



COCKER AND ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE

TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Registered Charity Number: 1137589

The Trustee' report and accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025

CHARITY'S PRINCIPLE ADDRESS

The address of the charities secretary is c/o

Wembley

Englesea Brook Lane

Englesea Brook

Crewe

Cheshire

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OBJECTIVES

The rescue was originally set up in March 2010 with the aims of:-

- Creating a network of volunteers and supporting procedures to facilitate the rehoming and rescue of Cocker and English Springer Spaniels.
- Where identified and necessary, providing veterinary care and training support to dogs placed in our care.
- Providing on-going financial support for veterinary care where necessary in order to facilitate the rehoming or fostering of elderly or infirm dogs.
- Where and When appropriate, encouraging responsible owners to persevere with their problem dogs by providing information, advice, support and guidance.
- CAESSR (Cocker and English Springer Spaniel Rescue) was set up by two couples, John and Pat Powell and Ian and Diana Harrison.

ADVISERS

The principle advisers of the charity are:

Bank

The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Skelmerdale, Lancashire, WNB 6WT

Charity Setup

Clive Denny IP, F.C.A., 14 Rue Des Primeveres, 66180 Villeneuve de la Raho, France, clivedenny@aol.com

TRUSTEES AND GOVERNANCE

CAESSR (Cocker and English Springer Spaniel Rescue) is governed by its constitution that was adopted on 11th June 2010.

The rescue became a charity on the 26th August 2010 and the trustees from that date are listed below, along with any changes/introductions and resignations to the trustees. In 2026 it is planned for the retirement of Ian and Diana Harrison. A handover of roles and responsibilities together is planned to the newly inducted trustees.

The charity registered address has also undertaken a change from that previously recorded with the introduction of a newly appointed secretary.

Name:	Position:	(Re) appointed:	Resigned:
John Powell	Trustee & Homing Enquiries	16.01.2022	
Ian Harrison	Trustee & Website Administrator	29.03.2024	
Diana Harrison	Trustee & Homing Enquiries	15.01.2023	
Emma Downing	Trustee & Homing Officer	15.01.2023	
Jocelyn Craven-Wilkinson	Trustee & Treasurer	23.01.2025	
Karen Hawley	Trustee & Assistant Homing Officer & Adoption Follow Ups	03.06.2025	
Claire Darlington	Trustee & Secretary	03.06.2025	
Amber Hall	Trustee & Fundraising & Social Media Administrator	03.06.2025	
Pat Powell	Treasurer	26.08.2015	23.12.2015 (deceased)
Lisa Guthrie	Treasurer	29.03.2024	03.06.2025

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS:

CAESSR is now able to help in more areas of the country. When the charity was started this was very much limited to the Midlands, however with continued success this has grown in geographics.

Based primarily in Staffordshire, and using Hardiwick Kennels, a private boarding kennel. This means that dogs coming into our care can be given a full assessment before they are rehomed. Dogs with known health problems are provided with any necessary veterinary treatment prior to rehoming.

During CAESSR's financial year 40 dogs have been rehomed, and two dogs were euthanised due to severe aggression issues. The average time spent in kennels was 26 days. Time spent in kennels also allows for training and assessments with a dog behaviourist and medical treatment. At this time, we had two dogs awaiting homes. Statistics for the year, demonstrate that the average number of days each dog spent in kennels was 26 days

During this year Diana and Ian Harrison together with Lisa Guthrie started to hand over to a new team of volunteers with a view to soon retiring from CAESSR. Trustee Emma Downing was appointed as homing Officer, with Diana providing guidance to match incoming dogs to new homes. Ian provided guidance to Emma on how to update the Charity's database. Jocelyn Craven-Wilkinson started to work with Lisa in order to become our new Treasurer.

With an enhanced team of new Volunteers, CAESSR is able to offer a walking rota each week for the dogs in kennels. In addition to this, local spaces are made available to the charity to allow the kennel dogs to use outside and inside secure spaces for fun, play and training.

All trustees and volunteers remain unpaid helpers. Out of pocket expenses can be paid to trustees and volunteers, however nearly all expenses are not claimed.

DOG CARE

The homing team has seen some change in the last twelve months, with new volunteers coming forward to help and assist. This has allowed the charity to expand on knowledge of the dogs coming into the charity's care. John Powell continues to coordinate the home checks with trustees and volunteers vetting prospective new homes.

Hardiwick Kennels offers some basic grooming for the dogs in their care, Mandy is able to offer this service to CAESSR. Sadly it is recognised that without the use of grooming some of the dogs could not be rehomed without this essential service due to their condition.

VOLUNTEERS

CAESSR is solely reliant on volunteers for its continued success. Without these essential people the role of the charity would be reduced. The volunteers walk the dogs, complete home vetting, provide transport for vet appointments and ensure that all the dogs CAESSR's care receive love and play.

ADMINISTRATION AND ACCOUNTING

The accounts for the year 2024/2025 have been completed by Jocelyn Craven-Wilkinson and independently verified by William Thompson.

The prior financial year was challenging, but a successful emergency appeal helped put the charity's finances on a more stable footing.

