donations and grants		3,000	10,000
Restricted funds - expenditure	2 and 5		
Veterinary		4,775	12,660
Food and litter		423	-
		5,198	12,660
Restricted funds - net deficit		(2,198)	(2,660)
Restricted funds - summary	2 and 5		
Brought forward		2,198	4,858
Net deficit		(2,198)	(2,660)
Carried forward		-	2,198

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Equipment	2 and 3		1,103		4,430
Current assets	2				
Stock		344		364	
Debtors		1,553		58,605	
Prepayments		182		230	
Paypal account		3,033		4,307	
Cash at bank and building society		138,852		69,894	
Cash in hand		202		869	
		144,166		134,269	
Creditors	2				
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors		(1,174)		(1,405)	
Net current assets			142,992		132,864
Total net assets			144,095		137,294
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	4		144,095		135,096
Restricted funds	5		-		2,198
			144,095		137,294

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 8 to 15 .

P Ware	S Arnott	J Hall
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Chairperson	Treasurer	Secretary
30 June 2023	30 June 2023	30 June 2023

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

1 Charity objectives

The charity`s main objectives are:

To relieve the suffering of dogs, cats and other pet animals in Bentham and district which are in need of care and attention, and in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

To offer financial assistance to pensioners who are unable to afford kennel or veterinary costs for their pet animals.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2022.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees` annual report.

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Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2023
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3 Equipment

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	8,897	8,552
Acquisitions	711	345
Disposals	(1,222)	-
Carried forward	8,386	8,897
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	4,467	1,973
Provision	4,038	2,494
Written back on disposals	(1,222)	-
Carried forward	7,283	4,467
Written down value:		
Carried forward	1,103	4,430

4 Unrestricted funds

The charity`s unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity`s objectives.

5 Restricted funds

The charity`s restricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees only in accordance with the restrictions placed on the restricted funds by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

6 Trustees` remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees` remuneration or benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 January 2023.

7 Related party transactions

The charity received from trustees and volunteers the benefit of free use of land on which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to its use of that land.

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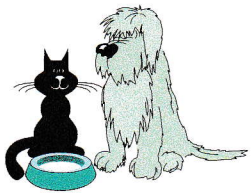
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8 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity`s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

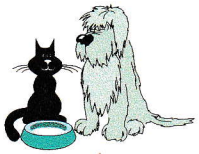
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2022-2023



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 02	Year 2022	Day 31	Month 01	Year 2023
From				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bentham and District Pet Rescue
Other names charity is known by	Bentham Pet Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1071200
Charity's principal address	Far Sunnybank Laithe
	Mewith, High Bentham
	North Yorkshire
	Postcode LA2 7AX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Phillip Ware	Chairman		Appointed by members at AGM
2	Joanne Hall	Secretary		Appointed by members at AGM
3	Sue Arnott	Treasurer		Appointed by members at AGM
4	Pat Roberts			Appointed by members at AGM
5	Carolyn Linney (Ellis)			Appointed by members at AGM
6	Kath Threlkeld			Appointed by members at AGM
7				
8	Val Marshall	Honorary President	Ceased to act as trustee on 16 March 2020 but retained honorary position	

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	J S Andrews & Co	22 Dalesview Close, Clapham, North Yorkshire, LA2 8RP

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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(1) To relieve the suffering of cats, dogs and other pet animals in Bentham and district who are in need of care and attention, in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

(2) The relief of pensioners who are unable to afford kennel costs or veterinary bills for their pets.

Section D Report on performance

An introduction

Bentham and District Pet Rescue (the Charity) began in 1998, being run from the garage of the original founder (and now Honorary President) Val Marshall. Since then, three others have committed their time, efforts and back gardens to running a rescue centre from their properties - Pat Roberts, Pam Whitehead and Louise Pauley.

The terms of our constitution narrows our field of operation to the Bentham district but that has proved difficult to define with boundaries being somewhat fluid. Essentially the charity aims to work around Bentham in areas not covered by other cat welfare organisations. This normally extends to the north west Craven district of North Yorkshire plus areas of north Lancashire and south Cumbria, extending as far east as Hellifield and west to Kirkby Lonsdale.

Since its inception, Bentham Pet Rescue has responded to calls from members of the community about lost or abandoned animals, for help to manage colonies of feral and farm cats through a neutering scheme supported by our two local vet practices, and for help in the case of financial hardship, with a particular focus on assistance to pensioners struggling to pay for necessary treatment for their beloved pets. Our hands-on facilities for pet rescue have been restricted to cats, with two centres operating at the start of 2021*, but contacts with other animal rescue charities in the region have enabled us to direct requests for help with other pets.

As always, the Charity has relied on donations from supporters and on volunteers who organise fund-raising events throughout the year and those who give their time to help at the cat sanctuaries. Our volunteers were initially from the Bentham area, but more recently have lived in Burton in Lonsdale, Settle, Hellifield, Paythorne, Clapham, Ingleton, Hornby and Kirkby Lonsdale with trustees from as far afield as Farnhill near Skipton, Newton by Bowland near Clitheroe and Ulverston.

* Our centre in Burton in Lonsdale closed in 2021.

Our activities during the year

This has been a year of significant change for the way we operate.

As we anticipated, in June our dedicated volunteer Louise Pauley stepped down from her role as our main cat re-homer and we closed the rescue centre which operated from her garden. Over the previous 6 years, Louise's work for our charity and her dedication to the many cats she helped was outstanding. Although we paid tribute to Louise at our AGM in September, awarding her the 'Marion Casey Volunteer of the Year Award', we continue to be indebted to Louise for steering the charity towards the more professional and outward-looking organisation it is today.

Louise's departure prompted a re-think of how we operate. Calling on the experience of Inga Voit, a colleague from neighbouring charity Eden Animal Rescue, we considered various other models before settling on a fostering scheme as the most practicable way forward for Bentham & District Pet Rescue.

Unsurprisingly, this required a tremendous amount of planning, preparation, research, administration and sheer hard work, particularly from our trustee Carolyn Linney who drafted much of the paperwork necessary to document each stage of the fostering process. Although we learn all the time and plan to regularly review our procedures, it is a tribute to the work done that we have been asked by two other small rescue charities undergoing similar reorganisation for copies of our documents, and of course we have been glad to share.

With the close of the rescue centre at Newby near Clapham, we needed to find a new home for the small cattery building housing 3 individual pens that was installed in 2019. With no other volunteer offering space to take this, the trustees agreed to offer this to another local charity with similar aims. After inviting expressions of interest from a number of animal rescue charities in the region, we were delighted to offer this to Settle Wildlife Rescue.

This building had been funded through a substantial donation from a local supporter, Ian Macdonald, to whom we had rehomed two cats. It came as a shock to the whole community when, in June, he died in a tragic accident. Not only was that devastating for his friends and family, but we sadly lost a potential business partner for our future development. However, we were privileged to be able to find a wonderful new home for Ian's beloved cats.

