

THE FRIENDS OF THE STRAYS OF GREECE

England & Wales · Charity number 1094238

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-10-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF BEING STRAY, INJURED, NEGLECTED OR UNWANTED AND TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO AND SUFFERING OF ANIMALS

Activities: Fund the welfare of stray dogs & cats in Greece by helping to provide them with food, shelter & veterinary care. Some animals are found homes in the UK.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE UNITED KINGDOM AND GREECE
- Greece
- Devon
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£159,209	£132,174	-	-
2024-03-31	£186,030	£152,409	-	-
2023-03-31	£164,935	£139,611	-	-
2022-03-31	£185,399	£143,745	-	-
2021-03-31	£154,499	£127,200	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LINDA MARY PURDEN	Chair	
BARBARA ANSDELL		
MARK LAWRENCE PURDEN		
MR CHRIS ANSDELL		
Sheena Milne		2022-04-12
Wendy Cable		2025-11-04

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Friends of the Strays of Greece
Chairman's Report
1 April 2024-31 March 2025

I would like to remind everyone of our Mission Statement which is to 'Help provide, food, shelter and veterinary care to stray and unwanted cats and dogs in Greece'. However, we are also committed to finding homes for the lucky few.

The ongoing cost of living crisis has, of course, reflected on the charity as illustrated in the figures. The areas of increased expenses are all to be expected ie cost of postage and telephone and, obviously, we expected donations to decrease. Having said that, the donations held up well as the 13% decrease reported, was partly a result of bequests received the previous year. So all in all, it was a very good result. The area which has definitely suffered is in respect of regular standing orders as many supporters cancelled the payments and this is an ongoing issue.

We are very active in respect of fundraising and, unlike many charities who rely solely on donations, we have a loyal following of supporters. The basis of this success is mainly as a result of homing as we always stay in touch with adopters. I am pleased to say that I have homed dogs to the grandchildren of those who adopted in the early days of the charity. These people attend our events when geographically possible but the online events are accessible to all. I have been told by many people that actual events are now 'old fashioned' but they work for us and we shall continue to do so until proven otherwise. One of the most popular online fundraising events is the Christmas raffle which offers prizes worth £1000 and this is donated annually by one of our best supporters who is extremely generous.

We only work with one shelter in respect of homing and, as a result of Brexit, I secured legal paperwork with the Municipality of Kalamata. The shelter is the largest we support but the paperwork and logistics involved in transporting dogs is quite complex and, at many times, stressful. However, it is very satisfying to give the dogs a chance of a wonderful life and, in so doing, make many individuals and families extremely happy. The downside is that that it is quite an expensive process as we fund multiple blood tests to ensure that the dogs are as healthy as possible, pay for overland transport from Athens to the UK and pay Customs fees from France and import duty from France to the UK (plus VAT). To facilitate this, we also employ the services of a Customs agent. Despite the challenges, we homed 40 dogs in this period. I can foresee the coming year will be even more difficult as so many proposed adopters are very concerned about the increase in veterinary costs which is, of course, very relevant and out of our control.

The assistance of Sheena who is a Trustee and a very experienced veterinary surgeon, has been invaluable in handling the many requests we receive from groups and individuals in Greece who are in urgent need of funding for veterinary treatment, food and, sometimes, repairs and building work. She and I communicate on a weekly basis to discuss the applications and then make donations as agreed. We are keen to support TNR projects (trap,neuter and release) which are usually in respect of cats as it is the only option to reduce the number of kittens being born into a miserable and short existence.

We have supported several groups in Athens and the Kalamata area as well as Aegina, Corfu, Kavala, Patras, Poros, Skopelos, Kozani, Tinos and Thassos. Many of these receive a regular, monthly donation.

Over the next two years, I would like to attract additional new Trustees to secure the future of the charity as we need to ensure that we cover a wide range of skills, particularly in technology. I know this won't be easy as many younger people are restricted on the time they can offer as a result of work and family pressures.

Thank you to our Trustees, volunteers and supporters for their invaluable support and dedication.

