

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1136306

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-06-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: = FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF DOGS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN KENNELS OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF THESE DOGS.= TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR ANIMALS WHICH ARE 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 ANIMALS.

Activities: Take in stray and unwanted dogs. To see to their medical needs and to neuter all dogs before they are rehomed. We also run road shows to educate the public in dog welfare and to try to persuade them to have their dogs neutered. We will advise people who call for help in what steps to take to overcome their problems.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£228,663	£185,238	-	-
2024-05-31	£169,267	£185,537	-	-
2023-05-31	£219,470	£199,732	-	-
2022-05-31	£142,551	£146,489	-	-
2021-05-31	£166,844	£156,240	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Linda Millward		2017-05-01
Tracy Cutler		2024-04-07
WENDY ANN WATTS		

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1136306
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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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**Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Reference and Administrative Information
For the Period Ended 31 May 2025**

Charity Name	Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Charity Number	1136306
Trustees	Mrs W A Watts Mrs L Millward Mrs T Cutler
Principal Address	Birch Hill House Neen Sollars Kidderminster Worcestershire DY14 0AQ
Independent Examiner	Powell & Associates Chartered Certified Accountants 28-29 New Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1AF
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC & TSB Bank PLC

Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Annual Report
For the Period Ended 31 May 2025

1. Structure, Governance & Management

Constituted: Under Constitution document adopted 14 May 2010, and registered as a charity on 10 June 2010.

Trustee Selection: By Appointment. New Trustees will be selected from individuals who already have some involvement with the charity and supported in their role by the current Trustees.

Additional Governance: The Trust consists of three Trustees all of whom are involved in the various aspects of the Trust activities. Mrs L Millward is responsible for dog welfare and provides support for the Trust's activities, and Mrs W Watts is responsible for fund raising activities. Mrs T Cutler assists with dog welfare and fundraising.

2. Public Benefit

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention; and to provide and maintain kennels or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of these dogs.

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- To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general; and
- The prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

The main activities in order to carry out the aims are:

- Provide kennel facilities for dogs in need, under circumstances;
- To involve volunteers and the local community in the work of the charity;
- To raise money and the Trust's profile through fundraising activities.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

2.1 Donations and Legacies

Income received consists of regular monthly donations, together with other one-off donations.

During the year we received legacies of £80,599.

Trustees are guided by the criteria stated in note 2 above as well as ensuring that the money is used for the purpose intended and is in the best interest to the beneficiaries.

2.2 Volunteers

The Trust relies on the goodwill of a number of volunteers who assist in the day-to-day care of the rescued dogs and have helped in the fund-raising activities during the period.

2.3 Fundraising

Regular donations from the public are well received by the Trust but obtaining other donations and fundraising activities are the core of the charity's income. Activities are developed in order that donations may be raised to help fund the Trust's main activities. Without the support of the community and public the Trust would struggle to provide the facilities required. The aim of the fundraising is primarily to raise money to cover the cost of providing day-to-day care and kennel facilities, but also to make the public aware of the Trust's existence and to promote the welfare and care of dogs.

The Trustees are indebted to the generous support received throughout this period. Despite remaining a difficult economic climate, people continue to support directly through donations and by supporting the Trust at various fundraising events.

3. Achievements and Performance

Through donations and fund raising the Trust has been able to accommodate approximately 30-40 dogs each month.

Financial

Sadly, yet another year affected by the current cost of living crisis, however we managed to increase our sponsors by sending out a sponsor form with our raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle. This has proved to be a worthwhile exercise and one that we will continue to do.

Our charity shop in Worcester still continues to see a drop in income but continues to receive plenty of good quality donations. The shop has always done extremely well in Gift Aid with most of our donors signing up to it. Our small shop continues to be one of the highest Gift Aid raisers for an animal charity in the whole of the West Midlands.

The level of requests for us to take in unwanted dogs continues to gain momentum and we take in when we can from both dog pounds and private homes. Birch Hill Dog Rescue prides itself on not "cherry picking" dogs that need our assistance, we will take a dog no matter what age, condition, or breed, every dog needs a second chance. Throughout the year we rehomed 24 dogs, we also have 8 dogs in permanent foster, some of these dogs take longer to rehome due to medical conditions or behavioural issues. A dog with behavioural issues needs time and patience to correct the problem and get the dog ready for a new home.

Many of the dogs we have taken in throughout the year had medical issues and contributed to our vet bills amounting to £17,000. The cost of veterinary care just continues to rise however we have managed to purchase some medications online. We also managed to source alternative vets who offered a slightly cheaper price for larger operations. We have been quite successful by raising some of these funds through Just Giving.

During the year we received two legacies which have helped tremendously with the day to day running of the rescue together with the purchase of a new heater for the kennel block.

Fundraising

We once again booked up more outdoor events throughout the summer months despite as ever, a shortage of volunteers. We find it extremely difficult to attract younger people to give up some of their free time to help raise funds.

The weather played a large part in our fundraising calendar, especially our Annual Fun Dog Show. All the week before we were keeping an eye on the forecast and it was getting hotter towards the weekend. With four days to go we made the difficult decision to cancel our event because the temperature was going to be 30 degrees, far too hot for dogs to be out and about in, it would have been totally irresponsible of the charity to continue, even though we needed the funds. Unfortunately, it was not the only event, there were one or two others that we decided it was too hot for our volunteers to participate in.

Achievements

Social media is still an important source of communication for the charity, we have seen our followers exceed 12,000, and we often show videos of our dogs on Tiktok. This enables us to show the rescue dogs all over the country and have even gained some interest abroad.

We were able to purchase a new heater for the main kennel block, long overdue because the old one kept breaking down. Receiving a legacy meant that we could purchase this sooner than expected.

Future Plans

At the end of the year, we launched our biggest project to date, to build a new kennel block to replace the old one, this project we have called "Operation Sunrise". Following years of patching up and repairing various parts of the old block, there comes a time when it is no longer possible, and therefore this is the only option left.

Next year 2026 is our 30th Anniversary, 30 years of saving dogs and giving them a second chance. We hope to promote "Operation Sunrise" as much as we can and linking this with our anniversary will hopefully enforce the need for the new, state-of-the-art kennel block, a kennel for the future and one that can keep the dogs happy in both cold and extreme heat.

We are hoping to apply for some grants in order to help achieve our project together with support from the general public and supporters.

