



JUST SPRINGERS RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Charity No: 1135424

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Chairman and Secretary	Mrs E A Austin
Treasurer	Mr S E Green
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the organisation's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

The organisation was originally established by a committee meeting held on 20th January 2008. On 21st March 2010, an updated constitution was approved at the annual general meeting, leading to registration as a charity by the Charity Commission on 9th April 2010.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year to 31st December 2023 and to the date of this report were:

Mrs E A Austin	Chairman and Secretary
Mr I Freeman	Vice Chairman
Mr S E Green	Treasurer
Mrs H M Herring	
Mr A P Trevan	Vice Treasurer

Under the bye-laws, Trustees are required to resign at the AGM held three years after their election and, if eligible, may offer themselves for re-election. The trustees doing so are Mrs E A Austin and Mr I Freeman who, being eligible, are offering themselves for re-election.

Committee

Those who served during the year to 31st December 2023 and to the date of this report were:

Mrs E A Austin	Chairman and Secretary
Mrs S E Cottingham	Fostering, Fundraising and Website
Mr I Freeman	Vice Chairman
Mr S E Green	Treasurer
Mrs H M Herring	Minutes Secretary
Mrs J A Joy	Chief Fosterer, Fundraising and Website
Mr A Smith	
Mr A P Trevan	Vice Treasurer

Under the charity's bye-laws, committee members are required to resign at the AGM held three years after their election but, if eligible, may offer themselves for re-election. The members doing so under the bye-laws are Mrs H M Herring, Mrs J A Joy, and Mrs S E Cottingham who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the organisation are:

- For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of springer spaniels in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals; and
- To promote humane behaviour towards springer spaniels by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among springer spaniels.

At present, activities are principally, but not exclusively, limited to the counties of Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Hampshire, South East London and parts of Berkshire and Essex.

Achievements and performance

Dogs Rehomed: It is pleasing that 22 dogs had been successfully rehomed by the year-end. This is an increase of 5 over the 17 rehomed in 2022.

Donations: Total donations received of £25,194 (2022, £36,767) were less than last year mainly through there being just two smaller legacies totalling £2,500 compared with the single legacy in 2022 of £24,000.

Charitable status: JSR continues to enjoy charity status; the two main benefits arising from this being that: donations may be made to JSR under *Gift Aid*, allowing JSR to reclaim basic rate tax on the gifts; and no tax is due on any profits made by JSR. These accounts reflect gift aid both received from HMRC and due to be claimed.

Website: The website – www.justspringersrescue.co.uk – continues to give an introduction to the work of JSR, news, contact details and relevant links.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Financially the charity suffered an excess of expenditure over income resulting in a loss of £18,146 (2022, Surplus £15,150). Part of the explanation is that Veterinary expenses increased by £21,989 and car mileage also increased as the activity of the charity picked up from the slowdown caused by Covid.

It is the policy of the trustees that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to around nine months' expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the organisation's current activities, while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves was achieved within six months of the organisation being set up and has been maintained since then.

Risk Policy

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed as being: an accident or series of accidents arising from the activities of the organisation. Insurance cover has therefore been taken out of £2.5 million in respect of public liability, £2.5 million re member-to-member liability and £2.5 million in respect of members' personal liability. Covers apply while rescuing, temporarily accommodating and rehoming up to 100 dogs per year. The premium also includes cover for the JSR Show and property ie kennels, gazebos etc.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year ended 31st December 2023 (continued)

Plans for Future Periods

The future plans for the organisation include:

- Continuing the work of rehoming dogs and ensuring that rehoming is actually in the best interests of the dog; alternatively, counselling the existing owner, resulting in the owner retaining the dog.

On behalf of the Trustees



Chairman and Secretary

Dated: 13th August 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of Just Springers Rescue**

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of *Just Springers Rescue*, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



J A Hughes, FCA

Chartered Accountant

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Dated: 14th August 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from -					
Donations and legacies	2	25,194		36,767	
Charitable activities	3	4,573		3,003	
Total Income and endowments			29,767		39,770
Expenditure on -					
Raising funds	4	(611)		(890)	
Charitable activities	5	(38,049)		(15,964)	
Other expenditure	6 & 10	(9,253)		(7,766)	
Total expenditure			(47,913)		(24,620)
Net (expenditure)/income			(18,146)		15,150
Net movement in funds			(18,146)		15,150
Balance of funds brought forward			132,819		117,669
Balance of funds carried forward			£114,673		£132,819

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	10		<u>365</u>		<u>628</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	11	6,102		3,182	
Savings Account	12	87,359		62,349	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>23,268</u>		<u>66,780</u>	
			116,729		132,311
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13		<u>(2,421)</u>		<u>(120)</u>
Total net current assets			<u>114,308</u>		<u>132,191</u>
Total net assets			<u>£114,673</u>		<u>£132,819</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Total charity funds (all unrestricted)			<u>£114,673</u>		<u>£132,819</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13th August 2024



Trustee & Chairman



Trustee & Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Under FRS 102, the Charity is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size.