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Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ending 31st. March.

Receipts	2025	2024
New Members	Nil	Nil
Membership Renewals	3,515.10	3,795.10
Donations inc' of standing orders	79,354.25	91,592.03
Homing Donations	21,450.00	35,805.00
Fundraising Events	32,868.86	29,678.25
Gift Aid & Miscellaneous	18,878.58	23,881.26
Interest Received (Lloyds Save A/C)	1,336.06	1,261.75
Interest (Cambridge Bank bond)	1,789.89	N/A
Give as you live Ltd	16.36	16.34
Total Net Receipts	<u>159,209.10</u>	<u>186,029.73</u>

The Trustees
The Friends of the Strays of Greece
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10 November 2025

Dear Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of the Strays of Greece (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Charity's accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Registered Charity Number: 1064238.

This charity has performed well during the most recent accounting year, with increased total net receipts being a little over 12.75% higher than for 2022 / 23 year end. As ever, thanks to all who through consistent and diligent hard work, have contributed to and helped achieve this result.

The 2024 year end accounting figures break down as follows:

Membership Renewals have trended just a little lower at £3,795.10 compared with £3,977.10 previously. There were no new membership subscriptions this year.

Combined capital and regular monthly donations amounted to £91,592.03, representing slightly over 7% lift on the 2023 year end. Homing donations have been comfortably higher, ending the year with a total sum of £35,805. This compares favourably with £22,086 previously.

Solid and hard fought for work by supporters on behalf of the charity, in respect of fundraising events, resulted in an achieved total of £29,678.25, representing a healthy uplift on £28,017.94 last year.

The claim for Gift Aid amounted to £14,779.28. The previous year, the figure was £18,368.53 and although on face value, that was a little over 18% less, donations upon which gift aid is claimable are made only through those donations we know qualify. Increasingly, with the internet banking vehicles available, donations do not

necessarily come to the charity directly from the standing order system source. Therefore, this results in a percentage revenue stream upon which we are unable to establish gift aid qualification. Further, during this accounting year, the charity was very fortunate to be chosen to benefit from an increase in bequest donations; thank you. Happily, as previously stated, donations staged an increase over last year and the above serves to explain the composition of revenue streams, vary each year.

Advertising costs have been significantly lower this year. The cost of dog transportation on the other hand, was considerably higher: the year-end total being £29,121.93 against £18,031.42 last year. The charity van, formerly used for transportation of dogs and cats from Greece to their new homes in the UK, was sold in June 2023 and in part by subsequently referring to an outside transport company, costs are higher. With the advent of Brexit, the rules and regulations of animal transportation from mainland Europe to the UK together with increased fuel costs have all fed into the jump in costs of animal homing. Telephone costs this year have increased by a little under 9% whilst postal expenses have fallen from £443.28 for 2022 /23 to £343.11 this time.

Fundraising expenses are higher this year being, £4,704.93 comparing with the previous accounting year when they amounted to £3,509.54.

UK vet costs proved much lower for this year, total being £96.86 and considerably lower than the £695.36 previously.

By contrast, veterinary and nurse services together with associated medication, conveyed from the UK to Greece together with Greek vet fees saw much increased activity this year. The cost over the term was £43,036.50 up from £25,475.02 the previous year.

Money transfers to Greece to benefit various causes, including animal food and shelters etc, are lower at £73,002.43. Last time the total was £86,586.65.

This accounting years total payments /costs, have increased from the last being, £152,408.94 against £139,610.94. Net receipts ended higher at £33,620.79 whilst for 2022 /23 they were, £25,323.70.

By way of institutional diversification, (not keeping all charity monies in one basket) and taking advantage of the long awaited increase in interest rates for savers, (making a percentage of capital work harder for the charity) during October 2023, a decision was taken to transfer £85,000 from Lloyds Bank into a short term and potentially renewable, cash bond with the Cambridge Bank. The interest return from the latter is higher than Lloyds whilst reducing the exposure to only one bank. Cambridge Bank is a UK authorised bank and as such, validates under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, (FSCS). Note, in the event of a bank failure, the maximum compensation per bank is £85,000 and under such circumstances, any monies held over and above that figure would not be compensated.