The departure from our base in Newby also brought to a head another challenge – storage of all our equipment. We have 5 cat traps, 3 free-standing cat pens, more cat litter trays than we can count, cat beds, blankets, toys and all manner of incidental pet-related items that have been donated by kind supporters. In addition, we needed space to store donated food and stock items such as litter and specialist food. By good fortune, at the end of May 2021 we were able to acquire use of a lock-up unit at Pye Mill in High Bentham for a modest rental. After a good clean-up by a group of volunteers, a splash of paint and the purchase of some sturdy shelving, we now have a convenient store from which to distribute items as and when required.

But whilst some things have changed dramatically, some things have stayed the same.

We continue to treasure our volunteers without whom we could not operate. We still have a wonderful group of people who help at local fund-raising events but we also now have fosterers and a home-check team as well as continued hands-on help from key trustees. We managed only one social event this year – a Christmas lunch – but we have set up a WhatsApp group to help everyone keep in touch with cats - from admission to adoption and all that goes on between!

We still have continued support from our two local veterinary practices: Dalehead Vets at Settle and Westmorland Vets at Kirkby Lonsdale. This year we also worked closely with Carnforth Pet Care whilst we had fosterers based over towards the west of our patch. We are extremely grateful to all three veterinary surgeries for the help they give us.

With the demands on trustee time due to the changed working practices, sadly communication with our supporters has taken a back seat this year. We did not produce our newsletter, *'Pawprint'* in 2022, but we intend to bring it back into production. However our Facebook page has continued to be the main means of contact for many people, alongside our website and both have worked effectively. In addition, the website draws attention to ways people can help the charity such as small-scale fund-raising schemes like Easyfundraising, Paypal Giving Fund, Amazon Smile (*closed in 2023*) and our Amazon Wishlist. We have also benefitted substantially from vouchers for Pets at Home through its *Lifelines* scheme.

Our search for an opportunity to establish a permanent rescue centre has continued although it has not been the main thrust of our efforts this year. However this has brought into focus the need to change our charitable status – potentially to a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation). This will be top of the priority list for 2023.

Our achievements

Having shaken off the restrictions brought about through the Covid 19 pandemic, we gradually moved back to full rehoming services this year.

Despite the closure of our centre in Newby, we have been successful in re-homing a total of 15 cats and 35 kittens during the last 12 months – only one less than the previous year. We currently support 4 cats in permanent foster care - Ruby, Mia, Rose Marie and Lucy – most of whom are elderly cats with medical problems or conditions who are unlikely to be adopted. We also continue to support a colony of (neutered) cats that live on the allotments at Settle, providing food and worm treatment to the cats with the help of local volunteers, Kevin and Andy.

There was inevitably a pause in re-homing as the centre was decommissioned and the last cats found homes before our fostering scheme came on stream. However we took in our first rescue cat in June 2022 and have progressed from there.

We were initially joined by two volunteer fosterers who had previously worked with Bay Cat Rescue, Julie Moore and Tina Harrison. It was invaluable to have the benefit of their experience and we were grateful to both for the care they gave to several cats before leaving us to work on other projects.

Our ability to take in cats and kittens is inevitably dependant on the number of foster places available. By the end of the year we had 4 regular fosterers and a three temporary carers on our list. We expect to recruit more but accept that the number is likely to fluctuate from time to time. We aim to ensure that no fosterer is out of pocket in terms of expenses associated with caring for our cats and try to provide all that is needed in terms of food, litter and equipment. However we know that all our carers go the extra mile to make sure the cats placed in their care have the best conditions from which to recover, recuperate and/or rejuvenate in order to move on to their new homes.

This year our cat traps have been much used.

- Two were loaned to a nearby garden retail business which had several visiting semi-feral cats. Four female and one male cat were subsequently trapped, neutered and released, all with the intention that they will stay on the site and be fed.
- Two stray male cats in Settle with no known owners were caught, neutered and released, again with general oversight of their future care arranged.
- One trap was loaned to a lady whose pet cat had been frightened away from the house and now wouldn't go home; the cat was trapped, taken back and happily reunited with her family.
- Another was lent to a lady who was concerned about a stray cat visiting the site of another garden business. With a great deal of patience, she caught the cat, had him neutered, took him into her home and now has a happily settled feline companion.
- One was loaned to a lady concerned about two kittens on a nearby farm. One was trapped, came into foster care and has since settled in permanently with his fosterer; sadly, the other was never found.
- Two were loaned to a farmer with an expanding cat population; two cats were trapped and neutered, four kittens were collected, fostered and rehomed. Others are an ongoing issue.
- One was loaned to a nearby industrial business with a mum cat and two kittens living on its premises. The cat and one kitten were caught but unfortunately the second kitten was not seen again.
- Five kittens were trapped, fostered and rehomed while the mum cat was neutered and returned to a rural location.

Our approach is always to promote neutering, by funding the whole or part of the cost (in line with our agreed policy). Hopefully in future we will establish a small team of volunteers to develop expertise in the skill of trapping feral cats for neutering and release. A wildlife camera, purchased this year through kind donations, and two alarms will help us to monitor traps remotely.

This year we have had only one request for help with vet bills from a 'pensioner in financial hardship' although we continue to remind our vets that the fund is available if needed. However we agreed to support a man who adopted a cat from us with a known medical condition that reoccurred from time to time. Since treatment for such conditions is not normally covered by insurance, we considered it only fair that the Charity met half of the considerable costs of the cat's treatment when the condition flared up again.

Our trustees

No new trustees were appointed this year. All existing trustees were re-elected at the AGM which had been delayed until 12 September 2022 so as to ensure the annual accounts had been examined. This meeting was held at Bentham Golf Club but with some members attending virtually via Googlemeet.

In fact all 3 trustee meetings this year have been held virtually, in March, August and January. This is the most practical and efficient way to bring together people who live some distance apart for discussion, updates and for decision-making. Fewer meetings have been necessary since our fostering scheme has launched and is now working well.

Despite the continuing (and sometimes heavy) commitment, all trustees gave of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any during the year. Payments made to trustees as reimbursements for direct costs incurred by the Charity have been declared in our annual accounts. As required, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our finances

The planned closure of our last rescue centre has brought about savings in some areas of expenditure, primarily the overheads involved in maintaining and heating a small building and the small remuneration paid to our centre manager. However we now incur the cost of renting our small but essential storage facility.

Unsurprisingly, given we have still managed to take in and rehome a good many cats, the cost of food and litter, veterinary checks and treatment continue to represent our main outgoings. In general, all costs have risen slightly with the exception of insurance which has dropped, essentially as a result of changing companies.

In January 2023 the trustees agreed to raise our 'adoption fee' (re-categorised from our previous 'minimum donation for adoption') to £100 per cat or kitten in line with other local rescue charities. Even without this increase, the amount generated through the rehoming process is only slightly below the total for the previous year.

