

GREAT DANE ADOPTION SOCIETY AND TRUST FUND

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2024**

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CHARITY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Patron:	Guy Liebenburg Msc BVSc MRCVs
Trustees:	David Wall (Chairman) David Wheatley Catherine Louise Ludgrove
Other Officials:	Joy Ledingham (Charity Manager) Adelle Tudor (Website Manager) Joy Ledingham (Membership Secretary)
Bankers:	NatWest Bank 16 The Boulevard Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1GL CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
Charity Number:	1091717
Independent examiner:	Mrs Nicola Lenton FCCA Dexter and Sharpe Chartered Certified Accountants The Old Vicarage Church Close Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 6NA

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Objectives of the Charity

The charity was formed to relieve the suffering and distress of dogs, in particular the breed known as Great Danes, who are in need of attention by reason of homelessness, by the provision of temporary shelter, veterinary treatment and by finding permanent homes for such dogs.

Great Dane Adoption Society and Trust Fund is a registered charity (No 1091717).

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Financial Position and Reserves

The Charity relies mainly on the revenue from our busy Charity Shop, rental income from a small house owned by the Charity and donations from our supporters.

Figures for 2023-2024:		£
	Total receipts	74,291
	Total payments	(81,602)
	Decrease in cash funds	(7,311)
	Total Reserves	55,321

The trustees consider that the reserves are adequate to continue the charity's current level of activity.

Risk Management

The trustees have undertaken a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems to mitigate those risks have been considered and are adequate.

Trustees

The three Trustees remain the same and still take an active part in the running of GDAS.

Appointment of Professionals

We are grateful to have the support and knowledge of our accountants on a daily basis.

Review

Over the last year we have seen significant changes in our charity shop. There has been up to a 50% decline in donations through the door, due to a much larger and more corporate charity opening a shop next door to us in what is an already struggling market town. Along with this we are finding that the increase in shop lifting on a daily basis and with no support from the police, this has become impossible to manage despite the use of CCTV.

With all of this in mind and after weeks of deliberation it has been decided to give our landlady the required 3 months notice to close the charity shop.

This will be a sad occasion since the shop has supported the good work of GDAS for over 16 years.

On a happier and more positive note, we have been delighted to continue with our grant scheme this year making a huge difference to some smaller and often forgotten canine causes. We will aim to continue with this and help to change the lives of those most in need.

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Volunteers

The Charity shop is run by two part time Shop managers and our part time Charity Manager along with a group of volunteers.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each year, selecting an appropriate consistent basis for preparation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Requirement for Audit

There is no requirement in the constitution for the accounts to be audited. The Charities Act 2011 obliges the Trustees to have the financial statements independently examined. A copy of the examiner's report is attached to the accounts.

The report was approved by the trustees on 24 April 2025 and signed on their behalf.

David Wall (CHAIRMAN)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GREAT DANE ADOPTION SOCIETY AND TRUST FUND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MRS NICOLA LENTON FCCA
Independent Examiner
Dexter & Sharpe
Chartered Certified Accountants
The Old Vicarage
Church Close
Boston
Lincolnshire
PE21 6NA

25 April 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants, Donations and Offerings:				
Sponsorship	-	-	-	75
Donations	-	1,783	1,783	7,856
Gift aid	-	989	989	863
Legacies	-	-	-	450
Fundraising Activities:				
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Other Income:				
Sale of goods	-	-	-	533
Charity shop	-	53,934	53,934	47,260
Membership fees	-	3,755	3,755	3,449
Rent received	-	12,651	12,651	12,638
Petplan commissions	-	1,156	1,156	2,232
Bank interest	-	23	23	14
Total Receipts:	-	74,291	74,291	75,370
PAYMENTS				
Direct Charitable Expenditure:				
Salaries	-	22,671	22,671	22,000
Pension	-	286	286	286
Grants for Rescue and adoption costs	-	23,800	23,800	12,836
Purchases for charity shop	-	-	-	224
Postage and printing	-	669	669	1,205
Motor expenses	-	4,624	4,624	5,483
Insurance	-	1,169	1,169	1,093
Water rates	-	466	466	934
Rent and rates	-	14,965	14,965	14,665
Light and heat	-	2,187	2,187	1,102
Repairs and renewals	-	1,670	1,670	1,382
Telephone and communication	-	605	605	545
Governance Costs:				
Legal and professional fees	-	5,033	5,033	4,936
Bank charges	-	319	319	314
Accountancy	-	880	880	823
Other Expenditure:				
Sundry	-	373	373	147
Rental property expenses	-	1,629	1,629	402
Capital Expenditure:				
Equipment	-	256	256	-
Total Payments:	-	81,602	81,602	68,377
<u>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>	-	(7,311)	(7,311)	6,993
Cash Funds Brought Forward	-	62,632	62,632	55,639
Cash Funds Carried Forward	-	55,321	55,321	62,632

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash Funds		
Natwest Current Account	39,847	59,274
CAF Membership Account	14,037	2,880
PayPal Account	68	5
Cash in hand	774	-
	<hr/> 54,726	<hr/> 62,159
VAT Receivable/(Payable)	595	473
	<hr/> 55,321	<hr/> 62,632
Total cash funds		
Other Assets and Liabilities		
Assets Retained for the Charities Own Use		
Motor Vehicles	1,330	1,774
Furniture and Equipment	742	735
Property	113,858	114,665
	<hr/> 115,930	<hr/> 117,174
Other Debtors		
VAT	595	473
Anglian Water	79	50
PAYE Debtor	588	588
	<hr/> 1,262	<hr/> 1,111
Liabilities		
Trade Creditors	573	1,110
Accountancy	940	870
Professional Fees	233	-
	<hr/> 1,746	<hr/> 1,980

Approved for and on behalf of the charity on 24 April 2025 by:

David Wall (CHAIRMAN)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements on the Receipts and Payments Basis and are compliant with the Charities Act 2011.

Assets retained for the Charities own use

Depreciation has only been calculated to the extent that the value included within the Statement of Assets will more accurately reflect their underlying value. The rates used are as follows:

Kennel Site	- 25% reducing balance
Motor Vehicle	- 25% reducing balance
Equipment	- 25% reducing balance