4 Financial Review

Cash balances at the year-end were £59,907 (2024 - £16,482)

4.1 Core Fundraising

As the Trust has no income from endowments or regular grants it must rely primarily on donations and event-based community fundraising for its income and promotional activities. The charity is registered to receive Gift Aid on donations.

The Trust reviews and evaluates each fundraising event and promotional activity to identify need and value for money.

The fundraising expenses are necessary to generate funds to fulfil the Trust's obligation to further charitable causes. Trustees are committed to reduce expenses wherever possible.

4.2 Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trust to maintain a fund balance to sustain the Trust's operations and remain in a position to provide funds to provide kennel and other facilities over a 3-month period. The Trustees consider the cash reserve of £15,000 to be appropriate, and funds at the year end of 31 May 2025 were more than this amount.

5 Plans for the future

Trustees are:-

- Committed to raising as much income as possible to provide facilities for dogs in need.
- Supporting and encourage people to donate or to support fundraising activities to provide funds but also to encourage volunteers to help with the day-to-day care at the centre.

Trustees are aware that many people volunteer their time to help with the care of the dogs as they like to feel involved in making a difference to the lives of those less fortunate.



.....
Mrs W Watts
Trustee

16 March 2026

**Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Independent Examiners Report
For the Period Ended 31 May 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of the 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



George Powell FCCA

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16 March 2026

Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Receipts and Payments Account
For the Period Ended 31 May 2025

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts:-</u>					
Regular Donations		-	24,825	24,825	17,097
Other Donations		-	46,123	46,123	46,176
Legacies		-	80,599	80,599	7,722
Fund Raising Events		-	17,357	17,357	11,999
Shop Income		-	39,472	39,472	46,343
Rehome		-	3,821	3,821	4,275
Gift Aid Donations		-	15,993	15,993	17,977
Bank Interest Received		-	13	13	104
Grants Received		-	-	-	11,000
Loans Received		-	460	460	6,574
Total Receipts:		-	228,663	228,663	169,267
<u>Payments:-</u>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	2	-	132,632	132,632	145,543
Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	3	-	1,691	1,691	1,758
Fundraising and Publicity	4	-	4,129	4,129	2,578
Management and Administration of the charity	5	-	42,435	42,435	28,866
Loans Repaid		-	1,084	1,084	4,540
		-	181,971	181,971	183,285
<u>Asset & Investment Movements:-</u>					
Fixed Asset Purchases		-	3,267	3,267	2,585
Fixed Asset Disposals		-	-	-	(333)
Total Payments:		-	185,238	185,238	185,537
<u>Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over Payments</u>		-	43,425	43,425	(16,270)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Brought forward Monetary Assets		5,000	11,482	16,482	32,752
Carried forward Monetary Assets		5,000	54,907	59,907	16,482

Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the Period Ended 31 May 2025

Cash Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at Bank	59,716	15,599
Petty Cash	191	883
	59,907	16,482

Assets Retained for Charity Use

		2025	2024
	Fund	Cost	Cost
		£	£
Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	421	421
Gazebo	Unrestricted	500	500
Industrial Wall Heater	Unrestricted	550	550
Shop Assets	Unrestricted	2,242	2,242
Shop Stock	Unrestricted	2,982	2,982
Digital Copier	Unrestricted	670	670
Printer	Unrestricted	400	400
Heating System	Unrestricted	7,800	7,800
Foundation for 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	5,966	5,966
Kennel Runs	Unrestricted	5,100	5,100
Log Cabin 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	10,850	10,850
Flooring 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	1,346	1,346
Stone Base	Unrestricted	1,308	1,308
House Renovation Works	Unrestricted	5,510	5,510
Panels / Gates	Unrestricted	6,600	6,600
Boilers, Radiators and Pipework	Unrestricted	3,400	3,400
Van EK68 EHW	Unrestricted	13,999	13,999
Designer Kennels	Unrestricted	2,585	2,585
Kennel Block Heater	Unrestricted	3,267	-
		75,496	72,229

Creditors

		2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and Pensions		5,309	6,623
Tax and Social Security		825	673
Independent examiners fee		500	2,750
		6,634	10,046

Long Term Creditors

		2025	2024
		£	£
Loan - A Jones	(Note 7)	-	384
Loan - W A Watts	(Note 7)	11,410	11,650
		11,410	11,650

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
W A Watts

Mrs W A Watts – Trustee

**Birch Hill Dog Rescue
Notes to the Accounts
For the Period Ended 31 May 2025**

1 Principal Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Policies – The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and CC16 issued by the Charity Commission.

1.2 Payments – Direct charitable expenditure comprises of costs relating to the board and treatment of dogs under the care of the Charity during the period.

2 Direct Charitable Expenditure

	2025 £	2024 £
Kennel Fees	14,673	21,687
Vet Fees	17,379	14,378
Shop Expenses	27,919	27,935
Wages and Salary PAYE	66,842 5,819	76,142 5,401
	132,632	145,543

**3 Charitable Activities to Furtherance
of Charitable Objectives**

	2025 £	2024 £
Van Expenses	1,691	1,758
	1,691	1,758

4 Fundraising and Publicity

	2025 £	2024 £
Event Fees and Stall Rents	4,129	2,578
	4,129	2,578

5 Management and Administration of the Charity

	2025 £	2024 £
Rent and Rates	18,415	13,769
Insurance	3,325	555
Repairs and Maintenance	3,031	261
Postage and Stationary	280	3,168
Telephone	2,812	1,066
Computer Expenses	4,452	3,093
Bank Charges	1,054	288
Sundry Expenses	2,440	1,255
Accountancy	4,295	4,089
Legal and Professional Fees	2,331	1,322
	42,435	28,866

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6 Fund Balances

<u>Restricted</u>	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£
Jean Sainsbury Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Jean Sainsbury Trust – A £5,000 grant was awarded towards the cost of the Kennel roof repairs.

7 Related Parties

The Charity has a long-term outstanding loan to Mrs W Watts (Trustee). The balance carried forward at the year-end is £11,410 (2024 - £11,650).

A Jones (employee) had a loan balance brought forward of £384. This was fully repaid during the financial year.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

CHARITY NO: 1136306

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

CHARITY NUMBER

1136306

TRUSTEES

Mrs W A Watts
Mrs L Millward
Mrs T Cutler (appointed April 2024)
Mrs J Wilkes (resigned November 2023)

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Birch Hill House
Neen Sollars
Kidderminster
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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BANKERS

Barclays Bank PLC
&
TSB Bank PLC

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT
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Sadly, Jo Wilkes passed away in November 2023.

