HOPE RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1129629

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06833205
Registered	2009-05-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE A PLACE OF SAFETY FOR ANIMALS, IN PARTICULAR DOGS, IN EMERGENCY OR PUT TO SLEEP SITUATIONS IRRESPECTIVE OF BREED OR AGE, TO RELIEVE SUFFERING AMONGST DOGS IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, NEGLECT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR OTHER SIMILAR CASES AND TO AID THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE NEEDS AND PROPER CARE OF ANIMALS AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND SUFFERING.

Activities: Provide a place of safety for animals, in particular dogs, in emergency or put to sleep situations regardless of breed or age. To relieve suffering amongst dogs in need of care and protection, regardless of breed, age or health, and to aid the advancement of education of the public in the proper care of animals and the prevention of cruelty and suffering.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,257,328	£2,441,698	£203,718	52
2024-03-31	£2,023,364	£1,943,885	£389,168	43
2023-03-31	£1,407,340	£1,608,528	£310,994	36
2022-03-31	£1,166,103	£1,152,684	£512,182	35
2021-03-31	£1,143,599	£749,584	£498,763	27

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sarah Lousie Passmore	Chair	2023-04-02
Ann Rowley		2026-05-21
Carl Heard		2024-08-14
Julie Chivell		2024-10-15
Nick Bush		2026-05-21
Thomas James Candy		2023-04-02

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Annual Report 2024-2025

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This is Hope Rescue's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

This report sets out information about Hope Rescue, its aims and objectives, and activities that all make a positive impact in its local communities and beyond.

Trustees report

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, it has been another incredibly challenging 12 months, with continued demand for Hope Rescue services far exceeding the support we can provide together with rising costs for delivering those services.

Whilst we have seen our kennels at capacity and an overall reduction in adoption applications, the team have worked hard to continue to implement the goals highlighted in the 2023-2026 strategic plan. A new three-year strategic partnership and funding from Battersea allowed Hope Rescue to invest in additional resources for the welfare team, and additional support from our rescue partners including Battersea, Blue Cross and Dogs Trust allowed us to continue to support vulnerable dogs despite the capacity issues.

Despite the increased pressures faced, our team continued to offer a high standard of service across all operations and maintained our RSPCA Gold PawPrints award for kenneling.

This was another busy year for our campaigning and advocacy work, the most significant achievement being the announcement of the ban on greyhound racing in Wales in February 2025. Hope Rescue is extremely proud of our advocacy work which we see as vital to highlight the increasing challenges faced by the animal welfare sector. Hope Rescue has continued to play a pivotal role in discussions with key stakeholders and continues to work in partnership with other organisations in our sector who share our values, which has enabled us to reach an audience beyond our gates. Hope Rescue continues to be viewed as an authority on dog welfare issues amongst media contacts, both in Wales and the rest of the UK. At Hope Rescue we continue to prioritise stray dogs, as well as working closely with Animal Licensing Wales and local authorities to close illegal and low welfare breeders.

In line with the 3-year strategic plan, this year



saw some exciting new activities for Hope Rescue, as we launched our new Community Programme (Hope in the Community) and invested in retail development opening two new charity shops. Our supporters and funders have continued to provide incredible support at difficult times, and this has spurred us on to do even more. With our new strategic plan in place, we are in a good position to meet the future needs of vulnerable dogs and their owners in our local communities.

I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, and trustees who have worked so diligently over the last year, against the backdrop of challenges that stretched capacity, financial and emotional resources

Sarah Passmore
Chair of Trustees

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing Hope Rescue's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Hope Rescue exists to improve the welfare of dogs in need and to prevent unnecessary suffering. Our charitable purposes are delivered for the public benefit through the following activities:

- **Rescue and rehoming** - We take in stray, abandoned, and surrendered dogs, providing veterinary care, rehabilitation, and finding them loving homes.
- **Community Support -** We assist owners facing hardship by offering advice and practical help to keep pets and families together where possible.
- **Education and Advocacy -** We promote responsible dog ownership and animal welfare through outreach, campaigns, and partnerships with local authorities and other charities.

These activities benefit the public by reducing the number of stray dogs, improving animal welfare standards, and supporting vulnerable individuals and families. The trustees regularly review the outcomes of these services to ensure they continue to provide measurable public benefit in line with our charitable objectives.

Our Vision

Our vision is a future where all dogs are treated with care, kindness, and respect.

Our Mission

We aim to provide a place of safety for vulnerable dogs, rehabilitating and rehoming them whilst working towards creating lasting change to improve the welfare of all dogs. We will collaborate with partner organisations to provide services to our local communities and support owners to help them keep their pets.

Our Core Values

Hope Rescue is committed to the following values:

Care
We aim to provide our dogs with the highest standards of care ensuring their emotional and physical wellbeing needs are met.

Fairness
We do not discriminate against the dogs we help based on their breed, age or medical condition. No adoptable dog is unnecessarily euthanised due to space or time constraints.

Compassion
We show compassion for both the dogs in our care and the people we deal with, whatever their circumstances for needing our services.

Advocacy
We are committed to creating lasting change for dogs in our care and for dogs we'll never meet.

Integrity
We strive to work in a way that is open, honest, transparent and is accountable to our stakeholders, respecting and valuing our staff, trustees, volunteers, partners and supporters.

Providing high quality care for dogs in need of our help

Our overarching aim is to provide the highest standards of care for our dogs, ensuring their emotional and physical wellbeing needs are met to enable them to find loving homes.

Whilst it has been another incredibly challenging year as we continue to see demand for our services far exceed the support we can provide, we are proud to have hit a significant milestone: caring for over 1,000 dogs in a 12-month period, representing a 42% increase in intake from last year. While this sadly highlights the challenges our sector is facing, we were able to help more dogs thanks to a three-year strategic partnership and funding from Battersea. This support enabled us to invest in additional resources for our welfare team, with a focus on fostering, adoption, supervision, and training. As a result, we reduced the average length of stay for dogs in our care by 40 days, allowing us to support even more dogs overall.

We continued to prioritise stray dogs, holding the stray dog contracts for Rhondda Cynon Taff, Bridgend, and the western side of the Vale of Glamorgan. We also remain committed to taking every unclaimed stray dog from Merthyr, Torfaen, and Blaenau Gwent. This year, we extended our commitment to include all unclaimed stray dogs from Caerphilly - we now assist seven local authorities across South Wales taking in over a third of all the unclaimed stray dogs in Wales.

In addition to our stray dog work, we cared for 91 dogs seized from low-welfare or illegal breeders by Animal Licensing Wales and local authorities. We also supported 333 dogs surrendered by their owners.

Alarmingly, we saw a sharp increase in the number of young dogs entering our care, with 121 puppies under 10 weeks old. These were mostly accidental litters whose owners were unable to care for or sell them, suggesting a decline in neutering and reduced demand for purchasing puppies.

Although adoption interest remains below pre-lockdown levels, we were delighted that investment in our adoption services enabled us to increase direct adoptions by 39%, with 423 dogs finding loving new homes.

We are grateful for the continued support of our incredible rescue partners, including Battersea, Blue Cross, and Dogs Trust, who transferred 360 dogs from our care. These partnerships ensure we have the capacity to help the most vulnerable dogs in our local community.

A key focus of the Battersea grant was to help us provide the highest possible welfare standards. A vital element of this was enhancing training and development for our staff and volunteers. Over the past 12 months, our Education and Training Manager delivered 56 bespoke staff training sessions and 33 one-to-one support sessions for foster carers and adopters.

We also launched and completed the first cycle of our Animal Trainer Professional Development course, which received an excellent satisfaction score of 4.88/5. Formal assessments showed participants' average knowledge scores rose from 58% to 96%, while self-reported confidence levels increased from 2.8/5 to 4.6/5.

We were once again proud to be awarded the RSPCA Gold Pawprints Award for statutory kenneling of stray and seized dogs. We also continue to meet the minimum standard requirements as a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes.

Admissions

- 1,038 dogs helped including:
- 517 strays admitted
- 333 dogs came in from owners
- 91 dogs and puppies seized from illegal and low welfare breeders by local authorities
- 63 puppies were born in our care

Departures

- 1,039 dogs left our care including*:
- 423 adopted
- 360 transferred to our rescue partners
- 148 dogs reunited with their owners

*Our euthanasia rate decreased from 13% to 9%. The most common reason for euthanasia was complex medical issues which were causing suffering to the dog. We continued to see a rise in the number of dogs coming into our care with advanced health conditions which had been left untreated and dogs needing end of life care. We maintain a non-selective intake policy for stray and seized dogs meaning we accept these dogs regardless of their age, breed and behaviour and medical needs. This means we care for a large number of dogs with complex medical and/or behaviour needs.

Case studies



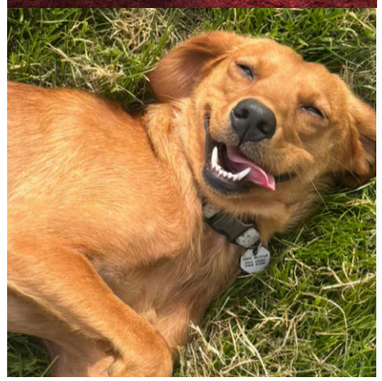


Brooklyn And Her Pups

3-year old Brooklyn arrived in our care with her young puppies. All were suffering from mange with extensive hair loss and sore, itchy skin. Brooklyn and her pups were treated with oral medication and medicated baths.

Although it took a number of weeks, their hair started to grow back and all were looking and feeling much better by the time they were adopted. As you can see from this updated photo from one of their adopters, they are now in great health and living happy lives.





Carrie

In late January we received a late-night call to say that a number of golden retrievers, labradors and cocker spaniels had been abandoned in a lane in Bridgend. Nothing could prepare us for the next few days. In total, 27 dogs were found across three local authorities in similar circumstances and arrived in our care.

All the dogs were young and seemingly had little life experience, being very nervous of people and not wanting to walk on a lead. One of the young dogs, Carrie was also found to be pregnant.

Being a young dog in poor condition, Carrie struggled towards the end of her pregnancy and needed an emergency c section and extensive support from the team in the early days post whelp. Happily, her and her pups made a full recovery and all the dogs went on to find their forever homes.

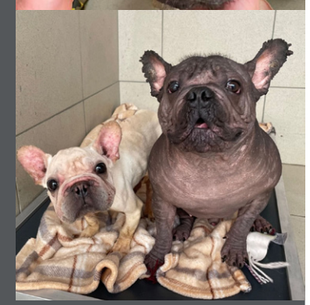
Barney and Fred

French bulldogs Barney and Fred were found on Coity Common in Bridgend in appalling condition. Fred, who appears to have been deliberately bred to be hairless, arrived with itchy and sore skin, and open wounds on his neck and back. He immediately started treatment, including medicated baths, and moved to one of our dedicated foster homes.

Fred will need lifelong medication for his skin and also needed BOAS surgery to improve his ability to breathe normally. He found a wonderful adopter who ensures he is kept comfortable and happy.

Sadly, Barney did not get the same happy ending as Fred. We were extremely concerned about Barney from the moment he came through our door. It was clear he had some severe issues with his conformation (shape and structure), loud crackly breathing, a red and inflamed nose rope, and was underweight and dehydrated. It quickly became obvious that he was unable to keep even a small amount of food and water down and was regularly regurgitating. He began a special diet, feeding regime, and medication but this sadly didn't make a difference.





Barney's BOAS was so severe that he could only eat when elevated and had to sleep with his head up to be able to breathe. Whilst extensive surgery would have been an option to try to improve this, Barney also had issues with his hips, spine, hind legs and elbows.

After discussions with our vet and Barney's foster home, it was agreed that there were no viable treatment options which would give Barney even a reasonable quality of life, and the difficult decision was made to put him to sleep on welfare grounds.

Sadly, Barney is not an isolated case as we continue to see dogs bred deliberately for extreme characteristics purely for profit with rescues left to pick up the pieces and extensive suffering for the dogs involved.

Helping to keep pets and their people together

This year we launched Hope in the Community, a new programme of community support and engagement funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

It was developed in response to the rising number of dog guardians in crisis across South Wales, who felt they were left with no option other than to surrender or abandon their dogs. With our capacity stretched to the limit, we needed other ways to support our communities earlier, before they hit crisis point, empowering guardians and their dogs to stay together where mutually beneficial.

- 1:1 Support for Dog Owners who are struggling
- Community Education
- Community Outreach Events
- Support for Professionals

Our first year of delivering Hope in the Community strongly demonstrated the need, demand, interest and impact of this kind of programme - especially for more disadvantaged people and pets in our communities. Delivering our work across Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and the Vale of Glamorgan has kept us very busy. We've been privileged to meet, work with and learn from some truly inspirational people, partners and dogs throughout this time. Here is a snapshot of what we achieved in our first year.

- 46 events delivered
- 916 people reached
- 548 individuals directly engaged
- Tailored support for 197 dogs
- 56 referrals for 1:1 support
- 59 active partners

Community events

We have delivered events in a wide variety of settings, including food banks, village halls, community hubs, town centres, foodbanks and social enterprise settings. Partnership has been key to the success of these events, working with community-based groups from across the public and third sectors. Partners have included local authorities, social prescribers, mental health charities, parish/town councils, veterinary colleagues and housing associations. This has meant we have been able to support people who may otherwise not come into contact with ethical, free guidance and advice around their dog.



At outreach events, our Community Support Officer offers free, expert, accessible and non-judgmental advice to help dogs and owners stay together and promote responsible dog guardianship. We also provide essential equipment to owners who are struggling. In dog-friendly venues, we run Pet Check Clinics supported by a Mobivet veterinary nurse, where owners can access a free nose-to-tail health check alongside a behavioural consultation. Each owner who attends receives a health check booklet detailing the results of the consultation and an individualised action plan outlining what they need to do next. 97% of our clients felt more knowledgeable and confident in understanding and meeting their dogs need after participating in our community events.







Individual support

Another important aspect of our work has been 1:1 support for dog owners who are struggling. This year we worked with 56 people and 77 dogs, supporting with a wide range of issues from basic welfare issues like teeth cleaning through to deep-seated fear and aggression. Our level of intervention is dependent on the complexity of the issue and the confidence of the client, but our focus is always on empowering owners to implement positive, realistic and sustainable changes that will not only improve their dog's welfare, but their own wellbeing as well. 97% of clients felt our support had helped improve their wellbeing and 91% of dogs supported showed an improvement in welfare based on end-of-case reviews.

Support for Professionals

We have worked with a range of community organisations, stakeholders and influencers to help them develop awareness, attitudes and ways of working that improve welfare and wellbeing for dogs and people. We have also broadened this area of work to include engaging with strategic decision-makers; to help amplify the voices, experiences and insights we gained through work on-the-ground into these strategic spaces.

Case study: Sue and Frodo*

Sue and her dog Frodo were referred to us by a community prescriber service who were supporting her mental wellbeing. Sue was struggling with her young dog, Frodo, who was reported as being 'destructive and out of control'. We met Sue and Frodo to better understand what was happening, and then over the next few months we worked together on a number of different things that felt most important to Sue.

We helped Sue redirect Frodo's natural desire to chew by offering him enrichment like long-lasting dog chews, toys and games - he particularly loved tug! Prior to our meeting he had been eating the furniture to meet this need. By introducing toys and games this quickly helped with destruction in the house, and his mouthing of his humans, which was a great first step to Sue rebuilding her relationship with him.

We supported Sue to develop new walking techniques, so that Frodo is now much happier on his lead and can be walked safely, rather than pulling and feeling overwhelmed by the outside world. We also helped Sue to introduce Frodo to toilet training, to help reduce accidents in the house.

> ***I was nearly at the point of giving up, but with your help I didn't. You've helped my confidence going out with Frodo - something I never thought I would achieve.***

At the end of our time together Sue and Frodo had rebuilt a wonderful, loving bond, and Sue's confidence had grown hugely. In one of our last chats, Sue said that she now felt 'good enough' for her dog - something which at the start she didn't think would be possible. Frodo definitely thinks that she is! (*Names have been changed)

We delivered 11 pieces of work aimed at supporting partners, directly engaging with 154 people. These included:

- Delivering a One Welfare workshop online for multiagency partners, to help develop understanding of how animal welfare, human wellbeing and community prosperity are interconnected, as well as improving understanding of the five welfare needs and dog communication.
- One Health and Prevention presentation to Welsh Government Responsible Dog Ownership and Breeding Summit - and ongoing contribution to this workstream.
- Walk and Talk peer learning day with BAVO Navigators teams in Bridgend.
- Support for Rainbow Pooch Pride to provide educational materials for their website on a range of dog welfare and training issues, to help support LGBTQ+ people around dog ownership and their own wellbeing.
- Presentation and Q&A followed by 2 pop-up events in Bridgend and Porthcawl with the Safer Bridgend Partnership.
- Collaboration with the Purple Sunflower Project to co-design and deliver 3 workshops on Emotional Support Dog Awareness and Welfare for people experiencing issues with mental health in communities across RCT and Bridgend.
- Education and engagement stall at World Animal Day event for multiagency partners and strategic leaders, held in Cardiff Bay.
- Presentation and Q&A with Baobab Bach Pantry volunteers in Bridgend, and with the Food Prosperity Network and VAMT Children and Families Network in Merthyr Tydfil.

Using our voice to create lasting change

We are committed to creating lasting change not only for those dogs lucky enough to come through our doors, but also for those dogs outside our doors in the wider community.

Whilst we don't currently have a dedicated public affairs resource, we're proud of our advocacy and campaign work and continued to play a vital role as a strong national advocate for dog welfare, using our voice to influence policy, challenge poor practice, and raise public awareness of key animal welfare issues. Our advocacy and campaigning activity complemented our frontline rescue work, ensuring that the needs and welfare of dogs remained firmly on the public and political agenda.

As well as media engagement (see below) we also highlighted the root causes to decision-makers and stakeholders through:

- Visits from Senedd Members and MPs
- Membership of the Welsh Cross-Party Group for Animal Welfare
- Member of the Dog Control Coalition
- Member of the Cut The Chase Coalition
- Regular meetings with Welsh Government as a member of the Management Committee for the Animal Welfare Network for Wales
- Attending drop-in sessions at both Westminster and the Senedd on key animal welfare topics

We were pleased to attend a pilot project at Battersea in February to trial a new Innate Health Assessment tool, a 10 point checklist developed by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare (APGAW) to allow breeders, licensing officers and members of the public to visually check the innate health characteristics of any dog, with the aim of reducing the significant welfare issues from dogs being bred with exaggerated physical characteristics.

We continued to attend the Welsh Government multi-agency workshops and annual summit on Responsible Dog Breeding and Ownership in October, aimed at promoting responsible dog ownership and breeding practices in Wales through collaborative working, in addition to an RSPCA roundtable with Senedd Members in March.

Working with RSPCA and Naturewatch Foundation, we were pleased to once again organise the World Animal Day celebration event at the Pierhead building at Cardiff Bay sponsored by Luke Fletcher MS where we highlighted the progress made with animal welfare in Wales and the work still needed, in particular the need for improved breeding legislation, investment in enforcement resources, and addressing the capacity and resource issues stemming from the prolonged legislative process for the sign over of seized dogs.



The highlight of our campaign work - and an historic win for animal welfare - was the announcement in February by the Deputy First Minister that Wales would become the first U.K. nation to ban greyhound racing. We have been a leading force in the campaign and instrumental in bringing about the ban.

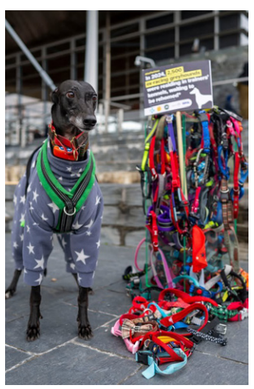
The historic decision will bring an end to the entirely preventable injuries and deaths of the dogs involved in greyhound racing in Wales. In 2018, we initiated the innovative Amazing Greys partnership project at Valley Greyhound Stadium which gathered evidence highlighting significant welfare issues with greyhound racing in Wales. In 2021 the track announced its intention to become a licensed Greyhound Board of Great Britain track greatly intensifying the volume of racing, and in September 2021 we launched our petition to the Senedd Petitions Committee to ban greyhound racing in Wales, with over 35,000 dog lovers signing the petition.

In September 2022, Blue Cross, Dogs Trust and RSPCA undertook internal policy reviews and also came out in support of a ban and joined forces with Hope Rescue and Greyhound Rescue Wales, to form the Cut The Chase Coalition to take forward the campaign with a strong and united voice.

Following the Petitions Committee report, with the majority of the Committee supporting a ban, strong cross-party support in subsequent debates and a public consultation, the Deputy First Minister announced in February that greyhound racing would be banned in Wales, fully protecting greyhounds from harm and the inherent risks of commercial racing. We look forward to working with Welsh Government to take the ban forward.

We hope to see other nations follow the lead of Wales in ending the industry, and as a member of the Unbound the Greyhound coalition, we continue to support calls for a ban on greyhound racing in Scotland and Mark Ruskell MSP's Proposed Prohibition of Greyhound Racing Scotland Bill.





Ensuring we can continue to help pets and people in the future

Fundraising

Our voluntary income from fundraising represents 56% of our overall income, and this year thanks to the generosity of our supporters we raised £1,079,336 (including grant income).

Fundraising in general across the sector continued to be a challenge as household finances are squeezed and grant funders are overwhelmed with applications and changing their position on activities they are willing to support, favouring projects over much-needed core funding.

In order to address these ever-growing challenges, we needed to adapt and pivot our activities with a strong focus on strategy and sustainability. During this financial year we recruited a Head of Income Generation and Marketing to align our income-based activities with our marketing objectives. With the launch of our 20th Anniversary in January 2025 we wanted to make sure that we had an exciting events calendar prepared for the milestone year and kicked off in style hosting our second gala ball hosted by ITV presenter Ruth Dodsworth which raised an impressive **£21k**, this was an increase of **£5k** from the previous year thanks to support from our headline business sponsor Mobivet.



In the previous financial year, we invested in our offer to business partnerships, and we are extremely grateful to these partners for their financial support, volunteering, gifts-in kind and pro-bono activity. These partners include Redberth Gardens, Admiral Law, Edenvale Garden Services, Rockwool, Credit Safe UK, Merthyr Valley Homes, Mobivet, JNP Legal, KK Solutions, BNI Resilience and our dog food sponsor Burns Pet Nutrition.

We're also grateful to our grant funders who provided generous funding towards running costs such as our vet bills and also funded capital projects for the development and improvement of the Rescue Centre. Special thanks go to Pets Foundation for their support in developing our fundraising activities, Battersea as we head into our second year of strategic funding and to National Lottery and Moondance for their support towards our Hope in the Community project.

Further development work as we look forward includes:

- Building a team of community fundraising volunteers
- Investment in sustainable income including developing legacy, individual giving and lottery programmes
- Improving our database CRM system

Retail

Building on the success of our existing retail portfolio, we invested in further retail development to ensure we continue to develop diverse income sources, opening two new shops in Blackwood and Cowbridge.



Our shops not only provide a steady income stream but also allow us to connect with our supporters face to face. We utilised the spaces to also deliver our community work, for example hosting some successful drop-in sessions on how to keep your dog calm during firework season.

With five shops now operating, our retail portfolio brought in a total income of **£461,783.** We are very grateful to both our wonderful charity shop volunteers, and also our volunteer Handmade by Hope team for providing a steady supply of beautifully handcrafted gifts that we sell in our charity shop, at the rescue centre, in our on-line auctions and at our fundraising events.

Whilst our current strategy sets out plans to add another three shops to our portfolio in each of the next two years, we have reviewed the strategy due to the affordability of the new shop set-up costs. We plan to open an additional shop next year, then will be focusing on maximising income in those six shops before expanding the portfolio further. We also developed a new Ecommerce Plan to relaunch our Shopify shop and our Ebay store.

Service delivery

As well as fulfilling a much-needed welfare service, we also derive an income from our stray dog contracts, the boarding of seized dogs for local authorities until they are signed over into our care and adoption fees. Our service delivery income rose significantly this year to **£334,345.** This was due to the increased demand from local authorities for kenneling seized dogs and the rise in the number of stray dogs.

Managing our assets effectively

We continue to improve the facilities at the rescue centre, and thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, completed work on our new reception and refurbished training room. An underspend on the project has enabled us to refurbish the previous reception as additional office space and install solar panels and a battery as we look to develop more sustainable energy solutions for the site.



Using digital technology for good

We had hoped to engage consultants this year to undertake a review of our digital infrastructure but were unable to progress this due to the cost. We did however make some progress, working with our I.T. provider to move the organisation over to Office 365. We also commissioned consultants to review our CRM system, ensuring the data was cleansed and improving the way we use it.

Achieving good practice in governance

How we operate

Hope Rescue is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 2nd March 2009. Charitable status was gained on 14th May 2009. Hope Rescue operates throughout the U.K. although the dogs it helps primarily originate from South Wales. The day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the staff team, supported by a network of volunteers and overseen by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

Our current Board of Trustees comprises four Trustees with a range of specialist skills and experience. Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd. was incorporated during 2017 to serve as a separate trading company to pass all surpluses and support the work of the charity Hope Rescue.

Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026: Building a future of Hope

The Organisational Review in 2022 included a deep delve in to our governance, structure and financial processes, broadly following the WCVA Governance Health Checklist with reference to the Charity Governance Code and Charity Commission guidance. The review highlighted areas for improvement and these recommendations fed into a new three-year Strategic Plan, of which we are now in the second year.

Our Operational Plan is developed for each year, setting out the activities we will undertake to achieve our strategic goals and objectives, together with success measures and outcomes. The plan is reviewed at Board quarterly to track progress.



Building a robust and resilient organisation

We continue to implement the recommendations from the Organisational Review in 2022 in order to develop an organisation that is agile, responsive and fit for the future, although progress has been significantly constrained due to lack of financial resources.

There were a number of internal changes to create a new Senior Leadership Team:

- Transformation Manager moved into the role of CEO
- Operations Manager moved into the role of Head of Operations
- Finance Manager moved into the role of Head of Finance and Support Services

We were fortunate to receive further funding from Battersea to recruit a new Volunteer Manager who started in March 2025, and from the National Lottery Community Fund for a Community Support Officer who started in May 2024. We also invested in marketing support with a new Digital Engagement Officer role.

We are extremely grateful to our fabulous volunteer team who provide support across all areas of the charity including fostering, fundraising, retail and at the rescue centre and we look forward to developing our volunteer programme next year with the new volunteering post in place.









Being known and recognised for what we do and our impact

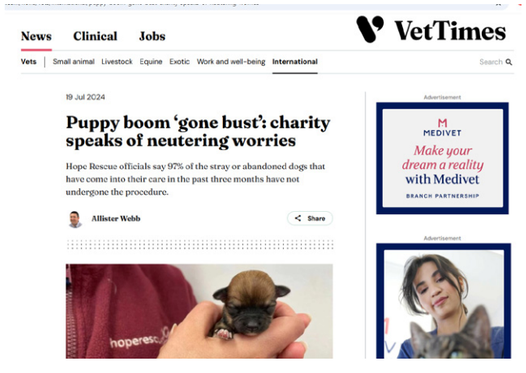
Media

Media engagement remained a powerful tool in amplifying our message. We secured significant local, regional and national media coverage across print, broadcast and online platforms. This coverage highlighted:

- The increasing pressures on our services
- Real-life case studies from our rescue and rehabilitation work
- Expert commentary on current and emerging dog welfare issues
- Hope Rescue's role as a trusted authority in the sector

Our representatives participated in interviews, provided expert quotes, and contributed commentary that helped shape public understanding of complex animal welfare challenges. Media exposure not only raised awareness of our work but also reinforced our reputation as a credible, knowledgeable and compassionate voice for dogs.

In July 2024 we highlighted the increasing number of puppies coming in to our care due to rising vet fees and a lack of subsidised neutering programmes, with a press release tilted The Puppy Boom Has Gone Bust receiving digital, radio and TV coverage.



The effect of the cost-of-living crisis and the impact on demand for our services was a recurring theme throughout the year, with BBC covering the issue in January 2025 and other outlets following up in February 2025 with articles about a puppy farm seizure, the dogs abandoned in the Bridgend lanes and an intake of 14 Chihuahuas. We were also grateful to the media for promoting our fostering campaign to recruit new foster carers in February 2025.



Along with our Cut The Chase coalition colleagues, we received significant widespread national and local media coverage with regards to the announcement of the ban on greyhound racing in February 2025.

Digital communications

The recruitment of a new Digital Engagement Officer has enabled us to develop a more proactive and planned, rather than reactive approach to our digital communications.

We are grateful to be supported pro bono by a local company, Appear Online, who are now managing our Google ads grant and SEO. This has helped to considerably increase our digital visibility.

We have seen a significant increase in followers across all social media platforms:

- OVER **131,000** FOLLOWERS up from 114,000
- OVER **25,700** FOLLOWERS up from 25,000
- OVER **27,000** FOLLOWERS up from 22,000
- OVER **2,000** FOLLOWERS up from 1,200

In terms of engagement, Facebook remains our most popular platform, with 41.9 million views, a reach of 4.4 million and 626,600 content interactions.

Building a future of Hope: Looking forward



As we continue to celebrate our 20th anniversary and move into the final year of our Strategic Plan, we will focus on maintaining and adapting service delivery rather than growth due to the challenging financial landscape. Key workstreams for next year include:

- Continuing to improve our foster and adoption processes, including our post-adoption support
- Launching a new training platform for internal and external use
- Developing a new framework for the recruitment, onboarding and management of volunteers and launching a new volunteer management system
- Evaluating the Hope in the Community pilot project and developing a new strategy
- Opening a new charity shop in Talbot Green
- Securing funding for the feasibility study for a new on-site vet facility
- Establishing a new committee system for the Finance, Audit and Risk and People and Culture functions

Financial Review

Financial position

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present the financial report of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The year was characterised by exceptionally high demand for our services alongside sustained cost pressures across the organisation and the wider animal welfare sector. Against this backdrop, the Charity reported a net deficit of £184,370 for the year (2024: Surplus of £77,094). This outcome reflects the challenging operating environment and the increased cost of delivering services at the scale and complexity required during the year.

Total income increased by 12% to £2,257,328 (2024: £2,014,370). This growth was supported by strong performance across fundraising and trading activities, alongside continued grant funding to support welfare delivery and capital projects. Fundraising income remained resilient despite wider economic pressures, with continued generosity from individual donors, corporate partners and grant funders. Retail and other trading income also grew significantly, reflecting the ongoing development of our shops, online channels and service delivery income.

Expenditure increased to £2,441,698 (2024: £1,937,276), reflecting the rising cost of delivering services in a challenging operating environment. Veterinary costs rose sharply as we supported increasing numbers of dogs with complex health and behavioural needs, including a higher proportion of seized dogs requiring prolonged care. Staff costs also increased during the year, reflecting the scale and complexity of operations and the need to maintain safe, effective service delivery across the organisation. In addition, the rise in National Insurance and National Living Wage rates had a significant impact on staffing expenditure.

Throughout the year, Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team closely monitored financial performance through regular reporting, forecasting and cashflow management. This included careful scrutiny of expenditure, prioritisation of essential spending, and ensuring that investment decisions were aligned with strategic objectives and long-term sustainability.

At the year end, total funds stood at £203,718 (2024: £388,088), comprising £131,034 of unrestricted funds and £72,684 of restricted funds. While reserves reduced during the year, the Trustees remain satisfied that the Charity continues to operate as a going concern, supported by ongoing income generation, active cost management and forward financial planning.

Looking ahead, the Trustees recognise that the financial environment remains challenging. The Charity's new Strategic Plan sets out a clear framework for strengthening financial resilience through diversified and sustainable income streams, improved operational efficiency and careful management of costs. Trustees remain committed to balancing financial prudence with the need to invest in services that deliver meaningful impact for dogs and their communities.

The Trustees would like to thank our staff, volunteers, supporters and funders for their continued commitment and generosity during a demanding year. Their support has enabled Hope Rescue to continue delivering high-quality services at a time when they are needed more than ever.

Risk Management

Hope Rescue is committed to ensuring effective financial management through a system of monitoring, checks and controls. This includes a managed approach to financial issues which may present a risk to the organisation.

The Board of trustees oversees, manages and mitigates risks that are strategically significant to the ongoing success of the Charity through effective governance and its Board meetings, including regular review of the Strategic Risk Register.

Reserves

Our year end fund balance of £203,718 represents the value of our assets were we to liquidate the charity. Of our total fund balance, £72,684 is currently restricted, meaning that there are conditions attached to the funding which only allow it to be spent in a certain way. This includes donations and grants made for specific, defined purposes and the balance of our Capital Grant Fund.

This leaves £131,034 in our general fund which we will hold as reserves and aim to build on over the course of the next financial year. One of the key objectives in our Strategic Plan is to develop a new Reserves Policy to ensure adequate levels of cash reserves, both operating and capital.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: Hope Rescue - 06833205 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number 1129629

Registered office: Hope Rescue Centre Cynllan Lodge Llanharan Pontyclun CF72 9NH

Trustees

S Passmore - Chair	
T J Candy	
B Evans	(appointed 4th August 2024, resigned 10 July 2025)
C Heard	(appointed 14th August 2024)
C Barham-Peart	(resigned 19th May 2024)
J A Kent	(resigned 19th May 2024)
G Lloydwin - Vice-Chair	(resigned 19th May 2024)
R Minchinton	(appointed 14 November 2024, resigned 20 February 2025)

Secretary

T Candy

Auditors

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hope Rescue for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Bevan Buckland LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs S L Passmore – Chair of Trustees

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOPE RESCUE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hope Rescue (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the audit evidence obtained, we have not identified any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

In forming this conclusion, we evaluated the trustees' assessment as set out in Note 1 of the accounts, including consideration of the improvement in the charity's financial position since the year end. We performed audit procedures in accordance with ISA (UK) 570 (Going Concern), including testing the reasonableness of key assumptions and assessing available cash headroom under downside scenarios.