Much gratitude to all who continue to devote time, effort and funding to this charity. In turn, the dogs and cats of Greece live improved lives with medication, food and shelter. The really lucky ones travel to the UK and their forever, loving homes! This continued support is vital and so please do, keep the faith.

Chris Ansdell

(Treasurer)

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Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ending 31st. March.

Receipts	2024	2023
New Members	Nil	Nil
Membership Renewals	3,795.10	3,977.10
Donations inc' of standing orders	91,592.03	85,564.02
Homing Donations	35,805.00	22,086.00
Fundraising Events	29,678.25	28,017.94
Gift Aid & Miscellaneous	23,881.26	25,009.70
Interest Received	1,261.75	224.35
Give as you live Ltd	16.34	55.53
Total Net Receipts	<u>186,029.73</u>	<u>164,934.64</u>

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Payments	2024	2023
Advertising	78.02	268.62
Dog Transport	29,121.93	18,031.42
Van & fuel expenses	364.61	2,869.79
Postage & Shipping	343.11	443.28
Telephone	708.19	651.27
Printing / Stationary	376.36	539.99
Fundraising Expenses	4,704.93	3,509.54
UK Vet fees	96.86	695.36
Vets & Drugs etc to Greece	43,036.50	25,475.02
Sundries	576.00	540.00
Money transfers to Greece	73,002.43	86,586.65
Total Payments	<u>152,408.94</u>	<u>139,610.94</u>
Net Receipts / Payments	33,620.79	25,323.70
Cash funds last year end	310,715.56	285,391.86
Cash funds this year end	<u>344,336.35</u>	<u>310,715.56</u>
Comprising of:-		
Current account	139,569.83	192,227.13
Deposit account	119,766.52	118,488.43
Transfer to Cambridge Bank*	<u>85,000.00</u>	<u>N / A</u>
Total cash account	344,336.35	310,715.56

***Transfer made 11/10/23, to reduce capital held with Lloyds & increase interest factor via a Cambridge Bank bond upon elected monies transferred.**

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Notes to the accounts:

There are no other assets and liabilities in the charity other than the cash funds.

Interest on Cambridge Bank bond as above has not been applied within this accounting year.

All funds are restricted to the general purposes of the charity and no additional restrictions have been imposed.

Related Party Transactions: the charity Greek bank account held in the names of Linda and Mark Purden, also being trustees, was formerly used to accept money transfers from the UK Lloyds bank account to Greece and onward transition to the chosen causes. The Greek bank account remains open with a nominal few Euros.

These accounts were approved by  on behalf of the trustees.

Dated 21-10-2024

The Trustees

The Friends of the Strays of Greece
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29 October 2024

Dear Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of the Strays of Greece (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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With consideration to the difficult economic climate we have all been enduring over the period, further exacerbated toward financial year end by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which, in turn, has had further worldwide repercussive upward pressure for the cost of our food, fuel and many other staple products, the charity has been able to turn in a very respectable set of figures. As ever, this is thanks to the people who support the cause, many having done so through thick and thin over the years and continue to do so despite those rising costs all around. Additionally, this has been underpinned by new and very welcome supporters to the charity. On behalf of the Trustees, a big, “thank you “, to all!

The breakdown for the 2022 year end set of results, are as follow.

For the second consecutive year, the charity has attracted no new membership which I believe is down to peoples changing approach as to how they make their decisions when contributing. Similarly over the twenty-four months, membership renewals reveal a downward trend, ending the year at £4,217 compared with £4,710 previously. With effect from the 2022 / 2023 year start for accounting purposes, these two items will be merged.

Combined regular monthly and capital sum donations to March 2021 year end were £110,957 and compare favourably with £83,486 for last time. Additionally, homing donations over the

same time frame saw a healthy increase at, £26,296 and equate with £20,110 previously. Together the figures for these two accounting constituents are £137,254 for 2022 year end and £103,596 previously and this represents a 32% increase year on year.