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During the year we received legacies of £7,722.

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2.2 Volunteers

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ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2024**

2.3 Fundraising

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3. Achievements and Performance

Through donations and fund raising the Trust has been able to accommodate approximately 30–40 dogs each month.

Financial

The cost-of-living crisis still has its effect on us all, with a reduction in our sponsorship for one. Whilst some of our monthly sponsors have cancelled their support, one or two others have very kindly just reduced their amount rather than cancel altogether, this is much appreciated as we really do understand that people are finding it difficult to survive.

Our charity shop has also suffered with customers popping in and carefully thinking about whether to buy something or not. It appears people are purchasing things that they need and not what they want. We are not the only charity shop finding this issue as are many others.

Whilst we have lost some support, the number of requests to take in unwanted dogs increases day to day. Unfortunately, as much as we would like to, we can only take in so many once spaces become available. The number of adoptions has also slowed down a little.

This year has seen a huge increase in vets bills. Sadly, a couple of our long stayers fell ill, in fact one we lost, we tried everything possible but, in the end, we had to let him go. Also, nearly every new dog we've taken in needed veterinary treatment, it was just one after another.

Fundraising

Due to the financial crisis, we booked up more fundraising events than ever before, that took place in the latter part of 2024. Luckily, we managed to gain one or two more volunteers to help at them all.

We had a good turnout at our Annual Dog Show and whilst we raised a little over £3,000, we were down on the previous year, nevertheless we were very grateful for the support. We had a relatively good weekend on the Welland Steam Rally this year, in fact the best we have had since attending the event. We did extremely well on sales of pet stuff, particularly for dogs, and our Pirate Treasure Game went down well.

Our other main event was the Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre. We made sure we have plenty of affordable Christmas presents for dogs and cats, and some 700+ Christmas crackers were made selling for £2 each. A very tiring four-day event, but we raised more than ever for the dogs in our care.

Achievements

Once again social media is an important outlet for the charity to liaise with the public. We have used this platform several times during the year to raise funds to help pay for the vets bills etc. and appeal for homes for the dogs.

We have also built up a very good relationship with Shropshire Canine who have helped tremendously by giving the dogs days out and showcasing what such lovely dogs they are, especially the dogs we have had for a considerable time.

Following an appeal, we were able to purchase a large kennel with a substantial run for Bentley, an elderly Akita who has been with the rescue for many years and sadly due to his temperament, we were unable to rehome him, however he loves everyone at the kennels, and they all love him in return. We wanted a larger space for him and a little quieter, in an area away from the main kennel block where he could see people coming and going. When Bentley is no longer with us, another long-term sanctuary dog will be able to move into it.

Future Plans

In the not-too-distant future, we are hoping to purchase a better heater for the main kennel block, the old one is temperamental and has broken down on several occasions, the last time being in the middle of winter.

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ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2024**

4 Financial Review

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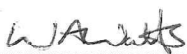
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Mrs W Watts
Trustee

25 April 2025

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES **YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

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29 April 2025

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts:-</u>					
Regular Donations		-	17,097	17,097	15,499
Other Donations		-	46,176	46,176	25,798
Legacies		-	7,722	7,722	90,000
Fund Raising Events		-	11,999	11,999	13,727
Shop income		-	46,343	46,343	55,584
Rehome		-	4,275	4,275	3,270
Gift Aid Donations		-	17,977	17,977	15,484
Bank interest received		-	104	104	108
Grants received		-	11,000	11,000	-
Loans received		-	6,574	6,574	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		-	169,267	169,267	219,470
<u>Payments:-</u>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	2	-	145,543	145,543	137,826
Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	3	-	1,758	1,758	1,721
Fundraising and Publicity	4	-	2,578	2,578	4,656
Management & administration of the Charity	5	-	28,866	28,866	33,530
Loans repaid		-	4,540	4,540	8,000
		-	183,285	183,285	185,733
<u>Asset & Investment movements:-</u>					
Fixed Asset purchases		-	2,585	2,585	13,999
Fixed Asset disposal		-	(333)	(333)	-
<u>Total Payments</u>		-	185,537	185,537	199,732
<u>Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over Payments</u>		-	(16,270)	(16,270)	19,738
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Brought forward Monetary Assets		5,000	27,752	32,752	13,014
Carried Forward Monetary Assets		5,000	11,482	16,482	32,752

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAY 2024

<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at Bank	15,599	32,390
Petty Cash	883	362
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	16,482	32,752
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY USE:

	<u>Fund</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	421	421
Gazebo	Unrestricted	500	500
Van	Unrestricted	-	5,875
Industrial wall heater	Unrestricted	550	550
Shop assets	Unrestricted	2,242	2,242
Shop Stock	Unrestricted	2,982	2,982
Digital Copier	Unrestricted	670	670
Printer	Unrestricted	400	400
Heating System	Unrestricted	7,800	7,800
Foundation for 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	5,966	5,966
Kennel Runs	Unrestricted	5,100	5,100
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Stone base	Unrestricted	1,308	1,308
House renovation costs	Unrestricted	5,510	5,510
Panels/gates	Unrestricted	6,600	6,600
Boiler, radiators & pipework	Unrestricted	3,400	3,400
Van EK68 EHW	Unrestricted	13,999	13,999
Designer Kennels	Unrestricted	2,585	-
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		72,229	75,519
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CREDITORS:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Wages and pensions	6,623	6,495
Tax and social security	673	455
Independent examiners fee	2,750	2,600
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	10,046	9,550
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LONG TERM CREDITORS:

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Loan - A Jones	(Note 7)	384	-
Loan - W A Watts	(Note 7)	11,650	10,000
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs W A Watts- Trustee

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

1) **Principal Accounting Policies:-**

a) **Accounting Policies:-**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and CC16 issued by the Charity Commission.

b) **Payments:-**

Direct charitable expenditure comprises of costs relating to the board and treatment of dogs under the care of the Charity during the period.