Our conclusions do not constitute a guarantee of the charity's future viability. They reflect our evaluation performed up to the date of this auditor's report and do not consider events or conditions that may arise after that date.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other

information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement. whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements. whether due to fraud or error, and then, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We discussed our audit independence complying with the Revised Ethical Standard 2024 with the engagement team members whilst planning the audit and continually monitored our independence throughout the process.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- enquiring of management, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual. suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the Financial Statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
- As part of this discussion, we identified potential for fraud in management override of controls;
- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the Financial Statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity, The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and relevant tax legislation.

Audit response to risks identified

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims; performing analytical procedures to identify any
- unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;

- assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and
- evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a *body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.*



Michael Jones (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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23 December 2025

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	905,529		905,529	846,460
Charitable activities	4				
Provision for rescue centre		130,608	309,957	440,565	510,663
Other trading activities	3	911,234		911,234	654,247
Other income					3,000
Total		1,947,371	309,957	2,257,328	2,014,370
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	239,879		239,879	181,114
Charitable activities	6				
Provision for rescue centre		1,683,934	517,885	2,201,819	1,756,162
Total		1,923,813	517,885	2,441,698	1,937,276
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		23,558	(207,928)	(184,370)	77,094
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		107,476	280,612	388,088	310,994
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		131,034	72,684	203,718	388,088

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	13	7,000		7,000	10,500
Tangible assets	14	646,393	63,684	710,077	700,983
		653,393	63,684	717,077	711,483
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	16	17,314		17,314	9,397
Debtors	17	227,043		227,043	148,791
Cash at bank		128,782	9,000	137,782	319,466
		373,139	9,000	382,139	477,654
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	(435,120)		(435,120)	(325,354)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(61,981)	9,000	(52,981)	152,300
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		591,412	72,684	664,096	863,783
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(460,378)		(460,378)	(475,695)
NET ASSETS		131,034	72,684	203,718	388,088
FUNDS	**22**				
Unrestricted funds				131,034	107,476
Restricted funds				72,684	280,612
TOTAL FUNDS				203,718	388,088

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the **small companies regime.**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



S L Passmore - Trustee

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
For the year ended March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations		(35,723)	336,474
Interest paid		(44,410)	(51,982)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(80,133)	284,492
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(86,429)	(170,780)
Net cash used **in** investing activities		(86,429)	(170,780)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(15,122)	(7,510)
Net cash used **in** financing activities		(15,122)	(7,510)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(181,684)	106,202
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		319,466	213,264
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		137,782	319,466

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
For the year ended March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(184,370)	77,094
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	80,835	99,023
Interest paid	44,410	51,982
Increase in stocks	(7,917)	(9,397)
Increase in debtors	(78,252)	(61,159)
Increase in creditors	109,571	178,931
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(35,723)	336,474

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	319,466	(181,684)	137,782
	319,466	(181,684)	137,782
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(15,672)	(195)	(15,867)
Debts falling due after **1** year	(475,695)	15,317	(460,378)
	(491,367)	15,122	(476,245)
Total	(171,901)	(166,562)	(338,463)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Hope Rescue is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £5 per member of the charity.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. For the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity reported a deficit of £184,370, with unrestricted reserves at year end of £131,034. The trustees have carefully considered the charity's cash flow forecasts, budgets and funding pipeline for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Since the year end, the charity's financial performance and cash position have improved. As at 30 November 2025 year-to-date results indicate a £198,478 surplus, with budgets showing an expected surplus to 31 March 2026 of £155,109, primarily driven by increased performance in the shops and successful appeals bringing in more donations.The forecasts prepared by management, which include reasonable downside sensitivities, indicate that the charity can meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date these financial statements are approved.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements
The charity has not prepared consolidated financial statements as permitted by Section 9 of FRS 102 and the Charities SORP. This is because the charity's only subsidiary, Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited, which is a company limited by guarantee, is immaterial to the group. The investment in this subsidiary is recognised at nil cost in the charity's financial statements. The trustees have assessed that the exclusion of the subsidiary does not affect the true and fair view of these financial statements.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received. and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Donations (including those raised through volunteer fundraising) are recognised when income has been received. Gift Aid income on donations is accrued when there is a valid declaration from the donor.

Legacy income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured sufficiently reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material

The company operates retail shops for the sale of a range of branded and own branded products. Sales of goods are recognised on sale to the customer, which is considered the point of delivery. Retail sales are usually by cash, credit or payment card.

Goods donated for resale will be included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sales less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it will be recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock will be charges against 'Income from trading activities' and the proceeds will be recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they will not be recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income will be recognised within 'Income from other trading activities·.

Other trading activities are recognised as the related services are provided and there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when the amounts received are in advance of the delivery of the service or event to which it relates.

In respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services, turnover represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced. Turnover in respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion.

Income received in advance of a specified service or purchase is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met. It is not the policy of the charity to show income net of expenditure.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Goodwill
Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2017, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at rates estimated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their useful economic life as follows:

Freehold property	- 15 years
Leasehold improvements	- 33% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Assets in the course of construction
Assets in the course of construction are stated at cost. These assets are not depreciated until they are available for use.

Fixed asset investments
Interests in subsidiaries are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The charity holds an interest in Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited, which is a company limited by guarantee. As the subsidiary has no share capital, the investment is recognised at nil cost in the charity's financial statements.

Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

Stocks

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In the case of donated goods for resale, the charity does not recognise stock on receipt because the cost of valuation outweighs the benefit to users of the accounts and fair value cannot be measured reliably. Income from donated goods is therefore recognised when the goods are sold. Purchased goods for resale are included in stock at cost, less any provision for impairment.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the group has a present Obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. less any impairment.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid	80,114	119,258
Other donations and legacies	825,415	727,202
	905 529	846 460

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	73,302	56,104
Shop income	461,783	227,311
Service delivery	253,639	274,432
Adoption fees	121,469	96.400
Other income	1,041	
	911 234	654,247

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2025	2024
	Activity	£	£
Grants	**Provision for rescue centre**	440 565	510 663

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	**2024**
	£	£
WCVA		1,000
National Lottery	136,607	160,980
Dezna Robin Jones Foundation	26,140	
Wales Church Act	4,340	22,000
Schnauzerfest	17,000	13,000
Rose Animal Trust		10,000
Moondance Foundation		15,000
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	130,151	224,448
Pets at Home	21,859	21,859
Pet Plan Trust		10,000
The Betty Phillips Charitable Trust	15,000	
Edith Mary Trust	13,617	
DB Bartlet	22,331	
Other small grants	53,520	32,376
	440,565	510,663

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest payable and similar charges	44,410	51,982

Investment management costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Administrative expenses	164,016	70,926
Fundraising costs	31,453	58,206
	195,469	129,132
Aggregate amounts	239,879	181,114

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£
Provision for rescue centre	2,077,848	123,971	2,201,819

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	1,533,148	1,172,830
Retail expenses	79,078	78,257
Rehoming costs	140,410	99,657
Veterinary care	325,212	275,659
	2,077,848	1,626,403

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Depreciation/ Amortisation	Other	Governance costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Provision for rescue centre	80,835	28,886	14,250	123,971

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	14,250	13,600
Depreciation - owned assets	77,335	95,523
Goodwill amortisation	3,500	3,500

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,368,445	1,052,554
Social security costs	117,276	85,788
Other pension costs	47,427	34,488
	1,533,148	1,172,830

11. STAFF COSTS· continued

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Service Delivery	47	38
Administration	5	5
	52	43

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The total key management personnel remuneration benefits during the year were £242,929 (2024: £149,946)

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	846,460		846,460
Charitable activities			
Provision for rescue centre	49,400	461,263	510,663
Other trading activities	654,247		654,247
Other income	3,000		3,000
Total	1,553,107	461,263	2,014,370
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	181,114		181,114
Charitable activities			
Provision for rescue centre	1,444,511	311,651	1,756,162
Total	1,625,625	311,651	1,937,276
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(72,518)	149,612	77,094
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	179,994	131,000	310,994
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	107,476	280,612	388,088

13. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill
	£
COST	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	35,000
AMORTISATION	
At 1 April 2024	24,500
Charge for year	3,500
At 31 March 2025	28,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	7,000
At 31 March 2024	10,500

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	1,063,625	164,986	19,920
Additions	74,546		1,835
At 31 March 2025	1,138,171	164,986	21,755
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	397,496	164,986	16,215
Charge for year	58,991		4,091
At 31 March 2025	456,487	164,986	20,306
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	681 684		1 449
At 31 March 2024	666 129		3 705

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	79,878	70.270	14,332	1,413,011
Additions	7,620		2,428	86,429
At 31 March 2025	87,498	70.270	16,760	1,499,440
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	70,174	53.258	9,899	712,028
Charge for year	6,322	6463	1,468	77,335
At 31 March 2025	76,496	59.721	11,367	789,363
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	11 002	10.549	5 393	710 077
At 31 March 2024	9 704	17.012	4433	700 983

15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The charity's investments at the Balance Sheet date include the following:

Subsidiary

Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited

Registered office: 77 Taff Street, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF37 4SU

Nature of business: Sale of dog products and provision of dog classes.

£ £	2025	2024
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,080	1,080
Profit for the year		1,080

The entity is limited by guarantee therefore there is no share capital.

16. STOCKS

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	17 314	9 397

17. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	31,573	44,422
Other debtors	102,570	63,746
VAT	71,092	25,020
Prepayments and accrued income	21,808	15,603
	227 043	148,791

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 20)	6,273	5,850
Other loans (see note 20)	9,594	9,822
Trade creditors	160,867	79,310
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,080	2,385
Social security and other taxes	32,849	31,214
Other creditors	14,280	1,995
Accruals and deferred income	210,177	194,778
	435120	325,354

19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans (see note 20)	**105,565**	112,552
Other loans (see note 20)	354,813	363,143
	460 378	475,695

20. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	6,273	5,850
Other loans	9,594	9,822
	15 867	15,672
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	6,726	6,273
Other loans - 1-2 years	10,649	10,637
	17 375	16,910
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	23,219	21,653
Other loans - 2-5 years	38,228	37,426
	61 447	59,079

20. LOANS - continued

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due in more than five years		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal Other	75,620	84,626
loans more 5yrs instal	305,936	315,080
	381 556	399,706

21. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	364 407	372,965

The Charity Bank Limited have a fixed and floating charge over the freehold property of Cynllan Lodge, Llanharan and the **adjoining land**

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net **movement in funds**	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,476	23,558	41,034
Designated Funds - Project Funding	30,000		30,000
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	60,000		60,000
	107,476	23,558	131,034
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund	79,217	(15,533)	63,684
WCVA	27,750	(18,750)	9,000
Wales Church Act	12,000	(12,000)	
Christmas Campaign	2,500	(2,500)	
Pet Plan Trust	10,000	(10,000)	
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	149,145	(149,145)	
	280,612	(207,928)	72,684
TOTAL FUNDS	388,088	(184,370)	203,718

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS· continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,947,371	(1,923,813)	23,558
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund		(15,533)	(15,533)
WCVA		(18,750)	(18,750)
National Lottery	136,607	(136,607)	
Wales Church Act	4,340	(16,340)	(12,000)
Schnauzer/est	17,000	(17,000)	
Christmas Campaign		(2,500)	(2,500)
Pets at Home	21,859	(21,859)	
Pet Plan Trust		(10,000)	(10,000)
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	130,151	(279,296)	(149,145)
	309,957	(517,885)	(207,928)
TOTAL FUNDS	2,257,328	(2,441,698)	(184,370)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,994	(72,518)	17,476
Designated Funds - Project Funding	30,000		30,000
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	60,000		60,000
	179,994	(72,518)	107,476
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund	94,750	(15,533)	79,217
WCVA	27,750		27,750
Wales Church Act		12,000	12,000
Jean Sainsbury Trust	6,000	(6,000)	
Christmas Campaign	2,500		2,500
Pet Plan Trust		10,000	10,000
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home		149,145	149,145
	131,000	149,612	280,612
TOTAL FUNDS	310,994	77,094	388,088

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS· continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,553,107	(1,625,625)	(72,518)
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund		(15,533)	(15,533)
WCVA	1,000	(1,000)	
National Lottery	160,980	(160,980)	
Wales Church Act	22,000	(10,000)	12,000
Schnauzer/est	13,000	(13,000)	
Jean Sainsbury Trust		(6,000)	(6,000)
Rescue Centre running costs support	6,976	(6,976)	
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,000	(1,000)	
Pets at Home	21,859	(21,859)	
Pet Plan Trust	10,000		10,000
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	224,448	(75,303)	149,145
	461,263	(311,651)	149,612
TOTAL FUNDS	2,014,370	(1,937,276)	77,094

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	Al 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	89,994	(48,960)	41,034
Designated Funds - Project Funding	30,000		30,000
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	60,000		60,000
	179,994	(48,960)	131,034
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund	94,750	(31,066)	63,684
WCVA	27,750	(18,750)	9,000
Jean Sainsbury Trust	6,000	(6,000)	
Christmas Campaign	2,500	(2,500)	
	131,000	(58,316)	72,684
TOTAL FUNDS	310,994	(107,276)	203,718

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,500.478	(3,549,438)	(48,960)
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund		(31,066)	(31,066)
WCVA	1,000	(19,750)	(18,750)
National Lottery	297,587	(297,587)	
Wales Church Act	26,340	(26,340)	
Schnauzer/est	30,000	(30,000)	
Jean Sainsbury Trust		(6,000)	(6,000)
Christmas Campaign		(2,500)	(2,500)
Rescue Centre running costs support	6,976	(6,976)	
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,000	(1,000)	
Pets at Home	43,718	(43,718)	
Pet Plan Trust	10,000	(10,000)	
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	354,599	(354,599)	
	771,220	(829,536)	(58,316)
TOTAL FUNDS	4,271,698	(4,378,974)	(107,276)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,500.478	(3,549,438)	(48,960)
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund		(31,066)	(31,066)
WCVA	1,000	(19,750)	(18,750)
National Lottery	297,587	(297,587)	
Wales Church Act	26,340	(26,340)	
Schnauzer/est	30,000	(30,000)	
Jean Sainsbury Trust		(6,000)	(6,000)
Christmas Campaign		(2,500)	(2,500)
Rescue Centre running costs support	6,976	(6,976)	
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,000	(1,000)	
Pets at Home	43,718	(43,718)	
Pet Plan Trust	10,000	(10,000)	
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	354,599	(354,599)	
	771,220	(829,536)	(58,316)
TOTAL FUNDS	4,271,698	(4,378,974)	(107,276)

Grant received to purchase a new van for the centre.

Rescue Centre running costs support
Grants from multiple funders to be used towards the running costs of the centre.

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	26 637	30,179

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.



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This is Hope Rescue's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

This report sets out information about Hope Rescue, its aims and objectives, and activities that all make a positive impact in its local communities and beyond.

Trustees report

It has been another incredibly challenging year as we continue to see demand for Hope Rescue services far exceed the support we can provide, and lack of capacity remains a concern.

Whilst we have seen our kennels at capacity and an overall reduction in adoption applications, the team have worked hard to continue to implement goals highlighted in the 2023-2026 strategic plan. A new three-year strategic partnership and funding from Battersea has allowed Hope Rescue to invest in additional resources for the welfare team, and additional support from our rescue partners including Battersea, Blue Cross and Dogs Trust allowed us to continue to support vulnerable dogs despite the capacity issues faced.

Despite the increased pressures faced, our team continued to offer a high standard of service across all operations and maintained our RSPCA Gold PawPrints award for kennelling.

This was another busy year for our campaigning and advocacy work, something Hope Rescue is proud of and sees as vital to highlight the increasing challenges faced by the animal welfare sector. Hope Rescue have continued to play a pivotal role in discussions with key stakeholders and continues to work in partnership with other organisations in our sector who share our values, which has enabled us to reach an audience beyond our gates.

Hope Rescue continues to be viewed as an authority on dog welfare issues amongst media contacts, both in Wales and the rest of the UK. At Hope Rescue we continue to prioritise stray dogs, as well as working closely with Animal Licensing Wales and local authorities to close down illegal and low welfare breeders.



In line with the three year strategic plan, this year saw some exciting new activities for Hope Rescue, as we launched our new Community Programme (Hope in the Community) and invested in retail development opening two new charity shops. Our supporters and funders have continued to provide incredible support at difficult times, and this has spurred us on to do even more. With our new strategic plan in place, we are in a good position to meet the future needs of vulnerable dogs and their owners in our local communities.

I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, and trustees who have worked so diligently over the last year, against the backdrop of challenges that stretched capacity, financial and emotional resources.

Sarah Passmore
Chair of Trustees

Our mission

Our vision is a future where all dogs are treated with care, kindness, and respect.

Our mission:

We aim to provide a place of safety for vulnerable dogs, rehabilitating and rehoming them whilst working towards creating lasting change to improve the welfare of all dogs. We will collaborate with partner organisations to provide services to our local communities and support owners to help them keep their pets.

Our Core Values

Care

We aim to provide our dogs with the highest standards of care ensuring their emotional and physical wellbeing needs are met.

Fairness

We do not discriminate against the dogs we help based on their breed, age or medical condition. No adoptable dog is unnecessarily euthanised due to space or time constraints.

Compassion

We show compassion for both the dogs in our care and the people we deal with, whatever their circumstances for needing our services.

Advocacy

We are committed to creating lasting change for dogs in our care and for dogs we'll never meet.

Integrity

We strive to work in a way that is open, honest, transparent and is accountable to our stakeholders, respecting and valuing our staff, trustees, volunteers, partners and supporters.

Providing high quality care for dogs in need of our help

Our overarching aim is to provide the highest standards of care for our dogs, ensuring their emotional and physical wellbeing needs are met to enable them to find loving homes.

It has been another incredibly challenging year as we continue to see demand for our services far exceed the support we can provide and lack of capacity remains a concern. We continue to see rising numbers of dogs with health and behaviour problems staying longer with us, and at the same we have seen a 50% fall in the number of adoption applications.

Despite these challenges we have worked steadfastly towards the goals and objectives in our new Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026 and are proud of the continuing progress we have made. Thanks to a new three-year strategic partnership and funding from Battersea, we have invested in additional resources for our welfare team with the creation of five new posts focussing on fostering, adoption, supervision and training. This will enable us to rehome more dogs directly, increasing the overall number of dogs we are able to help.

We're delighted to report that we have already started to see the impact of this investment, and we were able to help 728 dogs through intake this year, a 10% increase from the previous year. We continue to prioritise stray dogs, taking in around one quarter of all the stray dogs in Wales including three of our own stray dog contracts. We're also incredibly proud of our ground-breaking work supporting Animal Licensing Wales and local authorities to close down illegal and low welfare breeders.

- 728 dogs helped
- 479 strays admitted
- 155 dogs came in from owners
- 83 dogs and puppies seized from illegal and low welfare breeders by local authorities
- 11 puppies were born in our care

The number of dogs leaving our care increased by 14% to 809. Due to capacity issues, we welcomed additional support from our wonderful rescue partners including Battersea, Blue Cross and Dogs Trust who transferred 212 dogs from us, over double from the previous year.

- 809 dogs left our care*
- 305 adopted
- 212 transferred to our rescue partners
- 174 dogs reunited with their owners

*Sadly, our euthanasia rate did increase from 10% to 13%. This is reflective of the post-pandemic increase in dogs with complex health and behaviour issues and our non-selective stray and seized dog intake, meaning we accept these dogs regardless of their age, breed, behaviour or medical needs. We have seen an upsetting increase in the number of dogs arriving needing end of life care due to advanced medical problems as well as many heartbreaking cases of brachycephalic dogs bred with extreme features that are suffering with both breathing issues and severe joint and spinal deformities.

As always, we strived to provide the highest welfare standards for our dogs, and were delighted to once again to be awarded the RSPCA Gold Pawprints Award for statutory kennelling. We're also proud to be a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes, meeting their minimum standard requirements.



Case studies

Dinky and Hugo



Two year old Dinky arrived in our care following an accidental mating. She had started giving birth and had sadly passed a deceased puppy before getting into distress. Her owner could no longer care for her and signed her over to us. We immediately rushed her to our vet where she had an emergency C-section. Thankfully the remaining puppy, Hugo, survived.

Dinky and Hugo were cared for in one of our amazing foster homes who ensured Dinky receive lots of TLC following her ordeal. We wouldn't usually adopt a Mum and pup to the same home, but it was clear Dinky and Hugo had a close bond. Once Hugo was old enough both he and Dinky were adopted by a wonderful family and we receive regular updates on their progress - Hugo has now grown much bigger than his Mum!



Stanley

Stanley arrived as a stray and it was clear he had suffered serious neglect. He was covered in fleas, had a chronic eye infection and one of the worst cases of dental disease our team had seen. He was unable to open his mouth properly.

Stanley underwent dental surgery and whilst under anaesthetic our vet found that the muscles around his mouth had seized. We were hopeful that this would improve following surgery and Stanley was given round the clock foster care with a staff member. Sadly after a number of weeks Stanley's condition was not improving, he was only able to eat liquid food and kept suffering with recurring infections in his mouth. After discussion with the vet it was decided the kindest option was for him to be put to sleep as his pain was unable to be controlled.

Despite this sad outcome, we were so grateful he was able to spend time in a foster home, where he built a lovely relationship with his foster Dad and who was with him when he gently passed away.

Sadly, we are seeing an increase in end-of-life cases like Stanley, with owners abandoning them rather than taking them to the vets.



Bambi

Bambi arrived in our care in mid-January, just before the ban on XL Bully dogs was implemented. It was highly likely that when she grew she would fit the criteria to be considered an XL Bully. Whilst the date to legally adopt XL Bully dogs had passed, as Bambi did not yet fit the criteria, we took legal advice and it was decided we could find her a new home provided it was before the 31st January cut-off date for self- exemption. This meant a race against time to find Bambi a responsible new home.

We were delighted when a previous adopter came forward to offer her an amazing home with Whittaker, a previously adopted Hope Rescue dog who had already been exempted by them as a precaution. Bambi is restricted to walks in a muzzle and on lead, but her owners work extremely hard to provide her with a fulfilled life and she is a fantastic example of what amazing companions bull breeds can be. Bambi and Whittaker have developed a lovely relationship and are the best of friends.

Jinx

We work with local authorities and Animal Licensing Wales to care for dogs who have been seized under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. Jinx came into our care following an investigation by Caerphilly Council Borough Council's Trading Standards team who executed a warrant and seized five dogs from the property. Jinx was being kept in cramped, overcrowded and dirty conditions with the other dogs and was severely underweight.

Shockingly, despite her condition, Jinx was heavily pregnant and gave birth to eight puppies ten days later. Mum and pups needed round the clock care but we were delighted they all thrived. Jinx's previous owner was later found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering, ordered to pay costs, and disqualified from keeping animals for five years.







Fig and Sherry

Fig and Sherry, seven year old Cocker Spaniels, arrived with us as strays before Christmas. Both were in a very poor condition with matted coats and worn down teeth. Neither appeared to have much life experience and we believed they may well have been used for breeding before coming into our care.

It took a considerable amount of intensive care to get the girls back to full health and to start to enjoy life as normal dogs. Watching them chasing each other in the field for the first time made it all worthwhile! Fig and Sherry had a lovely relationship and so we looked for a new home for them together, which we were fortunate to find and they are now thriving in.

Helping to keep pets and their people together

With rising numbers of pet owners in crisis and ongoing issues with capacity impacting on our ability to help dogs surrendered from owners, we were delighted this year to start work on a brand new community programme thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.



Our new Community Programme Manager started in November and began work on a four-month period of scoping and consultation to help us really understand the needs of our communities. We engaged with over 40 different community partners across the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region from a wide range of sectors including children and families, older people, dog wardens, mental health support, housing and homeless, food banks and pantries, minoritised ethnic groups, community safety and the police.

These perspectives, alongside analysis of our own dogs, helped us gain valuable insights and revealed that, in our area:

- There was very little support available for owners until crisis point is reached, which can often lead to deterioration in human safety and wellbeing as well as pet welfare.
- The rising cost of veterinary care, petfood and insurance made it difficult for dog owners on lower incomes and with additional needs to quickly address worries for their pets.
- Although positive dog ownership can have a range of significant benefits for human health and wellbeing, many of the most disadvantaged members of our communities were more likely to experience detrimental impacts of dog ownership if things began to go wrong.
- Many professionals working to support our communities were unaware of how dog ownership impacts service users and were unclear how best to support them.
- Dog ownership can exacerbate health and wellbeing struggles for people who are experiencing ongoing challenges with their physical or mental health, relationship breakdown, financial insecurity or who are at risk of homelessness.
- People struggle to find good quality, accessible advice about acquiring a dog, behaviour, welfare, and dog ownership and legal requirements.

It highlighted that, people who are struggling with their dogs are often in need of in-person, accessible and non-judgemental support and guidance within their community, in order to help get their relationship with their pet back on track or to empower them to make the best choices for themselves and their dog.

In March, a working group from across Hope Rescue came together to draw together all the insights and perspectives we had gathered to create a Theory of Change that would guide and shape our developing work in communities.

Through this process we created our plan for Hope in the Community: a pilot programme to run across the four local authority areas of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and the western Vale of Glamorgan, from April 2024 - April 2025 that would aim to:

- Help more dogs and people to stay together, where mutually beneficial.
- Promote positive, responsible dog guardianship.
- Work together with local partners to help tackle issues leading to poor welfare and harm for both dogs and people.

Hope in the Community will work to achieve these aims by:

- Delivering community outreach events in partnership with other local groups and organisations.
- Providing 1:1 support for dogs and owners who are struggling, based on referrals from partners.
- Supporting for professionals working in communities, helping develop awareness, attitudes and ways of working that improve welfare and wellbeing for dogs and people.
- Creating opportunities for community education to promote good dog guardianship through public engagement and resources.

This work will be supported by the recruitment of a part-time, fixed-term Community Support Officer and our Education and Training Officer, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and Battersea respectively, enabling us to officially launch the Hope in the Community pilot at the beginning of May 2024.

Using our voice to create lasting change

We are committed to creating lasting change not only for those dogs lucky enough to come through our doors, but also for those dogs outside our doors who we will never meet. Whilst we don't currently have a dedicated public affairs resource, we're proud of our advocacy and campaign work and the impact is has.

It has been another busy year, which reflects the crisis facing the animal welfare sector and the need to tackle the underlying causes. We consistently highlighted the impact of the ever-increasing demand on our services through a number of print, online and broadcast media articles, whilst also highlighting the root causes to decision-makers and stakeholders through:

- Visits from Senedd Members and MPs.
- Membership of the Welsh Cross-Party Group for Animal Welfare.
- Regular meetings with Welsh Government as a member of the Management Committee for the Animal Welfare Network for Wales.

In April we were invited to join the Dog Control Coalition, a coalition of leading animal welfare organisations working together to repeal Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) and towards effective and sustainable dog control legislation. The Coalition worked hard to tackle the UK Government decision to ban XL Bully dogs, a decision which continued a flawed approach targeting breeds which has not protected people from rising dog attacks. We also ensured we provided up-to-date advice and support to XL Bully owners on how to ensure they complied with the legislation.

As the ban was implemented, we participated in media opportunities to highlight the ineffectiveness of breed bans, and the impact on our rescue centre, the staff and our dogs. This included an interview for the BBC Wales Investigates programme Dogs on Death Row; Will the Bully Ban Work? We also featured the plight of XL Bully puppy Coconut as the deadline passed, with her heartbreaking story featured on national broadcast media.



Our work supporting local authorities to tackle low welfare and illegal breeders was covered extensively by the media. The successful prosecution of a puppy farming family in Fochriw, Caerphilly and another conviction involving the appalling care of English Bulldog dogs and puppies attracted world-wide coverage and provided evidence of the need for Welsh Government to invest in enforcement resources, and also to address the lack of statutory kennelling, an issue that has been further exacerbated by the XL Bully ban.

In August, we made an appeal to the public to avoid buying puppies with extreme features. This story focused on our work supporting a local authority with a seizure of 38 French Bulldogs and was covered across the U.K. by local, national and trade media. We also continued our work with the RSPCA to raise the profile of ear-cropping as a cruel, unnecessary, and illegal procedure highlighting the story of Bumblebee who arrived as a stray.

We attended the Welsh Government multi-agency summit and workshop on Responsible Dog Ownership in October, together with a number of follow up workshops to develop solutions to promote responsible dog ownership and breeding practices in Wales through collaborative working.

Working with RSPCA and Naturewatch Foundation, we were pleased to organise an inaugural World Animal Day event at the Pierhead building at Cardiff Bay. The event was sponsored by Luke Fletcher MS, with a speech from the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd celebrating the collective progress made for animals in Wales.



At the same time, our CEO, a proud World Animal Day ambassador, presented at the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference in Cyprus on how to use your voice as a smaller organisation to promote your charity and advocate for animals.

As a member of the Cut the Chase coalition, we continued to push for an end to greyhound racing in Wales. In July, the coalition responded to the news that Valley track, the last remaining track in Wales, had been granted a licence from the Greyhound Board of Great Britain, using the opportunity to highlight our continued welfare concerns for the dogs racing there.

In December, Welsh Government launched a consultation on the licensing of animal welfare establishments, activities and exhibits. As a result of our petition to the Petitions Committee, the follow-up Committee report and Plenary debate, this included a question on a phased ban on greyhound racing and we await the result with anticipation.

This was followed by an event at the Senedd in January, with Senedd Members taking part in a photocall to show their support for a ban.





As a member of the Unbound the Greyhound coalition, we continued to support calls for a ban on greyhound racing in Scotland and responded to the consultation on Mark Ruskell MSP's Proposed Prohibition of Greyhound Racing Scotland Bill.

In February, our CEO presented at the All-Party Dog Advisory Working Group (APDAWG) event at Westminster on the State of U.K. Rescue, also attending a drop-in session for MPs the same day.

Ensuring we can continue to help pets and people in the future

This year we have invested in our diverse and sustainable income generation streams, to ensure we will continue to be here for the pets and people who need our help in the future.

Fundraising

Fundraising across the charity sector continues to be a challenge as household finances are squeezed and grant funders are overwhelmed with applications.

In response to these challenges we have invested in our income generation team, introducing three new posts; Corporate Fundraiser, Community Fundraiser, and Events and Community Fundraising Manager. The latter post was made possible thanks to a grant from Pets Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our existing and new supporters, we raised a total of **£1,177,842,** an impressive increase of **£281,361** from the last financial year (including all grant income).

Notable successes include securing a transformational 3 year grant from Battersea to develop our welfare and adoption team, our inaugural gala ball which raised an impressive **£16,000** and securing a Charity of the Year partnership with Admiral Law.





We are grateful to our corporate partners for their financial support, volunteering, gifts-in-kind and pro-bono activity. Our key partners include MobiVET, Pets at Home, Petplan, Mad About Dogs (Chichester), Admiral Group, Black Lion Roofing, Schnauzerfest, Redberth Gardens, Evendale Services, Wendy Hopkins Family Law Practice and our dog food sponsor Burns Pet Nutrition.

We're also grateful to our grant funders who provided generous funding towards running costs such as our vet bills and also funded capital projects for the development and improvement of the Rescue Centre. A special mention must go to the National Lottery Community Fund for a transformational grant to improve the Rescue Centre training room, reception, office space and our new Hope in the Community pilot project, with building work due to be completed late 2024.

Voluntary income from fundraising represents 62% of our overall income.

Further development work includes:

- Building a team of community fundraising volunteers.
- Developing a legacy programme.
- Improving and enhancing our CRM system.

Retail

Building on the success of our Pontypridd shop, we also invested in our retail development. We recruited a new Retail Development Manager in May to oversee the development and implementation of a new retail strategy.

The Pontypridd shop continues to perform well, as does our small shop at the rescue centre. We opened a second shop in Merthyr Tydfil in October, and a third shop in Pontyclun in December. Our retail portfolio delivered a profit of £55,795.

We are very grateful to both our wonderful charity shop volunteers, and also our volunteer Handmade by Hope team for providing a steady supply of beautifully handcrafted gifts that we sell in our charity shop, at the rescue centre, in our on-line auctions and at our fundraising events.



The new strategy sets out our plans to add another three shops to our portfolio in each of the next three years. As well as providing a retail income stream, they will also provide a valuable space for engaging with the community as part of our Hope in the Community programme.

Service delivery

As well as fulfilling a much-needed welfare service, we also derive an income from our stray dog contracts, the boarding of seized dogs for local authorities until they are signed over in to our care and adoption fees. Service delivery income rose to £274,432 an increase of £90,782. This was due to the increased demand from local authorities for kennelling seized dogs and the rise in the number of stray dogs.

Managing our assets effectively

We continue to improve the facilities at the rescue centre, and work began on our new reception and refurbished training room. Thanks to funding from the Welsh Church Act we upgraded our electricity supply to three-phase to ensure it was future-proofed to facilitate further development plans.

Using digital technology for good

We improved our financial reporting with a review and new set up for Xero, our accounting system. This will enable more granular reporting to inform business decisions.

Achieving good practice in governance

How we operate

Hope Rescue is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 2nd March 2009. Charitable status was gained on 14th May 2009. Hope Rescue operates throughout the U.K. although the dogs it helps primarily originate from South Wales.

The day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the staff team, supported by a network of volunteers and overseen by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity.

Our current Board of Trustees comprises five Trustees with a range of specialist skills and experience. Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd. was incorporated during 2017 to serve as a separate trading company to pass all surpluses and support the work of the charity Hope Rescue.



