



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.

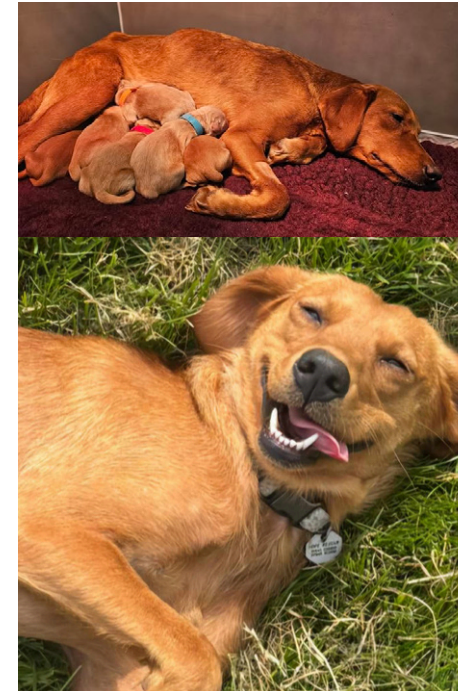
Case studies



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.

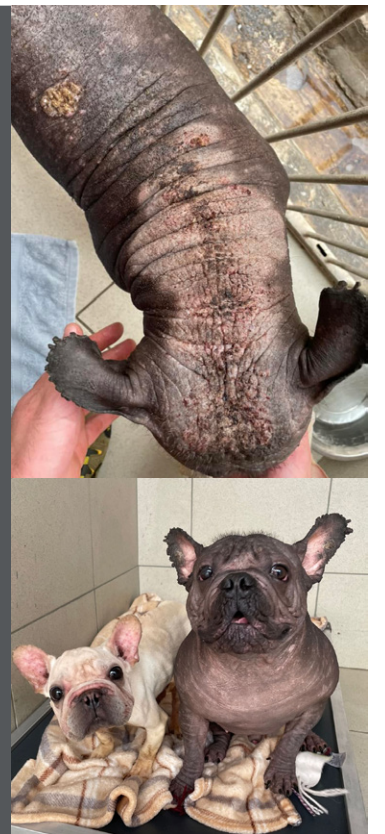
Fred will need lifelong medication for his skin and also needed BOAS surgery to improve his ability to breathe normally. He found a wonderful adopter who ensures he is kept comfortable and happy.

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.



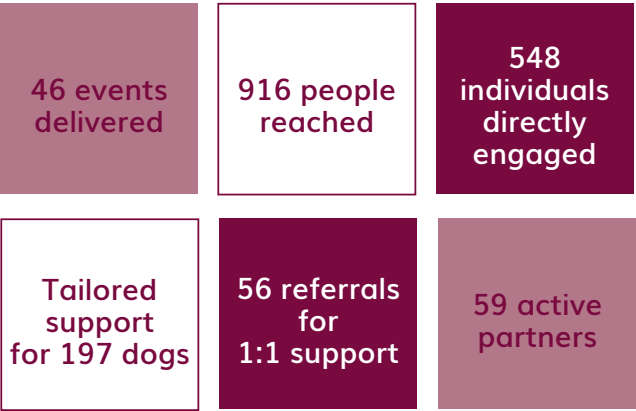
Helping to keep pets and their people together

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.



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.



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

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.

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.

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.

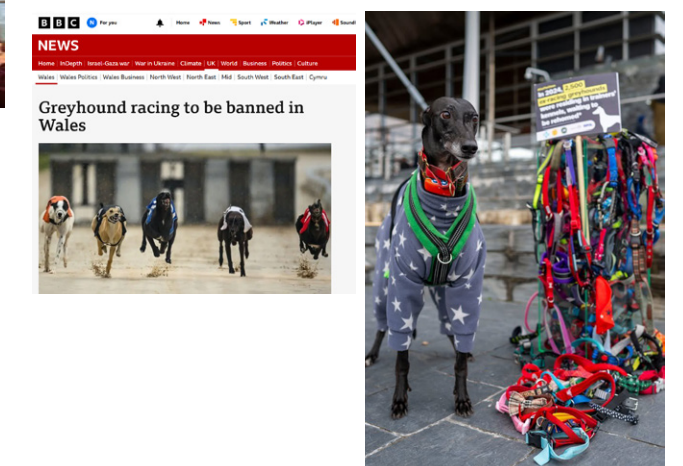
The historic decision will bring an end to the entirely preventable injuries and deaths of