We have benefited again from a small number of legacies, funeral collections and major donations from charitable trusts focussed on animal welfare which have significantly enhanced the income we are able to raise from local fund-raising events, regular supporters who make monthly donations and other incidental gifts. Our commission from Agria Insurance has increased*, as has the interest earned on our cash deposits.

Our local events were limited to coffee mornings and afternoon teas but nonetheless provided us with good support from the local community if not huge sums of money. Despite raising modest amounts for a lot of hard work, we recognise the value of local events in terms of raising awareness of our work. Indeed, our coffee morning in Hellifield in April 2022 was held specifically to raise money to help animals in Ukraine; from the proceeds we were delighted to send £150 to each of two charities actively helping pets in the war-troubled country – IFAW and PETA.

Sales of Christmas cards were successful once again and we are indebted to Westmorland Vets, Bentham Post Office, Wholesome Bee and the Pet Shop in Settle for selling these on the charity's behalf. We are also grateful to a number of small businesses in the area who host the Charity's collecting cans for small change, and to a local volunteer who devised a quiz that raised a small amount but much appreciated nonetheless.

* *(Free pet insurance for 5 weeks is offered for all cats adopted from us, bringing us a small commission if the policy is maintained.)*

As we noted last year, we were notified of a legacy bequest of £50,000 from a former trustee of our charity, Rosemary Jenkins, formerly of Clapham. The funds were not received until after 31 January 2022 and this was therefore recorded in last year's accounts.

Rosemary was a keen volunteer in the early days of our charity, taking a turn on the rota for cleaning the pens in the cat sanctuary, covering the lunchtime slot on the bric-a-brac stall at Clapham Street Fair, as well as taking on the role of trustee. She adored cats, having many of her own but also helping several strays in the village and letting them use her garage for shelter. Rosemary was much loved by those who remember her.

With this substantial donation to our funds, it was agreed that we should set up a dedicated on-line savings account specifically to hold capital reserves as a 'building fund'. Seeking a convenient and efficient system with an ethical bank led us to add a Community Savings account with the Co-operative Bank to sit alongside our Co-op Community current account. Funds from our (off-line) account at Skipton Building Society were also transferred into this new savings account and the old SBS account closed.

As at 31 January 2023, the Charity holds reserves of £144,095, none of which is restricted. It continues to be our intention that the Charity should hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for two years in case fund-raising efforts should fail. Our estimate is that £25k per annum should be set aside for this. It is intended that funds over and above this operating reserve should form our 'building fund' to enable us to secure a new site on which to establish a permanent cat rescue centre.

The year ahead

This year has seen the start of a new chapter in our evolution.

The ending of our operations based on a rescue centre brought to a close more than twenty years of pet rescues essentially managed by the volunteer(s) in whose garden(s) these were sited. We continue to acknowledge the contributions of those individuals - the original founder (and now Honorary President) Val Marshall (1997-2001), Pat Roberts (2001-2021), Pam Whitehead (2009-2016) and Louise Pauley (2016-2022) – and we celebrate the huge numbers of pets these people were able to help.

However 2023 saw the beginnings of a new way of working, one that is developing into a team-based approach, so that all the responsibility is not placed solely on one individual. We are still expecting a huge commitment from certain key individuals – perhaps too much at times – and need to address this.

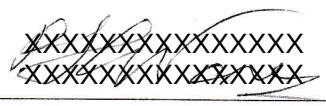
We recognise that to become more sustainable we must change our charitable status to open up the possibility of appointing a part-time manager to co-ordinate our operations and to bid for funds to support this. The year ahead will be committed to bringing about that step change whilst reviewing and improving our new fostering processes.

As this happens, we will need to reinvigorate communications with our supporters, both local and online, and to seek out more committed volunteers and, most essentially, new trustees to take the charity positively into the future.

Section E Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Phillip Ware	Sue Arnott
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

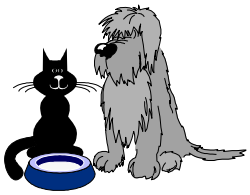
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Charity name

Bentham and District Pet Rescue

Other names charity is known by

Bentham Pet Rescue

Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

Far Sunnybank Laithe

Mewith, High Bentham

North Yorkshire

Postcode
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name
Office (if any)
Dates acted if not for whole year
Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)

1

Phillip Ware
Chairman

Appointed by members at AGM

2

Jill Craig
Secretary
Until 31 March 2021
Appointed at AGM 2020

3

Joanne Hall
Secretary
From AGM on 26 April 2021
Appointed by members at AGM

4

Sue Arnott
Treasurer

Appointed by members at AGM

5

Pat Roberts

From AGM on 26 April 2021
Appointed by members at AGM

6

Kath Threlkeld

From 1 February 2021
Co-opted by trustees; later appointed by members at AGM

7

Carolyn Ellis

From AGM on 26 April 2021
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Section D Report on performance

An introduction

Ever since its origins in 1998, Bentham and District Pet Rescue (the Charity) has essentially been run as a 'back yard' operation, relying in turn on the goodwill of the original founder (and now Honorary President) Val Marshall (1997-2001), Pat Roberts (2001-2021), Pam Whitehead (2009-2016) and Louise Pauley (2016-2022) to host small rescue centres from their respective gardens. Although the description 'back yard' might suggest a rather ad hoc outfit, in fact the commitment of these volunteers and their helpers has ensured that the charity has continued to serve the communities surrounding the town of High Bentham and their pets for well over 20 years now and in an increasingly professional way.

Our net is cast over a wide area, being broadly the north west Craven district of North Yorkshire plus areas of north Lancashire and south Cumbria, extending as far east as Hellifield and west to Kirkby Lonsdale. Whilst most of our volunteers were initially from the Bentham area, our main volunteer base has extended to include people in Burton in Lonsdale, Settle, Hellifield, Clapham, Hornby and Kirkby Lonsdale with trustees from as far afield as Farnhill near Skipton, Newton by Bowland near Clitheroe and Ulverston.

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Our activities during the year

In the first half of 2021, we were unable to arrange any of our usual fund-raising activities due to the national restrictions imposed by government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was not until 1 August that we were able to hold our first event – serving afternoon teas to walkers in Langcliffe. Coffee mornings in High Bentham and Hellifield followed and a successful Christmas Fair in Clapham brought the year to a close, this year inviting a number of local pet-related businesses and charities to share the event with us. After the fair, we held a lunch for our volunteers, providing our valued helpers with a chance to meet up socially.

Our centre in Burton in Lonsdale closed its doors at the end of April 2021 when Pat Roberts retired from hands-on cat care. Having devoted over 20 years to the rescue and care of cats in

the area through the operation of the sanctuary in her garden, it was only fitting that the Charity showed its gratitude for her outstanding contribution. A collection for a retirement gift drew donations from volunteers, past and present, and from other supporters aware of her dedication. In August, the Charity organised a special event where afternoon tea was served to all who had gathered to show their appreciation and a small exhibition included photos of many of the hundreds of cats whose lives were made better through Pat's care and her re-homing skills. Unsurprisingly, Pat was presented with our 'Volunteer of the Year Award' for 2021.