2) **Direct Charitable Expenditure:-**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Kennel Fees	21,687	23,376
Vet Fees	14,378	7,493
Shop Expenses	27,935	31,841
Wages and Salary	76,142	70,075
PAYE	5,401	5,041
	145,543	137,826
	145,543	137,826

3) **Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives:-**

Van Expenses	1,758	1,721
	1,758	1,721
	1,758	1,721

4) **Fundraising and Publicity:-**

Event Fees & Stall Rents	2,578	4,656
	2,578	4,656
	2,578	4,656

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
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5) <u>Management and Administration of the Charity:-</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Rent and rates	13,769	13,308
Insurance	555	520
Repairs and maintenance	261	8,011
Postage & Stationery	3,168	1,495
Telephone	1,066	1,245
Computer Expenses	3,093	3,166
Bank Charges	288	279
Sundry Expenses	1,255	966
Accountancy	4,089	3,584
Legal & professional	1,322	956
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	28,866	33,530
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6) **Fund Balances:-**

<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Brought forward</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Resources expended</u>	<u>Carried forward</u>
Jean Sainsbury Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000
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	5,000	-	-	5,000
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Jean Sainsbury Trust - A £5,000 grant was awarded towards the cost of the Kennel roof repairs.

7) **Related Parties**

The charity has a long-term outstanding loan to Mrs W Watts (trustee). The balance carried forward at the year end is £11,650 (2023 - £10,000).

The trustee Mrs T Cutler received remuneration for services provided to the charity of £1,224 during the year.

A Jones (an employee) loaned the charity £874 in the year and was repaid £490. The balance carried forward at the year end is £384.

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CHARITY NO: 1136306

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

CHARITY NUMBER

1136306

TRUSTEES

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Mrs L Millward
Mrs J Wilkes (resigned November 2023)

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&
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**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2023**

1. Structure, Governance & Management

Constituted: Under Constitution document adopted 14 May 2010, and registered as a charity on 10 June 2010

Trustee Selection: By Appointment. New Trustees will be selected from individuals who already have some involvement with the charity and supported in their role by the current Trustees.

Additional Governance:

The Trust consists of two Trustees both of whom are involved in the various aspects of the Trust activities. Mrs L Millward is responsible for dog welfare and provides support for the Trust's activities, and Mrs W Watts is responsible for fund raising activities.

Sadly, Jo Wilkes passed away in November 2023.

2. Public Benefit

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention; and to provide and maintain kennels or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of these dogs.

- To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals, which are 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 animals.

The main activities in order to carry out the Aim are:

- Provide kennel facilities for dogs in need, under the circumstances;
- To involve volunteers and the local community in the work of the charity;
- To raise money and the Trust's profile through fundraising activities.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

2.1 Donations and Legacies

Income received consists of regular monthly donations, together with other one-off donations.

During the year we received legacies of £90,000.

Trustees are guided by the criteria stated in note 2 above as well as ensuring that the money is used for the purpose intended and is in the best interest to the beneficiaries.

2.2 Volunteers

The Trust relies on the goodwill of a number of volunteers who assist in the day-to-day care of the rescued dogs and have helped in the fund-raising activities during the period.

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
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2.3 Fundraising

Regular donations from the public are well received by the Trust but obtaining other donations and fundraising activities are the core of the charity's income. Activities are developed in order that donations may be raised to help fund the Trust's main activities. Without the support of the community and public the Trust would struggle to provide the facilities required. The aim of the fundraising is primarily to raise money to cover the cost of providing day-to-day care and kennel facilities, but also to make the public aware of the Trust's existence and to promote the welfare and care of dogs.

The Trustees are indebted to the generous support received throughout this period. Despite remaining a difficult economic climate, people continue to support directly through donations and by supporting the Trust at various fundraising events.

3. Achievements and Performance

Through donations and fund raising the Trust has been able to accommodate approximately 30–40 dogs each month.

Financial

We truly thought that things would be much better this year but unfortunately the 'cost of living' crisis has affected us all. Understandably people are having to cut corners to pay for food, energy, etc and therefore we have seen a reduction in donations, and we have lost one or two sponsors. This situation that we are now in has heightened the need for rescue space, we have been inundated with calls from the public to take in dogs that they can no longer afford to keep, equally fewer prospective owners are coming forward to adopt the dogs. Birch Hill alone is receiving at least 3-5 calls a day from the public whose dogs need rescue space.

On a more positive note, we were a beneficiary in a will and were left a legacy of £90,000. Our transit van had been unusable for some time, and it was necessary for us to purchase a newer van for transporting the dogs to the vets as well as attending outdoor events. We were extremely grateful for the legacy which allowed us to do that, and once purchased, Birch Hill Dog Rescue decals were added. We were also able to repay almost half of the loan back to Mrs W. Watts. The loan was given following the death of Mrs Jutta Patterson and the knowledge of the 'advertising scam' and its after affects. The loan allowed Birch Hill Dog Rescue to keep its doors open and to continue Jutta's legacy of saving unwanted, abandoned and ill-treated dogs.

Fundraising

A few more events were booked for the year and what a difference it made having a roadworthy van to do them in, however we are still a little short on volunteers to help out at these events. The public were still very much supportive despite the current economic situation we all find ourselves in.

We were asked to organise a few more fun dog shows at some of the events this year which were well supported. Once again we have held some Jumble Sales, organised by one of our volunteer dog walkers which have proved to be most successful. She has also raised quite a substantial amount of money through online raffles which seem to be very popular with our Facebook supporters.

Achievements

Social media continues to play an important role within the charity with 10,000 now following our Facebook page. We have raised funds through raffles, we have set up Just Giving pages raising money for various expenses, all through our Facebook page. We now have our Instagram account active and some of our dogs are being shown in short videos on Tik-Tok.

We have been extremely lucky to have a Company in Tenbury Wells whose employees have been volunteering at the kennels helping with painting and gardening services. The Company itself have allocated some funding to us; they have agreed to sponsor our Annual Dog Show which will be held in July. They have kindly donated food, bedding etc. for the dogs in our care.

All the 20 outside runs have now been replaced with new steel panels and gates in the large kennel block. The shutters on the hatches which separate the inside from outside have also now been replaced with new steel sheets.

Future Plans

Having completed the outside runs to the main kennel block we now move to replacing the roof which will be the biggest job to undertake. We already received a small grant towards the cost, but we have to find further funding to meet the total cost which is around £27,000. Our long-term goal once the kennels are brought up to a satisfactory standard, is to join the ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cat Homes).

We have constantly been on the lookout for another charity shop but finding one in the right location and at the right rent has been difficult to find. It is hoped that we can find a suitable retail premises in the near future.