Strategic Plan 2024 - 2026: Building a future of Hope

The Organisational Review in 2022 included a deep delve in to our governance, structure and financial processes, broadly following the WCVA Governance Health Checklist with reference to the Charity Governance Code and Charity Commission guidance. The review highlighted areas for improvement and these recommendations fed in to our new three-year Strategic Plan.

We held an away day for staff, trustees and volunteers in May to launch the new strategy, which included a series of presentations from each service area setting out the challenges and an overview of how we will adapt, innovate and focus our efforts so that we can continue to help dogs in need.

We developed an Operational Plan for the year, setting out the activities we would undertake to achieve our strategic goals and objectives, together with success measures and outcomes. The plan is reviewed quarterly to track progress.

In terms of governance we also:

- Created new trustee role descriptions, developed a new induction process, code of conduct and Board terms of reference.
- Undertook a trustee recruitment exercise, successfully recruiting new trustees including a new Chair, and HR, commercial and welfare professionals.
- Developed a new Strategic Risk Register following a risk workshop with trustees and senior managers.
- Undertook an organisation-wide policy review and gap analysis, and introduced a new policy framework and standard policy template.

We would like to recognise the contribution made, and extend our gratitude, to our Chair of Trustees and longest serving Trustee, Paula Rowe, who stepped down in April after nine years' service.





Building a robust and resilient organisation

We continue to implement the recommendations from the Organisational Review in 2022 in order to develop an organisation that is agile, responsive and fit for the future.

A new Senior Leadership Team structure was developed to provide a more strategic focus and improved management support to our teams. A new Head of Income Generation and Engagement role was recruited with further appointments for a CEO role, Head of Operations and Head of Finance and Support Services planned for next financial year.

Three-year funding from Battersea has enabled a restructure of our welfare team. A number of new roles were developed with the aim of increasing the number of dogs we can help through reducing their length of stay and increasing the number of foster homes:

- Welfare and Adoption Manager
- Rescue Centre Manager
- Fostering Manager
- Fostering Assistant
- Welfare Supervisor



We invested in our income generation team with new fundraising and retail roles, complemented with a new senior marketing role:

- Corporate Fundraiser
- Community Fundraiser
- Events and Community Fundraising Manager
- Retail Development Manager
- Marketing and Communications Manager

We are extremely grateful to our fabulous volunteer team who provide support across all areas of the charity including fostering, fundraising, retail and at the rescue centre.



Being known and recognised for what we do

Media

Our positive relationship with journalists continues to provide a strong platform to showcase our work and promote key messages. We are known as a trusted source of information and comment for the important issues affecting our sector.

The effect of the cost of living crisis was a recurring theme throughout the year, with WalesOnline first covering the story of rising vet bills in April followed by a further article in June, highlighting the wider pressures on our operations.

Our work supporting local authorities to tackle low welfare and illegal breeders was covered extensively by local and national printed and broadcast media as outlined above. These articles also provided an opportunity to discuss the work that Hope Rescue undertakes behind the scenes to prepare the seized dogs for a better life.

Newsquest newspapers agreed to run a regular article to promote dogs for adoption at Hope Rescue. The articles appeared weekly, in the South Wales Argus and two other local titles, and featured a selection of dogs looking for new homes.


Dog left to die in Bridgend in 'shocking' neglect case

5 September 2023

Penelope the dog was found riddled with tumours

By Nathan Bevan

BBC News

In September, the case of poor stray dog Penelope was covered by BBC Wales, WalesOnline, and the Daily Post. She had arrived in a dreadful condition and prompted discussion around the cost of living and why dog owners are not seeking help when their dogs are seriously unwell.

The XL Bully ban prompted a significant amount of media interest from September. As part of the Dog Control Coalition, we coordinated with our partner organisations to ensure that the sector had a consistent voice regarding our position on the proposed legislation, including a BBC Breakfast feature which was also covered by the Express.

We also worked with TV production Carlam, for an adoption-related programme scheduled for broadcast on S4C later in 2024.


Pictures show the happy new lives of dogs rescued from filthy Welsh puppy farm

The future for these rescued dogs looks much brighter than their dark past

Digital communications

The recruitment of a new Marketing and Communications Manager has enabled us to develop a more proactive and planned, rather than reactive approach to our digital communications.

Website

We updated the website navigation and homepage layout this year, to improve the user experience and customer journey through the website.

A new adoption area went live at the end of the year, with each dog now hosted on an individual profile page. The blog was refreshed, and a new volunteer recruitment page was built.

The number of page views was 1.2 million, with an average of 30,000 visitors each month.

Social media

On social media, our engagement rate remained strong on Facebook and Instagram at around 5%. On LinkedIn and X - formerly Twitter, post engagement rose to more than 6%.

Our stray dog posts on Facebook continue to have the highest levels of engagement, based on the high number of shares for each one.

Aside from the stray posts, Coconut's story in February received the most engagement, receiving more than 1,200 comments sharing our frustration with the XL Bully ban and our heartbreak at having to euthanise her despite never putting a paw wrong.

OVER 114,000 FOLLOWERS

OVER 25,000 FOLLOWERS

OVER 22,000 FOLLOWERS

OVER 1,200 FOLLOWERS

Building a future of Hope: looking forward

The focus for the first year of the new Strategic Plan has been on building the foundations for planned growth:

- Investing in sustainable income generation resources.
- Restructuring the welfare team.
- Implementing a new senior leadership structure.
- Scoping the new community programme.
- Improving our governance.



As we move into the second year of the plan we will focus more on service delivery. Key workstreams for next year include:

- Improving our foster and adoption processes.
- Rolling out a training and development programme for welfare staff and volunteers.
- Launching the Hope in the Community pilot project.
- Opening further charity shops.
- Developing an asset management plan to upgrade our facilities (including a vet facility).
- Developing the brief for a digital transformation programme.
- Establishing a committee system.
- Developing a People Plan.

Financial Review

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present the financial report of the Charity for the fiscal year ending on 31st March 2024.

Despite the continued challenges faced by the organisation and the wider animal welfare sector, we are pleased to report a year-end surplus of £79,026. This marks a significant improvement compared to the prior year's deficit of £201,188. This positive outcome reflects our ongoing efforts to manage costs effectively whilst increasing revenue through continued investment in income generation.

During the year, we achieved an impressive increase in overall income, growing by 44% (£616,024) compared to the previous year. This growth was largely due to grant income received to fund capital projects and to enhance the welfare and adoption team. Investment in the fundraising and retail teams, improved targeting of fundraising efforts and expanding our retail portfolio played a significant role in strengthening our financial position.

However, cost pressures persisted, particularly in the areas of veterinary and staff expenses.Veterinary costs continue to be a significant expense, driven by rising treatment costs and the growing demand for our services. In response, we will continue to develop plans for an on-site veterinary facility, aiming to mitigate these costs while improving service delivery.

Staff costs rose due to the additional roles to support income generation and to provide staff funded through grants to enhance the welfare and adoption team, aligning with our strategic goals. These roles have been critical in helping us meet the demands of our expanding operations and ensuring the highest welfare standards for the dogs in our care.

Recognising these challenges, we took proactive steps throughout the year to monitor and control expenditure. By reforecasting our budget at the six-month mark, we identified opportunities for cost savings and implemented measures to remain on track. This disciplined approach enabled us to achieve our financial goals despite the external pressures.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to balancing cost control with continued investment to deliver our strategic priorities. Our Strategic Plan outlines initiatives to increase both voluntary and trading income while maintaining a focus on operational efficiency. The Senior Leadership Team and Board of Trustees will continue to work collaboratively to navigate the financial challenges and ensure the Charity's long-term sustainability.

We extend our gratitude to our supporters, donors, and staff for their invaluable contributions to this year's success. Their dedication has enabled us to not only improve our financial performance but also expand our impact during a time when our services are needed more than ever.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Trading Company

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd (Registered number: 10632674) is a separate trading company to manage our trading income, the activities of which are included in this consolidated set of accounts.

Risk Management

Hope Rescue is committed to ensuring effective financial management through a system of monitoring, checks and controls. This includes a managed approach to financial issues which may present a risk to the organisation.

The Board of trustees overseas, manages and mitigates risks that are strategically significant to the ongoing success of the Charity through effective governance and its Board meetings, including regular review of the Strategic Risk Register.

Reserves

Our year end fund balance of £390,020 represents the value of our assets were we to liquidate the charity. Of our total fund balance, £280,612 is currently restricted, meaning that there are conditions attached to the funding which only allow it to be spent in a certain way. This includes donations and grants made for specific, defined purposes and the balance of our Capital Grant Fund relating to the purchase of the centre in 2017.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number: 06833205 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity Number: 1129629

Trading Company: Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd

Registered Company Number: 10632674 (England & Wales)

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Sarah Lee Screen (resigned 2nd April 2023)
Phae Jones (resigned 9th July 2023)
Jacqueline Kent (appointed 1st March 2023, resigned 19th May 2024)
Sarah Passmore - Chair (appointed 2nd April 2023)
Gareth Lloydwin – Vice-Chair (appointed 2nd April 2023, resigned 19th May 2024)
Thomas Candy (appointed 2nd April 2023)
Charlene Barham-Peart (appointed 2nd April 2023, resigned 19th May 2024)
Sian Humphreys (appointed 2nd April 2023, resigned 9th July 2023)
Beth Evans (appointed 4th August 2024)
Rachel Minchinton (appointed 14th November 2024)
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hope Rescue for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland."

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware.
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Bevan Buckland LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13.12.24 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Passmore – Trustee Chair

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOPE RESCUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hope Rescue (the 'parent company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the parent and group's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended.
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- The Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- The trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We discussed our audit independence complying with the Revised Ethical Standard 2019 with the engagement team members whilst planning the audit and continually monitored our independence throughout the process.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual. suspected or alleged fraud.
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the Financial Statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified potential for fraud in the following areas:
- Management override of controls.
- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the Financial Statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity, The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and relevant tax legislation.

Audit response to risks identified

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- Enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims; performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	846,460	-	846,460	649,943
Charitable activities	4				
Grant income		49,000	461,263	510,663	201,518
Other trading activities	3	666,241	-	666,241	555,879
Total		1,562,101	461,263	2,023,364	1,407,340
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	181,114	-	181,114	131,615
Charitable Activities					
Provision for rescue centre	6	1,451,120	311,651	1,762,771	1,476,913
Total Expenditure		1,632,234	311,651	1,943,885	1,608,528
NET INCOME BEFORE TAX		(70,133)	149,612	79,479	(201,188)
Tax		(1,305)	-	(1,305)	-
NET INCOME		(71,438)	149,612	78,174	(201,188)
Transfers between funds	21	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(71,438)	149,612	78,174	(201,188)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		179,994	131,000	310,994	512,182
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		108,556	280,612	389,168	310,994

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	13	10,500	-	10,500	14,000
Tangible assets	14	621,766	79,217	700,983	625,726
		632,266	79,217	711,483	639,726
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	16	9,397	-	9,397	9,420
Debtors	17	148,791	-	148,791	78,212
Cash at bank and in hand		118,071	201,395	319,466	213,265
		276,259	201,395	477,654	300,897
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	(324,274)	-	(324,274)	(145,264)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(48,105)	201,395	153,380	155,633
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		584,251	280,612	864,863	795,359
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(475,695)	-	(475,695)	(484,365)
NET ASSETS		108,556	280,612	389,168	310,994
FUNDS	22				
Unrestricted funds				108,556	179,994
Restricted funds				280,612	131,000
TOTAL FUNDS				389,168	310,994

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Sarah Passmore - Trustee Chair

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	13	10,500	-	10,500	14,000
Tangible assets	14	621,766	79,217	700,983	625,726
Investments	15	-	-	-	-
		632,266	79,217	711,483	639,726
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	16	9,397	-	9,397	-
Debtors	17	148,791	-	148,791	87,362
Cash at bank		118,071	201,395	319,466	213,265
		276,259	201,395	477,654	300,897
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	(325,354)	-	(325,354)	(145,264)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(49,095)	201,395	152,300	155,633
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		583,171	280,612	863,783	795,359
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	19	(475,695)		(475,695)	(484,365)
NET ASSETS		107,476	280,612	388,088	310,994
FUNDS	22				
Unrestricted funds				107,476	179,994
Restricted funds				280,612	131,000
TOTAL FUNDS				388,088	310,994

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	336,474	6,970
Interest paid		(51,982)	(34,887)
Net cash provided by operating activities		284,492	(27,917)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(170,780)	(73,395)
Net cash used in investing activities		(170,780)	(73,395)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(7,511)	(76,676)
Net cash used in financing activities		(7,511)	(76,676)
		-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		106,201	(174,078)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		213,265	387,343
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		319,466	213,265

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	78,174	(201,188)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	99,023	87,778
Interest paid	51,982	34,887
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	23	(1,470)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(70,579)	(17,601)
Increase in creditors	177,851	108,474
Net cash provided by operations	336,474	10,880

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	213,265	106,201	319,466
	213,265	106,201	319,466
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(14,512)	(1,159)	(15,671)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(484,365)	8,670	(475,695)
	(498,877)	7,511	(491,366)
Total	(285,612)	113,712	(171,900)

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Consolidation

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charitable company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited on a line by line basis. Transactions and balances between the charitable company and its subsidiary have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the two companies are disclosed in the notes of the charitable company's balance sheet. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the charity is undergoing some liquidity issues due to the timing of income and trade liabilities. Forecasts are in place to March 2025 and a 3-year plan has been approved to March 2027. The trustees constantly review forecasts following changes that can impact the charity's finances, such as the changes to minimum wage and employer's national insurance and have contingency plans in place. In December 2024 the next tranche of grant income from Battersea Dogs and Cats Home is expected. The grant will continue into the 2025/26 year. Furthermore, in February 2025 they are expecting a number of legacies. Along with growing shop trade and the number of events lined up, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Donations and legacies income includes donations and gifts that provide core funding or are of a general nature and are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies it must be used in future accounting periods or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

The company operates retail shops for the sale of a range of branded and own branded products. Sales of goods are recognised on sale to the customer, which is considered the point of delivery. Retail sales are usually by cash, credit or payment card.

Other trading activities are recognised as the related services are provided and there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when the amounts received are in advance of the delivery of the service or event to which it relates.

In respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services, turnover represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced. Turnover in respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion. Income received in advance of a specified service or purchase is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

It is not the policy of the charity to show income net of expenditure.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2017, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at rates estimated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their useful economic life as follows:

Freehold property	- 15 years
Leasehold improvements	- 33% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Assets in the course of construction

Assets in the course of construction are stated at cost. These assets are not depreciated until they are available for use.

Stock

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell. Inventories are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

The charity's trading subsidiary, Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited, gift aids available profits to the parent charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, and conditions associated with the donated item have met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Hope Rescue volunteer community is not recognised.

On receipt, donated and professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts arc shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Financial Instruments

The group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the group has a present Obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024 Group £	2023 Group £	2024 Charity £	2023 Charity £
Gift aid	119,258	96,846	119,258	96,846
Other donations and legacies	727,202	553,097	727,202	553,097
	846,460	649,943	846,460	649,943

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Fundraising events	56,104	45,020	56,104	45,020
Retail income	239,305	222,879	227,311	182,525
Service delivery	274,432	183,650	274,432	183,650
Adoption fees	96,400	104,330	96,400	104,330
	666,241	555,879	654,247	515,525

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Grants	510,663	201,518	510,663	201,518
	501,663	201,518	501,663	201,518

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows;

	2024 £	2023 £
WCVA	1,000	-
Hobson Charity	-	7,000
National Lottery Community Fund	160,980	-
Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation	-	15,000
Welsh Church Act	22,000	12,057
Schnauzerfest	13,000	10,000
Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust	-	36,000
The Rose Animal WelfareTrust	-	33,220
The Moondance Foundation	10,000	10,000
Battersea	15,000	10,000
Pets at Home Foundation	224,448	-
Petplan Charitable Trust	21,859	-
Other small grants	10,000	-
	32,376	68,241
	510,663	201,518

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Interest payable and similar charges	51,982	34,887	51,982	34,887
Expenditure				
Administrative expenses	70,926	52,815	70,926	52,815
Fundraising costs	58,206	43,913	58,206	43,913
	129,132	96,728	129,132	96,728
Aggregate amounts	181,114	131,615	181,114	131,615

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Provision for rescue centres	1,630,897	129,759	1,760,656

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2024 £	Charity 2023 £
Staff costs	1,172,830	810,656	1,172,830	810,656
Retail expenses	82,751	83,803	76,142	53,932
Rehoming costs	99,657	112,088	99,657	112,088
Veterinary care	275,659	316,587	275,659	316,587
TOTAL	1,630,897	1,323,134	1,624,288	1,293,263

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Depreciation/ Amortisation £	Other £	Governance costs £	Total £
Provision for rescue centres	98,566	17,593	13,600	129,759

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	13,600	20,246
Depreciation – owned assets	95,523	84,278
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	3,500	3,500
Expenses under operating leases	-	-

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 203.

Trustees' expenses

There were no expenses paid to trustees in the year. In the prior year the charity paid £Nil in relation to training expenditure and towards the costs of holding trustee meetings.

11. STAFF COSTS

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,052,554	732,886	1,052,554	732,886
Social Security Costs	85,788	57,479	85,788	57,479
Other Pension costs	34,488	20,291	34,488	20,291
	1,172,830	810,656	1,172,830	810,656

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Service delivery	38	30	38	30
Administration	5	6	5	6
Employed staff	43	36	43	36

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

During the year no terminations benefits were paid (2023: £Nil)

The total key management personnel remuneration benefits during the year were £149,946 (2023: £176,020).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	649,943	-	649,943
Charitable activities			
Grants	74,862	126,656	201,518
Other trading activities	555,879	-	555,879
Total	1,280,684	126,656	1,407,340
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	131,615	-	131,615
Charitable Activities			
Provision for rescue centres	1,390,030	86,883	1,476,913
Total expenditure	1,521,645	86,883	1,608,528
NET INCOME	72,457	(59,128)	13,149
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(240,961)	39,773	(201,188)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	359,347	152,835	512,182
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	179,994	131,000	310,994

13. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – Group & company

	Other Intangible Assets £
COST	
At 1 April 2023	35,000
Additions	-
And 31 March 2024	35,000
AMORTISATION	
At 1 April 2023	21,000
Charge for year	3,500
At 31 March 2024	24,500
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	10,500
At 31 March 2023	14,000

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group & company

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	908,524	164,986	19,920
Additions	155,101	-	-
Reclassification	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	1,063,625	164,986	19,920
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	337,466	164,986	9,714
Charge for year	60,030	-	6,501
At 31 March 2024	397,496	164,986	16,215
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	666,129	-	3,705
At 31 March 2023	571,058	-	10,206

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	74,834	63,420	10,547	1,242,231
Additions	5,044	6,850	3,785	170,780
Reclassification	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	79,878	70,270	14,332	1,413,011
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	51,439	46,795	6,105	616,505
Charge for year	18,735	6,463	3,794	95,523
At 31 March 2024	70,174	53,258	9,899	712,028
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	9,704	17,012	4,433	700,983
At 31 March 2023	23,395	16,625	4,442	625,726

15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Company

The charity's investments at the Balance Sheet date include the following:

Subsidiary

Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited

Registered office: 77 Taff Street, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff CF37 4SU

Nature of business: Sale of dog products and provision of dog classes.

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,080	-
Profit for the year	1,080	-

The entity is limited by guarantee therefore there is no share capital

16. STOCKS

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Stocks	9,397	9,420	9,397	-
	9,397	9,420	9,397	-

17. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	44,422	50,452	44,422	50,452
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	-	9,420
Other debtors	63,746	9,830	63,746	9,830
VAT	25,020	10,979	25,020	10,979
Prepayments	15,603	6,951	15,603	6,951
	148,791	78,212	148,791	87,632

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan and overdrafts (see note 19)	5,850	5,435	5,850	5,435
Other loans	9,822	9,078	9,822	9,078
Trade creditors	79,310	59,298	79,310	59,298
Corporation tax	1,305	-	-	-
Social Security and other taxes	31,214	14,472	31,214	14,472
Other creditors	1,995	11,518	1,995	11,518
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	2,385	-
Accruals and deferred income	194,778	45,463	194,778	45,463
	324,274	145,264	325,354	145,264

19. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Group and charity

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 19)	112,552	118,402
Other loans (see note 19)	363,143	365,963
	475,695	484,365

20. LOANS

Group and charity

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	5,850	5,435
Other loans	9,822	9,078
	15,672	14,513
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	6,273	5,850
Other loans - 1-2 years	10,637	9,822
	16,910	15,672
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	21,653	20,194
Other loans - 2-5 years	37,426	34,484
	59,079	54,678
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	84,626	92,358
Other loans more 5yrs instal	315,080	321,657
	399,706	414,015

21. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans - Mortgage	372,965	374,671
	372,965	374,361

The Charity Bank Limited have a fixed and floating charge over the freehold property of Cyllan Lodge, Llanharan and the adjoining land.

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	-	4,080	(3,000)	1,080
Hope Rescue				
General fund	89,994	(75,518)	3,000	17,476
Designated Funds - Project Funding	30,000	-	-	30,000
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	60,000	-	-	60,000
	179,994	(71,438)	-	108,556
Restricted funds				
Capital Grant Fund	94,750	(15,533)	-	79,217
WCVA	27,750	-	-	27,750
Welsh Church Act	-	12,000		12,000
Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust	6,000	(6,000)		-
Christmas Campaign	2,500			2,500
Petplan Charitable Trust	-	10,000		10,000
Battersea	-	149,145		149,145
	131,000	149,612	-	280,612
TOTAL FUNDS	310,994	78,174	-	390,020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	11,994	(7,914)	4,080
Hope Rescue - General fund	1,550,107	(1,625,625)	(75,518)
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund		(15.533)	(15.533)
WCVA	1,000	1,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	160,980	(160,980)	-
Welsh Church Act	22,000	(10,000)	12,000
Schnauzerfest	13,000	(13,000)	-
The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust		(6,000)	(6,000)
Rescue Centre running costs support	6,976	(6,976)	-
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,000	(1,000)	-
Pets at Home Foundation	21,859	(21,859)	-
Petplan Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000
Battersea	224,448	(75,303)	149,145
	461,263	(311,651)	149,612
TOTAL FUNDS	2,023,364	(1,944,338)	78,174

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued
Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	-	10,483	(10,483)	-
Hope Rescue				
General fund	244,3347	(251,444)	97,091	89,994
Designated Funds - Project Funding	30,000	-	-	30,000
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	60,000	-	-	60,000
Designated Funds - Repayment of loan element of WCVA	25,000	-	(25,000)	-
	359,347	(240,961)	61,608	179,994
Restricted funds				
Capital Grant Fund	110,283	(15,533)	-	94,750
WCVA	27,750	-	-	27,750
Llanharan Community Council	(1,000)	-	1,000	-
Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Welsh Church Act	6,057	12,057	(18,114)	-
Welsh Water Community	500	-	(500)	-
Llanharan Council	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Kennel Configuration	7,245	7,000	(14,245)	-
The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust	-	25,000	(19,000)	6,000
The Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust	-	2,499	(2,499)	-
Christmas Campaign	-	2,500	-	2,500
Disabled Access Ramp	-	1,250	(1,250)	-
	152,835	39,773	(61,608)	131,000
TOTAL FUNDS	512,182	(201,188)	-	310,994

22. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	40,354	(29,871)	10,483
Hope Rescue - General fund	1,240,330	(1,491,774)	(251,444)
	1,280,684	(1,521,645)	(240,961)
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund		(15,533)	(15,533)
Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation	5,000		5,000
Welsh Church Act	12,057		12,057
Schnauzerfest	10,000	(10,000)	-
Kennel Configuration	7,000		7,000
The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust	25,000		25,000
The Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust	2,499		2,499
Veterinary costs support	53,850	(53,850)	-
Christmas Campaign	2,500		2,500
Disabled Access Ramp	1,250		1,250
Rescue Centre running costs support	7,500	(7,500)	-
	126,656	(86,883)	39,773

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd
Wholly owned subsidiary of the charity for the sale of goods at the rescue centre and online.

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Project funding
Funds to be used for the continued improvement of the rescue centre.

Welfare Contingency
Funds to be used for service delivery – welfare and kennel operations only.

RESTRICTED FUNDS
Capital grant fund
Funding received from multiple funders to improve the centre facilities for the dogs and staff.

WCVA
Grant received for recruitment of Facilities Manager/Enterprise Development Manager/Grants Officer and IIV/IIP.

Llanharan Community Council
Grant received for kennel tiling and towards the new staff welfare facilities.

Dezna Robins Jones Charitable Foundation
Grant received from the Foundation for use towards property improvements and maintenance.

Wales Church Act
Grant received towards the new staff welfare facilities.

Welsh Water Community
Grant received towards the new staff welfare facilities.

Kennel Configuration
Grants received from multiple funders towards the improvement of the kennel facilities at the centre.

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust
Grant received to purchase a new van for the centre.

The Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust
Grant received towards improvement of the centre facilities for the dogs and staff.

Veterinary cost support
Grants received from multiple organisations to help the charity with the growing veterinary costs.

Christmas Campaign
Grant received for the running of the Christmas campaign.

Disabled Ramp Access
Funding received towards the new disabled access ramp at the centre.

Rescue Centre running costs support
Grants from multiple funders to be used towards the running costs of the centre.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	30,179	176,250

The above commitments are for improvements to the Rescue Centre and funding is in place from the National Lottery and Battersea Dogs and Cats Home for the costs.

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.



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This is Hope Rescue's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

This report sets out information about Hope Rescue, its aims and objectives, and activities that all make a positive impact in its local communities and beyond.

Trustees report

This was a challenging year for the Hope Rescue team, as the full extent of the cost-of-living crisis became clear.

Demand for our services remained very high, with our kennels at capacity, while the cost of utilities, food, and veterinary care soared. We continued to see the effect of the huge rise in dog ownership during the pandemic as the number of stray dogs arriving in our care also increased. All of this placed significant pressure on our financial and emotional resources.

However, despite these pressures, our team continued to offer a high standard of service across all operations, and maintained our RSPCA Gold PawPrints award for kennelling. An organisational review was undertaken this year, to lay the foundations for future growth, structure, and governance. The outcomes from the review helped inform a new strategic plan, which sets out how we will achieve our ambitious objectives for the next three years. This latest annual report provides the framework for how we will report on our achievements against those objectives.

This was another good year for our campaigning and advocacy work, which has been achieved without dedicated public affairs resources. Working in partnership with other organisations in our sector who share our values has enabled us to reach an audience beyond our gates, and has kept animal welfare issues in the minds of decision makers.

Hope Rescue continues to be viewed as an authority on dog welfare issues amongst media contacts, both in Wales and the rest of the UK. Our ability to provide an authentic voice, often at short notice, has meant that many important stories, such as the effect of the cost-of-living crisis, greyhound racing, and tackling low-welfare breeding, have been featured extensively in the news.



It is a difficult time at the moment across the charity sector, as the cost-of-living rises, and Hope Rescue is sharing some of these difficulties with regard to securing income to meet our increased running costs. Our supporters and funders have continued to provide incredible support at difficult times, and this has spurred us on to do even more. With our new strategic plan in place, we are in a good position to meet the future needs of vulnerable dogs and their owners in our local communities.

I would like to thank the staff, volunteers, and trustees who have worked so diligently over the last year, against the backdrop of what can only be described as the perfect storm of challenges.

Sarah Passmore
Chair

Our mission

Our vision is a future where all dogs are treated with care, kindness, and respect.

Our mission:

- We aim to provide a place of safety for vulnerable dogs, rehabilitating and rehoming them whilst working towards creating lasting change to improve the welfare of all dogs. We will collaborate with partner organisations to provide services to our local communities and support owners to help them keep their pets.

Our Core Values

Hope Rescue is committed to the following values:

- **Care**

  We aim to provide our dogs with the highest standards of care ensuring their emotional and physical wellbeing needs are met.

- **Fairness**

  We do not discriminate against the dogs we help based on their breed, age or medical condition. No adoptable dog is unnecessarily euthanised due to space or time constraints.

- **Compassion**

  We show compassion for both the dogs in our care and the people we deal with, whatever their circumstances for needing our services.

- **Advocacy**

  We are committed to creating lasting change for dogs in our care and for dogs we'll never meet.

- **Integrity**

  We strive to work in a way that is open, honest, transparent and is accountable to our stakeholders, respecting and valuing our staff, trustees, volunteers, partners and supporters.

Providing high quality care for dogs in need of our help

Our overarching aim is to provide the highest standards of care for our dogs, ensuring their emotional and physical wellbeing needs are met to enable them to find loving homes. Post-pandemic, not only has the demand for our services increased, but sadly we are seeing higher numbers of dogs with health and behaviour problems coming through our doors. These dogs are staying with us for longer as they need prolonged vet treatment and behavioural support.



Investment from Welsh Government to provide additional resources to Local Authority licensing teams has seen us develop some ground-breaking collaborative partnerships. As a result, there has been a sharp increase in the numbers of seized dogs we are taking in from low welfare or illegal breeders, with seizures of 30 plus dogs common. If these dogs are not signed over by the owner, they may be with us for a few months pending a court decision.

Whilst we have historically relied on our rescue partners such as Dogs Trust and Blue Cross to support us by taking in a large percentage of our dogs, they are also struggling for kennel space and the number of transfers has considerably reduced. Capacity has therefore been a concerning issue this year. Our new Strategic Plan sets out our plans to address these challenges.

We took in a total of 661 dogs this year. This was 44 less than last year, largely due to the increased number of challenging health and behaviour issues which means that dogs stayed longer with us, and also the length of stay for seized dogs due to having to wait for the legal process to complete. This also significantly impacted our vet bills which rose from £201k to £317k, and evidences the impact the cost-of-living crisis has had on the ability of pet owners to provide health care for their pets. Sadly, we are also seeing an increasing trend of older, end-of life dogs being abandoned.

- 661 dogs helped
- 368 strays admitted
- 91 dogs came in from owners
- 142 dogs and puppies were seized from illegal breeders by local authorities
- 47 puppies were born in our care
- 13 dogs from other rescues

The number of dogs leaving our care increased significantly, 709 compared to 570 last year, including an increase in the number of dogs adopted;

- 368 this year compared to 319 last year
- 709 dogs left our care
- 177 strays were reclaimed by their owner
- 368 dogs adopted
- 96 dogs were transferred to our rescue partners
- 68 dogs euthanised
- 52 dogs were put to sleep for health reasons
- 11 dogs were put to sleep due to a combination of health and behaviour reasons
- 5 dogs were put to sleep due to behaviour reasons

Case studies





Keanu

Keanu came into us at 9 months after his owner reported he could no longer care for him. We were shocked on his arrival at the centre to see he had a serious deformity in his front limbs. On investigation by the vets, this was found to be due to rapid growth caused by breeding for extreme features.

With no viable surgical option, we aimed to keep Keanu comfortable on pain relief which, initially, worked well for him.

During his time with us, Keanu featured in the Panorama special about the links between extreme dog breeding and organised crime. Sadly, as Keanu grew, his health issues worsened and, despite our best efforts, his quality of life became compromised. He was put to sleep to end his suffering when he was just over a year old. We continue to work closely with local authorities and to campaign against illegal breeding for extreme features so that dog like Keanu do not have to suffer in the future.

Sam and Evie

Staffordshire bull terrier Sam and lurcher Evie came into our care as strays. We later found out that their owner had sadly passed away. Understandably both were overwhelmed and unsettled but our welfare team provided them with extra TLC during their stay.

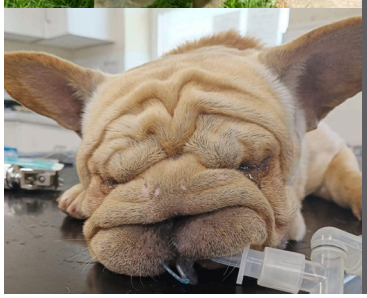
Sam and Evie were incredibly attached to each other, so we began to look for a home for them together.

Sometimes it does take longer for a pair to find their forever home so during their stay Sam and Evie were cared for in one of our amazing foster homes. Not only do foster homes provide a safe place for dogs who are struggling in kennels, but they also help to create much needed space at the centre for another dog in need of our help. Sam and Evie are now settled in their forever home and, as you can see, as close as ever!









Francois

Francois was one of 38 French bulldogs who came into our care in March 2023 after being seized by the local authority under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Found living in appalling conditions, many were suffering with health issues associated with breeding for extreme features. Francois had issues with his breathing due to his narrow nostrils, elongated soft palate and large nose rope. This also caused irritation to his eyes.

Francois underwent surgery at Maes Glas vets and, once recovered, this gave him a new lease of life. Francois went on to find a wonderful new home via one of our rescue partners.

Lucy

Lucy came to us as part of a group of over 30 dogs who were seized from an unlicensed breeder. Lucy was being kept alone in a barren environment with no comfy bed, no toys and not even any natural light. She was just 12 weeks old.

Lucy went straight into one of our experienced foster homes where she got to experience being a much-loved companion for the first time. To our delight, her foster family went on to adopt her and she continues to live the best life possible after such a poor start.







Avocado

Two-year-old shar pei Avocado came to us as an unclaimed stray.

He was a very unhappy and worried chap when he arrived who was quick to defend himself when approached. Avocado needed gentle and careful handling to build his confidence. Once Avocado was able to be safely handled it was discovered he had a long-term ear infection and entropion, a condition when the eye lashes turn in and rub against the eye causing discomfort. Avocado received surgery for this and treatment for his ear infection.

The team continued to work hard on his behaviour and training programme to help introduce him to new people and be comfortable with handling. There is no limit to how long a dog can stay in our care and for Avocado it took 9 months for him to be ready to find his new home. He is now living happily and comfortably with his new family, and has come such a long way from the sad stray dog who arrived in our care.

