

## **Treasurers Report 2021 /**

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**Friends of the Strays of  
Greece.**

**Registered Charity Number:  
1094238.**

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)



## **Friends of the Strays of Greece Summary**

**Registered Charity Number 1064238.**

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**Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup>. March.**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>New Member</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Membership Renewals</b>	<b>3,977.10</b>	<b>4,217.10</b>
<b>Donations inc' of standing orders</b>	<b>85,564.02</b>	<b>110,957.64</b>
<b>Homing Donations</b>	<b>22,086.00</b>	<b>26,296.00</b>
<b>Fundraising Events</b>	<b>28,017.94</b>	<b>25,111.70</b>
<b>Gift Aid &amp; Miscellaneous</b>	<b>25,009.70</b>	<b>18,752.91</b>
<b>Interest Received</b>	<b>224.35</b>	<b>11.81</b>
<b>Everyclick Ltd receipts</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>15.48</b>
<b>Giveas youlive Ltd</b>	<b>55.53</b>	<b>36.58</b>
<b>Total Net Receipts</b>	<b><u>164,934.64</u></b>	<b><u>185,399.22</u></b>

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

\*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.

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 charity Greek bank account held in the names of Linda and Mark Purden, who are also 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 November 2023

The Trustees

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27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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 2023.

**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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