

NORTHERN ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE



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Trustees Annual Report 2024

2024 was a difficult year for us. It was the first full year of running NESSR by the new trustees and without our founder to guide us. It was a steep learning curve on many levels as we dealt with taking dogs in, dealing with applications, rehoming of dogs, and taking over the accounts, all of which were dealt with by Cynthia and Graham with their vast experience. Although the new trustees had been involved with NESSR for the past 18 years or so, we had never been involved with the in-depth running of the rescue and everything that went on in the background.

We took in 27 dogs during 2024, and could have taken that many again, but as ever, a lack of reliable foster homes hampers our efforts. We are not alone in this; a lot of rescues are struggling to find foster carers at this time.

Of the 27 dogs we took into NESSR

- 2 unfortunately had to be put to sleep due to ill health
- 1 went off to train as a police dog with Durham Constabulary
- 1 had to have significant surgery with a vet bill of almost £3000 to cover.

We were very fortunate to have received a legacy donation this year which has helped our finances. As Vet bills continue to be our biggest expenditure with £16350 spent on veterinary care during 2024, we introduced a minimum adoption donation of £300 to help cover the costs. All dogs are chipped, vaccinated, receive flea and worm treatment (where necessary) and neutered (unless there is a medical reason why they can't be).

Finding the right homes for the dogs is always our priority, but we have to be realistic and try to cover the costs we are spending on preparing dogs for rehoming. The adoption donation alone barely covers routine veterinary treatment, and we still need to pay for unexpected illness, operations, day to day care, and feeding, of both short term and permanent foster dogs. We also need to cover the overheads incurred in the normal running of a charity, such as vehicle costs and Public Liability Insurance.

Fundraising continues through online games, raffles, auctions, and selling goods either purchased, made by, or donated to NESSR.

Responsibility for the day-to-day running of NESSR has been divided between the new trustees, allowing the Chair to take a step back and predominantly oversee things. One trustee deals with the rehoming activities and one deals with the finances. We both continue to foster and recruit new fosterers and are in daily contact with each other regarding the running of the charity.

Whilst it has been a tough year in many respects it has also been an enjoyable one seeing the dogs going off to their new homes, and most of the new families keep in touch and update us about the dogs. If this year is anything to go by 2025 will be just as busy, with backyard breeding continuing to be an issue for rescues, and the advent of people going back to office/site work after COVID.

We look forward to helping where we can in 2025.

Signed on behalf of NESSR Trustees


Amanda Pike, Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Northern English Springer Spaniel Rescue

1121569

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	23,053	-	-	23,053	17,894
Legacies	31,003	-	-	31,003	50,825
Receipts from fundraising activities	4,733	-	-	4,733	4,325
Trading receipts	1,846	-	-	1,846	5,238
VAT refund	3,943	-	-	3,943	4,023
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,578	-	-	64,578	82,305
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,578	-	-	64,578	82,305
A3 Payments					
Expenses for fundraising activities	302	-	-	302	9,319
Trading payments	1,435	-	-	1,435	8,400
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	34,437	-	-	34,437	30,002
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	36,174	-	-	36,174	47,721
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,174	-	-	36,174	47,721
Net of receipts/(payments)	28,404	-	-	28,404	34,584
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	151,292	-	-	151,292	116,708
Cash funds this year end	179,696	-	-	179,696	151,292

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	Cash and bank balances	179,696	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	179,696	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

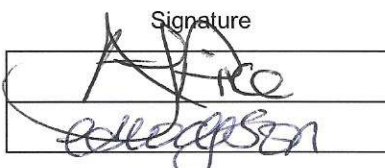
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Buildings		6,500	2,000
	VW Transporter van		22,574	7,800
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 AMANDA PIKE
 CHERYL HODGSON

Date of approval
 29/7/2025
 29/7/25



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Northern English Springer Spaniel Rescue

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1121569

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**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.

Signed:

M Gascoigne

Date:

05/08/2025

Name:

Mary Gascoigne

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

CIPFA

Address:

7 West Lea, Thropton, Morpeth, NE65 7LA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.