Helping to keep pets and their people together

Due to capacity issues, sadly this year we have been unable to offer our subsidised canine respite scheme to Local Authorities. We have been able to support the Pet Food Bank in Cardiff with regular donations of surplus pet food.

With the rise in numbers of pet owners in crisis, and concerns over capacity and our ability to help dogs surrendered from owners, it will become increasingly important to provide support to owners to keep their dogs rather than having to face the heart-breaking decision to give them up. Keeping people and their pets together will be a key theme going forward.

We were delighted in March to receive notification from the National Lottery Community Fund that our funding application to take forward this work had been successful. This includes establishing a Community Programme Manager post to scope and develop a programme of community outreach projects, and support to establish a no-cost canine respite project for dog owners in crisis. The latter will be linked to further work next year to expand our fostering programme.

Using our voice to create lasting change

One of our founding values is that we don't just care about the dogs that come through our doors but that we are passionate about improving the lives of dogs, wherever they are, through influencing behaviour change and improving legislation. As a charity currently without any dedicated public affairs resource, we really do punch above our weight when it comes to our campaign work and its impact.

It has been a very busy year for our advocacy work. In May we gave evidence to the Petitions Committee at the Senedd (Welsh Parliament) in respect of our 35,000 signature strong petition to ban greyhound racing in Wales. We were delighted in October when three of the largest charities in the UK – Dogs Trust, Blue Cross and RSPCA – changed their policy position on greyhound racing. Together with our friends



at Greyhound Rescue Wales, a new coalition was formed to work together towards a phased end to greyhound racing in Wales, the #CutTheChase coalition.

In December, the Petitions Committee published its report on the petition, with a

majority conclusion that greyhound racing should come to an end in Wales. This was a major milestone for the campaign, and a view echoed by the majority of Senedd Members when the petition was debated in the Senedd in March. The Minister for Rural Affairs has committed to consulting on a ban by the end of 2023.

We were pleased to be invited to join the newly-formed Welsh Cross-Party Group for Animal Welfare which meets quarterly. We also facilitated a number of visits to the rescue centre from MPs and Mss, as well as organising a hugely successful "Paws in the Bay" event at the Senedd in May. This event saw Senedd Members, including the Minister for Rural Affairs, pair up with staff and volunteers to take one of our rescue dogs for a lunchtime stroll around Cardiff Bay, proving an opportunity to discuss key campaign issues.

In January we also attended the Scottish Parliament for a roundtable meeting on phasing out greyhound racing in Scotland, and were pleased to also join a coalition to launch a campaign there. We also took part in #CutTheChase fringe events at the Plaid Cymru and Welsh Labour party conferences in March.

Campaigning for improved breeding legislation and raising awareness of poor breeding practices remains a key objective. As a member of the Animal Welfare Network for Wales Management Committee, we regularly meet with Welsh Government officials, including discussing the current Welsh breeding regulations, using our front-line experience to bring the issues and challenges to life. We use our case studies to gain widespread media coverage to promote key messages.



The "Bird" Bulldog case for example and a message not to buy brachycephalic dogs was covered by the national press, and we were also invited to write a blog post for the British Veterinary Association.

A further notable media opportunity to highlight the impact of poor breeding practices came with the filming of the BBC One Panorama programme Dogs, Dealers and Organised Crime which broadcast in January 2023. We were interviewed about the breeding of American Bullies and other bulldog types for extreme features, and shared heartbreaking examples of Keanu and Alvin who both sadly had to be put to sleep as a result of their poor conformation. The programme received worldwide coverage.

We supported the campaign from Naturewatch Foundation to regulate fertility clinics; the close links between fertility clinics and illegal breeding practices is something we are very concerned about. We were pleased to be invited to speak about this issue at the All Party Dog Advisory Working Group (APDAWG) event at Westminster in October. We were also pleased to be invited to speak at the APDAWG Unsung Heroes event at Westminster in December, highlighting our advocacy work in particular. In March we also attended an APDAWG drop-in session on The State of Rescue in the U.K. where we talked to MPs about the current crisis facing animal welfare organisations.



We continued to support the #FlopNotCrop campaign to ban the importation of ear-cropped dogs, joining forces with the RSPCA to issue a joint press release and sending a joint letter to Welsh Government offering support with a targeted human behaviour change campaign.

Ensuring we can continue to help pets and people in the future

The key challenge this year has been managing the costs of increasing demand for our services whilst maintaining the highest possible animal welfare standards. This has been balanced against rising costs for our utilities, mortgage, fuel, food and vet costs.

Fundraising

Across the charity sector, there are signs of an emerging 'cost-of-giving' crisis as finances are squeezed. Despite this, thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, the support of both existing and new funders, and our corporate and community partners we raised a total of £896,481, an increase of £133,044 from last year (including grant income). Our fundraising once again represents 65% of our income. This is a remarkable achievement given that we are yet to see any significant legacy income.

We have researched and invested in new ways to support individual giving and community fundraising, for example we launched a new text lottery, using Donr, our existing text giving platform and continued to develop our CRM system.

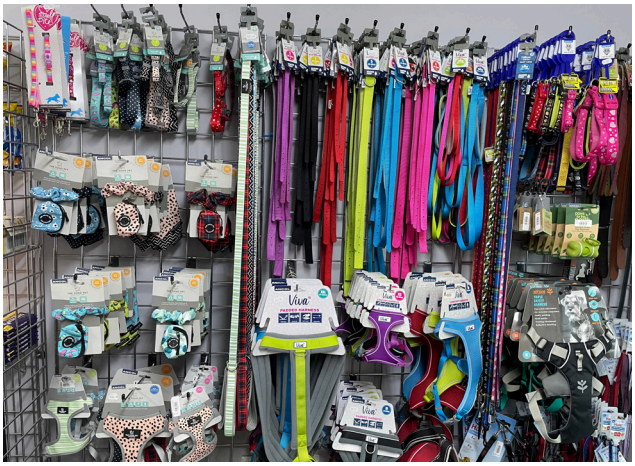
As always, we were grateful to business organisations for their financial support and gifts in kind including key partners such as the Pets Foundation, Mad About Dogs in Chichester, Black Lion Roofing, Schnauzerfest, Biffa, Rockwool, Redberth Gardens, and Burns Pet Nutrition.

We're also grateful to our grant funders who not only provided generous funding to our vet bills and new till system, but also funded capital projects.

Within our new strategic plan, we have set out our objective to implement a fundraising plan that will guide us through the next three years. This includes more investment in fundraising resources and the adoption of a wider mix of sustainable fundraising streams including corporate partnerships and legacy income.

Retail

Our charity shop in Pontypridd continues to perform well, delivering a profit of £46,342. Our eBay shop maintained its strength, with a profit of £19,167. We developed plans to restructure our retail team, and bring in an experienced charity retail professional to develop a new retail strategy, building on the success of our Pontypridd shop and rolling out a pipeline of new shops.



Our small shop at the rescue centre also did well, showing a profit of £7,043.

We took the difficult decision to close our Shopify on-line store in January. This was largely due to low sales and high management costs negatively impacting our forecast profitability. However, we will be looking for drop-shipping options and hope to re-open it next year with a more cost-effective structure.



We are very grateful to both our wonderful charity shop volunteers, and also our volunteer Handmade by Hope team for providing a steady supply of beautifully hand-crafted gifts that we sell in our charity shop, at the rescue centre, in our on-line auctions and at our fundraising events.

Service Delivery Income

As well as fulfilling a much-needed welfare service, we also derive an income from our stray dog contracts and the boarding of seized dogs for local authorities until they are signed over in to our care. Our service delivery income rose significantly last year to £287,980, an increase of £83,989. This was due to the increased demand from local authorities for kennelling seized dogs, the rise in the number of stray dogs and increased adoption numbers.



Managing our assets effectively

We continue to improve the facilities at the rescue centre, and this year has mainly involved design work and planning for two large projects. The funding award from the National Lottery Community Fund will also enable us to provide a new reception and refurbish our training room. The latter will be used for staff and volunteer training including a disabled toilet, as well as providing an indoor training area for our dogs. Work will commence in the new financial year.

Minor projects included a new disabled access ramp for our current reception building, additional weatherproofing to the kennel building, and creating new storage for kennels thanks to funding from the Bruce Wake Charitable Trust, Dezna Robin Jones Foundation and The Hobson Charity.
We were also delighted to secure grant funding from the Jean Sainsbury Charitable Animal Welfare Trust to purchase a new van. Thanks also to a generous discount from Vanzone, we were able to purchase a brand-new Fiat Scudo ready for fit-out.

Using digital technology for good

Thanks to generous funding from Loteri Cymru, we purchased a new retail till system, Kudos. This will enable us to better analyse the income through our charity shops, to inform improved commercial decision making and help manage stock.

Achieving good practice in governance

How We Operate

Hope Rescue is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 2nd March 2009. Charitable status was gained on 14th May 2009. Hope Rescue operates throughout the U.K. although the dogs it helps primarily originate from South Wales. The day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the staff team, supported by a network of volunteers and overseen by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity. Our current Board of Trustees comprises six Trustees with a range of specialist skills and experience.

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd. was incorporated during 2017 to serve as a separate trading company to pass all surpluses and support the work of the charity Hope Rescue.

Organisational Review

A broad Organisational Review was commissioned and completed in 2022. This included a deep delve into our governance and highlighted areas for improvement, largely due to challenges arising from transitioning from a small to medium/large charity since opening the rescue centre premises in March 2017.

The governance review broadly followed the WCVA Governance Health Checklist, with reference also to the Charity Governance Code and Charity Commission guidance on managing your charity. The recommendations included reviewing our governing documents, strengthening the skills and capacity of our Board by recruiting additional trustees and undertaking a policy review.

We will build on the recommendations to develop an organisation that is agile, responsive and fit for the future to ensure our sustainability to deliver the key commitments in the new Strategic Plan 2023 to 2026.

Building a robust and resilient organisation

We strengthened our staff team during the year with the following appointments. This helped to focus on improving our sustainability and supporting our dogs, while facing the post-pandemic and cost of living crisis:

- Head of Finance and Support Services
- Accounts Assistant
- Digital Communications Officer
- Events Fundraiser
- Animal Welfare Assistant
- Behaviour and Welfare Officer

However, our organisational structure has not kept pace with the expansion of the charity as a whole. We have seen a crisis in both cost-of-living and recruitment in all sectors, that have compounded this issue. We are committed to developing a new, fit for purpose organisational structure that will be delivered over the next 3 to 5 years, subject to funding and affordability.

We are extremely grateful to our fabulous volunteer team who provide support across all areas of the charity including fostering, fundraising, retail and at the rescue centre. The funding from the National Lottery Community Fund will allow us to further develop our volunteer offer.

Being known and recognised for what we do

Media

We continued to secure UK wide media coverage as a trusted source of information and expertise, despite our limited public affairs and marketing resources.

Our work supporting local authorities to tackle low welfare breeders was highlighted in May, in the Express and on WalesOnline. The story focused on the subsequent work, and the costs, to prepare the seized dogs for rehoming after they arrived in our care.

Incredible transformation of dog rescued in heartbreaking condition before having pup

A DOG has made an incredible transformation after being rescued in a heartbreaking state when she was expecting a puppy.

By KATIE HARRIS, Political Reporter
16:22, Thu, May 19, 2022 | UPDATED: 21:22, Fri, May 20, 2022

BOOKMARK 2



Custard Cream has made an incredible transformation after being rescued in a heartbreaking state
(Image: HOPE RESCUE)

Custard Cream was one of 27 dogs and puppies who came into the care of Hope Rescue in Wales after being seized from an illegal breeder in February. The Bichon Frise was in a terrible state with overgrown matted fur, and rescuers even feared for the lives of her and her unborn pup.

As the cost-of-living crisis grew, and the impact of a huge increase in dog ownership during the pandemic became a reality, we reported on the rise in the number of dogs being abandoned. The story was covered extensively by local print media, and by the BBC.

Cost of living: More pets being abandoned, dogs home says

By Garry Owen
BBC News

20 August 2022
Updated 21 August 2022



Katie Bull from the Hope Rescue Centre with one-year-old terrier Rolo

There has been a "sharp rise" in the number of dogs being abandoned as the cost-of-living crisis deepens, a rescue centre has said.

Hope Rescue Centre in Rhondda Cynon Taf said it had taken 300 calls in the past three months about pets.

The centre said it was caused by a "perfect storm" of an increase in dog ownership during lockdown alongside the cost-of-living crisis.

In the year after the first lockdown, UK households bought 3.2 million pets.

Rolo, a one-year-old terrier is one of the many dogs at the rescue centre.

He was brought by a dog warden as a stray, with very little known about his background.

- Owners pretend pets are strays to abandon them
- Rescue centres inundated with lockdown pets

The centre said although he was very friendly, he could get overwhelmed in some situations, so needs a gentle approach.

The centre's owner and founder, Vanessa Wadden, said Rolo was one of many and the situation was the worst she has seen 17 years.

"In the last three months alone we've had over 300 calls from people asking for our help," she said.

"It is very dramatic, it is a perfect storm.

"We are having to turn dogs away and that is the hardest bit, it is heartbreaking."



Ragner is an American bulldog described as the "biggest puppy at heart"

Centres across Wales are struggling to cope with demand and although many are full, staff stressed there was still help at hand.

"There are circumstances where we can't always help, we can't always take the dog in there and then, but we would urge owners to always pick up the phone," said Hope Rescue's Katie Bull.

"We can always offer advice if you are struggling to feed the dog, or struggling with medical costs and we can also put people on the waiting list."

It is a similar story at Cardiff Dogs Home. With the number of strays, surrendered and unwanted dogs rising on a daily basis, the centre has seen record inquiries.

Manager Maria Bailey said: "The demand has been quite striking for lots of different reasons.

"We are getting about 40 to 50 calls a month. Between April and July this year we have taken in 225 dogs, that is roughly 56 dogs a month at the moment so we are pretty much full all the time."

Ragner, a two-year-old American bulldog, was signed over because his owner could not look after him any longer.

He is also what is now commonly known as a "lockdown pet", many of which have been abandoned.

Veterinary charity The PDSA estimates that "depending on which dog you have, their potential lifetime cost could be £30,000".

Amongst the abandoned dogs, an increasing number of fake strays coming through our doors was also covered by the South Wales Argus

Hope Rescue warns of animal welfare crisis with cost of living

12th August 2022

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By Tom Moody
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Court and Crime Reporter

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A DOG rescue charity has warned of an animal welfare crisis, after seeing a rise in the number of pet owners pretending their dogs are strays so they can give them up.

Hope Rescue – which takes in stray dogs from Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, and parts of the Vale of **Glamorgan** – has issued an urgent warning to the Welsh and UK governments as the cost-of-living crisis continues.

A sharp rise in dog ownership over the pandemic, coupled with the cost-of-living crisis, is leading to more people choosing to give up their pets as they can no longer care for them properly, the charity said.



Dogs rescued from a puppy farm in Carmarthenshire. Picture: Hope Rescue.

Hope Rescue saw an increase in adoption applications through lockdown, but this has since returned to normal levels, **but the number of stray, surrendered and unwanted dogs have risen**.

Vanessa Waddon, Hope Rescue founder, said: "Many rescues across Wales are reporting the same issues and simply cannot keep up with the demand.

"What's concerning us the most is the fact we can quite literally see a system that's already bowing under the constant pressure of abandoned dogs coming in – with owners often lying and claiming they are strays - and a significant increase in responsible but desperate owners pleading with us to take their dogs in as surrenders on a daily basis.

"This is before we even consider the huge spike in dogs we're taking in that have been seized from illegal and low-welfare breeders who capitalised on the boom in demand."

The charity recently took in more than 100 puppies and dogs after two local authorities seized them from breeders on welfare grounds.

And last month, Hope Rescue received more than 70 calls from people asking about surrendering their dog, and often dogs.



Dogs rescued from the puppy farm in Carmarthenshire. Picture: Hope Rescue.

Sara Rosser, head of welfare and adoption, said: "It's so sad to hear owners pleading with us to take their dogs because they can no longer care for them for genuine reasons.

"We are trying our hardest to work through our waiting list, but often there is nothing we can do because we're at capacity already with abandoned, stray and seized dogs.

"We know we're seeing a number of fake strays come into our care because, quite simply, we are being told by neighbours and friends that they recognise the stray dogs we post on our social media pages or they send us adverts of the dogs being advertised for sale the day before.

"It's a very difficult and sad time for a lot of people we fear."

Hope Rescue is continuing to urge dog owners to reach out for help and advice from their local rescue centre rather than abandon their dogs.

The charity said wherever possible it would do its utmost to help owners and their dogs, regardless of the dog's age, breed or medical condition.

If you are struggling with your dog and rising costs then there are a number of ways you can seek help.

There are a number of pet food banks operating across Wales, including the Pet Food Bank Service in Cardiff which covers most of south Wales. The Blue Cross in Newport and PDSA in Cardiff can help with some vet bills in certain circumstances, dependent on qualification criteria.

The 'Bird' bulldogs case attracted extensive broadcast media coverage, including local BBC radio stations in England and Wales, and commercial radio stations Heart and Nation.

Our heartbreak at seeing some of the worst health conditions caused by low welfare breeding was also featured in the Mirror, Express, and WalesOnline.

'Worst ever' litter of sick puppies as public warned not to buy bulldogs

Hope Rescue has received ten bulldogs with severe health problems in the last week because of breeding issues, and its founder says if things don't change it will support a total ban on the breed

By **Amy Reast** & **Graeme Murray**, News Reporter
13:44, 19 Jun 2022 | **UPDATED 19:17, 19 JUN 2022**

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An animal charity has pleaded with Brits to stop buying bulldogs after they've experienced their 'worst ever' intake of sick pooches.

It says it has seen a catalogue of breeding related illnesses – amid urgent pleas from experts to stop buying trendy **dogs**.

There was extensive coverage of the Senedd Committee's decision that greyhound racing should be banned in Wales. This followed on from our ground-breaking petition that gathered 35,000 responses.

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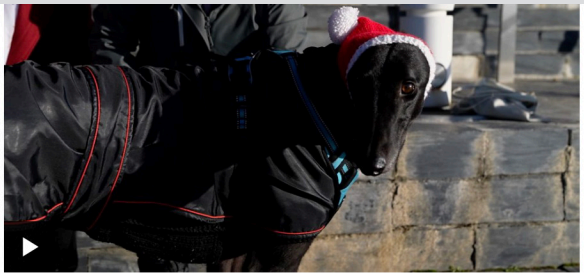
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Greyhound racing should be banned in Wales, says committee

15 December 2022 · Comments



About 35,000 people have signed an online petition calling for greyhound racing to be scrapped in Wales.

By Joe Langstaffe
BBC Wales News

Greyhound racing could be banned in Wales after a Senedd committee called for it to be gradually outlawed.

A majority of members on the petitions committee agreed with the 35,000 people who signed a petition calling for it to be banned.

Members also called for a review into other sports involving animals.

The Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB) said it was "disappointed" while the Welsh government said it would consider the recommendation.

There is only one greyhound race track remaining in Wales.

- **Frisky male goats get stuck pursuing females**
- **Woman kept 100 dogs in filthy hell hole - court**
- **Thousands oppose licensing greyhound track**

Vanessa Waddon, the owner of Llanharan-based dog charity Hope Rescue, which launched the petition, said she was delighted.

"It has lost its social licence to operate. The public agree that greyhounds deserve our protection.

"They are not collateral damage. We don't want to see dogs injured or dying for sport."

The committee's report said the evidence provided by Valley Greyhounds "suggests the track is no more dangerous than any other".

Ms Waddon said the industry was fuelling the breeding of excess dogs that would likely require help from charities in later life, adding pressure to an already-stretched sector.

"Once a dog stops racing, they then need to find a rescue [centre] that can take it in for rehoming," she said.

Four of the five members of the committee said they were in favour of a phased ban, with Conservative **Member of the Senedd** MS Joel James saying he favoured tightening existing regulation instead.

Despite advocating for a ban, the report acknowledged such a move would have a financial impact on the Valleys Greyhounds Stadium and Ystrad Mynach.

It recommended undertaking a widespread consultation before implementing any changes.

Valley Greyhounds in Ystrad Mynach, Caerphilly county, is Wales' last remaining greyhound track and hosts meets once a week.

The track has applied to Caerphilly council for planning permission to expand its facilities as part of the bid for a licence from the Greyhound Board for Great Britain.

An initial application for extension to the grandstand and clubhouse was refused last month by the council and a second application is being considered, although no date has been set for a decision.

Malcolm Tams, manager of Valley Greyhounds said he had plans to open a greyhound re-homing centre at his track.

He said: "There will be no burden on any rescue centre whatsoever, it will all be dealt with in-house".

Mr Tams said that he feared banning greyhound racing would force it underground, into so called "flip meetings".

He added: "If you ban greyhound racing, people who still want to race greyhounds will hold flip meetings in fields, like they did years ago, and this will drive it underground.

"Like the whippets do now and lurchers, they don't race on these tracks, they race in fields - there will be more injuries to greyhounds."

Hope Rescue claims to have rescued almost 200 dogs associated with Valley Greyhounds since 2018, though the track disputes this.

The charity previously worked alongside Valley Greyhounds, but has since adopted a policy calling for all greyhound racing to be banned.



Banning greyhound racing could have a financial impact on the area surrounding Wales' only venue, the report acknowledged

GBGB said: "We are disappointed that four members of the petitions committee are in favour of a ban on greyhound racing in Wales.

"As their report makes very clear in its recommendations, however, there are a number of strong alternatives which would allow the sport to continue in a fully regulated environment, thus protecting the welfare of dogs, the jobs and livelihoods of those involved in the sport and the revenue contribution the sport makes to the economy."

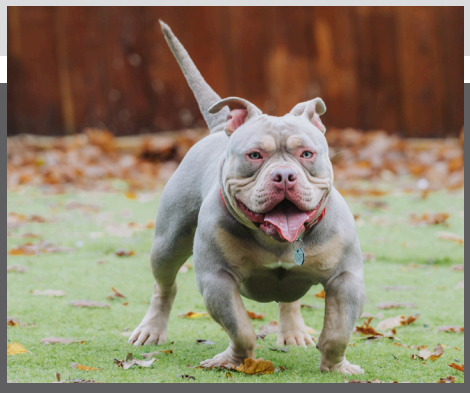
The report added that greyhound racing was "not the only sport where animals race for the entertainment of humans" and that all such sports should be looked at.

The GBGB said the recommendation was a warning to industries like horse racing, fishing and pigeon racing and their sport was "the thin end of the wedge".

The Welsh government said: "Our ambition is for all animals in Wales to have a good quality life.

"We recognised there are concerns relating to the welfare of racing greyhounds and we will give careful consideration to the committee's recommendations."

We were featured in the BBC Panorama investigation 'Dogs, Dealers and Organised Crime'. The programme exposed how some drugs dealers have switched from dealing narcotics to dealing dogs. Our dog, Keanu, was featured as an example of the link between low-welfare breeding and other criminal activity.



Digital communications

Social media remains an active part of our communications, to quickly engage with supporters, funders, and new audiences.

Facebook is the primary audience, with more than 105,000 people following the page at the end of the year. Our engagement rate is strong, at around 5%, with much of the engagement relating to stray dog posts being shared to try and reunite dogs with their owners.

The post that attracted the highest level of engagement was the sad news that Keanu, who featured in the BBC Panorama programme, was having serious breathing difficulties and joint pain, and had to be put to sleep. The public shared our heartbreak and anger towards those responsible for his suffering.

Our other channels on Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn saw a more modest increase in followers, and will need a wider plan for future content, as part of a revised marketing mix.

There were 1.3 million page views on our website this year. More than half of these were on the adoption pages. More work is needed to signpost and track the supporter journey from social media to the website. The number of visitors to the website was an average of 30,000 each month.

A new Marketing and Communications Plan will be developed next year to ensure we are optimising the use of our online and offline channels, and marketing collateral.

OVER
105,000
FOLLOWERS

OVER
21,000
FOLLOWERS

OVER
25,000
FOLLOWERS



Building a future of hope

Following a series of workshops, a new three-year Strategic Plan has been developed and will be launched in the new financial year.

The focus for the next three years will be to respond to the ongoing challenges of the post-Covid environment and cost of living crisis. In the ever-changing environment, the strategy will be dynamic and will be reviewed annually.

It will be supported by an Operational Plan setting out further detail of how we will deliver our goals and objectives, together with an annual budgeting process in which affordability will be key.

Key workstreams for next year include:

- Welfare team restructure and foster recruitment campaign to increase the number of dogs we can help
- Developing a community outreach programme to help keep people and pets together
- Investing in fundraising resources to support income generation and sustainability
- Developing plans for our own on-site vet facility
- New reception and refurbishment of our training room
- Organisation-wide policy review
- Developing a People Plan



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Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026

Building a future of hope



At a glance

We will provide high-quality care for dogs in need of our help

We'll help even more dogs find loving homes and be recognised as an exemplary rehoming centre with the highest welfare standards

We will help to keep people and their pets together

We will develop a community programme to support local dog owners and improve the welfare of dogs in our community



We will use our voice to create lasting change

We will develop a more structured approach to our core campaigns to improve our impact





We will ensure we can continue to help pets and people in the future

We will develop forward thinking plans for both voluntary and trading income to ensure we can deliver our objectives



We will invest in our assets, technology, governance, people and brand

We will ensure our facilities, IT and governance are fit for purpose, and that we promote the best culture, performance and leadership for our people

View the full strategic plan at
www.hoperescue.org.uk/building-a-future-of-hope

Registered charity no. 1129629

Financial Review

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Financial Report for the Year Ending 31st March 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present the financial report of the Charity for the fiscal year ending on 31st March 2023.

Despite the challenges faced by both the organisation and wider animal welfare sector, we were able to limit our deficit to £201,188. It is worth noting that £87,788 of this figure relates to depreciation charges, resulting in an operational deficit of £113,300.

During the year, whilst we increased overall income by 20% (£241,237) from last year, we suffered a significant increase in running costs that prompted us to reforecast our expenditure for the remaining 6 months. Our goal was to identify areas where we could reduce costs and increase our revenue. Our reforecast deficit was set at £112,000, excluding any depreciation charges. We are pleased we were able to stay on track and end the year on target by continually analysing and reviewing our position.

£115,089 of our increased expenditure is due to higher veterinary costs resulting from both the cost of living on dog owners, and general rises in the cost of vet treatments. We will be seeking to reduce our veterinary costs whilst also improving operational efficiency by developing plans for our own on-site veterinary suite.

The biggest factor influencing our expenditure has been staff costs, as we have needed to invest in more robust financial management as the organisation grows, and additional roles to support income generation and to improve welfare in line with our strategic aims.

Our findings from the previous 12 months have allowed us to budget robustly for the next financial year. Our senior management team and Board of trustees are focussed on working together to meet the financial challenges at a time our services are needed more than ever. We know this will be challenging, but our new Strategic Plan sets out how we will look to control costs whilst also continuing to invest in both voluntary and trading income generation.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Trading Company

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd (Registered number: 10632674) is a separate trading company to manage our trading income, the activities of which are included in this consolidated set of accounts.

Risk Management

Hope Rescue is committed to ensuring effective financial management through a system of monitoring, checks and controls. This includes a managed approach to financial issues which may present a risk to the organisation.

The Board of trustees overseas, manages and mitigates risks that are strategically significant to the ongoing success of the Charity through effective governance and its Board meetings, including regular review of the Strategic Risk Register.

Reserves

Our year end fund balance of £310,994 represents the value of our assets were we to liquidate the charity. Of our total fund balance, £131,00 is currently restricted, meaning that there are conditions attached to the funding which only allow it to be spent in a certain way. This includes donations and grants made for specific, defined purposes and the balance of our Capital Grant Fund relating to the purchase of the centre in 2017.

This leaves £179,994 in our general fund which we will hold as reserves and aim to build on over the course of the next financial year. One of the key objectives in our Strategic Plan is to develop a new Reserves Policy to ensure adequate levels of cash reserves, both operating and capital.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Hope Rescue

Registered Company Number: 06833205 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity Number: 1129629

Trading Company: Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd

Registered Company Number: 10632674 England and Wales)

Registered office

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Sarah Passmore (Chair) (appointed 2nd April 2023)
Gareth Lloydwin (Vice-Chair) (appointed 2nd April 2023)
Jacqueline Kent (appointed 1st March 2023)
Thomas Candy (appointed 2nd April 2023)
Charlene Barham-Peart (appointed 2nd April 2023)
Heather Ball (appointed 22nd October 2023)
Sunil Seabrooke (resigned 8th January 2023)
Dr Corrine Scott (resigned 1st February 2023)
Paula Rowe (resigned 2nd April 2023)
Sarah Lee Screen (resigned 2nd April 2023)
Phae Jones (resigned 9th July 2023)
Sian Humphreys (resigned 9th July 2023)

Secretary

Thomas Candy

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hope Rescue for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Bevan Buckland LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on....22.12.2023
and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Passmore – Trustee Chair

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOPE RESCUE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hope Rescue (the 'parent company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, Charity Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the parent and group's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise

to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We discussed our audit independence complying with the Revised Ethical Standard 2019 with the engagement team members whilst planning the audit and continually monitored our independence throughout the process.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- enquiring of management, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual. suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the Financial Statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, we identified potential for fraud in the following areas:
- Management override of controls
- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the Financial Statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the charity, The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and relevant tax legislation.

Audit response to risks identified

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims; performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and
- evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 29/12/23

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	649,943	-	649,943	570,169
Charitable activities	4				
Grant income		74,862	126,656	201,518	155,532
Other trading activities	3	555,879	-	555,879	440,402
Total		1,280,684	126,656	1,407,340	1,166,103
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	131,615	-	131,615	88,623
Charitable Activities					
CORE	6	1,390,030	86,883	1,476,913	1,064,061
Total Expenditure		1,521,645	86,883	1,608,528	1,152,684
NET INCOME		(240,961)	39,773	(201,188)	13,149
Transfers between funds	20	61,608	(61,608)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(179,353)	(21,835)	(201,188)	13,149
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		359,347	152,835	512,182	498,763
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		179,994	131,000	310,994	512,182

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	13	14,000	-	14,000	17,500
Tangible assets	14	530,976	94,750	625,726	636,609
		544,976	94,750	639,726	654,109
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	15	9,420	-	9,420	7,950
Debtors	16	78,212	-	78,212	60,611
Cash at bank and in hand		177,015	36,250	213,265	387,343
		264,647	36,250	300,897	455,904
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(145,264)	-	(145,264)	(80,025)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		119,383	36,250	155,633	375,879
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		664,359	131,000	795,359	1,029,988
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(484,365)	-	(484,365)	(517,806)
NET ASSETS		179,994	131,000	310,994	512,182
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds				179,994	359,347
Restricted funds				131,000	152,835
TOTAL FUNDS				310,994	512,182

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 Dec 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Passmore - Trustee Chair

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	13	14,000	-	14,000	17,500
Tangible assets	14	530,976	94,750	625,726	636,609
		544,976	94,750	639,726	654,109
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	87,632	-	87,362	76,491
Cash at bank		177,015	36,250	213,265	387,343
		264,647	36,250	300,897	463,834
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(145,264)	-	(145,264)	(87,954)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		119,383	36,250	155,633	375,880
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		664,359	131,000	795,359	1,029,989
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	18	(484,365)		(484,365)	(517,806)
NET ASSETS		179,994	131,000	310,994	512,182
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds				179,994	359,347
Restricted funds				131,000	152,835
TOTAL FUNDS				310,994	512,182

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 Dec 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Passmore - Trustee Chair

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	6,970	128,379
Interest paid		(34,887)	(25,459)
Net cash provided by operating activities		(27,917)	102,920
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(73,395)	(98,535)
Net cash used in investing activities		(73,395)	(98,535)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(76,676)	(52,784)
Net cash used in financing activities		(76,676)	(52,784)
		-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(174,078)	(48,399)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		387,343	435,742
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		213,265	387,343

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(201,188)	13,419
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	87,778	75,463
Interest paid	34,887	25,459
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,470)	(7,950)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(17,601)	(11,607)
Increase in creditors	108,474	33,595
Net cash provided by operations	10,880	128,379

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	387,343	(174,078)	213,265
	387,343	(174,078)	213,265
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(22,863)	8,351	(14,512)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(517,806)	33,441	(484,365)
	(540,669)	41,792	(498,877)
Total	(153,326)	(132,286)	(285,612)

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Consolidation

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charitable company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited on a line by line basis. Transactions and balances between the charitable company and its subsidiary have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the two companies are disclosed in the notes of the charitable company's balance sheet. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees have made this assessment based on reviewing financial budgets and forecasts for a period of 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Donations and legacies income includes donations and gifts that provide core funding or are of a general nature and are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies it must be used in future accounting periods or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

The company operates retail shops for the sale of a range of branded and own branded products. Sales of goods are recognised on sale to the customer, which is considered the point of delivery. Retail sales are usually by cash, credit or payment card.

Other trading activities are recognised as the related services are provided and there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when the amounts received are in advance of the delivery of the service or event to which it relates.

In respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services, turnover represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced. Turnover in respect of long-term contracts and contracts for on-going services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion.

Income received in advance of a specified service or purchase is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

It is not the policy of the charity to show income net of expenditure.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2017, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at rates estimated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their useful economic life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	- 33% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 33% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.
Assets in the course of construction

Assets in the course of construction are stated at cost. These assets are not depreciated until they are available for use.

Stock

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell. Inventories are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

The charity's trading subsidiary, Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited, gift aids available profits to the parent charity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, and conditions associated with the donated item have met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Hope Rescue volunteer community is not recognised.