On a similar percentage trajectory increase, fundraising activity during the most recent year totalled £25,111 against £17,248 for the 2021 year end.

Always a welcome boost to each year's bottom line, isolated from miscellaneous items, Gift Aid to the end of the previous accounting year was £16,788.55 whilst to end March 2022 it came in at £18,711.93. Again, a reflection of the donation increase over the year made by loyal supporters.

It should be noted that the Lloyds bank account originally used for the now defunct charity shop has not as previously advised, taken on a name change and remains open. Carrying the same title, it is now used to collect proceeds of raffles and donations etc over the course of the year before then being subsequently transferred to the main charity account. The Friends of the Strays of Greece shop account was empty of funds by the end of the accounting year and this pattern will remain in place for the foreseeable future and until further notice.

Advertising costs are a little lower than for last year. Bringing dogs to the UK to a much better life and forever homes has seen an increase in expenditure. Dog transportation and associated costs to the 2021 financial year end were £16,730 and this year they have been £23,339. The charity van, inclusive of fuel expenses, over the year, saw a final total cost of £904 which compares favourably with £1,694 last time. Telephone charges are also lower for this current year at £622. Last year they were £720. Postage and shipping costs follow the same trend this year as the two afore mentioned items, being just over £500 lower than the year before.

Fundraising expenses at just over £1,800 to 2022 year end are much the same as for the previous financial year.

Veterinary spend in the UK has fallen from £693 during 2021 to £565 more recently.

As noted on page three of three within, the “summary” pages accompanying this report, the charity has experienced significant difficulties with funds sent from the UK account, for deposit within the equivalent Greek account and subsequently regaining access for forward transition to the causes the charity supports. As a consequence, in order to keep the Greek account open it now holds only a few Euros and the footprint of how money is now sent to Greece has altered by means of utilising the Paypal facility.

In light of the above, funding for Greek vets and nurses along with animal medication and food costs is no longer a fair like for like, year on year comparison because they now form a part of those Paypal transactions.

All monies transferred to Greece to the end of the 2022 year amounted to £112,265 which is an increase of £20,266 from last years £91,998.

Total net receipts after payments, (formerly referred to as net income over expenditure) have staged a remarkable increase at £41,654.15 this year over the £27,299.17 for the same period last time.

Against the odds of events worldwide, negatively impacting on business and individuals alike, rippling to as yet, not fully known or understood financial consequences, it is only due to the dedication and hard work of people supporting this charity, that the most recent financial year has been very positive. As ever, thank you to all who have been involved and please continue to keep the faith.

Chris Ansdell.

(Treasurer)

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New Member	Nil	Nil
Membership Renewals	3,977.10	4,217.10
Donations inc' of standing orders	85,564.02	110,957.64
Homing Donations	22,086.00	26,296.00
Fundraising Events	28,017.94	25,111.70
Gift Aid & Miscellaneous	25,009.70	18,752.91
Interest Received	224.35	11.81
Everyclick Ltd receipts	Nil	15.48
Giveas youlive Ltd	55.53	36.58
Total Net Receipts	<u>164,934.64</u>	<u>185,399.22</u>

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Payments	2023	2022
Advertising	268.62	159.54
Dog Transport	18,031.42	23,339.26
Van & fuel expenses	2,869.79	904.62
Postage & Shipping	443.28	358.14
Telephone	651.27	622.14
Printing / Stationary	539.99	1,970.32
Fundraising Expenses	3,509.54	1,808.58
UK Vet fees	695.36	565.50
Vets & drugs etc to Greece	25,475.02	1,006.96
Sundries	540.00	580.00
Bank charges for money transfers *	Nil	165.00
Money transfers to Greece	86,586.65	112,265.01
Total Payments	<u>139,610.94</u>	<u>143,745.07</u>
Net of Receipts / Payments	25,323.70	41,654.15
Cash funds last year end	285,391.86	243,737.71
Cash funds this year end	<u>310,715.56</u>	<u>285,391.86</u>
Comprising of:-		
Current account	192,227.13	167,183.31
Deposit account	<u>118,488.43</u>	<u>118,208.55</u>
Total cash account	310,715.56	285,391.86

*above reference, "bank charges for money transfers": charges no longer apply above due to the cessation of sending monies to the charity Greek


bank account. The reason being, the Greek bank was making life impossible to smoothly transact monies when instructed and hence, instead, the decision made to forward funds directly via Paypal to each individual chosen destination and this may be referred to and seen on the main Lloyds bank statement.