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
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4 Financial Review

Cash balances at the year end were £32,752 (2022 - £13,014)

4.1 Core Fundraising

As the Trust has no income from endowments or regular grants it must rely primarily on donations and event-based community fundraising for its income and promotional activities. The charity is registered to receive Gift Aid on donations.

The Trust reviews and evaluates each fundraising event and promotional activity to identify need and value for money.

The fundraising expenses are necessary to generate funds to fulfil the Trust's obligation to further charitable causes. Trustees are committed to reduce expenses wherever possible.

4.2 Reserves Policy

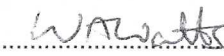
It is the policy of the Trust to maintain a fund balance to sustain the Trust's operations and remain in a position to provide funds to provide kennel and other facilities over a 3-month period. The Trustees consider the cash reserve of £15,000 to be appropriate, and funds at the year end of 31 May 2023 were more than this amount.

5. Plans for the future

Trustees are: -

- Committed to raising as much income as possible to provide facilities for dogs in need.
- Supporting and encouraging people to donate or to support fundraising activities to provide funds but also to encourage volunteers to help with the day-to-day care at the centre.

Trustees are aware that many people volunteer their time to help with the care of the dogs as they like to feel involved in making a difference to the lives of those less fortunate.


.....
Mrs W Watts
Trustee

18 March 2024

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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26 March 2024

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Receipts:-</u>					
Regular Donations		-	15,499	15,499	11,713
Other Donations		-	25,798	25,798	31,562
Legacies		-	90,000	90,000	3,500
Fund Raising Events		-	13,727	13,727	10,686
Shop income		-	55,584	55,584	56,015
Rehome		-	3,270	3,270	6,172
Gift Aid Donations		-	15,484	15,484	13,901
Bank interest received		-	108	108	2
Grants received		-	-	-	5,000
Loans received		-	-	-	4,000
<u>Total Receipts</u>		-	219,470	219,470	142,551
<u>Payments:-</u>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	2	-	137,826	137,826	120,112
Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	3	-	1,721	1,721	-
Fundraising and Publicity	4	-	4,656	4,656	3,590
Management & administration of the Charity	5	-	33,530	33,530	22,787
Loans repaid		-	8,000	8,000	-
		-	185,733	185,733	146,489
<u>Asset & Investment purchases:-</u>					
Fixed Asset purchases		-	13,999	13,999	12,220
<u>Total Payments</u>		-	199,732	199,732	158,709
<u>Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over Payments</u>		-	19,738	19,738	(16,158)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Brought forward Monetary Assets		5,000	8,014	13,014	29,172
Carried Forward Monetary Assets		5,000	27,752	32,752	13,014

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAY 2023

<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at Bank	32,390	12,532
Petty Cash	362	482
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	32,752	13,014
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY USE:

	<u>Fund</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
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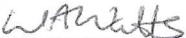
CREDITORS:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Wages and pensions	6,495	5,038
Tax and social security	455	439
Independent examiners fee	2,600	2,500
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	9,550	7,977
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LONG TERM CREDITORS:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Loan - W A Watts	(Note 7)	18,000
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	10,000	18,000
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 18 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs W A Watts- Trustee

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

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b) **Payments:-**

Direct charitable expenditure comprises of costs relating to the board and treatment of dogs under the care of the Charity during the period.

2) **Direct Charitable Expenditure:-**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Kennel Fees	23,376	14,978
Vet Fees	7,493	8,888
Shop Expenses	31,841	25,008
Wages and Salary	70,075	66,122
PAYE	5,041	5,116
	137,826	120,112
	137,826	120,112

3) **Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives:-**

Van Expenses	1,721	-
	1,721	-
	1,721	-

4) **Fundraising and Publicity:-**

Event Fees & Stall Rents	4,656	3,590
	4,656	3,590
	4,656	3,590

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
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5) <u>Management and Administration of the Charity:-</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Rent and rates	13,308	13,308
Insurance	520	430
Repairs and maintenance	8,011	1,083
Postage & Stationery	1,495	1,221
Telephone	1,245	1,020
Computer Expenses	3,166	2,532
Bank Charges	279	108
Sundry Expenses	966	835
Accountancy	3,584	1,674
Legal & professional	956	576
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	33,530	22,787
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6) **Fund Balances:-**

<u>Restricted</u>	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
Jean Sainsbury Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000
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	5,000	-	-	5,000
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Jean Sainsbury Trust - A £5,000 grant was awarded towards the cost of the Kennel roof repairs.

7) **Related Parties**

The charity has a long-term outstanding loan to Mrs W Watts (trustee). The balance carried forward at the year end is £10,000 (2022 - £18,000).

The trustee Mrs L Millward received remuneration for services provided to the charity of £nil during the year (2022 - £7,488).

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

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CHARITY NO: 1136306

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

CHARITY NUMBER 1136306

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**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2022**

1. Structure, Governance & Management

Constituted: Under Constitution document adopted 14 May 2010.

Trustee Selection: By Appointment.

Additional Governance:

The Trust consists of three Trustees all of whom are involved in the various aspects of the Trust activities. Mrs L Millward is responsible for dog welfare and provides support for the Trust's activities, Mrs W Watts is responsible for fund raising activities and Mrs J Wilkes provides support for fund raising activities.

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For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention; and in particular, to provide and maintain kennels or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of these dogs.

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The main activities in order to carry out the Aim are:

- Provide kennel facilities for dogs in need, under the circumstances;
- To involve volunteers and the local community in the work of the charity;
- To raise money and the Trust's profile through fundraising activities.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

2.1 Donations and Legacies

Income received consists of regular monthly donations, together with other one-off donations.

During the year we received legacies of £3,500.

Trustees are guided by the criteria stated in note 2 above as well as ensuring that the money is used for the purpose intended and is in the best interest to the beneficiaries.

2.2 Volunteers

The Trust relies on the goodwill of a number of volunteers who assist in the day-to-day care of the rescued dogs and have helped in the fund raising activities during the period.

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YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2022**

2.3 Fundraising

Regular donations from the general public are well received by the trust but obtaining other donations and fundraising activities are the core of the charity's income. Activities are developed in order that donations may be raised to help fund the trust's main activities. Without the support of the community and general public the Trust would struggle to provide the facilities required. The aim of the fundraising is primarily to raise money to cover the cost of providing day-to-day care and kennel facilities, but also to make the general public aware of the Trust's existence and to promote the welfare and care of dogs.