On receipt, donated and professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts arc shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Creditors

Short term trade creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Financial Instruments

The group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors with no stated interest rate and receivable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the group has a present Obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid	96,846	63,548
Other donations and legacies	553,097	506,621
	649,943	570,169

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	45,020	37,736
Retail income	222,879	198,913
Trading income (HRE Ltd)	-	(238)
Service delivery	183,650	126,801
Adoption fees	104,330	77,190
	555,879	440,402

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	201,518	155,533
	201,518	155,533

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows;

	2023	2022
	£	£
	£	**£**
WCVA	-	15,000
Hobson Charity	7,000	8,400
National Lottery	-	10,000
Dezna Robins Jones Foundation	15,000	1,625
Wales Church Act	12,057	12,057
Schnauzerfest	10,000	22,000
The Jean Sainsbury Trust	36,000	-
The Anthony Martin Trust	33,220	-
The Rose Animal Trust	10,000	-
Moon Dance	10,000	-
Other small grants	68,241	86,451
	201,518	155,533

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities	Total 2023	2021 Total 2022
	£	**£**
Interest payable and similar charges	34,887	25,459
Expenditure		
Administrative expenses	52,815	33,967
Fundraising costs	43,913	29,197
	96,728	63,164
Aggregate amounts	131,615	88,623

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Core	1,323,134	153,779	1,476,913

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	810,656	628,297
Retail expenses	83,803	33,538
Rehoming costs	112,088	85,050
Veterinary care	316,587	201,498
TOTAL	1,323,134	948,383

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Depreciation/ Amortisation £	Other £	Governance costs £	Total £
Core	87,777	37,045	28,957	153,779

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditors' remuneration	20,246	5,100
Depreciation – owned assets	84,278	71,964
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	3,500	3,500
Expenses under operating leases	-	-

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no expenses paid to trustees in the year. In the prior year the charity paid £Nil in relation to training expenditure and towards the costs of holding trustee meetings.

11. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	732,886	592,912
Social Security Costs	57,479	25,450
Other Pension costs	20,291	9,935
	810,656	628,297

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Service delivery	30	25
Administration	6	5
Employed staff	36	30

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

During the year no terminations benefits were paid (2022: £Nil)

The total key management personnel remuneration benefits during the year were £176,020 (2022: £128,550).

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	570,169	-	570,169
Charitable activities			
Grants	94,450	61,082	155,532
Other trading activities	440,402	-	440,402
Total	1,105,021	61,082	1,166,103
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	88,623	-	88,623
Charitable Activities CORE	943,851	120,210	1,064,061
Total expenditure	1,032,474	120,210	1,152,684
NET INCOME	72,457	(59,128)	13,149
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	72,457	(59,128)	13,149
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	286,800	211,963	498,763
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	359,347	152,835	512,182

13. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – Group & company

	Other Tangible Assets
COST	£
At 1 April 2022	35,000
Additions	-
And 31 March 2023	35,000
AMORTISATION	
At 1 April 2022	17,500
Charge for year	3,500
At 31 March 2023	21,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	14,000
At 31 March 2022	17,500

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group & company

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	894,256	164,986	17,595
Additions	49,345	-	2,325
Reclassification	(35,077)	-	-
At 31 March 2023	908,524	164,986	19,920
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	284,487	164,986	3,729
Charge for year	52,979	-	5,985
At 31 March 2023	337,466	164,986	9,714
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	571,058	-	10,206
At 31 March 2022	609,769	-	13,866

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022	38,207	44,420	9,372	1,168,836
Additions	1,550	19,000	1,175	73,395
Reclassification	35,077	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	74,834	63,420	10,547	1,242,231
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	31,840	44,420	2,765	532,227
Charge for year	19,599	2,375	3,340	84,278
At 31 March 2023	51,439	46,795	6,105	616,505
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	23,395	16,625	4,442	625,726
At 31 March 2022	6,367	-	6,607	636,609

15. STOCKS

	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	9,420	7,950	-	-
	9,420	7,950	-	-

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	50,452	42,416	50,452	42,416
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	9,420	15,880
Other debtors	9,830	4,743	9,830	4,743
VAT	10,979	7,727	10,979	7,727
Prepayments	6,951	5,725	6,951	5,725
	78,212	60,611	87,632	76,491

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank loan and overdrafts (see note 19)	5,435	11,562	5,435	11,562
Other loans	9,078	11,302	9,078	11,302
Trade creditors	59,298	36,318	59,298	36,318
Social Security and other taxes	14,472	14,173	14,472	14,173
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	-	7,930
Accrued expenses	45,463	6,670	45,463	6,670
	145,264	80,024	145,264	87,955

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Group and charity

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 19)	118,402	143,848
Other loans (see note 19)	365,963	373,958
	484,365	517,806

19. LOANS

Group and charity

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand: Bank loans	5,435	11,561
Other loans	9,078	11,302
	14,513	22,863
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	5,850	12,400
Other loans - 1-2 years	9,822	11,814
	15,672	24,214
Amounts falling due between two and five years: Bank loans - 2-5 years	20,194	20,553
Other loans - 2-5 years	34,484	37,628
	54,678	58,181
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	92,358	110,895
Other loans more 5yrs instal	321,657	324,516
	414,015	435,411

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	-	10,483	(10,483)	
Hope Rescue				
General fund	244,347	(251,444)	97,091	89,994
Designated Funds - Project Funding	30,000	-	-	30,000
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	60,000	-	-	60,000
Designated Funds - Repayment of loan element of WCVA	25,000	-	(25,000)	-
	359,347	(240,961)	61,608	179,994
Restricted funds				
Capital Grant Fund	110,283	(15,533)	-	94,750
WCVA	27,750	-	-	27,750
Llanharan Community Council	(1,000)	-	1,000	-
Dezna Robin Jones Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Wales Church Act	6,057	12,057	(18,114)	-
Welsh Water Community	500	-	(500)	-
Llanharan Council	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Kennel Configuration	7,245	7,000	(14,245)	-
Jean Sainsbury Trust	-	25,000	(19,000)	6,000
Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust	-	2,499	(2,499)	-
Christmas Campaign	-	2,500	-	2,500
Disabled Access Ramp	-	1,250	(1,250)	-
	152,835	39,773	(61,608)	131,000
TOTAL FUNDS	512,182	(201,188)	-	310,994

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	40,354	(29,871)	10,483
Hope Rescue - General fund	1,240,330	(1,491,774)	(240,961)
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(15,533)	(15,533)
Dezna Robin Jones Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Wales Church Act	12,057	-	12,057
Schnauzerfest	10,000	(10,000)	-
Kennel Configuration	7,000	-	7,000
Jean Sainsbury Trust	25,000	-	25,000
Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust	2,499	-	2,499
Veterinary costs support	53,850	(53,850)	-
Christmas Campaign	2,500	-	2,500
Disabled Access Ramp	1,250	-	1,250
Rescue Centre running costs support	7,500	(7,500)	-
	126,656	(86,883)	39,773
TOTAL FUNDS	1,407,340	(1,608,528)	(201,188)

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued
Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	-	7,931	(7,931)	-
Hope Rescue				
General fund	186,460	142,887	(77,069)	244,347
Designated Funds - Project Funding	72,340	(42,340)	-	30,000
Designated Funds - 2021/22 salaries	28,000	(28,000)	-	-
Designated Funds - Welfare Contingency	-	-	60,000	60,000
Designated Funds - Repayment of loan element of WCVA	-	-	25,000	25,000
	286,800	72,547	-	359,347
Restricted funds				
Capital Grant Fund	125,816	(15,533)	-	110,283
WCVA	60,000	(32,250)	-	27,750
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	1,147	(1,147)	-	-
Llanharan Community Council	-	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Home form Home Kennel Build-Legacy	25,000	-	(25,000)	-
Wales Church Act	-	6,057	-	6,057
Welsh Water Community	-	500	-	500
Llanharan Council	-	2,000	-	2,000
Kennel Configuration	-	(17,755)	25,000	7,245
	211,963	(59,128)	-	152,835
TOTAL FUNDS	498,763	13,419	-	512,182

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd	36,253	(28,322)	7,931
Hope Rescue - General fund	1,040,446	(905,490)	134,956
Designated Funds - Project Funding	-	(42,340)	(42,340)
Designated Funds - 2021/22 salaries	-	(28,000)	(28,000)
	1,076,699	(1,004,152)	72,547
Restricted funds			
Capital Grant Fund	-	(15,533)	(15,533)
WCVA	15,000	(47,250)	(32,250)
Hobson Charity	8,400	(8,400)	-
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Llanharan Community Council	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Michael & Shirley Hunt	2,000	(2,000)	-
National Lottery	10,000	(10,000)	-
Dezna Robin Jones Foundation	1,625	(1,625)	-
Wales Church Act	12,057	(6,000)	6,057
Welsh Water Community	500	-	500
Llanharan Council	2,000	-	2,000
Schnauzerfest	8,000	(8,000)	-
Trivallis Community Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
Taff Ely Wind Farm	500	(500)	-
Kennel Configuration	-	(17,755)	(17,755)
	61,082	(120,210)	(59,128)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Project funding
Funds to be used for the continued improvement of the rescue centre.

Welfare Contingency
Funds to be used for service delivery – welfare and kennel operations only.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Capital grant fund
Funding received from multiple funders to improve the centre facilities for the dogs and staff.

WCVA
Grant received for recruitment of Facilities Manager/Enterprise Development Manager/Grants Officer and IIV/IIP.

Llanharan Community Council
Grant received for kennel tiling and towards the new staff welfare facilities.

Dezna Jones Foundation
Grant received from the Foundation for use towards property improvements and maintenance.

Wales Church Act
Grant received towards the new staff welfare facilities.

Welsh Water Community
Grant received towards the new staff welfare facilities.

Kennel Configuration
Grants received from multiple funders towards the improvement of the kennel facilities at the centre.

Jean Sainsbury Trust
Grant received to purchase a new van for the centre.

Millenium Stadium
Grant received towards improvement of the centre facilities for the dogs and staff.

Veterinary cost support
Grants received from multiple organisations to help the charity with the growing veterinary costs.

Christmas Campaign
Grant received for the running of the Christmas campaign.

Disabled Ramp Access
Funding received towards the new disabled access ramp at the centre.

Rescue Centre running costs support
Grants from multiple funders to be used towards the running costs of the centre.

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	176,250	-

The above commitments are for improvements to the Rescue Centre and funding is in place from the National Lottery and Battersea Dogs and Cats Home for the costs.

22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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This is Hope Rescue's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

This report sets out information about Hope Rescue, its aims and objectives, and activities that all make a positive impact in its local communities and beyond.

Trustees Report



Last year was challenging but ended on a more optimistic note, with the extraordinary efforts of the Hope Rescue team putting us in a better position to face uncertainties ahead.

Our focus on sustainability and managing the lasting impact of Covid-19 continued this year as demand for our services grew yet again. Intake increased when pandemic restrictions eased and we took in significantly more dogs seized dogs from illegal and low welfare breeders, many of whom had profited from the demand for 'lockdown' puppies. Some of these cases were complex, which placed our rescue centre staff under even greater pressure.

It is credit to our team that they could manage a 30% increase in intake whilst also rehoming over a third more dogs compared with the previous year. Their achievements under such unrelenting pressure have been truly remarkable. Having dedicated foster homes proved invaluable as they enabled us to take in vulnerable dogs that really needed our help. Our volunteers are such an integral part of the team, so we were delighted to welcome them back to our rescue centre, charity shop and events after such a long absence during lockdowns.

Keeping pace with the need to generate more funds is never easy but our Fundraising and Retail teams worked wonders again this year. Our fundraising team saw a return to face-to-face events, growth in our digital platforms and led on innovative ways to encourage individual giving. Our charity shop re-opened in April and we were pleased to welcome back our volunteers and customers. The shop delivered its highest profit to date, supplemented by the growth in online sales, including eBay.

As you read this report you will see our determination to make progress, evident in the improvements to our rescue centre, and our staff and volunteers now have much better facilities too. All of this has been made possible by the continued generosity of our supporters, grant funders and partners.

Campaigning remains a key part of our commitment to improve the lives of dogs, wherever they are. I am especially proud of the campaign launched in September to ban greyhound racing in Wales. This grew out of our Amazing Greys project and launched with a Senedd petition aimed at reaching the 10,000 signatures necessary to be considered for a debate. The fact that it soon reached, and exceeded, this goal underlines the widespread support for this important campaign. We will continue working towards a ban on greyhound racing in Wales, alongside lobbying to improve breeding legislation in Wales.

The emerging cost-of-living crisis is likely to impact on both the demand for our services and our income streams, so we need to develop and adapt our ways of working. A new Strategic Plan and a broad Organisational Review will enable us to build an organisation that is fit for the future to ensure our sustainability. I'd like to end with my heartfelt thanks to our staff, trustees and volunteers who continue to work so hard and with such extraordinary commitment, giving tireless support whatever challenges we face.

Paula Rowe
Chair of Trustees

Our Vision

Our vision is a future where all pets are provided with a responsible and loving home for life and that Hope Rescue is recognised as a high-quality provider of animal welfare and community services.

Our mission is to:

- Reduce the number of dogs, euthanised in the UK every year by providing a foster home, kennel space or rescue placement for animals in emergency situations.
- Reduce the number of dogs, entering the animal welfare system through campaigning for change, education and the promotion of responsible ownership.
- Promote the therapeutic benefits of pet ownership and interaction with dogs.
- Provide support to owners to help them keep their pets.

Hope Rescue sits within the 'Advancement of animal welfare' definition of The Charities Act 2011.

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The objectives of the charity as set out in our Memorandum of Association are to:

- Provide a place of safety for animals, in particular dogs, in emergency or put to sleep situations irrespective of breed or age.
- Relieve suffering amongst dogs in need of care and protection by reason of sickness, maltreatment, neglect, poor circumstances or other similar cases.
- Aid the advancement of education of the public in the needs and proper care of animals and the prevention of cruelty and suffering.

Our principal activities – what we do:

- Rehoming dogs directly from our rescue centre and through a network of volunteer foster homes, with a clearly controlled adoption procedure.
- Helping dogs in crisis situations by supporting Local Authorities to co-ordinate rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray dogs in their care and through referrals from vets, Social Services and other welfare agencies.
- Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by providing rescue, kennel or foster placements.

- Working in partnership with support services to help owners facing crisis situations such as domestic abuse, homelessness or hospitalisation by providing respite care for their dogs and supporting owners in their homes.
- Providing volunteering opportunities including supported volunteer and employment placements.
- Transporting dogs to rescue partners offering placements.
- Operating a charity shop in Taff Street, Pontypridd.
- Fundraising through community events, sponsored events and activities, merchandise sales, direct appeals and other fundraising activities.
- Animal welfare campaign and awareness work.
- Supporting Local Authorities and other enforcement agencies with welfare cases including dogs seized from low welfare breeders.

Delivering for the Public Benefit

We believe that our work provides considerable public benefit by:

- Rescuing at risk pets and placing them in loving homes for life.
- Educating and enabling the public to better care for animals.
- Ensuring that we fully comply with the Animal Welfare Act for pets in our care.
- Offering volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work.
- Supporting pet owners in crisis through our canine respite scheme.

Our work in alleviating suffering in animals and promoting animal welfare provides a moral benefit to society, and relief to people who are particularly concerned for pet welfare, as well as improving the lives of the animals we rescue.

Our Core Values

At Hope Rescue we are guided in our work by the following values:

- Quality of care
- Finding the right home for the right dog
- Compassion for both animals and people
- Integrity
- Strategic approach
- Transparency and accountability

Helping Dogs In Need

The year started with the relaxation of lockdown rules in Wales. We were able to re-open both the rescue centre and the charity shop, although we did close to the public a couple of times due to local Covid outbreaks. We were also able to start face to face fundraising again with our first event in August.

As restrictions eased, we started to see the predicted increase in the number of dogs coming into our care. This was largely due to the huge increase in dog ownership during the pandemic, with the Dogs Trust National Dog Survey reporting that 3.2 million dogs joined families during lockdown, many of whom were acquired by first-time dog owners. The demand for dogs during lockdown was often met by lower welfare breeders, impacting the number of dogs with health or behavioural issues, further compounded by changes to routines as owners went back to work and households were able to mix and have visitors again. A lack of socialisation and access to puppy classes particularly impacted lockdown puppies.

Following the BBC Wales Investigates expose of conditions in licensed puppy farms in 2019, the National Trading Standards Regional Investigation Team (Wales) received funding from the Welsh Government to deliver a nationwide project to tackle the problem of illegal dog breeding in Wales. As a result, we had a significant increase in the number of seized dogs coming into our care from illegal and low welfare breeders, many of whom saw their businesses boom due to the demand for pandemic puppies.



Smarties, a Cocker Spaniel seized from an illegal breeder in September 2021

We were also pleased to deliver some joint training in January to the Trading Standards Team in partnership with the RSPCA, followed by a visit to the rescue centre in February.



National Trading Standards Regional Investigation team visiting Hope Rescue

Our total intake during the year increased by 29% from the previous year, and we helped a total of 705 dogs:

- 705 dogs helped
- 299 strays admitted
- 165 dogs came in from owners
- 139 dogs and puppies were seized from illegal breeders by local authorities
- 75 puppies were born on site
- 12 dogs returned
- 9 dogs provided with canine respite whilst their owners accessed crisis services
- 6 dogs from other rescues

We increased the number of dogs rehomed ourselves; 319 dogs were adopted, a 34% rise from the previous year. This was largely due to the investment in adoption resources put in place during the Covid restrictions.

All dogs we rehome are neutered, fully vaccinated, treated for worms and fleas, and micro-chipped, in addition to having any other necessary veterinary work carried out. We also home-check all potential homes, either via video or in person; adopters must sign an adoption agreement and receive lifetime back up and support. Once again, our foster homes provided critical support and stability to the more vulnerable dogs in our care, and we are extremely grateful for their dedication. They provided care for our seized dogs, most of whom came from puppy farms and would never have experienced life in a home.

- 570 dogs left our care
- 142 strays reclaimed by their owner
- 319 dogs adopted
- 72 dogs transferred to our rescue partners
- 12 respite dogs reunited with their owners
- 25 dogs euthanised or passed away. Of these, 21 were due to health issues, 2 were due to health/ behaviour issues and 2 were for behaviour issues.

We continued with improvements to the rescue centre.

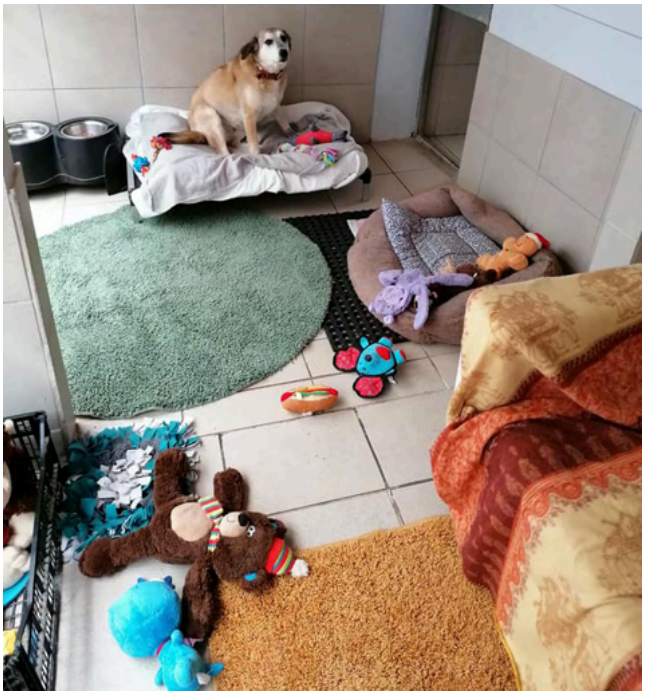


Summerhouse in new paddock area



New paddock area

This included the creation of two additional outside paddocks with summerhouses and a project to create 7 double-sized kennels kitted out with sofas for our longer-term dogs, family groups and puppy farm groups, kindly funded from a generous legacy and a grant from The Hobson Trust.

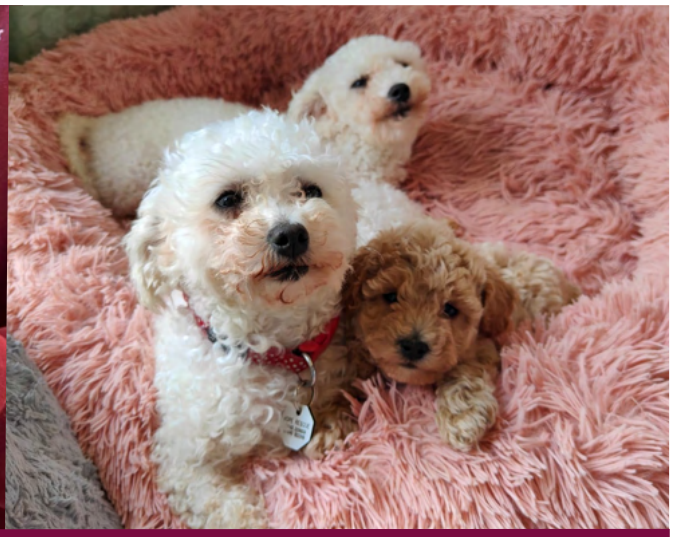


Long-term resident Emily in her new double kennel

We built a new welfare facility for our staff and volunteers, thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Welsh Church Act, Llanharan Community Council and Taff Ely Wind Farm Community Fund. We also created a new area for our waste, freeing up valuable parking space thanks to an in-kind donation from Willis Construction, and we improved site security by installing a new CCTV system with 24-hour monitoring. The projects were managed by our newly appointed Facilities Manager, with grant funding secured by our new Grants Officer; both of these posts were funded for the first year by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action's Third Sector Resilience Fund.

Case Studies





Custard Cream, Madeline and Garibaldi

Custard Cream and Madeline are 3-year-old Bichon Frise sisters who came into us in February 2022 as part of a seizure of 45 dogs from an illegal breeder. Most of the dogs were very matted, with health issues including ear infections and dental disease. We quickly realised that Custard was pregnant and on March 17th Garibaldi was born in foster care. As a single puppy, Garibaldi was too big to deliver naturally, and Custard needed a caesarean section. It was heart-breaking to think about the conditions she would have given birth in had she not been seized. Custard was a wonderful Mum and Madeline a doting Auntie. All three went on to find new homes - with Custard Cream and Madeline staying together.





Paige

In May 2021 we received a phone call from a local vet asking us to help four-year-old Paige. She was in labour, and a puppy had become stuck in the birth canal. She had been surrendered to the vet as the owner could not afford the caesarean section. We stepped in to help and Paige had seven healthy puppies, although sadly it was too late to save the puppy that had become stuck. Paige raised her puppies in a wonderful foster home and both her and the pups went on to find new homes.





Parsnip and Sprout

In December 2021, a member of the public found Parsnip and Sprout dumped in a dustbin in Aberthin, near Cowbridge. Both were in extremely poor condition, dehydrated, malnourished and with sarcoptic mange. A few days later they were also diagnosed with parvovirus, a deadly virus that causes severe vomiting and diarrhoea. Parsnip and Sprout fought hard with intensive care at our vets but sadly passed away a few days later. This was devastating for everyone involved in their care who so desperately wanted a happy ending for them after all they had been through already. Whilst they didn't get their happy ending, it's dogs like Parsnip and Sprout who spur us on in our campaign work against irresponsible breeders.



Berry

Baxter

Baxter initially came into our care back in early 2019 after being found abandoned on a local beach. He was very mistrusting of new people and had several health issues which needed addressing. It was a long process to help him build relationships with the staff who put a huge amount of effort into his rehabilitation.

In September 2021 Baxter finally found his new home with an experienced Shar Pei owner. She visited the centre a number of times to allow Baxter to build a bond and the effort paid off with Baxter now able to live the life he always deserved.

The investment we put in to rehoming resources has really helped our longer-term dogs like Baxter.









Bunty

Bunty is a 6-year-old Cavalier who arrived with us in September 2021. Over 200 dogs were seized from the property of an illegal breeder in West Wales, with Hope Rescue taking in over 60 adult dogs and puppies.

Bunty was heavily pregnant and was clearly terrified, having previously had no positive association with people and living a very sheltered life.

She moved to a foster home where she had her puppies who went on to thrive and find lovely new homes. Once her puppies were weaned Bunty slowly started to build her confidence, eventually finding a new home with a patient couple and their other dogs.

It can be a long journey for the dogs who come into us from illegal breeders, with many not knowing how to walk on a lead and never being in a home environment.

It is especially rewarding to see these dogs move to their forever homes.

Pounds & Pennies

INCOME GENERATION

Fundraising

This year was another successful one for fundraising at Hope Rescue, thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, the support of both existing and new funders, and our corporate and community partners. As we emerged out of the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns and restrictions were lifted, we were pleased to reintroduce our face-to-face events. Capitalising on the success of our online events, we continued to offer a hybrid of live and virtual events during the year to ensure we reached as wide an audience as possible.

We raised a total of £763,437 (including grant income) and our fundraising income this year accounted for nearly 65% of our total annual income.

We continued to focus on individual giving, utilising our giving tools on our website, social media and other platforms introduced last year, such as GivePenny and VisuFund. We also introduced some new platforms, including Toucan which targets a younger audience for Hope Rescue. In partnership with Unity, we also launched the Hope Rescue lottery in March, giving supporters the chance of winning big prizes whilst supporting the dogs in our care.

Facebook fundraising was hugely successful with over 7,000 donors from Facebook and Instagram raising £95,000, and 286 fundraising pages set up to help the dogs in our care for birthday celebrations and challenge events.

Text giving via Donr also increased, with 3,000 payments raising £14,441 from the platform. In addition to one-off text donations, we also grew our monthly text donations and welcomed 81 new monthly donors.

We also saw 427 new regular donors sign up to donate monthly through our website.

Some mass participation challenges returned this year, and we had 13 runners in the twice rescheduled Cardiff Half Marathon, 5 Virtual London Marathon runners and one supporter taking on the live return event.

We also had runners in the Great North Run and other events across the U.K.



London Marathon runner Bev and her Hope Rescue dog Gracie



Hope Rescue staff team undertaking a virtual relay challenge

With the re-introduction of our face-to-face events, we were pleased to see community fundraising and events brought back to life, with success at our Greenmeadow Community Farm Dog Show, Duck Race in Abergavenny, and a Christmas Moonlit Walk in Barry.

We started in-store bucket collections again and our Handmade by Hope team kicked into action knitting, sewing and making snuffle mats, turning their many talents to raise thousands of pounds at Hope Rescue events and community events as well as online.



Fundraising volunteers at a bucket collection

It became clear that we were seeing less cash donations at events, so we introduced contactless donation options with Give Star allowing us to take donations utilising mobile phone technology.



Class winner at the Greenmeadow Community Farm Dog Show



Our ever-popular Abergavenny duck race

Our face-to face events were supplemented by our online events, with a virtual Waggy Walk and our popular raffles and auctions. This included a record-breaking raffle of signed rugby shirt and boots from Wales and British Lions star Liam Williams which raised £5,550. We were delighted to welcome dog loving Liam to the centre with his partner Sophie.

As always, we were grateful to businesses and organisations for their financial support. These key partners include the Pets at Home *Wales and*



British Lions rugby player Liam Williams

Foundation through our Charity of the Year partnership with Pets at Home in Cwmbran, as well as our VIP vouchers which help us buy essential items from their stores. We are grateful to Burns Pet Nutrition for their generous food sponsorship, and our friends at Mad About in Chichester, the Schnauzerfest team, Legal and General, Black Lion Roofing and James Furniture and Mobility. Thanks also to Rockwool for choosing Hope Rescue as their charity of the year partner, and Loteri Cymru for their continued support. We are also very grateful to all the businesses that sponsor our events, shows, raffle and auction prizes and our annual calendar.

Our grant funders responded positively to two major campaign appeals. The first was a crisis appeal in response to the pandemic. The second appeal was for our ever-increasing vet bills.

The longer-term financial impact of the pandemic is still unravelling, and we are seeing funds understandably being directed to help emergency global situations, such as the war in Ukraine. We are still cautious about the future for fundraising and how supporters will feel about attending live events or how their ability to donate to their favourite causes will be affected as we enter the cost-of-living crisis.

Retail Income

Thanks to support from the WCVA's Third Sector Resilience fund, we were able to invest in the development of our retail activity with the appointment of an Enterprise Development Manager. We were pleased to welcome both customers and volunteers back to our Pontypridd charity shop which reopened in April 2021 following the lockdowns.



Improved merchandising at the chaity shop



Window display at the chaity shop

Activity included setting up a partnership with Aimee @sustainablestitch to upcycle donated clothes.



Upcycling project with Aimee @sustainablestitch

The shop delivered its highest profit to date of £46,472.75. This was supplemented by the significant growth of our eBay shop, which delivered a £24,814.67 profit. Our small shop at the rescue centre also did well, with income rising to £12,663.82.



Advertising our eBay shop

We revamped our Shopify on-line store, developing new product lines and a range of merchandise, as well as continuing to sell donated/discounted end-of line stock and items made by our Handmade by Hope volunteers; we were pleased to increase income significantly to £21,160.67. Our Christmas jumpers were even featured in Prima magazine's Christmas charity gift guide.



Valentines Day merchandise

We are grateful to the WCVA administered Kickstart Scheme which supported this income growth for our retail operations through the provision of work placements.

Trading Income

We took the decision to permanently close our boarding kennel operation, to enable us to use additional kennel space for rescue dogs, with numbers predicted to rise after the pandemic. We also ceased paddock hire bookings due to issues around the management of the facility out-of-hours. The loss in income has been offset by increased fundraising and retail income resulting from investment in resources.

Service Delivery Income

Our service delivery income has recovered following the pandemic, rising to £204,737.94, an increase of 127% from last year. In particular, adoption income rose, and we also received income for kennelling seized dogs until they could be signed over to us from the local authorities. Adoption income also rose in line with our increased rehoming figures.

Enterprise Development

An Enterprise Development Strategy was drafted at the end of the year to set out development plans over the next 2 years. We will be reviewing the success of our online sales platforms to determine a more detailed plan for this income stream, using the lessons learned from this trading year.

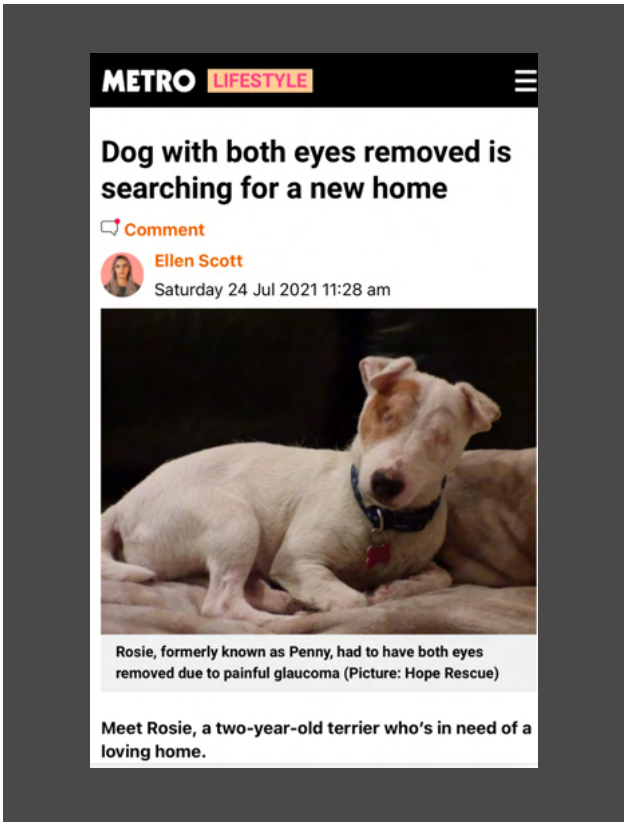
Telling Our Story

Media

We again received significant support from both national and local media and are proud of the media coverage we have generated as a small, independent charity, particularly in respect to our campaign work.

Reach PLC introduced a new media project called 'Team Dogs' to report on dog-related stories and this helped us to promote our dogs for adoption over the year as well as our campaign work.

The team also came to the rescue centre to film Facebook Live broadcasts. Most of these features were for Wales Online, but they also featured in their regional press across the U.K., as well as in the Daily Mirror and Daily Star. We also generated national press coverage for appeals for individual dogs.


METRO LIFESTYLE

Dog with both eyes removed is searching for a new home

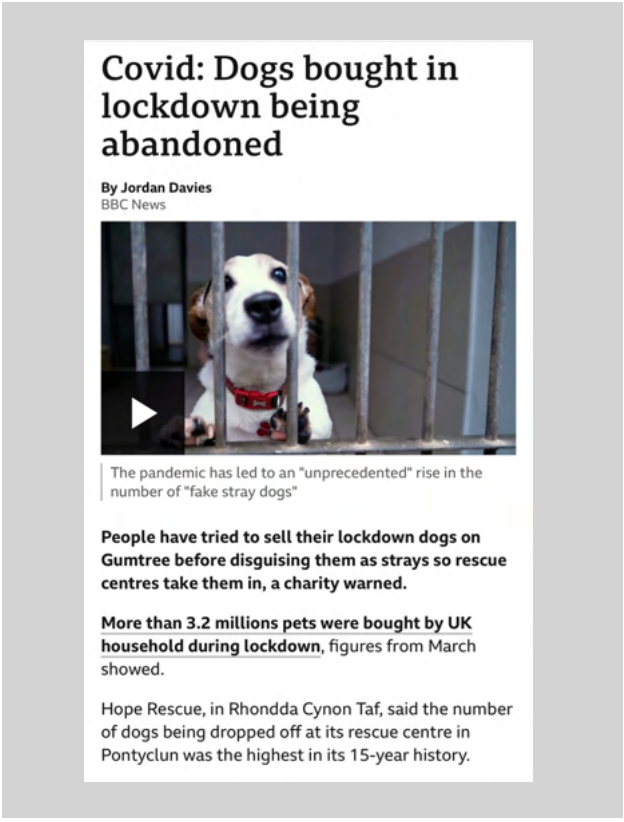
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Ellen Scott

Saturday 24 Jul 2021 11:28 am

Rosie, formerly known as Penny, had to have both eyes removed due to painful glaucoma (Picture: Hope Rescue)

Meet Rosie, a two-year-old terrier who's in need of a loving home.


