

Charity number: 1138841

Kent Greyhound Rescue

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2021

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 30 April 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Chair's report

This year Kent Greyhound Rescue has found permanent homes for 167 greyhounds and lurchers. Most of these dogs would have been euthanized if not brought into the rescue. 6% of dogs were returned to KGR, which is higher than previous year but still well below the industry average.

We continue to attract dedicated new volunteers who bring different experiences and expertise to Kent Greyhound Rescue. With the loss of Ian, we introduced some new procedures to spread the workload and our new volunteers have made this very successful.

KGR relies entirely on a dedicated band of volunteers who work together. We continue to have no paid staff and are very fortunate that our volunteers do not claim expenses, enabling us to keep our expenditure to a minimum. The volunteers give up their free time to, amongst other things, kennel appointments, transport the dogs, homecheck, fundraise, dog walk and do administration. The volunteers fundraise from March to December, hold dog shows and attend local events. This has raised our public profile locally and helped with fundraising, support and homing.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Objective: Our objectives are to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome ex racing greyhounds and ex working lurchers. All the dogs in our care receive the necessary veterinary treatment and all dogs are neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped before they move into their new homes. All potential homes are vetted to ensure that each home is the right home for the dog they wish to adopt.

Additional details of objectives and activities

KGR relies entirely on a dedicated band of volunteers, who work together to enable the charity to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome the dogs in our care. Volunteers undertake all the tasks necessary to operate a successful rescue, including:

Fund-raising: Due to covid all events were cancelled.

Volunteers have worked hard to develop the Kent Greyhound Rescue Online Shop, which now has an excellent reputation for reasonably priced, good quality products. It is supported by our adopters, and on-line visitors to the website. The stocked products have been chosen as a result of our own experiences with greyhounds and lurchers and meet the specific needs of these dogs. We intend to build on this success by investing in the shop to make management of stock and process more efficient. Improvements will include the use of stock control software, and the design of a faster and easier shopping experience. It is hoped that in the future the charity will be able to rely less on weekend fundraising, so that events can be re-focused towards more education activities and promotion of the dogs.

Education and promotion: 'Our usual meet and greets were all cancelled due to Covid this year so we switched to online education and created our muzzle up Campaign.

Transport: We rely on volunteers to collect dogs needing rescue, transporting dogs to vets for care and neutering, transporting dogs to events and bringing equipment to events.

Homechecking: Volunteers undertake to visit the homes of people wishing to rehome dogs. This is an opportunity to confirm a home is suitable, discuss lifestyle implications of owning a dog and ensure identification is confirmed.

Administration: Volunteers are also responsible for general administration. This covers a huge range of tasks, including maintaining the database, answering enquiries, paying bills and coordinating events.

Fostering: As many of the dogs as possible are placed in foster homes. This has many advantages for the charity. The dog can be assessed in the home and be exposed to all the new sights and sounds of a new life away from kennels. It also releases kennel space and assists the rehoming process through toilet training the dog.

None of the volunteers receive any form of remuneration or claim expenses, which allows KGR to keep expenditure as low as possible. KGR are extremely grateful to all of the volunteers who help with the general running of the charity in whatever capacity, as without them we would not be able to save the lives of 179 dogs per annum.

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Statement on public benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Summary of the objective of the charity set out in the governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, trustees have had regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance and it has been taken into account when making decisions to which the guidance is relevant.

Our work benefits many people in Kent, and further afield, who have a respect for animals, and greyhounds and lurchers in particular.

In normal times we attend events each weekend for 10 months of the year to promote KGR and fundraise. This year we have used social media for both fundraising - online auctions and raffles and for education and promotion.

Welfare of animals is very important generally to the nation, as is the plight of the greyhound. The public appreciate the existence of charities such as ours, and the large numbers of ways to volunteer, as well as donating money, gives everyone the opportunity to be involved. The welfare and rehoming of our dogs is the priority of all of our dedicated volunteers. The dogs who come into the care of the charity receive all necessary veterinary treatment to relieve any suffering, they receive preventative treatments such as neutering, behavioural assessments and most of all care and love. We try to place as many dogs as possible into our foster care system so we have a full assessment. This enables us to match the dog to the prospective new family. Together these actions ensure that the future of the dogs is secured and that rehoming is successful.