Our newsletter, '*Pawprint*', has proved a useful means of communicating with our supporters although other demands on trustee time meant that only one edition was issued this year (in March). More fruitful has been our Facebook presence, operated by our sanctuary manager, Louise Pauley; this has effectively provided a second means of promoting cats needing homes (in addition to our website) and also developed wider support for the work we do.

Whilst our website has continued to promoted indirect fund-raising schemes such as Easyfundraising, Amazon Smile and Amazon Wishlist, ad hoc donations from supporters have provided a much valued source of funds this year.

We held our AGM on 26 April 2021 but this year had to be attended virtually via Zoom. This was unavoidably delayed so as to ensure the annual accounts were available for the scrutiny of members.

Since our new team was formed in April, we have concentrated our efforts on forming a viable plan to continue the services we provide from 2022 onwards. We have known that Pat Roberts would be standing down in April 2021 and that our operation would again be reduced to one centre. When Louise Pauley began her involvement with the Charity in 2016, her commitment was for 5 years and, knowing she would be standing down, we have therefore searched for another person willing to take on the responsibility of a 'back-garden' cat sanctuary – but to no avail. Throughout the summer, with our trustee Carolyn Linney taking the lead, and on the basis of a detailed report provided by experienced volunteer Inga Voit, we began working towards an alternative system based on a fostering model. A tremendous amount of effort has been put into developing the support material and systems to achieve this, and work is ongoing.

Meanwhile, our collective desire to find premises on which to establish a permanent rescue centre is not diminished but unavoidably put on the backburner as the priority has been to ensure we have a means of continuing to help pets once the Newby centre closes in 2022. This has put in train a further project to move the charity towards a more corporate structure so as to ensure a more professional and business-like approach to the future operation we intend.

Our achievements

As with other rescue centres operating under the various restrictions resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic, we have strived to continue our rehoming services whilst ensuring our volunteers are protected and visitors could meet the cats safely.

This has been another busy year and, despite the planned closure of our centre in Burton in Lonsdale, we have re-homed a total of 51 cats during the last 12 months (and one lucky dog!). At times, the facilities in Newby were bursting at the seams with feline mums and kittens, at one point with 34 cats in our care. Nonetheless, the dedication of sanctuary manager Louise Pauley and her amazing team of volunteer helpers meant that all were successfully cared for and eventually rehomed.

We make a commitment to each cat that comes through our doors: if it doesn't settle in its new home, or the new owner cannot keep the cat if circumstances change, then we will take the cat back into our care. This was put to the test this year when we heard of a cat that had moved down to the Cambridge area with its elderly owner. When she died, 12 year old Toffee the cat remained in her home being fed by a neighbour but after many months we were informed the house was to be re-occupied by a new family who did not want the cat. With all local cat rescue centres full and a fast approaching deadline, we arranged for Toffee to be transported back to North Yorkshire. Toffee survived the journey well but, as a very nervous cat, she was not easy to

rehome. However, the perfect new owners came along eventually and Toffee is now settled in a delightfully quiet rural home where she is loved and well cared for.

This year we also helped a stray cat in Low Bentham which was subsequently taken in by the person concerned about his welfare, and we have assisted in neutering 12 farm/feral cats (in line with our new policy).

We have supported two ‘pensioners’ with vet bills for their pets, one an elderly gentleman in Settle whose dog needed surgery and an elderly lady in Low Bentham with a poorly dog needing tests and treatment. We also helped in two other ‘financial hardship’ cases: a cat that was stung by a bee (in Ingleton) and a cat that was attacked by a dog (in Settle).

This is the last year we will be operating from two centres, in Newby near Clapham and in Burton in Lonsdale. Our long-standing volunteer, Pat Roberts, gave notice of her intention to retire from 24/7 cat care and had been gradually winding down the number of cats she has taken in with a view to finishing in April 2021. This put additional pressure on Louise at our other sanctuary and caused us to pay particular attention to repairs and improvements to our facilities in Newby.

On the administrative side we have added to our policy set a statement on stray, farm and feral cats. In fact this was still awaiting final approval at 31 January 2022, with priority being switched to the development of the policies and paperwork necessary to support our new fostering project.

Our trustees

Early in the year our secretary Jill Craig gave notice of her intention to step down at the AGM. Being aware of the need to recruit new trustees to our team, we were pleased to co-opt Kath Threlkeld in February 2021, Kath having a background in the charity fund-raising sector (and a recent adopter of a cat from our Newby rescue centre). Along with Kath, at the AGM the membership also voted in new trustee Carolyn Linney, who has valuable experience in the veterinary nursing profession, and Pat Roberts who was able to stand as a trustee after over 20 years’ service to the charity as its main sanctuary manager.

Although Covid restrictions began to ease throughout this year, we continued to hold trustee meetings virtually via Zoom. It was not until October that we managed to hold a face to face meeting in Clapham Village Hall, albeit with a virtual element for trustees unable to be physically present. Since then we have sometimes chosen to hold meetings wholly virtually or, if a physical meeting place has been chosen, we have provided an opportunity to join online (lately via GoogleMeet). Given the distance some trustees need to travel to an in-person meeting, we are aware of the need to strike a balance between maintaining good working relationships whilst also operating in the most accessible and economical way.

In total 19 meetings were held during the year, many more than had been held in the previous 12 months. Since we have recognised the need to make significant changes to the way we operate as a charity, we held separate meetings to discuss day to day operational matters, thereby enabling other meetings to focus on forward planning.

Despite this huge increase in time commitment, all trustees gave of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees during the year (with the exception of reimbursements paid to Pat Roberts during the winding up of the sanctuary on her premises before, and very shortly after, her appointment as a trustee at the AGM). All payments made to trustees as reimbursements for costs incurred by the Charity have been declared in our annual accounts. As required, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our finances

Despite the closure of one of our centres, we have still had a significant number of cats passing through our care. Consequently our regular expenses continued as usual. Cat food and litter, veterinary checks and treatment, together with our sanctuary running costs and insurances,

continue to represent our main outgoings. Our vet bills have risen but we have been able to cover this thanks to a small number of major donations specifically for this purpose, whilst also carrying forward a sum towards next year's costs. Surprisingly our food and litter costs have dropped slightly, any increased charges being offset by having to support slightly fewer cats, and also thanks to the generous support of the local community in donating food at the supermarkets in Settle and Kirkby Lonsdale, and online support through our Amazon Wishlist.

Even with slightly fewer numbers, our income from adoptions has risen, in part due to having raised the level of expected donation to £65 per animal at the end of the previous year. Also, our commission from Agria Insurance has increased. (Free pet insurance for a limited period is offered for all cats adopted from us, bringing us a small commission if the policy is maintained.)

By changing companies, we were able to revise our overall insurance policy to obtain a slightly reduced premium whilst adding trustee liability to our cover. With an eye to the future, we have adopted a new animal re-homing management system using 'Anilog' software although we are still in the process of assessing its cost-effectiveness for our level of usage.