Covid: Dogs bought in lockdown being abandoned

By Jordan Davies
BBC News

The pandemic has led to an "unprecedented" rise in the number of "fake stray dogs"

People have tried to sell their lockdown dogs on Gumtree before disguising them as strays so rescue centres take them in, a charity warned.

More than 3.2 millions pets were bought by UK household during lockdown, figures from March showed.

Hope Rescue, in Rhondda Cynon Taf, said the number of dogs being dropped off at its rescue centre in Pontyclun was the highest in its 15-year history.

As the number of 'lockdown dogs' coming in to the rescue centre started to rise, we were featured in news articles, including BBC Wales News, BBC Radio 4, Times Radio, and the Daily Mail.

A feature on the main BBC News in October about 'fake strays' went viral receiving millions of hits worldwide and appearing in international publications. The story was also picked up by other U.K. press including Sky News, The Independent and The Guardian.

Our puppy farm seizure from Carmarthenshire in September 2021 was featured across online, radio and television outlets, with several follow up articles as they were adopted.

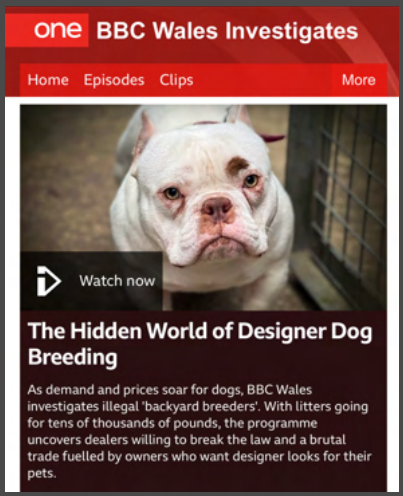




The court case for the breeder of our seized ear-cropped puppies and our demonstration outside the court generated significant coverage and raised the profile of the **#FlopNotCrop** campaign to ban the importation of ear-cropped dogs. The media also covered the follow-up adoption stories.

We also played a significant role in the BBC Wales Investigates documentary "The Hidden World of Designer Dog Breeding", the second documentary we have worked on with the producers. The programme was broadcast in December 2021 and featured our ear-cropped puppies and the court trial. It generated world-wide press coverage for Hope Rescue and the **#FlopNotCrop** campaign, including in the New York Post.





Our campaign to ban greyhound racing in Wales was launched in September 2021 and was covered extensively with both BBC Wales and ITV Wales filming interviews.

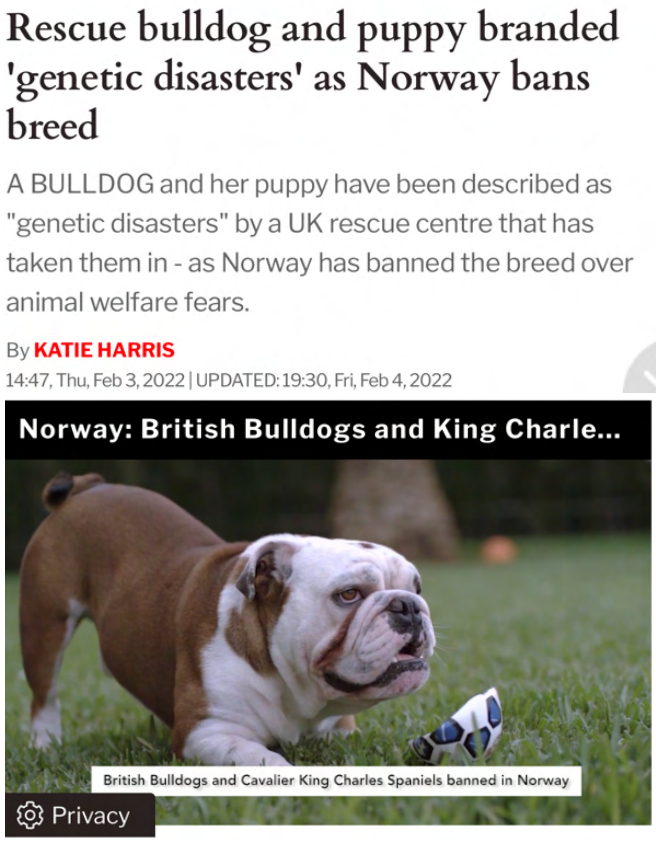
Local media attended our event to hand in our petition to the Senedd Petitions Committee in March 2022.



We travelled to London and 10 Downing Street in December 2021 to support the Reggie's Law campaign and hand in their petition to regulate on-line pet sales, and Team Dogs covered this including a Facebook Live interview.



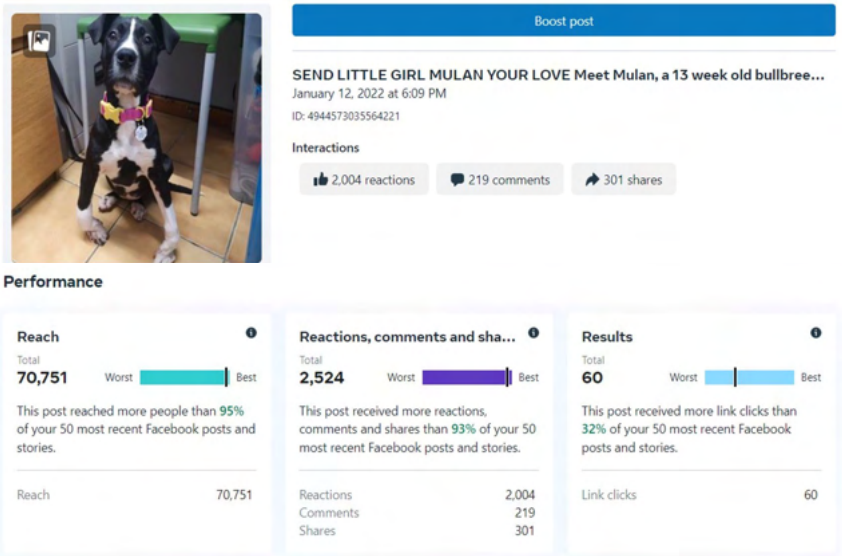
When Dee and Dill, two poorly bred Bulldogs arrived we used the opportunity to highlight our concerns around the breeding and purchasing of brachycephalic dogs in light of the ban in Norway.



Digital Media

Social media has continued to play a significant role in fundraising, raising awareness and increasing our supporter base, enabling us to stay fully engaged with our supporters and volunteers. Our Facebook page ended the year with over 96k followers, which represents further growth in reach and engagement. Our Instagram account grew to over 18k followers and Twitter to 23k followers.

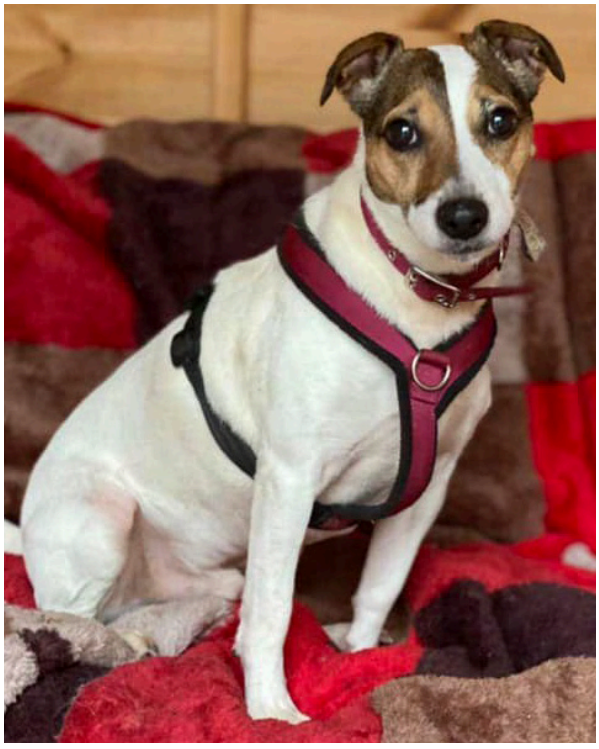
Facebook continues to be the main social platform and Facebook Fundraising provided a significant income during the pandemic. The posts that highlight our campaign work, ill dogs and cruelty and neglect cases tend to perform best in terms of reach, engagement and online donations. For example, a plea for Mulan received 2,524 reactions, comments and shares.



We continue to post all the stray dogs that come into us on Facebook and these are shared extensively often triggering home offers in the process if not claimed by their owners.

Facebook's Workplace for Good platform continued to prove an excellent tool for internal communications, especially for managing our volunteers and keeping them engaged with our work at the rescue centre. The website performed well as a donation platform with 10,663 people donating over the year. Using our social media channels to drive traffic to our website was key to this success, accounting for 46% of donors.

Our most read article was about the Carmarthenshire puppy farm seizure, with 48,967 views. We will continue to develop the website and use both analytics and our CRM system to enhance data capture and to focus our marketing activity.



Tyler, originally a stray dog

OVER 96,000 FOLLOWERS

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The Community of Hope

At Hope Rescue we believe strongly that our role is not to just deal with the consequences of poor welfare, but to work towards sustainable solutions to tackle the root causes. The dogs who come through our doors are the fortunate ones, but we also want to improve the welfare of the dogs beyond our gates.

Wherever possible, we seek to keep responsible owners and their dogs together, supporting those who need additional help. This will be even more important as the cost-of-living crisis worsens. We also recognise the importance of volunteering, and the benefits not only for the charity but also the positive impact on the wellbeing of those who volunteer.

Campaigning

This year has been a very busy one for our campaign work. A perfect storm was created following the unprecedented demand for pets during lockdown, low welfare breeders cashing in and changes in owner's circumstances due to both the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, leading to the start of the predicted influx of dogs in to rescue centres. We featured in both national and local press advising owners to contact their local animal welfare organisations for advice and support rather than abandoning their pets. This was linked to the increase in 'fake' strays we were seeing whereby owners pretended they had found their dog as a stray rather than going on a waiting list for a rescue space.

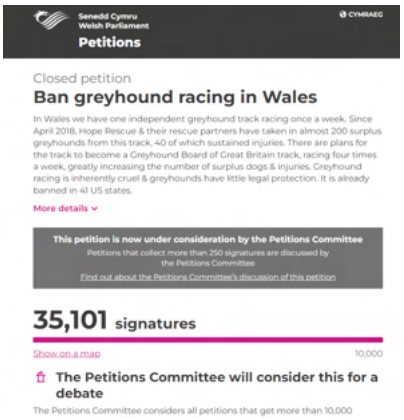
In September 2021 we launched our first major political campaign to ban greyhound racing in Wales. This was in response to welfare concerns we experienced whilst undertaking our Amazing Greys project at our local greyhound track in Ystrad Mynach and a proposal to greatly intensify racing in Wales through upgrading the track to a licensed Greyhound Board of Great Britain track.





Jilly, who lost her leg racing at Valley track and went to Greyhound Rescue Wales

The campaign was launched with a Senedd petition. Within a week it secured the 10,000 signatures necessary to be considered for a debate and went on to secure 35,101 signatures making it one of the most successful Senedd petitions ever.



The campaign has attracted strong cross-party political support, with many questions being put forward to the Minister in the Senedd plenary sessions. We are particularly grateful to Luke Fletcher MS, Jane Dodds MS and Carolyn Thomas MS. Our petition was submitted to the Committee in person on 7th March 2022 and we were joined by our friends from Greyhound Rescue Wales.



Handing in the petition to the Petitions Committee at the Seneddd

We will be giving evidence for the Committee to consider, and hopefully the petition will then be put forward for a debate. The campaign received significant online, radio and TV coverage. We also attended the Westminster debate in response to a petition to the U.K. government to ban greyhound racing, and briefed Christina Rees MP, the MP for Neath, who opened the debate.

Through our role on the Management Committee of the Animal Welfare Network for Wales, we engaged regularly with Welsh Government throughout the year on topics including breeding legislation, greyhound welfare and licensing of mobile animal exhibits.

We continued our support for the **#FlopNotCrop** campaign and were delighted when the U.K. government included a ban on the importation of ear-cropped dogs in the proposed Animal Welfare (Kept Animals Bill) launched in June 2021. The BBC Wales Investigates documentary that we supported also shone a spotlight on this cruel practice.



Handing in the Reggie's Law petition at 10 Downing Street

We were also proud to support the Justice for Reggie campaign to regulate the online sale of pets, attending regular meetings and promoting their petition which secured the necessary 100,000 signatures for a Westminster debate.

In December we joined the Justice for Reggie campaign in London to hand in the petition to 10 Downing Street. A debate swiftly followed with the Government committing to reviewing online advertising.

Community Outreach

We continue to work with local authorities to offer them a subsidised canine respite scheme that provides affordable boarding for dogs belonging to owners in crisis. This includes owners fleeing domestic abuse, made homeless or going into hospital. We helped 9 dogs and their owners during the year through this scheme and hope to extend it next year with the help of grant funding to enable us to offer this service free to owners referred from third sector organisations.

Volunteering

After a long absence during lockdowns, we were delighted to welcome back volunteers to our rescue centre and charity shop. . We have continued to build our team of foster carers, which has enabled us to significantly increase both our capacity and ability to support local authorities with seized dogs.



As we returned to face-to-face fundraising, our volunteers also provided much needed support at our community events. Our talented Handmade by Hope team continued to raise valuable funds by selling hand crafted items on our Facebook Fundraising Page, online shop, at our rescue centre and events.



Handmade by Hope Christmas craft stall

How We Operate

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Hope Rescue is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 2nd March 2009. Charitable status was gained on 14th May 2009. Hope Rescue operates throughout the UK although the dogs it helps primarily originate from South Wales.

The day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the staff team, supported by a network of volunteers and overseen by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity. Our current Board of Trustees comprises five Trustees with a wide range of specialist skills and experience.

We strengthened our staff team during the year with the following appointments as we focus on improving our sustainability:

- Enterprise Development Manager
- Facilities Manager
- Grants Officer
- Community Fundraiser

Our welfare team was strengthened with the following appointments to further support our dogs as we face the post-pandemic and cost of living crisis:

- Animal Welfare Officer
- 3 x Animal Welfare Assistants
- Administrative Assistant

We also had several 6-month Kickstart Scheme work placements employed across the rescue centre and charity shop.

Trading Company - Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd

We are still developing our long-term, sustainable voluntary income streams and it will take a few years before we see significant benefit from our investment in legacies and regular giving. Once our new Strategic Plan is finalised in 2022, we will be working on a longer-term fundraising strategy. It is therefore important that we consider other sustainable income sources to support our charitable work.

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd. was incorporated during 2017 to serve as a separate trading company to pass all surpluses and support the work of the charity Hope Rescue. We took the decision to cease our boarding kennel operation during the year and also stopped hiring out our secure paddocks and our grooming room hire due to operational needs.



Online Shop

Our Shopify online shop sells both bought-in products and craft items made by our Handmade by Hope volunteers. The newly appointed Enterprise Development Manager led on improvements to the shop, an increase in the range of goods offered including new mechandise, and improved marketing.

Rescue Centre Shop

The small retail area in our reception at the rescue centre sells bought-in, handcrafted and donated products and is very popular with our adopters.

Other Income-generating Activities

Whilst not linked to the trading company, we also derive an income from our stray dog contracts, boarding of seized dogs for local authorities and subsidised respite boarding for local authority social and housing services.



Jive, a young terrier who was handed in by his owner



Pomeranian puppies handed in due to an unplanned litter

Looking Ahead

The cost-of-living crisis is likely to impact on both the demand for our services and our income streams, so we need to develop and adapt to face these significant challenges. We began the process of producing a new, 3-year Strategic Plan which will be completed in the next financial year. In addition, we will be engaging external consultants to undertake an Organisational Review that will look at our management and financial systems, organisation structure and governance. Our strategic planning and review will enable us to build an organisation that is fit for the future to ensure our sustainability.

Key themes and workstreams for next year include:

- Rehoming more dogs and increasing welfare resources
- Capital projects including training room refurbishment and new reception
- Developing an asset management plan, including an isolation block, a puppy block and the potential for a new veterinary facility
- Developing a Woodlands Management Plan for our 18-acre woodland, including plans for community use and improved facilities for our dogs, staff and volunteers
- Securing funding for a new van and estate car
- Developing our trading income including an expansion of our retail operation
- Scoping and developing a new Hope in the Community Plan
- Continuing to work towards a ban on greyhound racing in Wales and across the U.K.
- Continued lobbying to improve breeding legislation in Wales
- Starting the journey towards achieving Investors in People and Investing in Volunteers standards

Financial Review

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Financial position

The Trustees are pleased to present the Charity's financial results for the year ending 31st March 2022.

This financial year, we returned a surplus of £85,382 prior to depreciation. Our depreciation and amortisation charges of £75,463 mean that our final accounting position is reported as a net income of £13,419.

Our income level is consistent with the previous financial year, remaining around £1.2m. However, this is offset by a significant increase in expenditure, rising from £750k in 2020/21 to £1.1m in 2021/22.

Approximately £80k of this increased spend is attributable to rising vet bills, driven by the volume of dogs that came through our doors and the proportion of them in need of veterinary treatment.

However, the biggest factor influencing our expenditure is an increase in staff costs, reflecting the significant investment made in new operational roles (3 of which were grant funded) and in strengthening our welfare team.

As trustees, we've remained cautious in our approach to 2021/22 as we've waited to assess the post-Covid world and the new challenges it has in store. We remain mindful of the need for sustainability and the impacts that the cost-of-living crisis may have over the coming year.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Trading Company

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd (Registered number: 10632674) is a separate trading company to manage our trading income, the activities of which are included in this consolidated set of accounts.

Risk Statement

Hope Rescue is committed to ensuring effective financial management through a system of monitoring, checks and controls. This includes a managed approach to financial issues which may present a risk to the organisation.

The Board of trustees oversees, manages and mitigates risks that are strategically significant to the ongoing success of the Charity through effective governance and its Board meetings.

Reserves

Our year end fund balance of £512,182 represents the value of our assets were we to liquidate the charity.

Of our total fund balance, £152,835 is currently restricted, meaning that there are conditions attached to the funding which only allow it to be spent in a certain way. This includes donations and grants made for specific, defined purposes and the balance of our Capital Grant Fund relating to the purchase of the centre in 2017.

The remaining £359,347 remains unrestricted.
Trustees have designated £60k of this to the service delivery emergency fund, £25k to repay the loan element of our WCVA grant in 2023 and a £30k balance is carried over from the previous year's capital project fund.

This leaves a balance of £244,347 in our General Fund

It is the Trustee's assessment that we should seek to maintain 3 months outgoings as reserves for the protection and sustainability of the charity.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Hope Rescue
Registered Company Number: 06833205 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity Number: 1129629

Trading Company: Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd
Registered Company Number: 10632674 England and Wales)

Registered office
Hope Rescue Centre
Cynllan Lodge
Llanharan
Pontyclun
CF72 9NH

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd
77 Taff Street
Pontypridd
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Trustees and Directors
Ms Paula Rowe (Chair)
Dr Corinne Scott
Mr Sunny Seabrooke (resigned 08 Jan 2023)
Ms Sarah Lee Screen
Mrs Phae Jones

Secretary
Dr Corinne Scott

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Bankers
Lloyds TSB Bank plc
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hope Rescue for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Statement of trustees' responsibilities - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on date 31st January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms P E Rowe – Trustee



Ms S L Screen – Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of

Hope Rescue

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hope Rescue (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of

Hope Rescue

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our planning procedures identify the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the operations and financial statements of the company. These are reviewed internally with the audit team including relevant industry experience and expectations as well as externally with the client management. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the UK Companies Act 2006, Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', UK GAAP (FRS 102) and relevant tax legislation.

Once identified, we assess the risks of material misstatements in relation to the laws and regulations, irregularities, including fraud and adjust our testing accordingly. Our audit procedures include:

- Discussing with Trustees and management which areas of the business they believe to be more susceptible to fraud, and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent activities

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- Discussing with Trustees and Management the legal and regulatory obligations of the business and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of non compliance

- Obtaining an understanding of the key controls put in place by the charitable company to address risks identified, assessing the effectiveness of those and discussing how these are maintained and monitored internally

- Assessing the risk of management override and review and testing of journal entries made into the accounting system

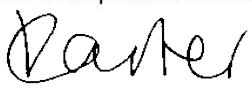
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by the charitable company in relation to the significant accounting estimates employed in the preparation of the financial statements

Despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularities likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentation, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Victoria Carter (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Haines Watts Wales LLP, Statutory Auditors

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Date: 31 January 2023

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	570,169	-	570,169	563,045
Charitable activities					
Grant income	4	94,450	61,082	155,532	332,106
Other trading activities	3	440,402	-	440,402	223,448
Other Income		-	-	-	25,000
Total		1,105,021	61,082	1,166,103	1,143,599
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	5	88,623	-	88,623	58,362
Charitable Activities					
CORE	6	943,851	120,210	1,064,061	691.222
Total		1,032,474	120,210	1,152,684	749,584
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		72,547	(59,128)	13,419	394,015
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		286,800	211,963	498,763	104,748
Total funds carried forward		359,347	152,835	512,182	498,763

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Consolidated Balance Sheet

31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets					
Intangible Assets	12	17,500	-	17,500	21,000
Tangible Assets	13	526,326	110,283	636,609	610,038
		543,826	110,283	654,109	631,038
Current Assets					
Stocks	14	7,950	-	7,950	-
Debtors	15	60,611	-	60,611	49,004
Cash at Bank and In Hand		325,505	61,838	387,343	435,742
		394,066	61,838	455,904	484,746
Creditors					
Amounts Falling due within 1 year	16	(73,204)	(6,821)	(80,025)	(85,672)
Net Current Assets		320,863	55,017	375,879	399,074
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		864,689	165,300	1,029,988	1,030,112
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than 1 year	17	(505,341)	(12,465)	(517,806)	(531,349)
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		359,347	152,835	512,182	498,763
Funds	19				
Unrestricted Funds				359,347	286,800
Restricted Funds				152,835	211,963
Total Funds				512,182	498,763

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31st January 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:





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P E Rowe - Trustee S L Screen- Trustee

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Company Balance Sheet

31 March 2022

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Tangible Assets	13	526,326	110,283	636,609	610,038
		543,826	110,283	654,109	631,038
Current Assets					
Stock	14	-	-	-	-
Debtors	15	76,491	-	76,491	51,424
Cash at Bank and In Hand		325,505	61,838	387,343	435,742
		401,996	61,838	463,834	487,166
Creditors					
Amounts Falling due within 1 year	16	(81,134)	(6,821)	(87,954)	(88,092)
Net Current Assets		320,862	55,017	436,486	399,074
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		864,689	165,300	1,029,989	1,030,112
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Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	128,379	400,120
Interest Paid		(25,459)	(28,755)
Net cash provided by operating activities		102,920	371,365
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(98,535)	(47,042)
Net cash used in investing activities		(98,535)	(47,042)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(52,784)	-
New Loans in the year		-	33,243
Net cash used in financing activities		(52,784)	33,243
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(48,399)	357,566
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		435,742	78,176
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		387,343	435,742

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	13,419	394,015
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	75,463	56,858
Interest paid	25,459	28,755
Increase in stock	(7,950)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11,607)	(27,864)
Increase in creditors	33,595	(51,644)
Net cash provided by operations	128,379	400,120

2. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1.4.21 £	Cash Flow £	At 31.3.22 £
Net Cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	435,742	(48,399)	387,343
	435,742	(48,399)	387,343
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(53,896)	31,032	(22,864)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(531,349)	29,466	(501,883)
	(585,245)	60,498	(524,747)
Total	(149,503)	12,099	(137,404)

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charitable company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited on a line by line basis. Transactions and balances between the charitable company and its subsidiary have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the two companies are disclosed in the notes of the charitable company's balance sheet. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charitable company itself is not presented because the charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of a specified service or purchase is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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Hope Rescue

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2017, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- On cost over 15 years
Leasehold improvements	- 33% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. The charity's trading subsidiary Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited gift aids available profits to the parent charity. Its charge to corporation tax in the year was nil (2021: nil).

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Hope Rescue

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Hope Rescue volunteer community is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Legal status of the charity

Hope Rescue is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £5 per member of the charity.

Debtors

Debtors include amounts owed to the charity for the provision of goods and services or amounts the charity has paid in advance for the goods and services it will receive. Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due and includes all cash equivalents held in the form of short-term highly liquid investments. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. A cash equivalent will normally have a short maturity of, say, three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Liabilities

Liabilities are amounts due to creditors and any provision made as a result of an obligation to transfer economic benefits, usually in the form of a cash payment, to a third party. Liabilities are measured at their settlement amount and recognised for the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

2. Donations and legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift aid	63,548	47,138
Other Donations and legacies	506,621	515,907
	570,169	563,045

3. Other trading activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising events	37,736	41,930
Retail income	198,913	85,294
Trading income (HRE ltd)	(238)	(1,095)
Service delivery	126,801	48,599
Adoption fees	77,190	48,720
	440,402	223,448

4. Income from charitable activities

	Activity	2022 £	2021 £
Grants	Grant Income	155,532	332,106

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Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Jean Sainsbury Trust	-	10,000
Rhondda Cynon Taf	-	10,000
WCVA	15,000	60,000
Welsh Government	-	9,300
Petplan	-	5,000
Walker 597 Trust	-	300
Barry Green Memorial Trust	-	1,000
Groundwork UK	-	500
Support Adoption For Pets Grant	-	10,000
Hobhouse animal trust	-	3,000
Gallimore Trust	-	400
WetNose Animal Aid	-	420
Blakemore Foundation	-	100
Hobson Charity	8,400	18,000
Association of Dogs and Cats Home Fund	-	10,000
SJP Found	-	1,000
Interlink	-	250
St Athan Council	-	50
Arabella Amory Charitable Trust	-	200
Mitchell Trust	-	500
Anthony V Martin Charitable Foundation	-	20,000
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	-	2,500
Llanharan Community Council	-	1,000
Taf Ely Wind Farm	500	500
Paton Trust	-	1,000
Raymond Grant Foundation	-	250
Michael and Shirley Hunt	2,000	-
National Lottery	10,000	-
Dezna Robin Jones Foundation	1,625	-
Wales Church Act	12,057	-
Welsh Water Community	500	-
Llanharan Council	2,000	-
Schnauzerfest	8,000	-
Trivallis Community Fund	1,000	-
	53,796	165,270

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. Raising Funds

Other trading activities

	2022 £	2021
Interest payable and similar charges	25,459	28,755

Expenditure

	2022 £	2021
Administrative expenses	33,967	18,957
Fundraising costs	29,197	10,650
	63,164	29,607
Aggregate amounts	88,623	58,362

6. Charitable activities costs

	Direct costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
CORE	976,076	87,356	1,064,061

7. Charitable activities costs

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
CORE	-	79,060	8,296	87,356

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8. Net income / (expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation – owned assets	71,964	53,357
Goodwill amortisation	3,500	3,500

9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees received reimbursed expenses totalling £Nil for the year (2021: £Nil).

10. Staff Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages & salaries	592,912	301,415
Social security costs	25,450	49,948
Other pension costs	9,935	17,768
	628,297	369,131

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Service delivery	25	22
Administration	5	5
	30	27

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

11. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	527,520	35,525	527,520
Charitable activities			
Grant income	166,836	165,270	332,106
Other trading activities	223,448	-	223,448
Other income	25,000	-	25,000
Total	942,804	200,795	1,143,599
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	58,362	-	58,362
Charitable Activities			
CORE	552,600	138,622	691,222
Total	610,962	138,622	749,584
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)	331,842	62,173	394,015
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	(45,042)	149,790	394,015
Total funds carried forward	286,800	211,963	498,763

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

12. Intangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Goodwill £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	35,000
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2021	14,000
Charge for year	3,500
At 31 March 2022	17,500
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	17,500
At 31 March 2021	21,000

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group and charity

	Freehold property £	Leasehold improvements £	Plant & Machinery £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	818,901	164,986	2,169
Additions	75,356	-	15,426
As at 31 March 2022	894,257	164,986	17,595
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	232,791	164,986	912
Charge for year	51,696	-	2818
At 31 March 2022	284,487	164,986	3730
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	609,770	-	13,865
At 31 March 2021	586,110	-	1,257

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Group and charity - continued

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Computer Equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	36,157	44,420	3,669	1,070,302
Additions	2,050	-	5,703	98,535
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2022	38,207	44,420	9,372	1,168,837
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	16,536	44,420	619	460,264
Charge for year	15,304	-	2,146	71,964
Reclassification/transfer	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	31,840	44,420	2,765	532,228
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	6,367	-	6,607	636,609
At 31 March 2021	19,621	-	3,050	610,038

14. Stocks

	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Stocks	7,950	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2022	7,950	-	-	-

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

15. Debtors – amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	42,416	3,519	42,416	3,519
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	15,880	2,420
Other Debtors	4,743	4,417	4,743	4,417
VAT	7,727	11,668	7,727	11,668
Prepayments	5,725	29,400	5,725	29,400
As at 31 March 2022	60,611	49,004	76,491	51,424

16. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loan and overdrafts (see note 17)	11,562	43,170	11,562	43,170
Other Loans (see note 17)	11,302	10,726	11,302	10,726
Trade creditors	36,318	18,734	36,318	18,734
Social Security and other taxes	14,173	9,442	14,173	9,442
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	7,930	2,240
Accrued expenses	6,670	3,600	6,670	3,600
As at 31 March 2022	80,024	85,672	87,955	88,092

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17. Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year

Group and charity

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans (see note 18)	143,849	133,798
Other loans (see note 18)	373,957	397,551
	517,806	531,349

18. Loans

Group and charity

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	11,562	43,170
Mortgage	11,302	10,726
	22,864	53,896
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	12,400	4,740
Mortgage	11,814	11,302
	24,214	16,042
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	20,554	15,873
Other loans - 2-5 years	37,628	37,628
	58,182	53,501
Amounts falling due in more than five years: Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5yrs by instalments	110,895	113,185
Other loans more 5yrs instalments	324,515	348,621
	435,410	461,806

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19. Movement in Funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers Between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	186,460	142,887	(85,000)	244,347
Designated Project Funding	72,340	(42,340)	-	30,000
Designed funding for 2021/22 salaries	28,000	(28,000)	-	-
Designated Welfare Contingency	-	-	60,000	60,000
Designed repayment of loan element WVCA loan	-	-	25,000	25,000
	286,800	72,547	-	359,347
Restricted funds				
Capital grant fund	125,816	(15,533)		110,283
WCVA	60,000	(32,250)		27,570
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	1,147	(1,147)		-
Llanharan Community Council	-	(1,000)		(1,000)
Home from Home Kennel Build-Legacy	25,000	-	(25,000)	-
Wales Church Act	-	6,057		6,057
Welsh Water Community	-	500		500
Llanharan Council	-	2,000		2,000
Kennel Configuration	-	(17,755)	25,000	7,245
Total restricted funds	211,963	(59,128)		152,835
Total funds	498,763	13,419	-	512,182

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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,105,021	(962,134)	142,887
Designated Project Funding	-	(42,340)	(42,340)
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries	-	(28,000)	(28,000)
Total unrestricted funds	1,105,021	(1,032,474)	72,547
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	-	(15,533)	(15,533)
WCVA	15,000	(47,250)	(32,250)
Hobson Charity	8,400	(8,400)	-
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Llanharen Community Council	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Michael & Shirely Hunt	2,000	(2,000)	-
National Lottery	10,000	(10,000)	-
Dezna Robin Jones Foundation	1,625	(1,625)	-
Wales Church Act	12,057	(6,000)	6,057
Welsh Water Community	500	-	500
Llanharan Council	2,000	-	2,000
Schnauzerfest	8,000	(8,000)	-
Trivallis Community Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
Taff Ely Wind Farm	500	(500)	-
Kennel Reconfiguration	-	(17,755)	(17,755)
Total restricted funds	61,082	(120,210)	(59,128)
Total funds	1,166,103	(1,152,684)	13,419

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(45,042)	231,502	186,460
Designated project funding	-	72,340	72,340
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries	-	28,000	28,000
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	137,950	(12,134)	125,816
WCVA	5,000	55,000	60,000
Petplan	6,840	(6,840)	-
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	-	1,147	1,147
Home from Home Kennel Build - Legacy	-	25,000	25,000
	149,790	62,173	211,963
Total funds	104,748	394,015	498,763

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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	805,964	(574,462)	231,502
Designated project funding	96,840	(24,500)	72,340
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries	40,000	(12,000)	28,000
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	-	(12,134)	(12,134)
Jean Sainsbury Funding	10,000	(10,000)	-
Rhondda Cynon Taf	10,000	(10,000)	-
WCVA	60,000	(5,000)	55,000
Welsh Government	9,300	(9,300)	-
Petplan	5,000	(11,840)	(6,840)
Walker 597 Trust	300	(300)	-
Barry Green Memorial Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Groundwork UK	500	(500)	-
Support Adoption for Pets Grant	10,000	(10,000)	-
Hobhouse animal trust	3,000	(3,000)	-
Gallimore Trust	400	(400)	-
WetNose Animal Aid	420	(420)	-
Blakemore Foundation	100	(100)	-
Hobson Charity	18,000	(18,000)	-
Association of Dogs and Cats Home	10,000	(10,000)	-
SJP Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
Interlink Grant	250	(250)	-
St Athan Council	50	(50)	-
Arabella Amory Charitable Trust	200	(200)	-
Mitchell Vet Fees	500	(500)	-
Anthony V Martin Charitable Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-
The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation	2,500	(1,353)	1,147
Llanharan Community Council	1,000	(1,000)	-
Taf Ely Wind Farm	500	(500)	-
Paton Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Raymond Grant Foundation	250	(250)	-
Home from Home Kennel Build - Legacy	25,000	-	25,000
Individual Giving – Boiler fundraiser	2,000	(2,000)	-
RSPCA	1,000	(1,000)	-
Friends of Bath Cats & Dog Home	2,000	(2,000)	-
Garw Valley Community Council	25	(25)	-
St Brides Minor Community Council	50	(50)	-
Coity Higher Community Council	200	(200)	-
Loteri Cymru	5,000	(5,000)	-
Ynysybwl Community Council	250	(250)	-
Total funds	1,143,599	(749,584)	394,015

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

WCVA grant received for recruitment of Facilities Manager / Enterprise Development Manager / Grants Officer and IIV/IIP.