The Kent Greyhound Rescue shop is making an increasingly large contribution to rescue funds. Given this success, it is expected that a larger proportion of our weekend activities can be focused on education and promoting the dogs, instead of fundraising.

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Volunteers

Our volunteers can be inundated with non-essential queries and requests to help with dogs not currently the responsibility of Kent Greyhound Rescue. This is very time consuming and interferes with the day to day running of the charity. Unfortunately there are never enough rescue spaces. To reduce the amount of time spent on these enquiries we have increased the amount of advice given online either on the website or on social media.

Our volunteers work from home in different geographical locations which create many organisational issues. We are working on solutions to save volunteer time and make volunteering for KGR more time efficient and enjoyable.

Fund-raising: Our volunteers fundraise every weekend for 10 months of the year, holding street collections or managing stalls at numerous venues. These range from village fetes, to large exhibition centres. We now organise 3 well supported dog shows each year, at our won dog show, which are also a popular and successful part of our fundraising calendar. We also organise dogs show as part of larger events such as Tractorfest and The Chilham Horse Trails.

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Education and promotion: 'Meet and Greet' and organised kennel dog walks in different locations across the County provide an excellent opportunity for people to come along and meet some of our dogs. This also proves to be an excellent opportunity to educate people on greyhound and lurchers, promote the advantages of rehoming a rescued adult dog and to give general welfare information.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year Kent Greyhound Rescue has found permanent homes for 169 greyhounds and lurchers. Most of these dogs would have been euthanized if not brought into the rescue. 4% of dogs were returned to KGR, which is lower than previous year and still well below the industry average.

We are still very proud to be a 100% volunteer-based charity, with no paid staff.

Covid has been our biggest challenge this year.

We used lockdown time to clear out a large barn, and make it into a functioning storage area for our online shop. This meant we could increase our lines, keep more stock and therefore increase profits. KGR paid for some of the refit - but continues to use the barn for free including not paying for electricity and water.

Our existing website has many problems so we have started to design a new site which will be much more effective.

Another challenge has been the large number of people who purchased a lurcher puppy from a breeder during lockdown and now want it to come into rescue. Towards the end of the year, we were receiving requests weekly. In general, these young dogs have had very little training and socialisation and are very time intensive to rehabilitate.

Our 2nd challenge big this year was Brexit. We import greyhounds from Ireland and as we approached the end of 2020 there were no clear guidelines as to how that import procedure would work and therefore the dogs were at risk. The dogs we import are in general the ones that were bred to be part of the UK racing industry but:

- who failed to be good enough
- Or were older ex breeding dogs.
- Or dogs with injuries. We paid almost £40,000 to vets to have damaged legs repaired.

We took the decision to accept more than our normal number of dogs into KGR before Brexit to remove the risk. In the end we were back to importing under the new DEFRA rules in February.

Our adoption process is now paper and plastic free, benefiting the environment and saving us a considerable amount of money as we are not producing adoption packs - we send everything by email. We are now looking to make the shop paper free by sending the packing slip by email and we are looking into recycled plastic for the postal bags.

We continue to use social media to promote KGR, our dogs, greyhounds and lurchers in general and encourage people to adopt a dog and visit our website. We now have 14,000 followers on facebook and are working towards increasing numbers on Instagram, Youtube and our own online blog. We aim to increase our online presence as it is a very cheap and effective form of advertising and connecting with our community.

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Achievements against objectives

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The charity has achieved its aim to build a reserve of 6 months average expenditure and will continue to hold this level of reserve.

Going concern

After making the appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in accounting policies.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Additional governance issues

All new Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission documents covering roles and responsibilities of becoming a Trustee.

We did aim to recruit more Trustees during this year but this was postponed, once again, until we had completely overhauled both our administration and financial systems, to ensure we can attract high calibre candidates. We are now satisfied most of our new systems and procedures are in place, and have completed a detailed skills audit and identify the skills and experience that is necessary to assist the charity meet its priorities over the coming years.

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have public liability insurance in place. Risk assessments are carried out as and when required. We have identified possible high risk areas as follows:

Fraud & Misappropriation of funds.

We follow the guidelines set by the Institute of Fundraising. We handle large quantities of cash most week and wish to ensure that the general public are satisfied we have controls in place to safeguard the money. Although these procedures are in place, because of Covid we have stopped handling cash. This may change in the future.