Ongoing repairs to our Newby centre were expected but not so the damage caused by storm Arwen which resulted in emergency actions to keep the building watertight and the cats safe.

Although income from local events began again this year, the money raised was modest, apart from our Christmas Fair which was reasonably successful. This year we updated our Christmas cards and added bespoke tea towels to the range of Charity merchandise. Although such events can be hard work for volunteers, sometimes for limited return, we recognise the value of having a local presence at which members of the public become aware of the work we do and can choose to support us in many ways, not just financially.

With the help of a volunteer experienced in sourcing grants from various charitable funds and foundations, were received generous donations from two trusts which focus on animal welfare. These were specifically for vet bills, pet food and for neutering so these sums are separately identified in our accounts.

We were grateful for an unsolicited but significant donations from a charitable foundation in addition to funeral collections and donations from individuals – large and small. We continue to have monthly support from several individuals through our 'Sponsor a Pen' scheme and others make regular contributions, including through our Paypal account.
[Although funds were not received until after 31 January 2022, we were notified of a legacy bequest of £50,000 from a former trustee of our charity; this has been included in this year's accounts but further details will be available in the Annual Report for 2022-2023.]

Difficulties with converting the Charity's Nat West current account to an online one led to the setting up of a new account with Co-op bank, trustees being keen to seek a more ethical service as well as a more convenient and efficient one.

As at 31 January 2022, the Charity holds reserves of £137,294 of which £135,096 is unrestricted. It continues to be our intention that the Charity should hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for two years in case fund-raising efforts should fail. Since we will be switching to a new way of working, our estimate is that £25k per annum should be set aside for this. It is intended that funds over and above this operating reserve should form our 'building fund' to enable us to secure a new site on which to establish a permanent cat rescue centre.

The year ahead

2022 will see the closure of our remaining rescue centre but we are determined this will not be the end of our rescue and rehoming services. We have already recruited one foster-carer who is trialling our new system, but it is too soon to offer any assessment of its likely success. What is certain is that the Charity will maintain its presence within our local community, will continue to provide a hardship fund for pets in need (and their owners) and will maintain a service even if that is initially at a lower level than in previous years.

Meanwhile we aim to engage with our supporters and volunteers to maintain their support for our long-term aims, to continue with local fund-raising and to seek out additional trustees to help expand our team for the future.

Section E Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Phillip Ware	Sue Arnott
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
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Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2022 on pages 7 to 13:

- Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document `Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017` (`the Directions`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

JSAndrews

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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15 July 2022

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2022 on pages 7 to 13:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

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Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 and 2.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the basis of the independent examiner`s report on page 2, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner`s statement on page 2, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

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Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
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Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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15 July 2022

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue to J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2022 on pages 7 to 13

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 and 2.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the basis of the the independent examiner`s report on page 2, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner`s statement on page 2, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibilty to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 4.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 4 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

P Ware	S Arnott	J Hall
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Chairperson	Treasurer	Secretary
15 July 2022	15 July 2022	15 July 2022

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 4		
Donations, grants and miscellaneous fundraising		13,947	15,902
Gift aid		7,061	-
Legacy		50,000	-
Animal adoptions		5,175	3,895
Insurance commission		193	64
Interest		29	141
Donated professional services		950	850
		77,355	20,852
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 4		
Veterinary		-	2,442
Catteries		3,346	2,568
Food and litter		2,641	2,436
Miscellaneous fund raising		787	391
Electricity		426	329
Repairs and renewals		183	344
Travelling and transport		1,521	649
Telecommunications		219	625
Software and related training		299	-
Postage and stationery		37	58
Accountancy fee (waived)		750	675
Independent examiner`s fee (waived)		200	175
Legal fee		210	399
Insurance		594	799
Transaction charges		73	107
Conference fee		-	225
Meetings		111	-
Donations and gifts		462	75
Depreciation of equipment	3	2,494	1,344
		14,353	13,641
Unrestricted funds - net surplus		63,002	7,211
Unrestricted funds - summary	2 and 4		
Brought forward		72,094	64,883
Net surplus		63,002	7,211
Carried forward		135,096	72,094

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Restricted funds - income	2 and 5		
Donations and grants		10,000	13,630
Restricted funds - expenditure	2 and 5		
Veterinary		12,660	8,172
Food and litter		-	600
		12,660	8,772
Restricted funds - net (deficit) surplus		(2,660)	4,858
Restricted funds - summary	2 and 5		
Brought forward		4,858	-
Net (deficit) surplus		(2,660)	4,858
Carried forward		2,198	4,858

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Balance Sheet at 31 January 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Equipment	2 and 3		4,430		6,579
Current assets	2				
Stock		364		-	
Debtors and prepayments		58,835		524	
Paypal account		4,307		5,289	
Building society accounts		57,822		57,792	
Bank accounts		12,072		7,300	
Cash		869		316	
		134,269		71,221	
Creditors	2				
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors and accruals		(1,405)		(848)	
Net current assets			132,864		70,373
Total net assets			137,294		76,952
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	2 and 4		135,096		72,094
Restricted funds	2 and 5		2,198		4,858
			137,294		76,952

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 13 .

P Ware
Trustee
Chairperson

15 July 2022

S Arnott
Trustee
Treasurer

15 July 2022

J Hall
Trustee
Secretary

15 July 2022

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

1 Charity`s main objectives

The charity`s main objectives are:

To relieve the suffering of dogs, cats and other pet animals in Bentham and district which are in need of care and attention, and in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

To offer financial assistance to pensioners who are unable to afford kennel or veterinary costs for their pet animals.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2011.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees` annual report.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

Restricted funds expenditure is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the restricted funds expenditure on a straight line basis against the restricted funds income at the earliest time the restricted funds income becomes available.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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3 Equipment

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	8,552	6,972
Acquisitions	345	1,580
Carried forward	8,897	8,552
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	1,973	629
Provision	2,494	1,344
Carried forward	4,467	1,973
Written down value:		
Carried forward	4,430	6,579

4 Unrestricted funds

The charity`s unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity`s objectives.

5 Restricted funds

The charity`s restricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees only in accordance with the restrictions placed thereon by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

6 Trustees` remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees` remuneration and benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 January 2022.