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Chairman's Report
1 April 2021-31 March 2022

In the mid 1980's I started fundraising to support the Greek strays and the aim then was to help provide food, shelter and veterinary care. I am pleased to say that this became our Mission Statement when the charity was registered in October 2002 and, of course, continues to this day.

We make regular, monthly donations to several groups and individuals located in Kalamata (2 groups), Aegina (2 groups), Kavala (2 groups), Athens (6 groups) and more occasional donations to Agistri, Corfu (2 groups), Kavala (2 groups), Patras and Ermioni. There are additional organisations that we support when they have an emergency.

Most of these funds are spent on food and veterinary care but there have also been occasions whereby we have funded urgent repairs and maintenance for shelters including gates, fencing, solar panels, a solar boiler and the supply of kennels.

Street feeding is a vital part of the welfare programme and volunteers work very hard in this respect. This action often evolves into TNR programmes (trap, neuter and release) which we also fund as it is extremely important to try and stem the never ending flow of unwanted kittens and puppies born on the streets.

In general terms this year was very challenging as we received a record number of requests for help from animal shelters and individuals throughout Greece. Each of these applications must be scrutinised to ensure that funds are spent sensibly and appropriately.

Most of our fundraising was generated through online events and, again, we congratulate Geraldine Mangley for her admin and communication skills which are invaluable. The virtual dog show and raffles for quite exclusive hampers are always popular and made even more viable by the fact that one of our wonderful supporters is extremely generous and donates the prizes. We also find that the annual calendar competition is very much enjoyed by our adopters and then, of course, the sale of the Christmas cards and calendars are very lucrative.

We did manage various actual events including the annual Cream Tea, Autumn Fair and Quiz and it was very good to be able to mix with friends, supporters and colleagues post Covid restrictions. As ever, everyone was extremely enthusiastic and generous.

Last, but by no means least, we did receive some bequests from people kind enough to remember us in their Will.

Bearing in mind the ongoing challenges involved with transporting animals from Greece to the UK, we had a pretty good result of homing 54 dogs in the financial year. The post Brexit paperwork is tedious and complex but the charity has a legal agreement with the Kalamata charity and the Municipality of Kalamata which is authenticated by the Stamp of the Hague so the transport is completely legal. However, the only shelter we can home from is DASH

Kalamata but, bearing in mind that they are the largest, it's a good thing. Additionally, when using a pet transport company, we must pay import duty into the UK and VAT which just adds to the costs involved. I understand that there will also be a charge made by French Customs for export duty from the EU. In short, it is expensive. The adopters just about cover the transport and Customs charges for the dogs and, fortunately, some donate a little extra to help with the preparation costs.

It is good that we have a very loyal base of owners and I often receive applications from other family members.

Our work could not be done without the help of our volunteers, of which there are relatively few. A major problem of modern life is that people are busy, have families, work long hours and have other priorities in their lives. So, I am grateful for all the help we get.

It is important that the charity Trustees are as committed as they can reasonably be. They should be proud of what we achieve. Regrettably, we accepted the resignation of Carolyn Cooper and Catherine Swarbrick but were very pleased to welcome Geraldine Mangle and Sheena Rogers both of whom are extremely valuable members of our small team.

Geraldine has been particularly active in administering our Facebook page and online fundraising events which have all been extremely successful. It is a lot of work but her communication skills and attention to detail have been invaluable.

Sheena is an excellent veterinary surgeon and she has carried out very difficult and challenging work in Greece and also given valuable advice to me when issues arise.