The Carmela and Ronnie Pignatelli Foundation grant received for vet fees.

Llanharen Community Council grant received for kennel tiling.

Kennel Reconfiguration project received for paddock work.

Michael & Shirley Hunt grant received for CCTV.

National Lottery grant received for welfare.

Dezna Robin Jones Foundation grant for vet bills.

Wales Church Act grant for welfare costs.

Welsh Water Community grant for welfare costs.

Taf Ely Wind Farm grant received for handrail for paddock steps.

Hobson Charity grant for kennel reconfiguring.

Llanharan Council grant for welfare costs.

Schnauzerfest grant received for vet fees.

Trivallis Community Fund grant received for shop volunteers.

20. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Gift aid	63,548	47,138
Other donations & legacies	506,621	515,907
	570,169	563,045
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	37,736	41,930
Retail income	198,913	85,294
Trading income (Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd)	(238)	(1,095)
Service delivery	126,801	48,599
Adoption fees	77,190	48,720
	440,402	223,448
Charitable activities		
Grants	155,532	332,106
Other income		
Insurance claim	-	25,000
Total incoming resources	1,166,103	1,143,599

Hope Rescue

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other trading activities		
Bank interest	25,459	28,755
Expenditure		
Administrative expenses	33,967	18,957
Fundraising costs	29,197	10,650
	63,164	29,607
Charitable activities		
Wages	592,912	281,945
Social security	25,450	46,781
Pensions	9,935	17,057
Retail expenses	61,860	21,063
Rehoming costs	85,050	111,294
Veterinary care	201,498	122,980
	976,705	601,120

Hope Rescue

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Management		
Wages	-	19,470
Social security	-	3,167
Pensions	-	711
	-	23,348
Management		
Finance		
Bank charges	3,597	3,282
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	3,500	3,500
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	71,963	53,358
	79,060	60,140
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	8,296	6,814
Corporation tax	-	(200)
	8,296	6,614
Total resources expended	1,152,684	749,584
Net income	13,419	394,015

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This is Hope Rescue's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 March 2021.

This report sets out information about Hope Rescue, its aims and objectives, and activities that all make a positive impact in its local communities and beyond. The following message from Paula Rowe, Chair of Trustees, highlights the significant achievements of the year and looks ahead to future plans for the charity.

Trustees Report



In this Annual Report I must first acknowledge the extraordinary commitment, support and hard work of everyone at Hope Rescue. This year was a truly exceptional one, with the global pandemic affecting every aspect of our work. The huge effort to keep the money coming in, adapt our ways of working and ensure our dogs were being cared for, cannot be underestimated.

We began the year with our rescue centre and boarding kennels closed to the public and volunteers, our charity shop closed and fundraising events cancelled. This had an immediate and significant impact on our income, with so much uncertainty around how we would survive, keep our staff and volunteers safe, and ensure the welfare of our dogs.

Despite facing significant losses in income, this proved to be a successful year for fundraising, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, grant funders and corporate partners. We are especially grateful to Welsh Government for their support through the Third Sector Resilience Fund administered by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action, and grants through Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, along with our continued partnerships with Burns Pet Nutrition and Pets At Home. Our focus switched to making more use of our strong digital presence and this is likely to remain a key pillar of our fundraising over the coming year.

As we adapted to new operational procedures and Covid-safe working practices, more dogs than ever before were placed in foster homes and we moved some to our rescue partners. This gave us the capacity to maintain our stray dog commitments and to accept some surrenders, often in tragic circumstances. We strengthened our fostering and adoption team, and as applications for dogs surged during lockdown, we were able to respond to that demand. When restrictions allowed, our team travelled hundreds of miles dropping dogs off safely and helping them to settle in their new homes. Their dedication and flexibility enabled us to rehome 238 dogs, an increase on last year.

I am pleased to report that our campaigning continued throughout the year on important issues including irresponsible breeding, online sales of dogs and puppies, and greyhound welfare. We also actively supported a national campaign to ban the importation of ear-cropped dogs. Our commitment to this work remains strong and we will build on this next year, influencing decision makers whenever we can.

Maintaining regular engagement with our volunteers and supporters has been even more important this year. Despite not being able to go to the centre or shop, our volunteers proved to be resourceful in raising funds and supporting our staff team remotely. I cannot thank them enough for their unstinting support.

Looking back over the year, the resilience of our staff and volunteers during such difficult times has been inspirational. As we look ahead to more uncertainty and are yet to understand the lasting impact of Covid-19, we will maintain our focus on sustainability. At the heart of this will be our very special team and I am confident that we will go from strength to strength, whatever challenges we face.

Paula Rowe
Chair of Trustees

Our Vision

Our vision is a future where all pets are provided with a responsible and loving home for life and that Hope Rescue is a recognised as a high-quality provider of animal welfare and community services

Our mission is to:

- Reduce the number of dogs, euthanised in the UK every year by providing a foster home, kennel space or rescue placement for animals in emergency situations
- Reduce the number of dogs, entering the animal welfare system through campaigning for; change, education and the promotion of responsible ownership
- Promote the therapeutic benefits of pet ownership and interaction with dogs
- Provide support to owners to help them keep their pets

Our principal activities – what we do:

- Rehoming dogs directly through our rescue centre and a network of volunteer foster homes and a clearly controlled adoption procedure
- Helping dogs in crisis situations by supporting Local Authorities to provide rescue, kennel or foster placements for the stray dogs in their care and through referrals from vets, Social Services and other welfare agencies
- Supporting owners needing to surrender their dogs by providing rescue, kennel or foster placements
- Working in partnership with support services to help owners facing crisis situations such as domestic abuse, homelessness or hospitalisation by providing respite care for their dogs and supporting owners in their homes
- Providing volunteering opportunities including supported volunteer and employment placements
- Transporting of dogs to reputable rescues offering placements
- Operating a charity shop in Taff Street, Pontypridd
- Fundraising through community events, sponsored events and activities, merchandise sales, direct appeals and other fundraising activities
- Working with enforcement agencies to provide placements for dogs removed from illegal breeders or under the Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Animal welfare campaign and education work through “Hope in the Community” and membership of the Animal Welfare Network for Wales and Association of Dogs and Cats Homes

Delivering for the public benefit

We believe that our work provides considerable public benefit by:

- Rescuing at risk pets and placing them in loving homes for life
- Educating and enabling the public to better care for animals
- Ensuring that we fully comply with the Animal Welfare Act 2006 for pets in our care
- Offering volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work
- Supporting pet owners in crisis through our canine respite scheme

Our work in alleviating suffering in animals and promoting animal welfare provides a moral benefit to society and relief to people who are particularly concerned for pet welfare, as well as improving the lives of the animals we rescue.

Our Core Values

Hope Rescue is guided in our work by the following core values:

- Quality of care
- Finding the right home for the right dog
- Compassion for both animals and people
- Integrity
- Strategic approach
- Transparency and accountability

Save Our Strays

GIVE THEM HOPE

The year started with an unprecedented global pandemic that impacted every area of the charity including welfare operations, income generation and volunteering.

Our immediate response to the Covid-19 crisis was to ensure we prioritised the welfare of our staff, volunteers and dogs. We initially moved as many of our dogs as possible on to our rescue partners and in to foster homes to reduce the number of dogs on site. As we went into lockdown the rescue centre then closed to the public and our volunteers, but we remained open for intake to ensure the most vulnerable dogs and owners in our local community could still be helped. The Trustees and Management Team worked closely together to write new operational procedures in line with Government guidance. Essential support staff worked from home, and we initially furloughed some staff. Our front-line operational staff remained on-site to ensure we didn't compromise the welfare of our dogs.

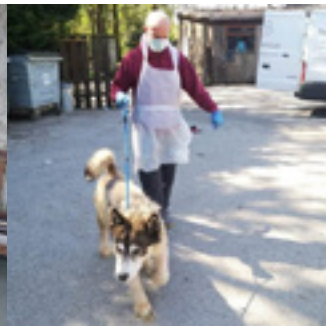
As we went in and out of national, local and firebreak lockdowns we adapted our procedures accordingly, and were able to respond in an agile way that enabled rapid implementation. We were extremely fortunate to have a strong digital footprint and infrastructure that enabled us to quickly adapt to new ways of working, including using our internal communications tool, Workplace, to remain engaged with our staff and volunteer team. We are also grateful for the support of both the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes and the Animal Welfare Network for Wales for their provision of clear guidance on rehoming and animal handover procedures in line with relevant legislation.

We also conducted a full review of our staff Terms & Conditions, including engagement with staff to find out what's most important to them. The review encompassed salaries, benefits and general welfare, the outcomes of which will start to be implemented from April 2021.

Our amazing staff team rose to the challenge, and we implemented new working practices which included:

- Remote adoptions - taking dogs out to their new homes following a video home check
- Collecting dogs needing to come in from their homes
- Covid safe handover practices for stray dogs coming in





We could not have predicted the impact the pandemic would have on the demand for our dogs. Applications increased four-fold as people started to work from home and had more time to care for a dog. At the same time the number of dogs coming in decreased, both stray dogs and those being surrendered by their owners. We responded to this surge in demand by expanding our adoption and fostering team, recruiting two Welfare and Adoption Officers and additional administration support.

Creating the new Welfare and Adoption Officer roles has enabled us to provide additional senior staff cover from 5pm to 10pm every day. This has proved to be successful in managing the increased number of enquiries and responding to issues that arise after the centre has closed for the day. They also provide invaluable input to the dogs with complex behavioural issues, thus improving their adoption prospects.

We are grateful to the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes for providing funding towards this work. We are also grateful to all our grant funders who responded to our Crisis Appeal and provided funding towards our core welfare costs including Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, Support Adoption for Pets, Kennel Club Charitable Trust and Animal Friends Insurance.

Once again, we received the RSPCA Pawprint Gold standard award in the Kennelled Dogs category. Our Amazing Greys project, helping routinely surrendered and injured greyhounds from our local greyhound racing track, was a finalist in the Ceva Animal Welfare Awards. Whilst we didn't win, we were proud to receive recognition for this ground-breaking project.

Despite the challenges of lockdown, we helped 548 dogs during the year. We continue to hold the stray dog contracts for Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, Vale of Glamorgan Council (West) and Bridgend CBC and take in all the unclaimed strays from Torfaen CBC, Blaenau Gwent CBC and Merthyr Tydfil CBC after the statutory 7 days.

- 548 dogs helped
- 250 strays admitted
- 200 dogs came in from owners
- 3 puppies born on site
- 8 Micro Bully puppies seized from an unlicensed breeder by a local authority
- 44 greyhounds from our Amazing Greys project
- 13 dogs from other rescues
- 14 dogs returned
- 16 dogs provided with canine respite whilst their owners accessed crisis services



We rehomed 238 dogs ourselves, an increase from 207 dogs the previous year. This is a remarkable achievement given the Covid restrictions. This included two dogs with ongoing health issues through our Assisted Adoption scheme. Due to the need to reduce the numbers of dogs on site, our foster homes played a key role in helping to ensure we could keep our doors open for those dogs needing our help and we are extremely grateful for their dedication during such difficult times.

- 533 dogs left our care
- 127 strays reclaimed by their owners
- 238 dogs adopted
- 148 dogs transferred to our rescue partners including Dogs Trust and Forever Hounds Trust
- 7 respite dogs reunited with their owners
- 13 dogs euthanised or passed away. 10 were due to health issues and 3 were due to welfare/behaviour issues

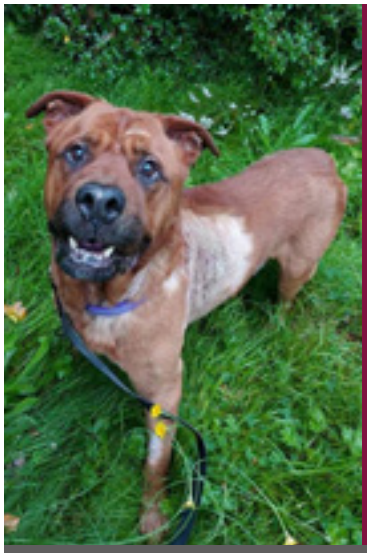
When the rescue centre was closed to the public we used the time well to undertake some improvements to the site. We completed the kennel tiling project, and started a refurbishment project for the main kennel block roof, as well as upgrading the kennel lighting, installing emergency lighting, a new fire alarm system and replacing two of our boilers.

We are grateful to the Petplan Charitable Trust, Animal Rescue Live and Llanharan Community Council for their generous grant funding.

We also completed the plans for the following, and will be going out for grant funding next year:

- New staff and volunteer welfare facility
- New reception building
- Training room refurbishment
- Carpark extension
- CCTV upgrade
- Replacing our rescue vans

Case Studies



Brave

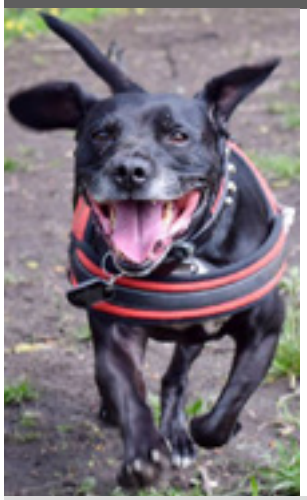
We received a call from a member of the public in the early hours of the morning reporting a large dog collapsed on Llanwonno Mountain. He was covered in maggots that were eating him alive. We called him Brave and rushed him straight to the vets fearing the worst. The maggots were removed one at a time and it was clear he couldn't walk due to having extreme muscle wastage.

Brave was a fighter though, and after several months in foster with good food, hydrotherapy and physiotherapy he made a remarkable recovery. He will always have a weak back end but he found a wonderful forever home who will keep up with his therapy.

Rosy

Rosy came into our care with two other dogs after her owner sadly passed away during lockdown. It soon became clear that she was also pregnant. We moved her to one of our dedicated foster homes so she could give birth in the comfort of a home. Rosy gave birth to three puppies, two boys and a girl. Once the pups were rehomed, her foster family decided they couldn't part with her and adopted her.





Ebony

5 year old Ebony originally came in to our care through our canine respite scheme. We cared for her whilst her owner accessed critical mental health services. Ebony was very much loved by her owner and they were soulmates. We received a call late one evening from the police. They had attended a call for a deceased person and there was a dog in the house. The dog had been left with the body for several days. She had bitten herself raw with stress and had lost a lot of weight. When she arrived we immediately recognised her as Ebony. We were devastated. We were able to reunite Ebony with her foster home, who then went on to adopt her.

Arlo

We received an emergency call from a local vet. They had a nine month old Doberman in with a badly broken leg. The owners had opted to put him to sleep as they couldn't afford the specialist surgery to fix the leg. We immediately said "yes" and he underwent surgery. Fortunately, we were able to save his leg. He recovered well in one of our experienced foster homes and was soon back to his bouncy self. He has now been rehomed to a lovely family.







Pounds & Pennies

INCOME GENERATION

Fundraising

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, this year has been a very successful one for fundraising at Hope Rescue thanks to both the incredible generosity of our supporters, the support of both existing and new funders, and our corporate partners. The combined loss of our trading and fundraising income amounted to £1,000 every day whilst lockdown restrictions were in place, but our strong digital presence enabled us to respond quickly and switch the focus of our fundraising activity. We raised a total of £895k (including grants) an impressive increase of 171% from last year. Our fundraising income this year accounted for 80% of our total income, which more than covered the loss of trading income.

Our supporters responded in an unprecedented way to our initial crisis appeal, and this level of support was maintained throughout the pandemic.

An increased focus on individual giving utilised our giving tools on our website, social media and new platforms such as GivePenny and VisuFund.



- Facebook fundraising was hugely successful with 8,217 Facebook donors raising £113,168, and 252 Facebook fundraising pages set up.
- We continued to use and grow our fundraising activities on Twitter and Instagram, exploring new opportunities such as gaming fundraisers.
- We also signed up for text giving via Donr, raising £12,237. As well as one-off donations, our increased individual giving activity resulted in 512 new regular donors, 45 of which came through text giving.
- We also increased the number of grant applications, approaching both existing and new funders and applying for emergency funding. Our grant funders responded positively to two major campaign appeals.
- The first was a crisis appeal in response to the pandemic
- The second appeal was for our ever-increasing vets bills. We were left to find an additional £50,000 per year as a result of the sudden withdrawl of neutering funding from the Dogs Trust.

In particular we would like to thank the Wales Council for Voluntary Action for supporting us with a £175,000 blend of grant and loan funding from through two phases of the Third Sector Resilience Fund. This funding enabled us initially to support our core costs whilst we focussed on replacing immediate lost income, and then a second phase enabled us to invest in key infrastructure to ensure future sustainability.

In response to the pandemic we also moved our face-to-face community events face to virtual and digital events. Notable successes included:

- Musical Bingo
- Balloon Race
- 15th Birthday Celebrations
- Barking Mad Photo Dog Show
- Online Auctions
- Online Raffles
- Christmas Bauble Appeal
- Virtual Christmas Shoeboxes
- Runs and challenges
- Waggy Walk
- Quizzes

Our volunteers set up their own crisis fundraising page and raised over £15,000 through a variety of activities and gifts in lieu of everyday activities they couldn't undertake such as haircuts, coffees etc. We also had considerable success fundraising for specific items we would usually cover from existing budgets including a new ride-on lawnmower, washing machine, dryer and boiler replacements.



We continued to grow support with our partners and had fantastic support from Support Adoption for Pets through our relationship with Pets at Home in Cwmbran. Our friends at Mad About Dogs, Haran Roofing, Burns Pet Nutrition, Butchers, Forthglade, Pets At Home and Admiral also supported us financially and with gifts in kind. We secured charity of the year partnerships with new corporate supporters including SWECO in Cardiff and Loteri Cymru.



We end the year in the hope that some of the restrictions of Covid-19 will be lifted and we will be able to return to face-to-face fundraising. The financial impact of the pandemic is yet to be realised and it is uncertain how supporters will feel about attending live events or how their ability to donate to their favourite causes will be affected. We may also exit the pandemic in a cashless way so we will need to be adaptable in how people can support and donate to us in the future.

It is vital that we adapt to respond to these challenges as we move into the next financial year. At this stage we do not know if social distancing and further lockdown restrictions will be put in place in response to emerging threats from Covid-19. Our fundraising income is likely to be impacted as follows:

- Community events could be cancelled or postponed at short notice and may be restricted in numbers for face-to-face events
- Partnership income could fall as corporate organisations are financially impacted and as working from home or a hybrid model becomes more common, opportunities for staff fundraising may decrease
- Individual giving may see a reduction in both regular giving and one-off gifts as the full financial impact of the pandemic is realised

To mitigate against any potential virtual donor fatigue and apprehension around live events we will need to offer a hybrid of face-to-face and digital events and respond to supporter engagement and feedback to ensure our fundraising offer is relevant. We have already started planning for alternative ways to raise funds including:

- Introducing a lottery to appeal to a new individual giving audience
- Developing our partnership ask for support including payroll giving and corporate sponsorship products
- Offering a variety of events with some small-scale face-to-face where safe to do so
- Recruiting a Grants and Trust fundraiser to secure both revenue funding for our day to day running costs as well as securing funding for our larger-scale, ambitious capital projects
- Grow and develop our volunteer offer including working towards achieving the Investors In Volunteers standard
- Implementing a CRM system (Beacon) to help us to fundraise more efficiently, improve Gift Aid claims and provide the best return on investment for our donors

Retail Income

Our Pontypridd charity shop closed at the end of the previous financial year after being flooded following Storm Dennis. Due to both the required remediation works and various lockdowns it remained closed for most of the year, only opening for brief periods between lockdowns. We were grateful to Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC for the rates grants which helped to offset some of the financial losses incurred.

The charity shop staff were furloughed for a large part of the year as we went in and out of lockdowns. During the summer we took on a temporary pro bono unit from Scouts CRAI so we could continue to accept and process donations which were then sold on our newly launched Ebay shop, as well as being used for online fundraising events such as auctions and raffles. This also helped significantly to mitigate our financial losses from the charity shop. Once open, the shop was reconfigured to adhere to social distancing and other Covid requirements, and this included closing our café area. Despite the challenges, the total charity shop income including the rates grants and Ebay income for the year totalled £73k, with a profit of £57k.



We were delighted to once again that our Christmas window display took first place in the annual Pontypridd Business Improvement District awards.



Our small shop at the rescue centre was also closed for a large part of the year as the rescue site was either closed or restricted to the public. The shop still managed to bring in an income of £4k due to increased sales to adopters once the centre was able to reopen.

Most of our retail income generation activity shifted online. As well as our Ebay shop, we also sold additional donated and bought in products through our existing Shopify online shop with a total income of £9k.

Trading Income

Our trading income took the biggest hit because of the pandemic. Due to the unpredictability of the lockdown restrictions on travel, we were unable to re-open our boarding kennels.

We also stopped hiring out our exercise paddock to reduce the number of visitors to our site as part of our Covid risk assessments. Our enterprise trading income therefore reported a loss of £1k as we had to refund deposits.

We did, however, generate trading income of £42k from digital events in lieu of being able to hold face-to-face events.

Service Delivery Income

Our service delivery income was also impacted by Covid and fell by 13% to £97k. This was mainly due to the fall in the number of stray dogs coming in (which was a positive in welfare terms) and a corresponding fall in stray dog income. The loss was mitigated in part by a £10k increase in income from adoption fees due to the unprecedented demand which we were able to facilitate due to investment in adoption and fostering resources.

Enterprise Development

We have recognised the importance of investing in non-voluntary income and have been successful with securing grant funding from the Third Sector Resilience Fund to recruit an Enterprise Development Manager to develop our trading income streams. Their focus for the next 12 months will be developing our physical retail spaces and e-commerce platforms, and introducing new merchandise ranges.

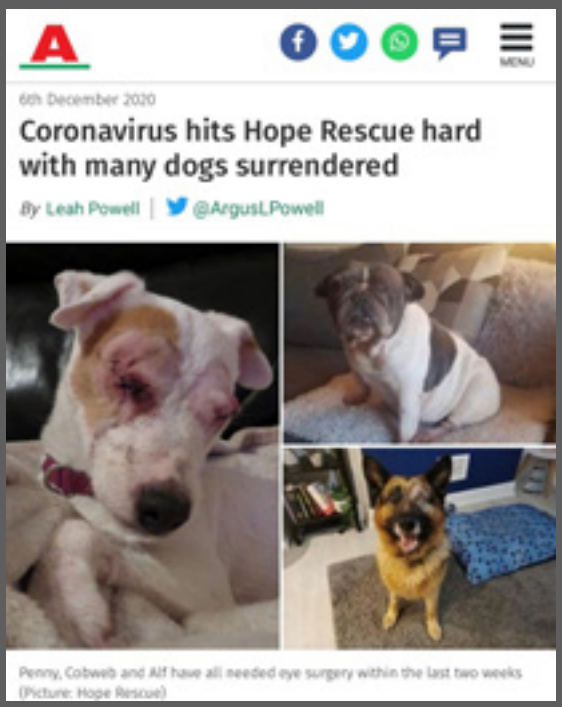


Telling Our Story

Media

We were fortunate to receive fantastic support from both the local and national media in respect of the challenges we have experienced due to both the Storm Dennis flooding and Covid. We are also proud of the media coverage we have generated as a small, independent charity in respect of our campaign work.

As the first lockdown hit we received extensive coverage including BBC Wales News and Wales Online. Our initiative to name our dogs after NHS heroes nominated by the public also attracted the national press and was featured on Good Morning Britain and in the Daily Express and One Green Planet as well as local press.


6th December 2020

Coronavirus hits Hope Rescue hard with many dogs surrendered

By Leah Powell | @ArgusLPowell

Penny, Cobweb and Alf have all needed eye surgery within the last two weeks (Picture: Hope Rescue)


Tweet

Good Morning Britain @GMB

'The resemblance is uncanny!'

This puppy named Dr Hilary is welcome on GMB anytime

#AskDrH

3,971 views

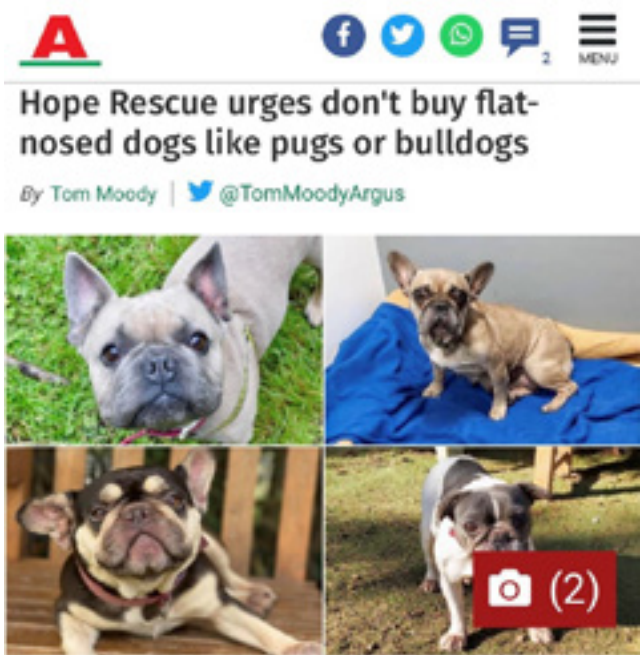
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Bulldog spirit: Pups are named after heroes in NHS

Turbo Scrub

Burns Pet Nutrition kindly made a significant donation of food which was picked up by BBC Wales Great Indoors programme as well as local and trade press. The Daily Express and Daily Mirror also featured bulldog Peaches and her pups.

As demand for dogs and puppies surged during lockdown we were featured on BBC's The One Show in August to talk about responsible puppy buying/adoption. We covered this topic in many subsequent articles for both local and national press including BBC Wales, BBC Radio Wales and Daily Mail, with a particular focus on the health problems of brachycephalic breeds.



As a formal partner in the #FlopNotCrop campaign to ban the importation of ear cropped dogs, we were mentioned in various national articles. We also provided commentary on the huge rise in dog theft, including an interview on a Russian news channel.

Digital Media

Social media has continued to play a significant role in fundraising, raising awareness and increasing our supporter base. This has been especially important during lockdown and our strong digital footprint enabled us to stay fully engaged with our supporters and volunteers. Our Facebook page ended the year with over 80,000 followers, which represents further growth in reach and engagement. Our Instagram account grew to over 14,000 followers and Twitter to 21,000 followers. We launched a new Fundraising group on Facebook in February 2020 to enable us to organise digital fundraisers away from the main Page, and membership quickly rose to over 4,000. Facebook continues to be the main social platform and Facebook Fundraising provided a significant income during the pandemic. The posts that highlight our campaign work, cruelty and neglect cases tend to perform best in terms of reach, sharing and online donations. For example, a plea for information for Brave, the Mastiff found collapsed on a remote mountain road reached 435,490 people with over 136,00 engagements. We continue to post on Facebook all stray dogs that come into us and these are shared extensively, often triggering home offers in the process.

Facebook's Workplace for Good platform continued to prove an excellent tool for internal communications, and enabled us to stay engaged with our volunteers who were unable to come to the rescue centre and charity shop during lockdown.

We saw a significant growth of nearly 300% in website users over the year, clearly demonstrating the key role played by our digital platforms in maintaining engagement during the pandemic. The most popular page remained 'Dogs for Adoption' and an analysis of user devices showed that mobiles accounted for around 70%, a steady increase since our website was created. This underlines the importance of having a mobile-friendly website, and content that is engaging and easily accessible on smaller, handheld devices.

The website performed well as a donation platform, with the addition of Paypal providing a popular payment method. Almost £130k in donations was processed via the website over the year. Using our social media channels to drive traffic to our website was key to this success, with a significant rise in donations seen during December 2020.

We will continue to develop the website, and use both analytics and our CRM system to enhance data capture and focus our marketing activity.

OVER **80,000** FOLLOWERS

OVER **14,000** FOLLOWERS

OVER **21,000** FOLLOWERS

The Community of Hope

At Hope Rescue we believe strongly that our role is not to just deal with the consequences of poor welfare but to work towards sustainable solutions to tackle the root causes. Wherever possible we seek to keep responsible owners and their dogs together, supporting those who need additional help. We also recognise the importance of volunteering, and the benefits not only for the charity but also the positive impact on the wellbeing of volunteers.

Campaigning

Our campaign messaging this year mainly focussed on the new phenomenon of lockdown dogs and puppies, and how the unprecedented demand for pets, low welfare breeders cashing in and changes in owner's circumstances due to the pandemic were creating a looming crisis for animal welfare organisations.

We featured in both national and local press encouraging owners to think carefully before purchasing a pet during lockdown and to ensure they were sourcing their new pet responsibly. We worked with Battersea to provide case studies and data for their Covid-19 report which highlighted the drastic impact Covid-19 had on animals in the U.K. as well as briefing our local politicians for a Parliamentary debate in March on the impact of the pandemic on animal welfare.



Through our role on the Management Committee of the Animal Welfare Network for Wales, we engaged regularly with Welsh Government throughout the pandemic to ensure that sector specific guidance on rescue and rehoming was fit for purpose. We also responded to the Welsh Government consultation on the third-party ban on puppy and kitten sales in Wales and became a member of the AWNW Licensing of Activities Involving Animals working group.



We actively supported the #FlopNotCrop campaign and petition to ban the import of ear-cropped dogs led by Jordan Shelley and the British Veterinary Association, becoming a formal campaign partner. This was an important issue for us due to the seizure of the Micro Bully puppies.



Growing concern for the number of injured greyhounds we were taking in through our Amazing Greys project, together with delays in progress with the Mobile Animal Exhibits consultation led to a decision to start scoping the potential to launch a campaign to ban greyhound racing in Wales. Our messaging started to feature more of the injured dogs to highlight the issues along with the promotion of the UK petition to ban greyhound racing.

During the year we took in 44 greyhounds through our Amazing Greys project, of which 9 suffered a serious injury. These dogs were surrendered to the project as they either raced or their owners had links to our local greyhound track in Ystrad Mynach. We would like extend our thanks to our rescue partners Forever Hounds Trust and Dogs Trust for providing onward rescue placements.



Community Outreach

We continue to work with Local Authorities and Housing Associations to develop a subsidised canine respite scheme to provide affordable boarding for dogs belonging to owners in crisis. This includes owners fleeing domestic abuse, made homeless or going into hospital. We helped 16 dogs and their owners during the year through our respite scheme.

Volunteering

Due to lockdown restrictions sadly we were unable to have volunteers at the rescue centre and charity shop for most of the year. Our volunteer foster team provided exceptional support to our welfare and adoption team and enabled us to keep numbers of dogs at the rescue centre as low as possible to mitigate against staff illness and self-isolation. Our volunteers also supported us by undertaking virtual home checks via video calls.
Our Handmade by Hope team raised valuable funds throughout the year by selling hand crafted items on our Facebook Fundraising Page, in virtual craft markets and through their own networks including face masks and knitted rainbows.



We were deeply saddened to lose three much-loved volunteers during the year. Ceri Tracey volunteered with us since the rescue centre opened in 2017 helping out in many roles including fostering, fundraising and dog walking. Mark Crew volunteered for 6 years with fostering, fundraising, events photography and during lockdown he also became our virtual quiz master. Jan Grossett was a dedicated volunteer at our charity shop. They will all be greatly missed.



How We Operate

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Hope Rescue is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 2nd March 2009. Charitable status was gained on 14th May 2009. Hope Rescue operates throughout the UK although the dogs it helps primarily originate from South Wales.

The day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the staff team, supported by a network of volunteers and overseen by the Board of Trustees. The Trustees make all decisions on any major expenditure and set the strategic direction for the Charity. Our current Board of Trustees comprises five Trustees with a wide range of specialist skills and experience.

We recognise that as we develop the organisation and face the challenges of Covid-19 throughout 2020/21, we will need to strengthen the Board further. We strengthened our staff team with the following appointments:

- Two Welfare and Adoption Officers
- New Fundraising Manager

Trading Company - Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd

We are a relatively new organisation in terms of developing long-term, sustainable voluntary income streams. Whilst we will be working on a longer-term fundraising strategy to promote regular giving and legacies, it will take a few years before we see significant benefit from these activities. It is therefore important that we consider other sustainable income sources to support our charitable work.

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd. was incorporated during 2017 to serve as a separate trading company to pass all surpluses and support the work of the charity Hope Rescue.

Our current trading activities include the following:

Commercial boarding kennels

We are licensed to board up to 40 dogs (20 kennels) in our dedicated boarding block. The kennels were previously used as a commercial facility and we have retained many of their customers. The closure of our nearest competitor during 2018 has also brought in new business. However, the boarding kennels have closed due to the lockdown and their future viability will be considered as part of our resilience response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Exercise paddock hire

We hire one of our exercise paddocks out on an hourly basis. This has proved to be very popular, especially for dogs that are not good with other dogs, have poor recall or prey drive. We have ceased this activity due to the lockdown and again will consider whether it is viable to re-open in the future.