7 Related party transactions

The charity received from trustees and volunteers the benefit of free use of land on which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a reliable monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to its use of that land.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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8 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity`s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

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Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

JSAndrews

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

15 July 2022

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2022 on pages 7 to 13:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 and 2.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the basis of the independent examiner`s report on page 2, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner`s statement on page 2, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

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Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
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Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
Lancaster
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

15 July 2022

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue to J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2022 on pages 7 to 13

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner`s report on pages 1 and 2.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the basis of the the independent examiner`s report on page 2, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner`s statement on page 2, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibilty to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 4.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 4 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

P Ware	S Arnott	J Hall
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Chairperson	Treasurer	Secretary
15 July 2022	15 July 2022	15 July 2022

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 4		
Donations, grants and miscellaneous fundraising		13,947	15,902
Gift aid		7,061	-
Legacy		50,000	-
Animal adoptions		5,175	3,895
Insurance commission		193	64
Interest		29	141
Donated professional services		950	850
		77,355	20,852
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 4		
Veterinary		-	2,442
Catteries		3,346	2,568
Food and litter		2,641	2,436
Miscellaneous fund raising		787	391
Electricity		426	329
Repairs and renewals		183	344
Travelling and transport		1,521	649
Telecommunications		219	625
Software and related training		299	-
Postage and stationery		37	58
Accountancy fee (waived)		750	675
Independent examiner`s fee (waived)		200	175
Legal fee		210	399
Insurance		594	799
Transaction charges		73	107
Conference fee		-	225
Meetings		111	-
Donations and gifts		462	75
Depreciation of equipment	3	2,494	1,344
		14,353	13,641
Unrestricted funds - net surplus		63,002	7,211
Unrestricted funds - summary	2 and 4		
Brought forward		72,094	64,883
Net surplus		63,002	7,211
Carried forward		135,096	72,094

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Restricted funds - income	2 and 5		
Donations and grants		10,000	13,630
Restricted funds - expenditure	2 and 5		
Veterinary		12,660	8,172
Food and litter		-	600
		12,660	8,772
Restricted funds - net (deficit) surplus		(2,660)	4,858
Restricted funds - summary	2 and 5		
Brought forward		4,858	-
Net (deficit) surplus		(2,660)	4,858
Carried forward		2,198	4,858

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Equipment	2 and 3		4,430		6,579
Current assets	2				
Stock		364		-	
Debtors and prepayments		58,835		524	
Paypal account		4,307		5,289	
Building society accounts		57,822		57,792	
Bank accounts		12,072		7,300	
Cash		869		316	
		134,269		71,221	
Creditors	2				
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors and accruals		(1,405)		(848)	
Net current assets			132,864		70,373
Total net assets			137,294		76,952
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	2 and 4		135,096		72,094
Restricted funds	2 and 5		2,198		4,858
			137,294		76,952

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 13 .

P Ware
Trustee
Chairperson

15 July 2022

S Arnott
Trustee
Treasurer

15 July 2022

J Hall
Trustee
Secretary

15 July 2022

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022

1 Charity`s main objectives

The charity`s main objectives are:

To relieve the suffering of dogs, cats and other pet animals in Bentham and district which are in need of care and attention, and in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

To offer financial assistance to pensioners who are unable to afford kennel or veterinary costs for their pet animals.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2011.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees` annual report.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

Restricted funds expenditure is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the restricted funds expenditure on a straight line basis against the restricted funds income at the earliest time the restricted funds income becomes available.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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3 Equipment

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	8,552	6,972
Acquisitions	345	1,580
Carried forward	8,897	8,552
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	1,973	629
Provision	2,494	1,344
Carried forward	4,467	1,973
Written down value:		
Carried forward	4,430	6,579

4 Unrestricted funds

The charity`s unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity`s objectives.

5 Restricted funds

The charity`s restricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees only in accordance with the restrictions placed thereon by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

6 Trustees` remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees` remuneration and benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 January 2022.

7 Related party transactions

The charity received from trustees and volunteers the benefit of free use of land on which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a reliable monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to its use of that land.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2022
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8 Going concern

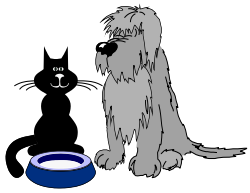
The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity`s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1071200

Accounts

Bentham and District Pet Rescue



Registered Charity No.1071200

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2020-2021



Registered Charity No.1071200

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 02	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 01	Year 2021
From				To			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bentham and District Pet Rescue
Other names charity is known by	Bentham Pet Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1071200
Charity's principal address	Far Sunnybank Laithe
	Mewith, High Bentham
	North Yorkshire
Postcode	LA2 7AX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rob Bullock	Chairman	To 26 October 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
2	Sue Arnott	Secretary / Treasurer	Change of office: 16 March 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
3	Jill Craig	Secretary	From 16 March 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
4	Sally Dewhirst	Treasurer	To 16 March 2020	
5	Val Marshall	Honorary President	Ceased to act as trustee on 16 March 2020 but retained honorary position	
6	June Parrington		To 16 March 2020	
7	Kristen Bullock		To 22 June 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
8	Elaine Sargeson		To 26 October 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
9	Phillip Ware	Interim Chairman	From 16 March 2020; office held from 30 November 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
10	Joanne Hall		From 16 March 2020	Appointed by members at AGM
11	Martyn Radcliffe		From 22 June 2020 to 30 November 2020	Co-opted by trustees

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	J S Andrews & Co	22 Dalesview Close, Clapham, North Yorkshire, LA2 8RP

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 6 July 1998 updated at AGM 16 March 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election by Members at Annual General Meeting / Co-option by members of the Executive Committee

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objects are:

(1) To relieve the suffering of cats, dogs and other pet animals in Bentham and district who are in need of care and attention, in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

(2) The relief of pensioners who are unable to afford kennel costs or veterinary bills for their pets.

Section D Report on performance

An introduction

Bentham and District Pet Rescue (the Charity) was founded in 1997 by Val Marshall. Our work extends throughout the north west Craven district of North Yorkshire and touches areas of north Lancashire and south Cumbria, extending as far east as Hellifield and west to Kirkby Lonsdale. Whilst most of our volunteers were initially from the Bentham area, our main volunteer base now includes people in Burton in Lonsdale, Settle, Skipton, Hellifield, Clapham and Bentham, Hornby and Kirkby Lonsdale.

Like other animal rescue organisations in the surrounding districts, Bentham Pet Rescue has relied on volunteers for helping at its two cat sanctuaries in the Bentham area, for responding to calls from members of the community about lost or abandoned animals and for helping to manage colonies of feral and farm cats through neutering programmes.

We also operate a support scheme to assist pensioners in need of financial help for veterinary treatment for their pets.

Since its beginnings, the Charity has always relied on donations from supporters and on volunteers who run fund-raising events throughout the year, the operation of the organisation being totally dependent on the money raised.

Our activities during the year

Along with so many charities, the national restrictions imposed by government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic this year have had a significant impact on our ability to raise funds through our usual activities. We held just one coffee morning in Hellifield in February before abandoning our plans for more during the year. Even our ability to sell Christmas cards was affected since we rely heavily on local events for the opportunity to make sales.

Not only has this affected our ability to fund-raise in this way, but it has meant that so many of our volunteers have been unable to meet up to share ideas and our social events, particularly around Christmas time, were sadly missed. However, we took the opportunity to revive our newsletter, '*Pawprint'*, which was circulated just before Christmas.

Despite our limited expertise in the communications field, we have nevertheless developed our presence on Facebook through the efforts of our sanctuary manager, Louise Pauley, who kept followers in touch with cats in our care, lost and found pets in the area and organised fund-raising efforts (such as 'Coins for Kitties' and a 'Doggie Raffle'. Also, through our website, we have promoted indirect fund-raising schemes such as Easyfundraising, Amazon Smile and Amazon Wishlist and are in the process of setting up a Just-Giving page.