1.2 Incoming resources

Income is comprised of donations, fundraising activities (including sales of cards, calendars etc), accounted for when received. An income accrual is only made in respect of gift aid applicable up to the financial year-end of 31st December, expected to be included within the later claim for the tax year ending on the following 5th April.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Once an asset has been commissioned, depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life. All assets currently held are being written off at 20% of their original cost per year over five years (see note 10).

1.5 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2	Donations and legacies	2023 £	2022 £
	These have been received as follows:		
	Unrestricted funds, donations from:		
	New and old 'owners'	11,734	7,780
	Other donors	7,973	4,536
	Legacies/Legacy	2,500	24,000
	Gift Aid	2,987	451
	Total Donations	<u>£25,194</u>	<u>£36,767</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023 (Continued)

3	Income from Charitable activities	2023	2022
		£	£
	These are analysed as follows:		
	Fundraising	-	-
	JSR show/attendance at other shows	1,471	1,818
	Membership fees	260	230
	Petplan, commission	483	511
	Interest	2,359	444
		<u></u>	<u></u>
	Total income from charitable activities	£4,573	£3,003
		<u></u>	<u></u>
4	Expenditure on Raising funds	2023	2022
		£	£
	Analysed as follows:		
	JSR show/attendance at other shows	611	890
		<u></u>	<u></u>
	Total of charitable activities	£611	£890
		<u></u>	<u></u>
5	Expenditure on Charitable activities	2023	2022
		£	£
	Analysed as follows:		
	Vet treatment	34,149	12,160
	Foster care	2,555	2,441
	Expenditure on dogs	1,345	1,363
		<u></u>	<u></u>
	Total of Charitable activities	£38,049	£15,964
		<u></u>	<u></u>
6	Other expenditure	2023	2022
		£	£
	Analysed as follows:		
	Car mileage	6,194	4,974
	Depreciation (Note 10)	263	262
	Insurance	222	202
	Postage	277	121
	Telephone	720	651
	Stationery/office supplies/printing	798	620
	Computer service/software	347	529
	Website – maintenance	432	402
	Bank charges	-	5
		<u></u>	<u></u>
	Total Other expenditure	£9,253	£7,766
		<u></u>	<u></u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023 (Continued)

7 Committee

None of the Committee (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

The trustees during the year were reimbursed a total of £5,968 (2022, £5,777) in respect of travelling expenses, telephone, postage, stationery, tombola and other items for fundraising, fostering etc.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Gazebos	Fencing/ Kennels/ Store Shed	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 st January 2023	2,407	4,259	500	7,166
Purchased during the year	-	-	-	-
Total cost-31st December 2023	2,407	4,259	500	7,166
Depreciation				
At 1 st January 2023	(2,310)	(4,128)	(100)	(6,538)
Depreciation @ 20% on cost	(97)	(66)	(100)	(263)
Total depreciation-31st December 2023	(2,407)	(4,194)	(200)	(6,801)
Net book value, 31st December 2023	-	£65	£300	£365
At 31 st December 2022	£97	£131	£400	£628

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2023 (Continued)

11 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
HMRC, gift aid	5,838	2,851
Petplan, commission	264	331
	<hr/> £6,102 <hr/>	<hr/> £3,182 <hr/>

12 Savings Account

During the year, the CAF savings account with Shawbrook Bank matured; thereafter, the funds released were invested, together with further funds, in an account with Cambridge & Counties Bank.

13 Creditors	2023	2022
	£	£
Veterinary invoice	1,129	
Membership received in advance		120
Short term loan	620	
Committee expenses	672	-
	<hr/> £2,421 <hr/>	<hr/> £120 <hr/>

14 Restricted Funds

There were no restricted funds held at 31st December 2023; all funds held were unrestricted.