



## **Wolfwood Animal Rescue**

Registered Charity No:1133826

### **Trustees Report & Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Trustees:** Calvin Routledge, Robin Davies, Paul Daley and Heather Wakelin,

#### **Charity Aims -**

- to relieve the suffering of abandoned, unwanted and neglected dogs in need of care and protection, by the provision of temporary accommodation and a re-homing service.
- to relieve the suffering of injured and displaced wildlife by a recovery service and provision of care and rehabilitation.
- to provide sanctuary and care for rescue horses and ponies until permanent adoption is found.
- to advance public education in matters concerning the welfare of such animals and birds.

#### **Report:**

The situation regarding the location of our centre and therefore any changes or upgrading continues to remain at a standstill. This is from last years report. " Last year it was stated that the plans for expansion and any significant financial outlay for the development of the rescue centre and it's work was on hold. The Government had made extensive and public plans for a national garden village development and relocation of the nearby motorway access and roundabout, with subsequent access roads, which would have a significant impact on the location of the charity. It was understood that some of the land where the rescue is based may be requisitioned. To date, these plans are still in the pipeline, so until there is any firm indication of anything developing, the charity continues to function, whilst being aware that everything could change. Any animal housing and equipment purchases etc will be, and are, transportable."

Wolfwood continues to provide a service to the community by working alongside the local council stray dog service, Police and local vets. We accept all the stray dogs from the dog wardens as well as those who, for whatever reason, are unable to stay in their current home. Social media continues to provide a useful means of reuniting lost dogs with their owners, thus avoiding entering the 'stray' system and having to pay a fine to recover their pet. Raising awareness of the dogs in need, funds required and events to benefit the charity are also entered on the social media platforms, which is an effective means of communication. It's also useful for raising awareness and warnings of disreputable people and situations to avoid.

Our most challenging and busy time in the year is from April to September when we receive wildlife casualties. They mainly arrive via RSPCA Officers, local vets and sometimes directly from members of the public, although if the animal/bird appears injured we do advise a visit to a vet as the first port of call. Every season is different with new things to learn, experience and share with the staff. It is an exhausting time with very long days, challenging, rewarding and at times fun!

Our equine community fluctuates. Wolfwood is able to assist in the care and rehabilitation of a number of ponies and horses and ultimately offer them for permanent foster care. These don't generate any income and can be costly to feed and accommodate over the winter months, although their welfare is never compromised.

Wolfwood is purely self funding relying heavily on the income generated from it's two charity shops. They are situated in diverse communities - a busy city suburb in Lancaster and the coastal holiday town of Morecambe, both are successful. Morecambe has areas of extreme poverty and due to generous donors we are able to offer an excellent value for money facility, which is very popular and meets a need within the neighbourhood.

The shop volunteers are fantastic. They are loyal, hardworking, strong and effective advocates for Wolfwood, many times going way beyond what we expect of them, the rescue centre is unsustainable without them. The charity recycles goods where possible and provides support for the local homeless population when needed.

The rescue centre is run by minimal dedicated staff who work well together and we hugely appreciate the goodwill of all the other volunteers who walk our dogs, help at events and raise funds.

A part time staff member working with the animals and a part timer working within the shops both ceased their employment with the charity. After reassessment it was agreed not to replace the one working with the animals, as it was deemed unnecessary. A part time van driver to mainly assist with home collections of shop donations was employed.

The annual Christmas get together as a means of thanking all volunteers took place and the donated supper was much appreciated.

With the arrival of the Covid19 pandemic and initial lockdown in March 2020 our charity shops closed, all volunteers were suspended from entering the rescue centre and van donation collections were deferred. Our planned fundraising events were all postponed until it became apparent that restrictions were not going to allow any public events, they were subsequently cancelled. The rescue centre continued functioning with our four permanent staff in a 'Covid bubble' on an effective rota system.

We were successful in securing the Government grants to offset some of the loss of shop income and innovative supporters have found ways of safely raising funds online, for which we are tremendously grateful. Fantastic donations, large and small, of goods and money have assisted the rescue centre to function almost unaffected by the pandemic.