We held our AGM on 16 March 2020 at the New Inn in Clapham, just before the first national lockdown. At this event we awarded our 'Volunteer of the Year Award' posthumously to Peter Marshall who sadly died in 2019. Peter was formerly treasurer of the Charity although he was best known as the creator of the Bentham Pet Rescue Annual Quiz. This sheet sold for £1 but sold in the hundreds and, for 21 years, provided a reliable source of income. The award was presented to his widow, our founder Val Marshall, as a mark of our appreciation for all Peter's work for the Charity.

Our achievements

The Covid-19 restrictions led to us intermittently pausing our rescue activities and then re-commencing, operating within government guidelines to ensuring our volunteers were kept safe. Even with these limitations, we have re-homed a total of 60 during the last 12 months.

This is the last year we will be operating from two centres, in Newby near Clapham and in Burton in Lonsdale. Our long-standing volunteer, Pat Roberts, gave notice of her intention to retire from 24/7 cat care and has been gradually winding down the number of cats she has taken in at Burton in Lonsdale with a view to finishing in April 2021. This has put additional pressure on Louise at our other sanctuary but has caused us to pay particular attention to repairs and improvements to our facilities in Newby.

We have also helped two stray cats to be taken in by two local people who contacted us, concerned about their welfare, and we have assisted in neutering 6 farm/feral cats.

We have supported 5 'pensioners' with vet bills for their pets.

On the administrative side we have taken steps to set out our policies and practices on a number of matters. These have included:

- a policy and practice statement on **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus** (FIV); this addresses our approach to the testing of cats that come into our care whilst maintaining our fundamental principle that we will never put to sleep a healthy cat.
- A policy and practice statement in relation to **Adoption** of cats that come into our care, together with a formal adoption enquiry form to enable us to match cats with suitable prospective homes.
- A policy and practice statement in relation to **Fostering**, setting out the particular circumstances in which we will consider settling a cat in a foster home, either as a temporary or permanent solution.
- A policy and practice statement to set out our approach to the second of our charitable aims – the **support we can offer to 'pensioners'** in certain circumstances to help with the cost of veterinary treatment or temporary accommodation for a pet.

We anticipate that other policy statements will be agreed during the forthcoming year.

Our trustees

The inability to meet in person has affected our trustee meetings and limited the working of our team. At the AGM on the 16 March 2020, we welcomed three new trustees (Joanne Hall, Jill Craig and Phillip Ware) as we said goodbye to three long-standing and much valued trustees: June Parrington, Sally Dewhirst and Val Marshall. Later in the year we saw more changes in our management with three other trustees standing down, all of whom had given service to the Charity for

many years as volunteers and as trustees: Kristen Bullock, Rob Bullock and Elaine Sargeson. Whilst we were delighted to welcome on board a new trustee, Martyn Radcliffe, to provide new focus to our external communications, ill-health and personal circumstances caused Martyn to stand down at the end of the year.

In total 9 meetings were held during the year, 7 of those held virtually via Zoom.

All trustees gave of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees during the year. Payments made to trustees as reimbursements for costs incurred by the Charity have been declared.

Public benefit

As required, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our finances

Despite the lockdown, our work carried on throughout the year so that our regular expenses continued as usual. The cats still needed food and litter and (once veterinary practices re-opened) medical checks and treatment. Together with our sanctuary running costs and insurances, these represent our main outgoings. Whilst food and litter costs have risen, vet bills are slightly lower, mostly due to the period in early spring during which routine appointments (such as for neutering and vaccinations) were not possible.

Whilst income from local events saw a catastrophic decrease this year, our finances were saved through the efforts of a new volunteer with expertise in sourcing grants from various charitable funds and foundations. Her applications led to grants from 7 different sources, many for substantial sums and most provided for specific purposes (in particular for vet bills, pet food and for neutering). During this global pandemic and its economic consequences, these grants have been a lifeline for our charity.

We also benefited from two unsolicited major donations from charitable foundations in addition to funeral collections and donations from individuals – large and small. We continue to have monthly support from several individuals through our 'Sponsor a Pen' scheme and others make regular contributions, including through our Paypal account.

This year we re-evaluated the suggested donation invited when cats are adopted from us and fixed this at £65. By making clear our policy, negotiating free insurance through Agria for all adopted cats and updating our paperwork, we have improved the process from an administrative viewpoint so that despite the effects of the national restrictions, our income from adoption donations has remained stable.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the physical transfer of the Charity's accounts to the new treasurer was delayed several months due to the prohibition on meeting indoors and it was not until September that the switch was made.

During the year, we took a decision to cease the operation of a scheme that had operated in the past whereby some volunteers' pets' veterinary treatment was processed through the Charity's account and a donation was made to cover the cost. It had been thought this had ended some years ago but in any event the trustees were concerned about the lack of transparency and stopped the practice.

At the start of this year, our pet food and litter orders were being paid for by one of our trustees with a personal credit card and the relevant sums were then reimbursed. We had long recognised that this was an unsatisfactory situation and this year finally managed to switch to payments made direct from the Charity's funds.

Financial policy

The Charity aims to hold sufficient reserves to cover operating costs for two years in case fund-raising efforts should fail.

The year ahead

This year we began a process that we hoped would enable us to work towards a transition from a 'back-yard' organisation to a purpose built rescue centre. There is no doubt that our ability to work together on this has been hampered by the Covid-19 restrictions, and we have had many virtual discussions around our strategy for the future. At the end of this financial year, this is still on ongoing challenge that we have not yet resolved but are firmly committed to. We recognise that our first priority at this time is to recruit new trustees with relevant expertise to take us forward on that journey and to re-kindle our base of active volunteers and supporters.

These are challenging times but we have survived the last year intact, having maintained our rescue work and now can look ahead to the next year from a reasonably stable financial position.

Section E Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*Phillip Ware*	*Sue Arnott*
Full name(s)	Phillip Ware	Sue Arnott
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date	26/04/21

Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Charity number 1071200 - England and Wales

Independent Examiner`s Report to the Trustees and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

- Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

Your responsibilities as trustees include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document `Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017` (`the Directions`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

My responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
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Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

JS Andrews

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20 April 2021

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

Your responsibilities as trustees include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities as trustees and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities as trustees and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information. The independent examiner`s report is on pages 1 and 2.

Our work on your behalf to assist you with your responsibilities as trustees is based on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete.

Our work on your behalf to assist you with your responsibilities as trustees is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

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Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

JS Andrews & Co

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20 April 2021

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue to J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

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We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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To assist us with our responsibilities as trustees, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities as trustees, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf to assist us with our responsibilities as trustees.

The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete.

