

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January to 31st December 2024

Charity name: British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association

Charity registration number: 1094417

Principal Address: 73 Frogmore Road, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3AA

Names of the Trustees who managed the charity during this period

As at 1st January 2024

Pat Lewis (Chair)	Anita Skinner	Bernard Coxhead (acting Secretary)
Mary-Kate Ingram	Pat Keith (Treasurer)	Linda Cater
Sharon Coxhead	Shih-Chi Chen	Jo Ginger

As at 31st Dec 2024

Pat Lewis (Chair)	Linda Cater (Vice Chair)	Bernard Coxhead (Treasurer)
Barrie David (Secretary)	Pat Keith	Sharon Coxhead
Anita Skinner	Richard Oakley	Steve Trueman
Vanessa Mason	Shih-Chi Chen	Jo Ginger

Structure, management and governance

Type of governing document: Constitution adopted 2002 revised 22.03.2015.

How the charity is constituted: We are an unincorporated association. Membership of the Association consists only of the members of the British Chihuahua Club.

Trustee selection: Trustees are elected annually by members at the Annual General Meeting. Any casual vacancies are filled by co-option at the discretion of the Trustees. New trustees receive a copy of the constitution along with a trustee policy document which includes guidance on public benefit.

Objectives and activities

The object of the Association as stated in our Constitution is to relieve the suffering and distress of Chihuahua dogs in need of care, attention or rehoming as a result of ill treatment, hardship, neglect or change of circumstances.

When contacted by people with a Chihuahua that requires rehoming, we attempt to find the most suitable new home for it and arrange adoption. Dogs may be fostered with one of our members for as long as necessary prior to this adoption. We pay travel costs to the volunteers who collect and deliver dogs, and a daily amount towards the cost for those fostering. We pay for necessary medical and other treatment for dogs coming into rescue.

This activity is of benefit to members of the public who are no longer able, for whatever reason, to continue to look after their dog(s) and wish to know they will be properly cared for, as well as assuring the welfare of the dogs concerned.

Achievements and performance

Following several turbulent years when the Rescue struggled to attract new Trustees and was at risk of closing, the remaining Trustees successfully recruited more Volunteers from diverse backgrounds. This combined team has reinvigorated the Rescue. The direct impact is that dogs rescued in 2024 was up from 12 in 2023 - with an average of 6 per year in the previous years - to over 200 in 2024. Signs are that this will continue to grow.

The growth is largely due to the Rescue being more widely known and it is a delight to be able to rescue so many more Chihuahuas.

Relinquishments range from the traditional owner ill-health or passing, through to dog behavioural/training issues and increasingly, the economic environment – mainly occasioned through significant increases in vet fees. With over 80% of the Rescue's costs being vet fees, the Rescue is not immune from these increases.

Whilst rehoming is the preferred option, not all dogs rescued are suitable for rehoming owing to long-term veterinary or behavioural requirements and some will be taken into long-term foster. In these cases, the Rescue will continue to provide financial support for the lifetime of the dog.

This growth has caused significant operational challenges and the majority of processes have required changing. Work will continue throughout 2025 and 2026 to improve the use of technology, governance, policies and procedures by adding Trustees with appropriate experience.

Financial review

In 2024, The Rescue had an Income of £65,711 and Expenditure of £62,601, showing a small surplus of £3,110. Cash funds were £250,867 and Investments £239,623.

Expenditure is expected to increase significantly in 2025 and beyond as the Rescue gains visibility and hence rescues more dogs. Largely as a result of interest on existing investments and legacy receipts, the sound financial position of the Rescue serves to buffer many of the challenges during this period of growth and associated restructuring.

During the next few years, more focus will be placed on fundraising to cover rising annual costs, the largest being vet bills. Interest from the Rescue's investments is vital to support this.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this report at a meeting on 22nd October 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees.



Barrie David (Secretary)

23rd October 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1094417

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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.

Signed:

K Gooding

Date:

16/10/2025

Name:

Katy Gooding

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

Gooding Accounts

Holloway House, Epsom Square, White Horse Business Park

Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 0XG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The British Chihuahua Club Rescue Association

1094417

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2024


To

Period end date
31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	21,125	-	-	21,125	5,076
Legacies	36,779	-	-	36,779	-
Investments	7,807	-	-	7,807	2,415
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,711	-	-	65,711	7,491
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,711	-	-	65,711	7,491
A3 Payments					
Veterinary fees	41,413	-	-	41,413	6,905
Postage	268	-	-	268	105
Travelling expenses	10,629	-	-	10,629	1,089
Boarding (Fostering)	5,654	-	-	5,654	412
Operating costs	1,982	-	-	1,982	419
Stationery	503	-	-	503	51
Insurance	449	-	-	449	234
Honorarium	500	-	-	500	500
Sundry Expenses	1,203	-	-	1,203	2,279
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	62,601	-	-	62,601	11,994
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
United Trust bank investment	-	-	-	-	85,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	85,000
Total payments	62,601	-	-	62,601	96,994
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,110	-	-	3,110	- 89,503
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	247,757	-	-	247,757	337,260
Cash funds this year end	250,867	-	-	250,867	247,757

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	1,148	-	-
	Savings account	249,077	-	-
	HSBC Account	430	-	-
	Paypal	212	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	250,867	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CCLA Investment fund	154,623	-	-
	United Trust Bank 2-year fixed bond	85,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-
				-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Patti Lewis 	Patti Lewis Barrie David	22/10/25 22/10/25	