During the current financial year, certain decisions were taken by the Trustees. These included increasing the minimum reserves level to £12,000 to cover at least three months of operational costs, enhancing the review and vetting procedures for surrendered dogs, and increasing the use of foster homes for dogs within our care whilst they are waiting to be rehomed.

The charity ended 2024/2025 with a surplus of £24,405.34, with income of £61,410.09 and expenses of £37,004.75. At the end of the year, the charity's funds stood at £27,022.60, of which £3500 has been classified as restricted and to used solely for training of dogs in our care.

Excluding donations from the emergency appeal, the main sources of funds for the year were adoption and surrender donations, general donations from supporters, as well as a grant and a legacy. Veterinary costs and kennelling continue to be the charity's biggest expenses.

PUBLICITY

CAESSR social media following grows daily. The official Facebook page has more than 34,000 followers.

CAESSR use our social media to advertise events that we are attending, appeals for volunteers, plus foster and permanent homes. We have also had success raising funds for dogs in kennels and their care, in the form of monetary donations, and purchase of items such as brain games, food, treats and toys.

FUNDRAISING

CAESSR team of volunteers began building a network of contacts which have led to them attending some events with locally donated prizes for tombola's, or items to be sold on our stall, those include:-

Penkridge Market – 29th March, and a few car boot sales

Further fundraising efforts have been through the sale of greeting cards, Christmas cards and 2025 Calendars designed by Trustee Emma Downing, and volunteer Danielle Wilkes, and distributed by volunteer Andrew Foster

Future fundraising will be achieved via continued sales online, and attendance at more events, and continued collection of items for resale/use/collectables such as used electronics and postage stamps.

SOCIAL MEDIA

For the year we had 4.9k link clicks on social media posts, this being Facebook and 19.8k interactions on our posts. Around 800 new followers from our posts

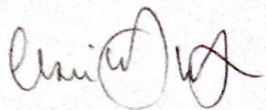
Paddington Bear being our big sponsorship and donation push for the surgery removing his eye. The initial post for this got 18k views, the second post leading up to this surgery got 20k views on our socials.

We also had a social media push for fundraising for Lizzie who was found to have a heart murmur and needed scans at the Willows - 10.8kviews

SIGNATURE AND DECLARATION

I declare in my capacity of charity trustee that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Secretary

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Claire Darlington', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Claire Darlington

ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2025	2024
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Note	£	£
Incoming Resources			
Donations and Gifts	2	53,005.91	28,392.19
Other income	3	8,404.18	12,599.89
Total Incoming Resources		61,410.09	40,992.08
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenses	4	34,477.51	50,536.15
Fundraising and Publicity	5	1,886.28	1,807.92
Management and Administration	6	640.96	2,042.12
Total Resources Expended		37,004.75	54,386.19
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR			
Net Movement in funds during the year		24,405.34	(13,394.11)
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2024		2,617.26	16,011.37
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2025		27,022.60	2,617.26

Funds of £3,500 at 31 March 2025 have been classified as restricted with all remaining funds classified as unrestricted.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and on a receipts and payments basis.

	2025	2024
	£	£
2. DONATIONS AND GIFTS		
Adoption donations	9,920.00	14,040.00
Surrender donations	5,490.00	1,300.00
Other donations and gifts	27,172.69	10,271.69
Gift Aid	2,584.84	2,780.50
Legacies	4,338.38	-
Grants	3,500.00	-
	53,005.91	28,392.19
3. OTHER INCOME		
Bank Interest/commission	5,257.43	9,101.14
Calendar/cards/promotional sales	3,146.75	3,498.75
Fundraise stamps	-	-
	8,404.18	12,599.89
4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE		
Veterinary Fees	17,997.41	33,622.56
Kennels	15,680.40	16,704.00
Training	763.00	-
Dog Food	29.50	209.59
Microchip supplies	7.20	-
	34,477.51	50,536.15
5. FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY		
Newsletter and Calendar postage	360.00	424.02
Calendar/Car sticker printing	1,526.28	1,383.90
	1,886.28	1,807.92
6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
Website / Software	-	-
Stationery & Printing	-	384.33
Insurance	295.67	301.98
Transport	(89.10)	717.65
Sundry Expenses	-	9.99
Bank/Pay Pal/Just Giving Charges	434.39	600.88
Post	-	27.29
	640.96	2,042.12

There are no wages costs as all personal services to the charity are carried out on a voluntary basis.

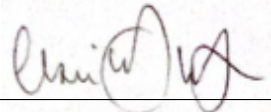
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

CURRENT ASSETS	£
Cash at Co-Op Bank (Statement as at 31st March 2025)	26,996.60
Funds to be Banked	26.00
Less Cheques to be presented	-
TOTAL ASSETS	27,022.60

REPRESENTED BY:

FUNDS	
Restricted funds	3,500.00
Unrestricted funds	23,522.60
Total funds	27,022.60

Approved by the Board of Trustees on ~~26 January 2026~~ and signed on its behalf by



Claire Darlington, Secretary



Jocelyn Craven-Wilkinson, Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

"Cocker and English Springer Spaniel Rescue".

We report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 a full audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention, which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met.

 BSc, FCMA, GCMA.

Name: W. J. Thompson

Relevant professional qualification or body: BSc, FCMA, GCMA

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Date: 26th January 2026