The Trustees are indebted to the generous support received throughout this period. Despite remaining a difficult economic climate, people continue to support directly through donations and by supporting the trust at various fundraising events.

3. Achievements and Performance

Through donations and fund raising the Trust has been able to accommodate approximately 30–40 dogs each month.

Financial

What a relief it was to have no more lockdowns during the year. Since our charity shop reopened the support has been amazing and the income has grown month on month. We also booked one or two outdoor events in during the year and were pleasantly surprised to find that they were well attended and that the amount raised at each event was the most we had ever taken before. Maybe the fact that people were unable to go out during lockdowns made them appreciate the outdoor events more.

Income from legacies was much down on the previous year but following an application for a grant to the Jean Sainsbury Trust we did receive £5,000 towards the roof replacement on the kennel block, however we have some way to go to raise the remainder needed to reach the £28,000 needed.

We have also had a large number of "lockdown" dogs into rescue, most of whom have behavioural problems who are taking much longer to rehome, one or two are also coming in with health issues. The fact is that combined with the health issues and dogs staying longer has meant that our vet bills have been much higher this year.

Fundraising

It was a slow start to outdoor events with just five in total being booked. The weather luckily stayed kind to us throughout and it was comforting to see the public turning out to support us. The Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre was back on and we raised more than we had for a few years, certainly since we have been outside our shop in Mealcheapen Street.

We made the decision to move our Annual Dog Show to the Far Forest Showground rather than the venue we have been going to for over ten years. Another rescue held their show here the previous year and it was so much better all round. The event cost more to put on at this venue than before but we managed to obtain a sponsor who paid for the hire charge, p.a. system and other costs and as usual a regular sponsor covers the costs for the dog show, for rosettes, trophies and prizes for which we are always eternally grateful. Unfortunately, it rained in the morning which reflected in the numbers in attendance however we did have 130+ dogs taking part. We were overwhelmed at the amount raised at this event, the most ever in all the years and that we have held in it.

We have been extremely lucky to have one of our volunteer dog walkers who has organised some Jumble Sales for us in Worcester. The first one has raised nearly £700 and so hopefully the others will bring in around the same and more.

Achievements

We have managed to increase our volunteer numbers during the year which has proved to be a tremendous help not only for the dogs by way of dog walkers but also in fundraising, more people have volunteered to help out at the outdoor events.

After replacing the outside runs down one side of the main kennel block we received all the metal structures for the other side, however this work is still in progress with only 2-3 kennels being replaced at present. The metal shutters on the hatches all need to be replaced as these have become difficult to pull up over the years, we are pleased to say that we have the new metal shutters on order and await their arrival. During the year we were also gifted a new shed for the tinned food to be stored in and for this we were most grateful. All our sheds have also now been lined with metal sheets on the sides and floors to protect against any possible rodent entry.

Once again social media is vital in promoting the charity with the number of followers now some 9200, this has been a great help in both advertising and rehoming the dogs. We have also been able to use this platform for many raffles, for day-to-day funding and also for a specific dog requiring more expensive vet treatments.

Future Plans

We should have all the outside runs finished completely which then means that the kennel roof is next to be replaced, clearly the biggest and most expensive job to be done. We did receive some funding towards the cost however we still need to find the rest. Since the original quote received, the business has since ceased trading and therefore, we have to find another roofer for the job. However, it is hoped that these two factors can be met, and work can commence. Once the roof has been completed we move to the flooring, for which we already have a supplier who has agreed to replace free of charge.

Hopefully we can attract more volunteers to help us out especially up the kennels to keep on top of the maintenance, gardening and painters would be more than welcome.

We have one charity shop in Worcester that does quite well but it was always our intention to pen up another shop somewhere else, however finding the right location and rent is proving to be a problem, we will still keep up the search.

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2022**

4 Financial Review

Cash balances at the year end were £13,014 (2021 - £29,172)

4.1 Core Fundraising

As the Trust has no income from endowments or regular grants it must rely primarily on donations and event-based community fundraising for its income and promotional activities. The charity is registered to receive Gift Aid on donations.

The Trust reviews and evaluates each fundraising event and promotional activity to identify need and value for money.

The fundraising expenses are necessary to generate funds to fulfil the Trust's obligation to further charitable causes. Trustees are committed to reduce expenses wherever possible.

4.2 Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trust to maintain a fund balance to sustain the Trust's operations and remain in a position to provide funds to provide kennel and other facilities over a 3-month period. The Trustees consider the cash reserve of £15,000 to be appropriate, and although funds fell below this temporarily at the year end, funds at the date of this report are in excess of this.

5. Plans for the future

Trustees are: -

- Committed to raising as much income as possible to provide facilities for dogs in need.
- Supporting and encouraging people to donate or to support fundraising activities to provide funds but also to encourage volunteers to help with the day to day care at the centre.

Trustees are aware that many people volunteer their time to help with the care of the dogs as they like to feel involved in making a difference to the lives of those less fortunate.



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Mrs W Watts
Trustee

30 March 2023

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES **YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Receipts:-</u>					
Regular Donations		-	11,713	11,713	7,101
Other Donations		-	31,562	31,562	24,240
Legacies		-	3,500	3,500	50,000
Fund Raising Events		-	10,686	10,686	4,468
Shop income		-	56,015	56,015	27,091
Rehome		-	6,172	6,172	8,557
Gift Aid Donations		-	13,901	13,901	6,631
Bank interest received		-	2	2	14
Grants receivable		5,000	-	5,000	24,669
Grants receivable - furlough		-	-	-	14,073
Loans received		-	4,000	4,000	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>		5,000	137,551	142,551	166,844
<u>Payments:-</u>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	2	-	120,112	120,112	113,067
Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	3	-	-	-	58
Fundraising and Publicity	4	-	3,590	3,590	2,070
Management & administration of the Charity	5	-	22,787	22,787	22,423
Loans repaid		-	-	-	4,000
		-	146,489	146,489	141,617
<u>Asset & Investment purchases:-</u>					
Fixed Asset purchases		-	12,220	12,220	14,623
<u>Total Payments</u>		-	158,709	158,709	156,240
<u>Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over Payments</u>		5,000	(21,158)	(16,158)	10,604
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
Brought forward Monetary Assets		-	29,172	29,172	18,568
Carried Forward Monetary Assets		5,000	8,014	13,014	29,172