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Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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We acknowledge that your work on our behalf to assist us with our responsibilities as trustees is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibilty to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for your report on pages 3 and 4.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and your report on pages 3 and 4 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

P Ware
Trustee and chairperson

20 April 2021

S Arnott
Trustee and treasurer

20 April 2021

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	1 and 3		
Donations and grants			
Animal adoptions		3,895	3,005
Veterinary		2,228	2,671
Cat pens		765	870
Gift aid		-	2,091
Miscellaneous		12,352	5,328
Coffee mornings		45	2,904
Quizzes and raffles		48	1,636
Calendars and cards		391	1,294
Miscellaneous sales		73	149
Donated professional services		850	500
Insurance commission		64	52
Interest		141	451
Transfer from restricted funds		-	3,500
		20,852	24,451
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	1 and 3		
Veterinary		2,442	14,941
Housing		2,568	2,074
Food and litter		2,436	2,850
Miscellaneous fund raising		391	1,031
Electricity		329	226
Repairs, renewals and miscellaneous equipment		344	179
Travelling		649	802
Telecommunications		625	625
Postage and stationery		58	67
Accountancy fee (waived)		675	500
Independent examiner`s fee (waived)		175	-
Legal fee		399	-
Insurance		799	823
Transaction charges		107	-
Conference fee		225	-
Meetings		-	119
Donations		-	250
Gifts		75	89
Depreciation of equipment		1,344	629
		13,641	25,205
Unrestricted funds - net surplus (deficit)		7,211	(754)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2021
Continued

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	3		
Brought forward		64,883	65,637
Net surplus (deficit)		7,211	(754)
Carried forward		72,094	64,883
Restricted funds - income	1 and 4		
Donations and grants		13,630	3,500
Restricted funds - expenditure	1 and 4		
Veterinary		8,172	-
Food and litter		600	-
Transfer to unrestricted funds		-	3,500
		8,772	3,500
Restricted funds - net surplus		4,858	-
Restricted funds - summary	4		
Brought forward		-	-
Net surplus		4,858	-
Carried forward		4,858	-

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Equipment	1 and 2		6,579		6,343
Current assets	1				
Debtors		514		421	
Prepayments		10		29	
Paypal account		5,289		-	
Building society account		57,792		55,195	
Bank account		7,300		3,737	
Cash		316		1 146	
		71,221		60,528	
Creditors	1				
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors		721		1,923	
Accruals		127		65	
		848		1,988	
Net current assets			70,373		58,540
Total net assets			76,952		64,883
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	3		72,094		64,883
Restricted funds	4		4,858		-
			76,952		64,883

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 12:

P Ware
Trustee and chairperson

20 April 2021

S Arnott
Trustee and treasurer

20 April 2021

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2011.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees` annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Continued

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021
Continued

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

2 Equipment

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	6,972	-
Acquisitions	1,580	6,972
Carried forward	8,552	6,972
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	629	-
Provision	1,344	629
Carried forward	1,973	629
Written down value:		
Carried forward	6,579	6,343

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021
Continued

3 Unrestricted funds

The charity`s unrestricted funds are available for application by the trustees at their discretion to further any of the charity`s objectives.

The charity`s main objectives are:

To relieve the suffering of dogs, cats and other pet animals in Bentham and district which are in need of care and attention and in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

To offer financial assistance to pensioners who are unable to afford kennel or veterinary costs for their pets.

4 Restricted funds

The charity`s restricted funds are available for application by the trustees in accordance with the restrictions placed thereon by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

The restrictions are that the restricted funds must be used to defray veterinary and food costs related to the charity`s main objectives.

5 Trustees` remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees` remuneration, benefits or expenses arising from employments or offices with the charity during the year ended 31 January 2021.

6 Related party transactions

The charity received from volunteers the benefit of free use of land upon which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a reliable monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to the use of that land.

7 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity`s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Charity number 1071200 - England and Wales

Independent Examiner`s Report to the Trustees and Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

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Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

- Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (`the Regulations`).

The Charities Act 2011 (`the Act`).

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 (`the SORP`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

Your responsibilities as trustees include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees` annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document `Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017` (`the Directions`).

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

My responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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Independent Examiner`s Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
Continued

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner`s report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner`s report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner`s statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees` reponsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

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20 April 2021

Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants to the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

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Your responsibilities as trustees include, but are not limited to:

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We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete.

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Accountants` Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
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To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

JS Andrews & Co

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20 April 2021

Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue to J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

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The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete.

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Declaration from the Trustees of Bentham & District Pet Rescue
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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We acknowledge that your work on our behalf to assist us with our responsibilities as trustees is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

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Signed on behalf of the trustees:

P Ware
Trustee and chairperson

20 April 2021

S Arnott
Trustee and treasurer

20 April 2021

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

	Note	2021	2020
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Food and litter		600	-
Transfer to unrestricted funds		-	3,500
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Restricted funds - net surplus		4,858	-
Restricted funds - summary	4		
Brought forward		-	-
Net surplus		4,858	-
Carried forward		4,858	-

Bentham & District Pet Rescue

Balance Sheet at 31 January 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Equipment	1 and 2		6,579		6,343
Current assets	1				
Debtors		514		421	
Prepayments		10		29	
Paypal account		5,289		-	
Building society account		57,792		55,195	
Bank account		7,300		3,737	
Cash		316		1 146	
		71,221		60,528	
Creditors	1				
Amounts falling due within one year:					
Creditors		721		1,923	
Accruals		127		65	
		848		1,988	
Net current assets			70,373		58,540
Total net assets			76,952		64,883
Capital and reserves					
Unrestricted funds	3		72,094		64,883
Restricted funds	4		4,858		-
			76,952		64,883

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 12:

P Ware
Trustee and chairperson

20 April 2021

S Arnott
Trustee and treasurer

20 April 2021

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

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The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

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It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees` annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Continued

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 January 2021
Continued

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

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The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

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Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

2 Equipment

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	6,972	-
Acquisitions	1,580	6,972
Carried forward	8,552	6,972
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	629	-
Provision	1,344	629
Carried forward	1,973	629
Written down value:		
Carried forward	6,579	6,343

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3 Unrestricted funds

The charity`s unrestricted funds are available for application by the trustees at their discretion to further any of the charity`s objectives.

The charity`s main objectives are:

To relieve the suffering of dogs, cats and other pet animals in Bentham and district which are in need of care and attention and in particular by facilitating the care and re-homing of such animals.

To offer financial assistance to pensioners who are unable to afford kennel or veterinary costs for their pets.

4 Restricted funds

The charity`s restricted funds are available for application by the trustees in accordance with the restrictions placed thereon by the benefactors of the donations and grants which form the restricted funds.

The restrictions are that the restricted funds must be used to defray veterinary and food costs related to the charity`s main objectives.

5 Trustees` remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees` remuneration, benefits or expenses arising from employments or offices with the charity during the year ended 31 January 2021.

6 Related party transactions

The charity received from volunteers the benefit of free use of land upon which to conduct its activities. It has not been practicable to place a reliable monetary value on the economic benefits to the charity relating to the use of that land.

7 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity`s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.