The wildlife casualties chose to ignore world events, but the reduced number of stray dogs arriving has been significant and in line with other rescue dog centres across the country.

Since the pandemic restrictions Wolfwood has been unable to receive the usual high number of students on placement from the Animal Care Studies Department at Lancaster and Morecambe College, five miles away and Myerscough Higher and Further Education College fourteen miles away. The charity has a good working relationship with tutors and students alike. The exchange of information and experience between students, staff and volunteers benefits all.

We have also been unable to welcome student work experience placements from local schools and colleges and many Duke of Edinburgh Award young people spending their community service time with us. Vulnerable adults, excluded students and people of all ages from various local community groups usually visit and assist with the everyday chores required, as well as learning whilst having some fun, but this is all on hold until the Coronavirus is under control and the constraints moderated.

Despite the major devastating Covid19 pandemic Wolfwood has continued, with to date, staff 100% free of the virus providing the best possible service to the animals and birds in need. Our bank balance is healthy and we are grateful to still be here!

Heather Wakelin

Trustee

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5 March 2021

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Profit And Loss Account

For the year ended 31 July 2020

		2020	2019
		£	£
Income	Bowerham Shop	50,637	78,305
	Calendar donation	148	450
	Calendar sales	332	937
	Christmas Fair	2,250	-
	Collection boxes	2,746	4,257
	Dog Show	-	3,006
	Donations	36,714	24,407
	Donations - Dog Rehoming	12,672	4,049
	Fund Raising Events	897	4,504
	Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	3,226
	Grants	35,000	-
	In Memorium	97,691	2,111
	Insurance Commission	-	453
	Morecambe Shop	69,037	79,911
	Profit on sale of vehicles	1,300	-
	Rags	2,350	7,150
	Scrap metal	250	360
		<u>312,025</u>	<u>213,125</u>
Gross profit		312,025	213,125
Expenses	Advertising and PR	(146)	(881)
	Bowerham Shop Electricity	(1,228)	(974)
	Bowerham Shop Insurance	(245)	(400)
	Bowerham Shop Licences	(198)	(192)
	Bowerham Shop Rates	(386)	(472)
	Bowerham Shop Rent	(5,004)	(5,004)
	Bowerham Shop Stationery etc	(714)	(95)
	Calendars	(441)	(449)
	Cleaning	(5,070)	(8,730)
	Depreciation	(9,626)	(9,534)
	Dog food	(9,016)	(12,533)
	Dog show	(285)	(2,100)
	Electricity	(3,364)	(5,000)
	Farm Animals	(757)	(1,206)
	Horses	(7,836)	(7,776)
	Insurance	(1,062)	(1,004)
	Kennel equipment	(912)	(1,325)
	Legal and professional	(1,108)	(2,115)
	Morecambe Shop Electricity	(2,025)	(2,156)
	Morecambe Shop Insurance	(716)	(464)
	Morecambe Shop Rates	(1,136)	(2,129)
	Morecambe Shop Rent	(16,500)	(18,000)
	Morecambe Shop Stationery etc	(3,114)	(84)
	Refreshments	(47)	(126)
	Rent	(12,000)	(12,000)
	Repairs and maintenance	(4,065)	(2,708)
	Skip hire	(504)	(2,514)
	Staff training & welfare	-	(93)
	Staff uniforms & clothing	(436)	(395)
	Stationery and printing	(127)	(739)
	Sundry expenses	(203)	-
	Telephone and internet	(1,176)	(1,194)
	Van expenses	(6,153)	(6,323)
	Veterinary fees	(18,254)	(26,275)

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For the year ended 31 July 2020

	2020	2019
Wages	(93,405)	(98,298)
Wild life	<u>(3,698)</u>	<u>(3,047)</u>
	(210,958)	(236,334)
Net profit/(loss)	<u>101,067</u>	<u>(23,209)</u>



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
WOLFWOOD

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 JULY 2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1133826

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*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 JULY 2020.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

31/1/21

Name:

MARK DAND

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

ON BEHALF OF MND ACCOUNTANCY LTD.

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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