



North West English Springer Spaniel Rescue (NWESSR)
Registered Charity 1076924
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NWESSR Annual Report for the Charity Commission 2021

Charity Progress:

During 2021, the charity continued to work to continue to improve its procedures in response to the challenges posed by Covid-19 and the challenges of rehoming dogs. Over this period NWESSR continued to implement robust surrender and rehoming processes. Much of the trustees' time in 2021 was taken up making arrangements for the rehabilitation of dogs that came in with more complex behavioural needs and responding to pre and post lockdown trends in surrenders and applications as, after lockdown ended, there were many more dogs being surrendered and a notable decrease in adoption applications. While many in-person fundraising events had to be cancelled (namely the Annual fun day scheduled for July 2021), thanks to the support of the public and NWESSR members and supporters, the charity continues to fulfil its charitable purpose of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming English Springer Spaniels. NWESSR is listed in the Kennel Club breed specific rescue directory. While the March 2021 AGM could not be held in person NWESSR devised a paper-based system, which allowed members to participate in the governance of the charity, by facilitating voting either by post or electronically. Members received extensive packs which included annual reports and voted on approval of the minutes of the last AGM, approval of the previous year's accounts and changes to the constitution, either via postal ballot or online.

Trustee positions - Resignations and new appointments:

In March 2021 Julie Hesmondhalgh and Carol Gray were co opted as trustees. Both bring with them a wealth of relevant experience. Julie joins as Raffle Co Ordinator and has experience in charitable fundraising and Carol is NWESSR consultant vet, helping us to maintain high standards of animal welfare.

Volunteers - Resignations and new appointments:





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Andrea Goodall: NWESSR would like to thank Andrea Goodall who stepped down as fundraising Co Ordinator.

Audre Mahoney: A big thank you to Audre Mahoney who stepped down as fun day co-ordinator but who continues to volunteer with microchipping.

Rehoming of Dogs:

In 2021 NWESSR rehomed 52 dogs. The homing Team were also able to offer advice or training support, in order to keep dogs in their own homes. Some dogs have been fostered on NWESSR's long-term foster scheme (meaning NWESSR will cover veterinary bills for existing chronic conditions, or because the dog is over 10yrs of age). A small number of dogs had to remain in kennels as they were undergoing veterinary and/or rehabilitation over this period. Rosie Littlewood continues to do an excellent job in her role 'Homing Officer (Vetting)' alongside Marie Fox 'Homing Officer (Surrenders)' fully supported by Homing Officers Assistants Julie Carr and Sue Maughan.

Kennels:

During 2021 NWESSR continued to predominantly use two boarding kennels in the Manchester area for dogs that required more specialist rehabilitation. Both kennels have good sized exercise areas where dogs can run. They are conveniently located for trustees and volunteer dog walkers to visit dogs in kennels, to check their progress and ensure that welfare standards are being maintained. Any dogs that could be fostered were placed in appropriate foster homes, to increase their wellbeing and to keep kennelling costs as low as possible over this period.

Financial position:

Throughout 2021 Kristine Pemberton, the NWESSR Treasurer was assisted in her role by Gillian Kirk, as Assistant Treasurer. Under very difficult circumstances, the charity has managed to remain relatively financially stable, with a total annual income of £52,390 with total expenditure of £59,237 resulting in an overall loss of £6,847. This was primarily due to a 37% reduction in donations compared to 2020, as a result of significantly reduced fund-raising activities during the year, because of the ongoing impact of the pandemic.





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Costs continue to be closely managed and overall there has been a slight decrease in costs between 2020 and 2021. We remain indebted to the large bequest from 2016, along with other bequests and donations (both regular and one-off), which have ensured the financial stability of the charity. Adoption fees and initiatives, such as 'sponsor a springer', along with volunteer led fund-raising activities, such as the sale of cards and calendars and raffles continue to play a role in maintaining the financial health of the charity. While trustees are committed to controlling expenditure, the most significant costs incurred continued to be fees for rehabilitation and the associated kennelling costs. Veterinary treatment also accounted for quite a large proportion of expenditure. This spending is of direct benefit to the dogs and in line with the charity's aims, with administration costs kept at an absolute minimum. Other expenses continue to be relatively low and the financial records are in good order, as confirmed by the independent reviewer.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):

In common with other charities, throughout 2021, NWESSR continued to take the necessary steps to ensure the safeguarding of data and respect for privacy of our volunteers, adopters, members and supporters.

Events:

As aforementioned many of NWESSR's annual events including fun day 2021 had to be cancelled in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. We were however able to have a stand at Crufts, thanks to The Kennel Club and a stand at The Cheshire Show. The 2021 AGM was conducted as a distanced paper-based exercise where our members and supporters were sent full packs detailing updates or reports on all agenda items. Members were sent voting papers in advance so that they could fully participate by either voting via post or online.



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ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

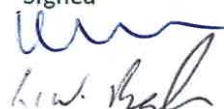
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources			
Donations and Gifts	2	35,188	47,653
Other income	3	<u>17,202</u>	<u>15,637</u>
Total incoming resources		52,390	63,290
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	53,616	57,565
Fundraising and Publicity	5	3,776	1,527
Management and Administration	6	<u>1,845</u>	<u>1,721</u>
Total Resources Expended		59,237	60,813
Income from Fundraising (net)			
RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		-6,847	2,477
Net movement in funds during the period		-6,847	2,477
Balance brought forward at 1 January		170,124	167,647
Balance carried forward at 31 December		163,277	170,124

There are no recognised gains or losses in either of the above financial years

All the funds accumulated are classified as u 20154
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	2021 £	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	165,613	168,709
Debtors (Gift Aid)	<u>2,151</u>	<u>1,415</u>
	167,764	170,124
Less liabilities	<u>4,488</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>163,276</u>	<u>170,124</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
FUNDS:		
Unrestricted	<u>163,276</u>	<u>170,124</u>

Approved and signed by

Signed

Lindsay Beeston

Kristine Pemberton, Treasurer

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Lindsay Beeston, FCCA, Independent Reviewer

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COMPARATORS 2021-2020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and on a receipts and payments basis.

	2021	2020
2. DONATIONS AND GIFTS	£	£ £
Donations, Gifts & legacies	23,445	37,349
Sponsor a Springer	6,452	6,776
Gift Aid	5,291	3,528
	<u>35,188</u>	<u>47,653</u>
3. OTHER INCOME		
Adoption Fees	9,746	7,070
Surrender Fees	321	100
Raffles and Tombola	2,046	2,129
Insurance Commission	1,120	937
Sundry Income inc Bank Interest	4	1,469
Income from Fundraising (net)	1,283	1,171
Funday (net)		
Membership	1,630	961
Supporters	176	190
Calendars and Cards (net)	248	1,248
Collection Boxes	630	361
Newsletter		
	<u>17,202</u>	<u>15,637</u>
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Veterinary Fees	17,848	11,565
Kennels	20,154	31,392
Training	15,614	14,608
	<u>53,616</u>	<u>57,565</u>
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY		
Newsletter Expenses	3,776	1,527
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6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Telephone and Postage	72	48
Insurance	1,140	1,079
Motor Expenses	30	
Room Hire		
Bank/Internet Charges	603	595
	<u>1,845</u>	<u>1,721</u>
Net surplus (deficit)	-6,846	2,477

There are no wages costs as all services to the charity are carried out on a voluntary basis.

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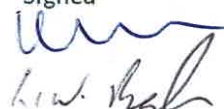
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