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAY 2022

CASH FUNDS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at Bank	12,532	28,814
Petty Cash	482	358
	13,014	29,172

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY USE:

	<u>Fund</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	421	421
Gazebo	Unrestricted	500	500
Van	Unrestricted	5,875	5,675
Industrial wall heater	Unrestricted	550	550
Shop assets	Unrestricted	2,242	2,242
Shop Stock	Unrestricted	2,982	2,982
Digital Copier	Unrestricted	670	670
Printer	Unrestricted	400	400
Heating System	Unrestricted	7,800	7,800
Foundation for 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	5,966	5,966
Kennel Runs	Unrestricted	5,100	5,100
Log Cabin 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	10,850	10,850
Flooring 'Meet & Greet'	Unrestricted	1,346	1,346
Stone base	Unrestricted	1,308	1,308
House renovation costs	Unrestricted	5,510	3,290
Panels/gates	Unrestricted	6,600	-
Boiler, radiators & pipework	Unrestricted	3,400	-
		61,520	49,300

CREDITORS:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Wages and pensions	5,038	4,318
Tax and social security	439	432
	5,477	4,750

LONG TERM CREDITORS:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Loan - W A Watts	18,000	14,000

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



 Mrs W A Watts- Trustee

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

1) **Principal Accounting Policies:-**

a) **Accounting Policies:-**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and CC16 issued by the Charity Commission.

b) **Payments:-**

Direct charitable expenditure comprises of costs relating to the board and treatment of dogs under the care of the Charity during the period.

2) **Direct Charitable Expenditure:-**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Kennel Fees	14,978	16,606
Vet Fees	8,888	5,941
Shop Expenses	25,008	25,730
Wages and Salary	66,122	61,343
PAYE	5,116	3,447
	120,112	113,067
	120,112	113,067

3) **Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives:-**

Van Expenses	-	58
	-	58
	-	58

4) **Fundraising and Publicity:-**

Event Fees & Stall Rents	3,590	2,070
	3,590	2,070
	3,590	2,070

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

5) <u>Management and Administration of the Charity:-</u>	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Rent and rates	13,308	13,308
Insurance	430	386
Repairs and maintenance	1,083	1,825
Postage & Stationery	1,221	1,587
Telephone	1,020	428
Computer Expenses	2,532	1,852
Bank Charges	108	112
Sundry Expenses	835	764
Accountancy	1,674	1,584
Legal & professional	576	576
	22,787	22,423
	22,787	22,423

6) Fund Balances:-

<u>Restricted</u>	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
Jean Sainsbury Trust	-	5,000	-	5,000
	-	5,000	-	5,000
	-	5,000	-	5,000

Jean Sainsbury Trust - A £5,000 grant was awarded towards the cost of the Kennel roof repairs.

7) Related Parties

The charity has a long-term outstanding loan to Mrs W Watts (trustee). The balance carried forward at the year end is £18,000 (2021 - £14,000).

The trustee Mrs L Millward received remuneration for services provided to the charity of £7,488 during the year (2021 - £9,330).

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1136306

Accounts

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

CHARITY NUMBER

1136306

TRUSTEES

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Mrs L Millward
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&
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**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2021**

1. Structure, Governance & Management

Constituted: Under Constitution document adopted 14 May 2010.

Trustee Selection: By Appointment.

Additional Governance:

The Trust consists of three Trustees all of whom are involved in the various aspects of the Trust activities. Mrs L Millward is responsible for dog welfare, Mrs W Watts is responsible for fund raising activities and Mrs L Millward provides support for the Trust's activities.

2. Public Benefit

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention; and in particular, to provide and maintain kennels or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of these dogs.

- To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals, which are 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 animals.

The main activities in order to carry out the Aim are:

- Provide kennel facilities for dogs in need, under the circumstances;
- To involve volunteers and the local community in the work of the charity;
- To raise money and the Trust's profile through fundraising activities.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

2.1 Donations and Legacies

Income received consists of regular monthly donations, together with other one-off donations.

During the year we received legacies of £50,000.

Trustees are guided by the criteria stated in note 2 above as well as ensuring that the money is used for the purpose intended and is in the best interest to the beneficiaries.

2.2 Volunteers

The Trust relies on the goodwill of a number of volunteers who assist in the day to day care of the rescued dogs and have helped in the fund raising activities during the period.

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2021**

2.3 Fundraising

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3. Achievements and Performance

Through donations and fund raising the Trust has been able to accommodate approximately 30–40 dogs each month.

Financial

Unfortunately, this year began with everyone still in lockdown, our charity shop was still closed and wouldn't be opening until August, once opened there was little time to recover as the country had two more lockdowns to come, the month of November and from January until April. We were very much appreciative of the Government grants to help with the shop and those employees put onto furlough. Even though the rescue kennels were closed to visitors, we were able to put our paid employees onto flexible furlough, therefore no employee had to be made redundant.

We always rely on our attendance at outdoor events to boost our monthly donations but even some events that were planned were swiftly cancelled because of the uncertain and ever-changing rules on Covid-19 and the Delta variant.

We were very grateful to receive 5 legacies which amounted to £50,000, allowing us to continue to refurbish the kennels and help with the day to day running of the rescue. We also received £15,000 from Support Adoption for Pets to purchase a cabin for our 'Meet and Greet Room/Rehab Unit.

Fundraising

All outdoor fundraising events were cancelled however after watching other dog rescues/groups running online dog shows we thought that we would try the same. We organised one in July which was well supported by owners sending in photographs of their dogs and paying to enter them into various classes. Following this success, we ran a special Christmas dog show which brought in a little extra funding but not so much as the summer one. Another major event we attend each year is the Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre but sadly this was cancelled too.

We were really pleased to be able to run our Christmas Raffle, people were extremely generous by not only purchasing tickets but also sending a donation for the dogs too. They fully understood just how much of a struggle it had been for charities to keep running with little or no funding.

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2021**

Achievements

Despite extra funding not available, the care and safety of the dogs was still a priority. We were delighted to be able to purchase and erect a cabin for prospective owners to meet the dogs in a dry and friendly environment, a place to sit and really get to know the dogs. For many years Birch Hill only had outdoor space for both people and dogs to mix, now prospective owners can spend a lot more time getting to know a dog, in fact on average, they are spending 1 to 2 hours getting to know each other, this is helping to rehome the dogs much quicker. The cabin is also doubling up as a rehab unit, allowing dogs extra time out of the kennels and into a more homely environment, they love to jump up on the sofas and it also helps exercise the dogs in inclement weather by playing indoors with toys.