Planning, organisational and control measures that have been put in place include:

- All monies collected are now counted and verified by 2 independent and authorised volunteers. Collection buckets are sealed prior to collections and must not be opened during the collection. They are opened in a secure place and only by an authorised person. We now bank with Metro Bank who can accept cash directly from the buckets into their counting machine giving our volunteers a safer experience.
- All vet and kennel bills are independently checked against the database entry for the dog. This task is completed by different volunteers to verify accuracy and eligibility.
- Using Quickbooks, our accounts are now updated daily directly from our bank account.

Volunteers

We have invested a considerable amount of time into reviewing and implementing systems which will allow volunteers to work from home and be able to communicate directly with each other as though they were in the same office. This has allowed us to overcome many constraints placed on KGR by the geographical location of our key volunteers.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All new Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission documents covering roles and responsibilities of becoming a Trustee.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Kent Greyhound Rescue
Charity registration number	1138841
Principal address	New Pound Farm House Newington Kent CT18 8AU

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Trustees

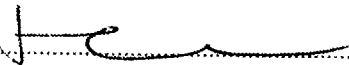
The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Julie Graham (Trustee)
Steve McCarthy (Chairman)

Independent examiner

James Pellatt Accountant
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CT20 2QF

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Julie Graham

28 March 2022

Kent Greyhound Rescue
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 30 April 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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


The Financial Statements, are prepared using HMRC rules that any activity including sale of goods, that raises money for the charity's prime purpose is not subject to tax. Kent Greyhound Rescue has only one prime purpose as outlined in the objectives. It should be noted that neither the trustees or volunteers receive remuneration or payment of out of pocket expenses of any kind.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



James Pellatt Accountant
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28 March 2022

Kent Greyhound Rescue
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 April 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	105,621	68,715
Charitable activities	3	7,481	2,999
Other trading activities	4	85,304	67,187
Investments	5	17	45
Total		198,423	138,946
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	6	(71,442)	(33,651)
Charitable activities	7/8	(135,897)	(83,429)
Total		(207,339)	(117,080)
Net income/expenditure		(8,916)	21,866
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		89,009	64,355
Total funds carried forward		80,093	86,221

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 April 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		80,093	87,481
		80,093	87,481
Net current assets		80,093	87,481
Total assets less current liabilities		80,093	87,481
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	-	(1,260)
Net assets		80,093	86,221
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	13	80,093	86,221
Total funds		80,093	86,221

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Julie Graham (Trustee)
Trustee

28 March 2022

Kent Greyhound Rescue
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 April 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Kent Greyhound Rescue meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

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Taxation

No taxation is due as HMRC published regulations state no tax is due on money raising activities including trading, which are exclusively to finance Kent Greyhound Rescue's (prime) objective as stated in "objectives". Neither Trustees or Volunteers are paid or receive payment for out of pocket expenses.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	105,621	68,715
	105,621	68,715

3. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Activity 1</i>		
Income from charitable activities	7,481	2,999

4. Income earned from other activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Shop income	85,304	67,187
	85,304	67,187

5. Investment income

6. Expenditure on other trading activities

7. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

8. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

9. Analysis of support costs

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10. Particulars of employees

	2021	2020
No Employees	0	0
	0	0

11. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Loans and overdrafts	-	1,260
	-	1,260

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/05/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/04/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General Fund	89,009	198,423	(207,339)	80,093
	89,009	198,423	(207,339)	80,093

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/05/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 30/04/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General Fund	64,355	138,946	(117,080)	86,221
	64,355	138,946	(117,080)	86,221

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Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General Fund

To re-home and rescue Greyhounds

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Creditors > one year £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General Fund	80,093	-	80,093
	80,093	-	80,093
Previous year			
	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Creditors > one year £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General Fund	87,481	(1,260)	86,221
	87,481	(1,260)	86,221

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30 April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	105,621	68,715
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Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	7,481	2,999
	7,481	2,999
Other trading activities		
Shop income	85,304	67,187
	85,304	67,187
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	17	45
	17	45
Total incoming resources	198,423	138,946
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fund raising events costs	(71,442)	(28,719)
	(71,442)	(28,719)
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(135,897)	(83,429)
	(135,897)	(83,429)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Governance costs		
Governance costs	-	(4,932)
	-	(4,932)
Total resources expended	(207,339)	(117,080)
Net Expenditure	(8,916)	21,866