Thank you to Sue Vranck for her ongoing support in whatever way she can and for her expertise in cat welfare and, of course, Chris and Barbara Ansdell for producing our annual accounts.

Altogether, this has been a successful year and we hope it continues even though the road ahead looks decidedly difficult with the onset of war in Ukraine.

I sincerely hope that next year's report will be as positive.

Friends of the Strays of Greece Summary Reg'ed Charity Number 1064238.

Payments	2022	2021
Advertising	159.54	179.18
Dog Transport	23,339.26	16,730.89
Van & fuel expenses	904.62	1,694.55
Postage & Shipping	358.14	865.10
Telephone	622.14	720.29
Printing / Stationary	1,970.32	225.23
Fundraising Expenses	1,808.58	1,873.60
UK Vet fees	565.50	693.53
Vets & drugs etc to Greece	1,006.96	11,605.50
Sundries	580.00	300.00
Bank charges for money transfers	165.00	313.55
Money transfers to Greece	<u>112,265.01</u>	<u>91, 998.83</u>
Total Payments	<u>143,745.07</u>	<u>127,200.25</u>
Net of Receipts /Payments	41,654.15	27,299.17
Cash funds last year end	243,737.71	216,438.54
Cash funds this year end	<u>285,391.86</u>	<u>243,737.71</u>
Comprising of:-		
Current account	167,183.31	102,228.56
Deposit account	118,208.55	118,144.68
Shop / raffle account	<u>N / A</u>	<u>23,364.47</u>
Total cash funds	285,391.86	243,737.71

Notes to the accounts:

There are no other assets and liabilities in the charity other than the cash funds.

All funds are restricted to the general purposes of the charity and no additional restrictions have been imposed.

Related Party Transactions: The charities Greek bank account held in the names of Linda and Mark Purden, who are also trustees, was formerly used to take money transfers from the UK account to Greece and onward transition to the local causes. Due to access difficulties, the Greek account is no longer being actively used for that purpose. The account remains open with a nominal few Euros in the hopes that the situation will be remedied at some future time. All monies to Greece are now being transacted individually and directly to the intended recipients via the Paypal facility.

**These accounts were approved by on behalf of the trustees
on**

The Trustees
The Friends of the Strays of Greece
Clifford Cross Cottage
Drewsteignton
Exeter
Devon EX6 6QD

30th November 2022

Dear Trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of the Strays of Greece (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Charity's accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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THE FRIENDS OF THE STRAYS OF GREECE

England & Wales - Charity number 1094238

Accounts

Friends of the Strays of Greece
Chairman's Report
1 April 2020-31 March 2021

The beginning of the financial year coincided with Covid 19 lockdown and it was evident that the road ahead was going to be a very challenging journey into unknown territory. My main concern was our inability to organise fundraising events and to continue communication with our volunteers and supporters as I clearly understood that personal and family priorities would, of course, be uppermost in everyone's thoughts.

However, I must commend Geraldine Mangley who administers the charity's Facebook page for her commitment to our cause as her efforts produced wonderful results in respect of communication and virtual fundraising. Our supporters responded extremely generously throughout the period and this enabled us to maintain the same level of financial support to the many individuals and shelters in Greece who depended upon us.

Our charity shop had closed in the middle of March 2020 and I had no idea as to whether or not it would re-open. As the weeks passed, it was clear that the manager and the volunteers were anxious about returning as most were older ladies and some had underlying health issues. I appreciated that apart from the lost revenue stream, permanent closure would be regrettable as the shop was a very important part of the lives of many individuals, both volunteers and customers some of whom were lonely and suffered with mental health issues. However, with no realistic options I decided to enter talks with the landlord to discuss the situation as we had signed a new lease from 1 April 2020. The outcome was that he very kindly agreed for us to vacate the premises at the end of August with no penalty whatsoever and this was actioned. The actual dismantling of the shop contents was extremely challenging as few people were prepared to assist because of Covid risks. However, some of the shop volunteers and two of the charity supporters worked very hard to complete the task and I couldn't have done it without them. It was a sad day though when the doors finally closed.