Despite the kennels being closed to people we were never closed to dogs needing help and were an important place of safety for dogs whose owners had sadly passed away or whose health had deteriorated. We restricted the number of visitors when lockdowns had eased and home checks were done by video, photographs, and references, with all these in place we still managed to rehome 31 dogs in the year. The majority of our dogs we rehome but we do have five 'sanctuary' dogs, these are dogs for one reason or another cannot be rehomed but will stay with us.

We were also able to replace all the gates and metal panels for the outside runs to the 10 kennels down the one side of the main block. Over the years the weather had particularly rotted away the bottoms of the panels causing them to become jagged and therefore a danger to the dogs, reinforcements had to block them for safety.

Social media still proves to be a vital part in rehoming the dogs and Birch Hill now has some 7,000 followers, up 2,000 on the previous year. We also have a database of prospective owners who are waiting for a particular type of dog that may come into rescue, therefore some dogs can be rehomed extremely quickly thus freeing up a pen for another unwanted dog.

Future Plans

It is hoped that in the coming year we will be able to replace all the outside runs on the other side of the main kennel block, following that we are desperately in need of replacing the roof, with the help of grants and donations we hope to accomplish this. Once the roof has been replaced it is then our intention to get the flooring in both the inside and outside runs covered in a more hygienic surface, easy to keep clean and better for the dogs.

As we look forward to another year and learning to live with Covid, hopefully outdoor events will once again be a major source of funding. We are at present struggling to find volunteers who can help out at these events but as we now have more volunteer dog walkers, it is hoped that some of these people could assist us.

New appointment

It is with great pleasure to announce that Josephine Wilkes has been appointed as Trustee for the charity. For many years now, Jo has played an important role in helping to raise awareness and funds for Birch Hill Dog Rescue.

**BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDING 31 MAY 2021**

4 Financial Review

Cash balances at the year end were £29,172 (2020 - £18,568)

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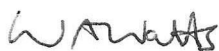
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Mrs W Watts
Trustee

28th March 2022

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

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BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Receipts:-</u>					
Regular Donations			7,101	7,101	7,307
Other Donations			24,240	24,240	38,693
Legacies			50,000	50,000	38,784
Fund Raising Events			4,468	4,468	8,763
Shop income			27,091	27,091	32,000
Rehome			8,557	8,557	10,275
Gift Aid Donations			6,631	6,631	20,012
Bank interest received			14	14	77
Grants receivable		15,000	9,669	24,669	10,000
Grants receivable - furlough			14,073	14,073	5,446
Total Receipts		15,000	151,844	166,844	171,357
<u>Payments:-</u>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	2		113,067	113,067	123,372
Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives	3		58	58	2,499
Fundraising and Publicity	4		2,070	2,070	3,627
Management & administration of the Charity	5		22,423	22,423	24,081
Loans repaid			4,000	4,000	5,000
			-	141,617	158,579
<u>Asset & Investment purchases:-</u>					
Fixed Asset purchases		10,026	4,597	14,623	21,036
Total Payments		10,026	146,214	156,240	179,615
Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over Payments		4,974	5,630	10,604	(8,258)
Transfers between funds	6	(4,974)	4,974	-	-
Brought forward Monetary Assets		-	18,568	18,568	26,826
Carried Forward Monetary Assets		-	29,172	29,172	18,568

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MAY 2021**

<u>CASH FUNDS</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Cash at Bank	28,814	18,060
Petty Cash	358	508
	29,172	18,568

<u>INCOME RECEIVABLE</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Grant Income receivable (Log cabin 'meet & greet')	-	15,000
	-	15,000

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY USE:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Cost</u> £	<u>2020</u> <u>Cost</u> £
Computer Equipment	421	421
Gazebo	500	500
Van	5,875	5,875
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Shop assets	2,242	2,242
Shop Stock	2,982	2,982
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Flooring 'Meet & Greet'	1,346	
Stone base	1,308	
House renovation costs	3,290	
	49,300	34,676

CREDITORS:

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Wages and pensions	4,318	3,514
Tax and social security	432	133
	4,750	3,647

LONG TERM CREDITORS:

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Loan - W A Watts	14,000	18,000

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs W A Watts- Trustee

BIRCH HILL DOG RESCUE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

1) **Principal Accounting Policies:-**

a) **Accounting Policies:-**

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and CC16 issued by the Charity Commission.

b) **Payments:-**

Direct charitable expenditure comprises of costs relating to the board and treatment of dogs under the care of the Charity during the period.

2) **Direct Charitable Expenditure:-**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
Kennel Fees	16,606	23,733
Vet Fees	5,941	11,448
Shop Expenses	25,730	25,479
Wages and Salary	61,343	58,869
PAYE	3,447	3,843
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	113,067	123,372
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3) **Charitable Activities to Furtherance of Charitable Objectives:-**

Van Expenses	58	2,499
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4) **Fundraising and Publicity:-**

Event Fees & Stall Rents	2,070	3,627
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	2,070	3,627
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5) <u>Management and Administration of the Charity:-</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
Rent and rates	13,308	13,635
Insurance	386	335
Repairs and maintenance	1,825	838
Postage & Stationery	1,587	1,470
Telephone	428	350
Computer Expenses	1,852	1,736
Bank Charges	112	116
Sundry Expenses	764	541
Accountancy	1,584	1,584
Legal & professional	576	3,476
	22,423	24,081
	22,423	24,081

6) Fund Balances:-

<u>Restricted</u>	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Carried forward
Meet & Greet room	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
	-	15,000	(15,000)	-

Meet & Greet room - Support Adoption for Pets pledged £15,000 towards the building of a Meet & Greet room and dog socialisation space. A deposit of £2,170 was paid in the previous accounting year, and costs of foundations of £3,500, so a transfer has been made to unrestricted funds for the remainder of the grant.

7) Related Parties

The charity has a long-term outstanding loan to Mrs W Watts (trustee). The balance carried forward at the year end is £14,000 (2020 - £18,000).

The trustee Mrs L Millward received remuneration for services provided to the charity of £9,330 during the year (2020 - £10,064).

In January 2021, £375 was paid to T Millward who is the son of Mrs L Millward (trustee) for maintenance work. This cost is included within kennel fees.