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

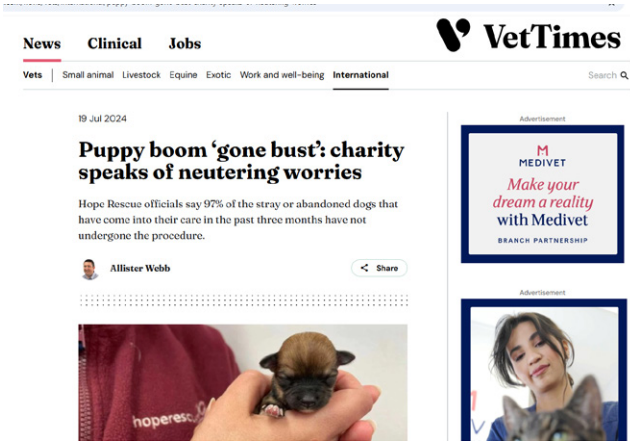
Media

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 titled *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:



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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Bankers

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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)

for and on behalf of Bevan Buckland LLP
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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					
Provision for rescue centre	4	130,608	309,957	440,565	510,663
Other trading activities	3	911,234		911,234	654,247
Other income					3,000
Total		<u>1,947,371</u>	<u>309,957</u>	<u>2,257,328</u>	<u>2,014,370</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	239,879		239,879	181,114
Charitable activities					
Provision for rescue centre	6	1,683,934	517,885	2,201,819	1,756,162
Total		<u>1,923,813</u>	<u>517,885</u>	<u>2,441,698</u>	<u>1,937,276</u>
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		<u>131 034</u>	<u>72 684</u>	<u>203 718</u>	<u>388 088</u>

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March 2025

	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)
		(61,981)	9,000	(52,981)	152,300
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		591,412	72,684	664,096	863,783
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(460,378)		(460,378)	(475,695)
		131,034	72,684	203,718	388,088
NET ASSETS					
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	22			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:

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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	<u>(44,410)</u>	<u>(51,982)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(80,133)</u>	284,492
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(86,429)</u>	<u>(170,780)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(86,429)</u>	<u>(170,780)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loan repayments in year	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>(7,510)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(15,122)</u>	<u>(7,510)</u>
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	<u>109,571</u>	<u>178,931</u>	
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(35,723)</u>	<u>336,474</u>	
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	<u>(181,684)</u>	<u>137,782</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(15,672)	(195)	(15,867)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(475,695)</u>	15,317	<u>(460,378)</u>
	<u>(491,367)</u>	15,122	<u>(476,245)</u>
Total	<u>(171,901)</u>	<u>(166,562)</u>	<u>(338,463)</u>

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		<u>825,415</u>	<u>727,202</u>
		<u>905,529</u>	<u>846,460</u>
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	
		<u>911,234</u>	<u>654,247</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2025	2024
		£	£
Grants	Activity		
	Provision for rescue centre	<u>440,565</u>	<u>510,663</u>
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		<u>53,520</u>	<u>32,376</u>
		<u>440,565</u>	<u>510,663</u>
5. RAISING FUNDS			
Other trading activities		2025	2024
		£	£
Interest payable and similar charges		<u>44,410</u>	<u>51,982</u>
Investment management costs		2025	2024
		£	£
Administrative expenses		164,016	70,926
Fundraising costs		<u>31,453</u>	<u>58,206</u>
		<u>195,469</u>	<u>129,132</u>
Aggregate amounts		<u>239,879</u>	<u>181,114</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

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

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	<u>325,212</u>	<u>275,659</u>
	<u>2,077,848</u>	<u>1,626,403</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

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

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	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>

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	<u>47,427</u>	<u>34,488</u>
	<u>1,533,148</u>	<u>1,172,830</u>

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11. STAFF COSTS- continued

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
	2025	2024
Service Delivery	47	38
Administration	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>52</u>	<u>43</u>

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	<u>3,000</u>		<u>3,000</u>
Total	<u>1,553,107</u>	<u>461,263</u>	<u>2,014,370</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	181,114		181,114
Charitable activities			
Provision for rescue centre	<u>1,444,511</u>	<u>311,651</u>	<u>1,756,162</u>
Total	<u>1,625,625</u>	<u>311,651</u>	<u>1,937,276</u>
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	<u>107,476</u>	<u>280,612</u>	<u>388,088</u>

13. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

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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.

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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

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20. LOANS - continued

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

21. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	<u>364,407</u>	<u>372,965</u>

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		<u>60,000</u>
	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)	<u>72,684</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	388,088	<u>(184,370)</u>	<u>203,718</u>

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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)
	<u>309,957</u>	<u>(517,885)</u>	<u>(207,928)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,257,328</u>	<u>(2,441,698)</u>	<u>(184,370)</u>

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
	<u>131,000</u>	<u>149,612</u>	<u>280,612</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>310,994</u>	<u>77,094</u>	<u>388,088</u>

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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:

	At 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)

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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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