The next major challenge was when the implications of Brexit became evident in January 2021 as I certainly hadn't appreciated the detrimental affect the new regulations would have on our work.

The main issues were in respect of transport between Greece and the UK. We regularly received large donations of dog and cat food from UK companies and we often sent pallets of supplies via a transport company in Dartford. However, the volume of EU inspired paperwork which was both complicated and expensive made it unviable. This was a very regrettable situation for many groups and individuals in Greece who really valued this supply source.

My ability to transport dogs to the UK was very challenging indeed and it took me several months to navigate through the maze of regulations. New paperwork was essential and, in order to obtain this, I had to complete a legal agreement, authorised by the Foreign Office in London, between our charity and the Municipal vet in Greece from whom we had to organise Health Certificates allowing the animals to travel. Each shelter has its own Municipal vet but all but one of the shelters that we support were unable to obtain the certificates because of lack of co-operation from the Municipality.

Our two transport options were to obtain Health Certificates which would allow us to bring dogs into the UK via a DEFRA registered transport company which drove from Greece to the UK or to the dogs to Belgium or France with an escort and then they would only need a pet passport. However, to carry out the latter was impossible during lockdown owing to personal transport restrictions as, of course, the safety of our volunteers had to be the priority. However, despite these challenges, I still managed to welcome 40 dogs to the UK during this financial year which is about 25 percent down on previous years.

In the meantime, we have continued regular financial and moral support to several groups in Athens and others in Aegina, Agistri, Corfu, Kalamata, Kavala, Pyrgos, Corinth, Poros and Kos. Additionally, we have helped others when in crisis. Our largest single donation went to KEPZ Corfu where a young group took over an existing, dilapidated shelter which had to be demolished and rebuilt.

My hopes are very much with young Greek people who are becoming more aware of animal welfare via social media and education so I truly think there is some hope in the future.

I must conclude by thanking our Trustees, supporters, owners and volunteers for their dedication to our cause.

Friends of the Strays of Greece Summary

Registered Charity Number 1064238.

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Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31st. March.

Receipts	2021	2020
New Member	Nil	40.00
Membership Renewals	4,710.1 0	5,315.1 0
Donations inc' of standing orders	83,486. 44	74,757. 11
Homing donations	20,110. 00	14,576. 00
Fundraising Events	17,248. 47	28,357. 42
Gift Aid & Miscellaneous	17,629. 19	16,975. 18
Interest received	30.71	46.55
Everyclick Ltd receipts	15.80	53.96
Reigning cats and dogs	13,602. 36	39,232. 32
Less expenses	- 2,333.6 5	- 25,284. 11
	11,268. 71	13,948. 21
Total Net Receipts	154,499 .42	154,069 .53

**Friends of the Strays of Greece Summary Reg'ed Charity
Number 1064238.**

Payments	2021	2020
Advertising	179.18	355.93
Homing & dog collection	16,730.89	11,663.89
Van & fuel expenses	1,694.55	2,830.40
Postage & Shipping	865.10	2,188.50
Telephone	720.29	805.37
Printing / Stationary	225.23	477.17
Fundraising Expenses	1,873.60	2,474.42
UK vet fees	693.53	1,185.11
Vets & drugs etc to Greece	11,605.50	13,475.94
Sundries	300.00	165.45
Bank charges for money transfers	313.55	307.93
Money transfers to Greece	91,998.83	106,147.91
Total Payments	127,200.25	142,078.02
Net of Receipts/Payments	27,299.17	11,991.51
Cash funds last year end	216,438.54	188,500.20
Cash funds this year end	243,737.71	216,438.54
Comprising of:-		
Current account	102,228.56	86,244.61
Deposit account	118,144	118,098

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Shop/raffle account	23,364.	12,095.
	47	76
Total cash funds	243,737	216,438
	.71	.54

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The Trustees
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Clifford Cross Cottage
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8th October 2021

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