Grooming room

We started leasing out our grooming room to a local groomer. This brings in a regular monthly income, and the groomer also helps voluntarily with grooming our rescue dogs when needed. We have currently suspended rental payments on the grooming room as it has been forced to close due to the lockdown.

Online shop

Our Shopify online shop sells both bought-in products and craft items made by our Handmade by Hope volunteers, including snuffle mats and knitted jumpers. The shop also hosts our Wishlist and virtual gifts for our rescue dogs. We have increased the range of stock due to the closure of the charity shop and rescue centre shop resulting from the flooding and Covid-19 lockdown.

Rescue centre shop

The small retail area in our reception at the rescue centre sells bought in, handcrafted and donated products and is very popular with our adopters. We started selling Burns dog food and snacks this year. The shop is currently closed due to the lockdown.

Other income-generating activities

Whilst not linked to the trading company, we also derive an income from our stray dog contracts, boarding contracts for other animal welfare organisations and subsidised respite boarding for Local Authority Social and Housing Services. These income streams are all likely to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our future plans will be dependent on how Covid-19 impacts our income streams and the focus will pivot to digital opportunities:

E-commerce

We are looking to develop the online shop further and expand the product range, including a branded merchandise range. We will also be looking at developing a new eBay shop.

Handmade by Hope

Our hand-crafted products have proved very popular and we will explore opportunities to increase the number of volunteer crafters and to expand the product range.



Looking Ahead

The pandemic will have a lasting impact on the charity both operationally and financially and it's important we prepare for the challenges ahead. Our strategic planning has been delayed to provide the space to properly assess the impact so we can not only meet the challenges, but also build on the successes and learnings to ensure future sustainability. Our aim is to have a new 3-year Strategic Plan developed and in place in 2022.

Key themes will include:

- Helping more dogs
- Ceasing commercial boarding to provide an additional 20 kennels for rescue and respite
- Reducing transfers and focussing on adoptions
- Increasing welfare resources
- Welfare improvements
- Recruiting a Facilities Manager to manage and develop our facilities and maximise the opportunities they present for income generation.
- Capital projects including training room refurbishment, kennel reconfiguration and new reception
- Financial sustainability
- Developing our trading income
- Investing in voluntary income generation resources
- Launch campaign to ban greyhound racing in Wales and supporting campaigns in other areas of the U.K.
- Continued support for the #FlopNotCrop campaign to stop the importation of ear-cropped dogs into the U.K.
- Continued lobbying to improve breeding legislation including online pet sales
- Supporting the regulation of rescues across the U.K.



Financial Review

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 31 March 2021 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Financial Position

The Trustees are pleased to present the Charity's financial results for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Despite the challenges presented bv Covid-19 over the course of the financial year, we are reporting net income of £394,015, compared to a net loss of £106,436 in the previous year.

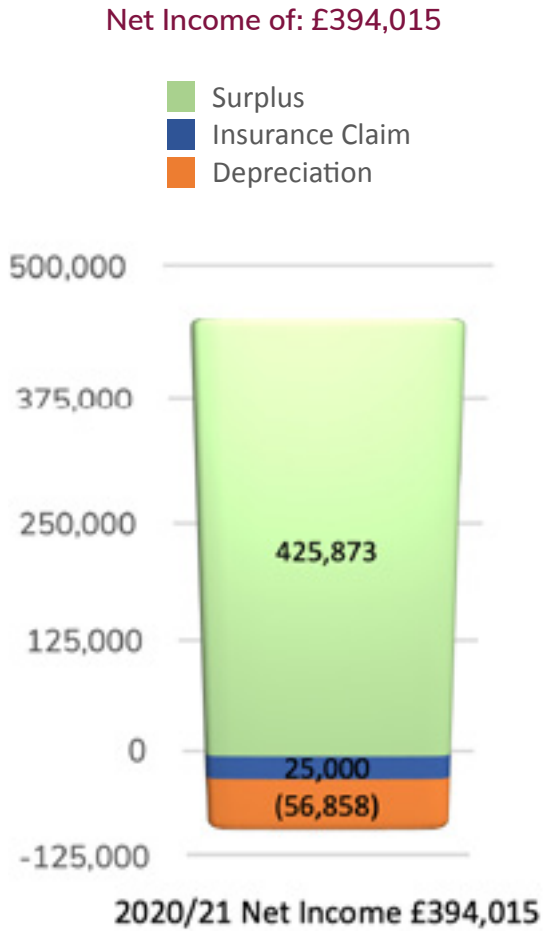
Our net position includes a charge of £56,858 for depreciation and amortisation and also an accrued income figure of £25,000 arising from our successful Business Interruption Insurance claim.

Although our insurance claim was not confirmed and paid out until August 2021, as it related to conditions arising during the financial year it has been recognised in this year's accounts as a Post Balance Sheet Event.

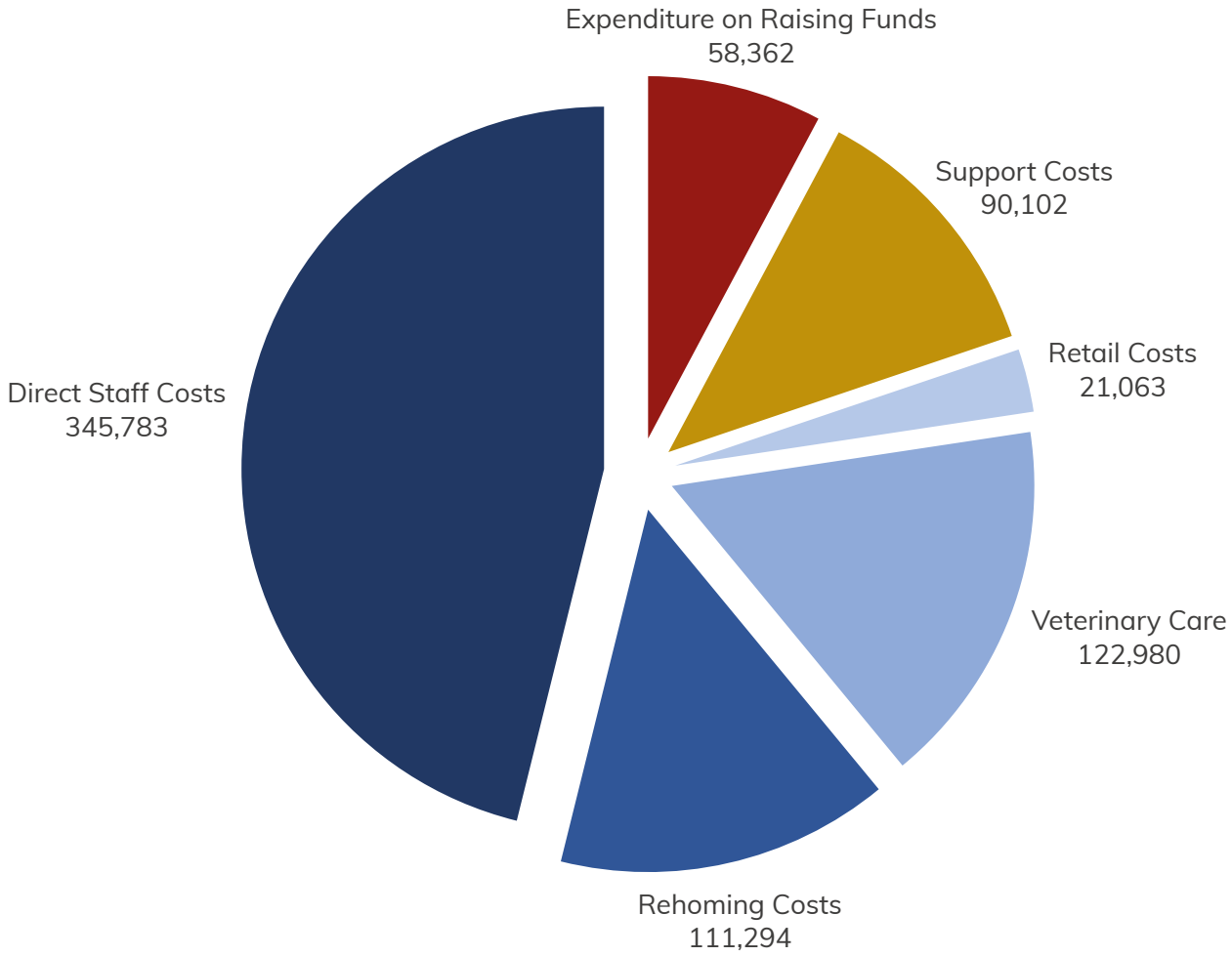
Before these two accounting adjustments, our net position would have stood at £425,873

As Trustees, we remain acutely aware of the challenges we face in terms of funding and sustainability, and this has been at the forefront of our minds throughout this unprecedented year.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on maintaining sustainability and developing a revised strategic plan to build on this year's success.

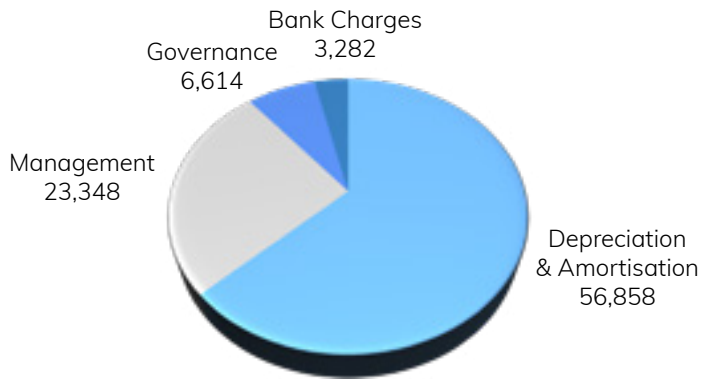


Cost Profile



Our expenditure this year totalled £749,584 of which 80% (£601k) represented direct costs related to the running of the rescue centre and retail businesses.

Support Costs

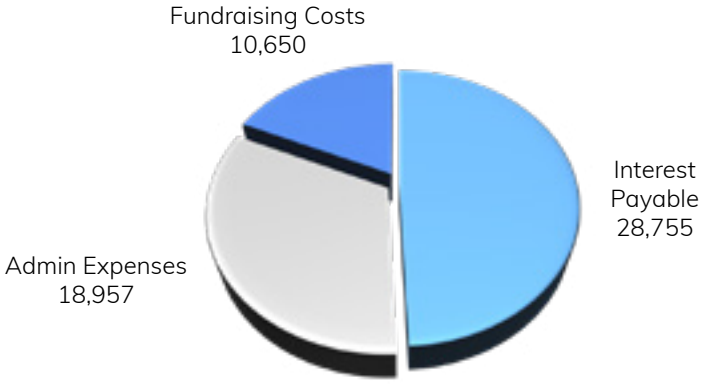


The largest element of our support costs (63%) arises from the depreciation and amortisation of assets on our balance sheet. This includes depreciation of the Rescue Centre itself (excluding the land) and leasehold improvements made to our Charity Shop in Pontypridd.

In addition to costs which are directly attributable to fundraising activity, we're also liable for interest payments on our mortgage with Charity Bank and our loan with WCVA.

Admin and other trading expenses make up the remainder of the balance.

Expenditure on Raising Funds

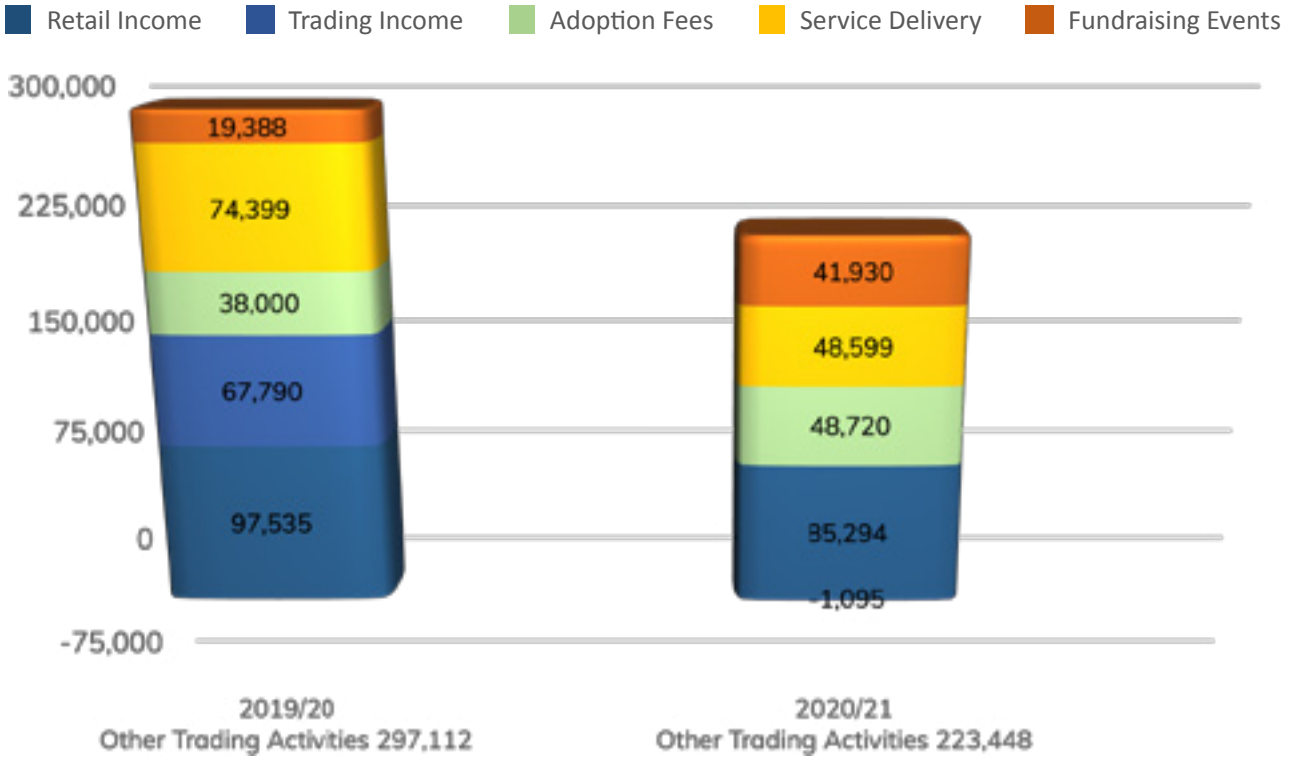


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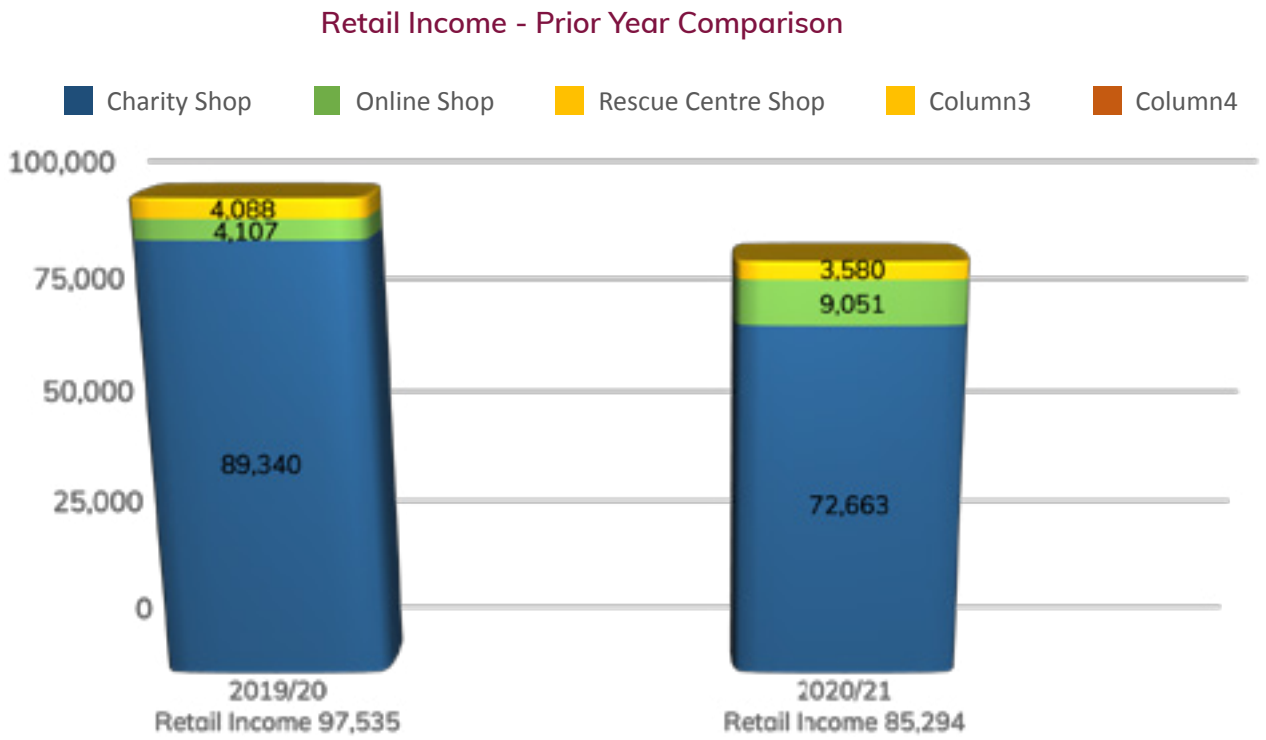
Our fundraising income has continued to grow from strength to strength, totalling an impressive £895,151 (inclusive of grants) and representing a 171% increase from the previous year.

A further £223,448 of income was raised through other trading activities which along with the £25,000 insurance claim brings our total income to £1,143,599

Other Trading Income - Prior Year Comparison



Charity Shop and Other Retail Income



The vast majority of our retail income (£72,663) was generated by our Pontypridd charity shop, which although impacted by lockdowns still managed to perform well during the periods that it was able to open. Although other retail income is significantly smaller, there was growth on previous years with sales from the online shop more than doubling.

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Trading Company

Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd (Registered number: 10632674) is a separate trading company to manage our trading income, the activities of which are included in this consolidated set of accounts.

Reserves

Our year end fund balance of £498,763 represents the value of our assets were we to liquidate the charity.

Of our total fund balance, £211,963 is currently restricted, meaning that there are conditions attached to the funding which only allow it to be spent in a certain way. This includes donations and grants made for specific, defined purposes and the balance of our Capital Grant Fund relating to the purchase of the centre in 2017.

Trustees have designated £100,340 of the remaining fund balance as a contribution to salary costs in 2021/22 and to fund several key capital projects including essential tree-work, improvements to staff welfare facilities and completion of our sensory garden.

This leaves £161,460 (equivalent to roughly 3 months' expenditure) in our general fund which we will hold as reserves and aim to build on over the course of the next financial year.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name: Hope Rescue
Registered Company Number: 06833205 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity Number: 1129629

Trading Company: Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd
Registered Company Number: 10632674 England and Wales)

Registered office
Hope Rescue Centre
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Ms Kimberly Lambert (resigned 1 Sep 20)
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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOPE RESCUE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hope Rescue (the 'charitable parent company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Balance sheet, Company Balance Sheet, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our planning procedures identify the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the operations and financial statements of the company. These are reviewed internally with the audit team including relevant industry experience and expectations as well as externally with the client management. The key laws and regulations we considered in

this context were the UK Companies Act 2006, Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', UK GAAP (FRS 102) and relevant tax legislation.

Once identified, we assess the risks of material misstatements in relation to the laws and regulations, irregularities, including fraud and adjust our testing accordingly. Our audit procedures include:

Our audit procedures include:

- Discussing with Trustees and management which areas of the business they believe to be more susceptible to fraud, and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraudulent activities
- Discussing with Trustees and Management the legal and regulatory obligations of the business and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of non-compliance
- Obtaining an understanding of the key controls put in place by the charitable company to address risks identified, assessing the effectiveness of those and discussing how these are maintained and monitored internally
- Assessing the risk of management override and review and testing of journal entries made into the accounting system
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by the charitable company in relation to the significant accounting estimates employed in the preparation of the financial statements

Despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularities likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentation, or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Stephen Lucey (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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Statutory Auditors
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Date: 21st Dec 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	527,520	35,525	563,045	289,884
Charitable activities	4				
Grant income		166,836	165,270	332,106	40,840
Other trading activities	3	223,448	-	223,448	297,112
Other Income		25,000	-	25,000	-
Total		942,804	200,795	1,143,599	627,836
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	5	58,362	-	58,362	72,073
Charitable activities	6				
CORE		552,600	138,622	691,222	662,198
Total		610,962	138,622	749,584	734,271
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		331,842	62,173	394,015	(106,435)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		(45,042)	149,790	104,748	211,183
Total funds carried forward		286,800	211,963	498,763	104,748

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	12	21,000	-	21,000	24,500
Tangible assets	13	484,222	125,816	610,038	616,353
		505,222	125,816	631,038	640,853
Current assets					
Debtors	14	49,004	-	49,004	21,141
Cash at bank		310,845	124,897	435,742	78,176
		359,849	124,897	484,746	99,317
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(46,922)	(38,750)	(85,672)	(97,773)
Net current assets		312,927	86,147	399,074	1,544
Total assets less current liabilities		818,149	211,963	1,030,112	642,397
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(531,349)	-	(531,349)	(537,649)
NET ASSETS		286,800	211,963	498,763	104,748
Funds	18				
Unrestricted funds				286,800	(45,042)
Restricted funds				211,963	149,790
Total funds				498,763	104,748

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....14 Dec 2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:





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P E Rowe - Trustee S L Screen Trustee

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	12	21,000	-	21,000	24,500
Tangible assets	13	484,222	125,816	610,038	616,353
		505,222	125,816	631,038	640,853
Current assets					
Debtors	14	51,424	-	51,424	94,724
Cash at bank		310,845	124,897	435,742	78,176
		362,269	124,897	487,166	172,900
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(49,342)	(38,750)	(88,092)	(171,356)
Net current assets		312,927	86,147	399,074	1,544
Total assets less current liabilities		818,149	211,963	1,030,112	642,397
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(531,349)	-	(531,349)	(537,649)
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	400,120	96,428
Interest paid		(28,755)	(46,454)
Net cash provided by operating activities		371,365	49,974
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(47,042)	(19,229)
Net cash used in investing activities		(47,042)	(19,229)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		33,243	(1,050)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		33,243	(1,050)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		357,566	29,695
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		78,176	48,481
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		435,742	78,176

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	394,015	(106,435)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	56,858	112,671
Interest paid	28,755	46,454
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(27,864)	(13,344)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(51,645)	57,082
Net cash provided by operations	400,120	96,428

2. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1.4.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	78,176	357,566	435,742
	78,176	357,566	435,742
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(14,353)	(39,543)	(53,896)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(537,649)	6,300	(531,349)
	(552,002)	(33,243)	(585,245)
Total	(473,826)	324,323	(149,503)

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charitable company and its wholly-owned subsidiary Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited on a line by line basis. Transactions and balances between the charitable company and its subsidiary have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the two companies are disclosed in the notes of the charitable company's balance sheet. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charitable company itself is not presented because the charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of a specified service or purchase is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2017, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- On cost over 15 years
Leasehold improvements	- 33% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. The charity's trading subsidiary Hope Rescue Enterprises Limited gift aids available profits to the parent charity. Its charge to corporation tax in the year was nil (2020: nil).

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Hope Rescue volunteer community is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Legal status of the charity

Hope Rescue is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £5 per member of the charity.

Debtors

Debtors include amounts owed to the charity for the provision of goods and services or amounts the charity has paid in advance for the goods and services it will receive. Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet short-term cash commitments as they fall due and includes all cash equivalents held in the form of short-term highly liquid investments. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. A cash equivalent will normally have a short maturity of,say, three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Liabilities

Liabilities are amounts due to creditors and any provision made as a result of an obligation to transfer economic benefits, usually in the form of a cash payment, to a third party. Liabilities are measured at their settlement amount and recognised for the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt.

2. Donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift aid	47,138	11,289
Other donations & legacies	515,907	278,595
	563,045	289,884

3. Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	41,930	19,388
Retail income	85,294	97,535
Trading income (Hope Rescue Enterprises Ltd)	(1,095)	67,790
Service delivery	48,599	74,399
Adoption fees	48,720	38,000
	223,448	297,112

4. Income from charitable activities

		2021	2020
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Grant income	332,106	40,840

Grants received, included in the above are grants for the general running costs of the centre and other grants restricted for specific purposes as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Jean Sainsbury Trust	10,000	-
Rhondda Cynon Trust - Kennels Drainage Project	10,000	-
Battersea - Kennels Drainage Project	-	12,000
WCVA	60,000	5,000
Welsh Government	9,300	2,500
Petplan	5,000	13,840
Battersea	-	7,500
Support Adoption for Pets	10,000	-
Hobson Charity	18,000	-
Association of Dogs and Cats Homes	10,000	-
Llanharn Community Council	1,000	-
Other Grants for Vet Fees	29,870	-
Other Grants	2,100	-
	165,270	40,840

5. Raising funds

Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest payable and similar charges	28,755	46,454

Expenditure

	2021	2020
	£	£
Administrative expenses	18,957	19,091
Other trading expenses	-	286
Fundraising costs	10,650	6,242
	29,607	25,619
Aggregate amounts	58,362	72,073

6. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£
CORE	601,120	90,102	691,222

7. Support costs

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
CORE	23,348	60,140	6,614	90,102

8. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	53,357	109,171
Goodwill amortisation	3,500	3,500
Independent examination	1,685	1,100

9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees received reimbursed expenses totalling £Nil for the year (2020: £Nil).

10. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	301,415	280,432
Social security costs	49,948	18,373
Other pension costs	17,768	6,422
	369,131	305,227

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Service delivery	22	16
Administration	5	4
	27	20

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	289,884	-	289,884
Charitable activities			
Grant income	-	40,840	40,840
Other trading activities	297,112	-	297,112
Total	586,996	40,840	627,836
Expenditure on			
Raising funds	72,073	-	72,073
Charitable activities			
CORE	517,263	144,935	662,198
Total	589,336	144,935	734,271
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,340)	(104,095)	(106,435)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	(42,702)	253,885	211,183
Total funds carried forward	(45,042)	149,790	104,748

12. Intangible fixed assets

Group and Charity

	Goodwill £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	35,000
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2020	10,500
Charge for year	3,500
At 31 March 2021	14,000
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	21,000
At 31 March 2020	24,500

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group and Charity

	Freehold property £	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and machinery £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	797,490	164,986	416
Additions	21,411	-	1,753
At 31 March 2021	818,901	164,986	2,169
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	182,193	164,986	229
Charge for year	50,598	-	683
At 31 March 2021	232,791	164,986	912
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	586,110	-	1,257
At 31 March 2020	615,297	-	187

13. Tangible fixed assets- continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	15,000	44,420	948	1,023,260
Additions	21,157	-	2,721	47,042
At 31 March 2021	36,157	44,420	3,669	1,070,302
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	15,000	44,420	79	406,907
Charge for year	1,536	-	540	53,357
At 31 March 2021	16,536	44,420	619	460,264
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	19,621	-	3,050	610,038
At 31 March 2020	-	-	869	616,353

14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	3,519	11,426	3,519	11,426
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	2,420	73,583
Other debtors	4,417	-	4,417	-
VAT	11,668	9,715	11,668	9,715
Prepayments and accrued income	29,400	-	29,400	-
	49,004	21,141	51,424	94,724

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
			£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 17)	43,170	4,175	43,170	4,175
Other loans (see note 17)	10,726	10,178	10,726	10,178
Trade creditors	18,734	64,472	18,734	64,472
Social security and other taxes	9,442	17,137	9,442	17,137
Other creditors	-	656	-	656
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-		
			2,420	73,583
Accrued expenses	3,600	1,155	3,600	1,155
	85,672	97,773	88,092	171,356

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Group and Charity

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 17)	133,798	137,430
Other loans (see note 17)	397,551	400,219
	531,349	537,649

17. Loans

Group and Charity

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	43,170	4,175
Mortgage	10,726	10,178
	53,896	14,353
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	4,740	4,477
Mortgage	11,302	10,726
	16,042	15,203
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	15,873	15,468
Other loans - 2-5 years	37,628	35,707
	53,501	51,175

17. Loans- continued

Amounts falling due in more than five years:

Repayable by instalments:	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	113,185	117,485
Other loans more 5yrs instal	348,621	353,786
	461,806	471,271

18. Movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(45,042)	231,502	186,460
Designated project funding	-	72,340	72,340
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries		28,000	28,000
	(45,042)	331,842	286,800
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	137,950	(12,134)	125,816
WCVA	5,000	55,000	60,000
Petplan	6,840	(6,840)	-
Carmela	-	1,147	1,147
Home from Home Kennel Build	-	25,000	25,000
	149,790	62,173	211,963
TOTAL FUNDS	104,748	394,015	498,763

18. Movement in funds - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	805,964	(574,462)	231,502
Designated project funding	96,840	(24,500)	72,340
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries	40,000	(12,000)	28,000
	942,804	(610,962)	331,842
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	-	(12,134)	(12,134)
Jean Sainsbury funding	10,000	(10,000)	-
Rhondda Cynon Taf - Kennels Drainage Project	10,000	(10,000)	-
WCVA	60,000	(5,000)	55,000
Welsh Government	9,300	(9,300	-
Petplan	5,000	(11,840)	(6,840)
Support Adoption for Pets Grant	10,000	(10,000)	-
Hobson Charity	18,000	(18,000)	-
Association of Cats and Dogs Home	10,000	(10,000)	-
Llanharan Community Council	1,000	(1,000)	-
Home from Home Kennel Build Legacy	25,000	-	25,000
Individual Giving - Boiler Fundraiser	2,000	(2,000)	-
Vet Fees	37,870	(37,870)	-
Van Running Costs	600	(600)	-
Other	2,025	(2,025)	-
	200,795	(138,622)	62,173
TOTAL FUNDS	1,143,599	(749,584)	394,015

18. Movement in funds - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(42,702)	(2,340)	(45,042)
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	253,885	(115,935)	137,950
WCVA	-	5,000	5,000
Petplan	-	6,840	6,840
	253,885	(104,095)	149,790
TOTAL FUNDS	211,183	(106,435)	104,748

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	586,996	(589,336)	(2,340)
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	-	(115,935)	(115,935)
Battersea - Kennels Drainage Project	12,000	(12,000)	-
WCVA	5,000	-	5,000
Welsh Government	2,500	(2,500)	-
Petplan	13,840	(7,000)	6,840
Battersea	7,500	(7,500)	-
	40,840	(144,935)	(104,095)
TOTAL FUNDS	627,836	(734,271)	(106,435)

18. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(42,702)	229,162	186,460
Designated project funding	-	72,340	72,340
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries		28,000	28,000
	(42,702)	329,502	286,800
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund	253,885	(128,069)	125,816
WCVA	-	60,000	60,000
Carmela	-	1,147	1,147
Home from Home Kennel Build	-	25,000	25,000
	253,885	(41,922)	211,963
TOTAL FUNDS	211,183	287,580	498,763

18. Movement in funds - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,392,960	(1,163,798)	229,162
Designated project funding	96,840	(24,500)	72,340
Designated funding for 2021/22 salaries	40,000	(12,000)	28,000
	1,529,800	(1,200,298)	329,502
Restricted funds			
Capital grant fund		(128,069)	(128,069)
Jean Sainsbury funding	10,000	(10,000)	
Rhondda Cynon Taff - Kennel Drainage Project	10,000	(10,000)	
Battersea - Kennel Drainage Project	12,000	(12,000)	
WCVA	65,000	(5,000)	60,000
Welsh Government	11,800	(11,500)	
Petplan	18,840	(18,840)	
Battersea	7,500	(7,500)	
Support Adoption for Pets Grant	10,000	(10,000)	
Hobson Charity	18,000	(18,000)	
Association Dogs and Cats Home	10,000	(10,000)	
Llanharan Community Council	1,000	(1,000)	
Home from Home Kennel Build - Legacy	25,000	(25,000)	
Individual Giving - Boiler Fundraiser	2,000	(2,000)	
Vet Fees	37,870	(37,023)	(1,147)
Van Running Costs	600	(600)	
Other	2,025	(2,025)	
TOTAL FUNDS	241,635	(283,557)	(41,922)

18. Movement in funds - continued

Battersea grant for the recruitment of project Officer and Associated costs.
Battersea grant for the kennels drainage project.
Petplan grant received for the Cosy Kennels project.
Welsh Government grant received for business flood relief
WCVA grant received for flooding and storm damage.
Jean Sainsbury Funding grant received for vet fees
Rhondda Cynon Taf grant received for drainage costs
WCVA grant received for recruitment of Facilities Manager / Enterprise Development Manager / p.t. Grants Officer and IIV/IIP accreditation
Welsh Government grant received for insurance and utilities costs during the pandemic
Petplan grant received for kennel tiling
Walker 597 Trust grant received for vet fees
Barry Green Memorial Trust grant received for vet fees
Support Adoption for Pets Grant received for salary costs during the pandemic
Hobhouse Animal Trust grant received for vet fees and animal food
Hobson Charity grant received for vet fees
Association of Dogs and Cats Home grant received for salary costs of administration officer
SJP Found grant received for collars and leads
Anthony V grant received for vet fees
Carmela grant received for vet fees
Llanharan Community Council grant received for kennel tiling
Paton Trust grant received for vet fees
Legacy Donation received for build of Home from Home Kennels
RSPCA donation for vet fees
Friends of Bath Cats & Dog Home donation for vet fees

19. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.