

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE

Unaudited Accounts and Annual Report

31st December 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1142777



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year 31 December 2023.

The objectives are the relief of suffering and distress of retired and unwanted greyhounds.

Trustees

Throughout the year ended 31 December 2023 and to the date of this report (unless otherwise stated) the following acted as Trustees and Directors.

Keith Robbins
Thomas O'Donoghue
Philomena Harrison
Simon Jordan
Gaynor Renwick
Carol Marshall
Bob Ball

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees or at the Annual General Meeting. The minimum number of trustees is 3.

Principal Goals and Activities of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare

Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare exists to care for and find homes for former racing greyhounds.

Our objectives are specifically restricted to the following:

- The relief of suffering and distress of retired and unwanted greyhounds, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) Providing medical attention and treatment for those greyhounds that require it
 - b) Providing sanctuary for those greyhounds with medical or behavioural issues
 - c) Arranging careful and responsible re-homing of greyhounds
- The advancement of education of the general public in matters relating to greyhounds and by this means to prevent cruelty and suffering.

In the above objectives, all references to greyhounds also include other sighthounds.

Achievements and Performance

Review of Activities

2023 was the twelfth full year for Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare. For the 12 months ending December 2023, WGW found homes for 80 greyhounds. This brings the total of greyhounds rehomed since our founding to 1,260 hounds.

Fundraising and promotional activities

It is always important for us at WGW to keep our volunteers and supporters aware of what is happening and any possible updates within the charity. This we have done via a variety of media; in person at the kennels, by paper, photographic publicity eg WGW calendar, WGW Christmas Cards, WGW sponsorship scheme, WGW shop promotions, and online news updates, website and our Facebook & Instagram pages, TikTok videos and in corporate press such as Salesforce's article in 'Voluntary Support North Surrey' magazine. This has meant us reaching a wider audience, especially as many people are interested in the welfare of the greyhounds in our rehoming centre and how they can help us e.g. our Amazon Wish List for kennel supplies donations. Any way supporters can help us raise funds and reach a wider target audience to promote greyhounds as great pets are always most welcome. Supporters have also run their own personal fundraisers alongside kennel ones, like the WGW Birthday Party, Summer BBQ – For the Love of a Greyhound, Christmas Party, individuals' birthday fundraisers on Facebook, topical fundraisers e.g. Homeless Hound ongoing promotions, Tup's hydrotherapy fundraiser, recent Vet Bills appeal, Meet & Greet with hounds in high streets, community fairs and dog parades. We have also benefitted from donations from regular the Surrey Sighthound Walking Group raised during their walks programme throughout the year. We have also received donations from individuals dropping off bedding, Sanctuary Coffee percentage of their sales, walking groups, Waitrose Community Scheme donations and from Morrisons via their community champion.

Additionally, we have continued to promote our charity locally and this has resulted in more requests for us to attend local events, including the local community hall quiz nights and cinema evenings, and Hersham local church community events, like the Christmas Blessing on the Green at Hersham etc. which have brought in a good public response. We have continued to see a distinct rise in the number of visitors to the kennels, especially those interested in homing a greyhound or offering to foster a hound to help assess him or her for homing. We also have many regular visitors with community support workers and young adults participating in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at various levels. We are very fortunate that we are able to invite people to our kennels which is a very effective way to showcase our charity and promote greyhounds as pets. It also allows people to take that first tentative step of potentially offering a greyhound a home without any pressure. We have been fortunate in that our dedicated supporters have continued to tirelessly raise funds by attending and arranging various events, including numerous Meet & Greet and regular Bacon or Soup & Cake Coffee Mornings at various weekends which have helped make our weekend dog-walking a great community outdoor pursuit. We have also had corporate groups walking the hounds, one of whom has kindly made donations from their Head Office and included us in their article in Voluntary Support North Surrey Magazine.

Any legacy we have received intended to be used towards the purchase of our kennels, will help secure the long-term future of WGW.

So, all in all another busy year with lots going on, both on a normal operational level and behind the scenes – none of which would be possible without such wonderful, committed trustees, staff and volunteers.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit and the activities of the charity.

Summary

The twelfth full year of operation as an independent charity has continued to be beneficial to the operational and financial aspects of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare. Our supporters have continued to be incredible in their generosity in supporting our efforts and further improvements have already been made in the amenities at the kennels which will continue to provide a stable financial future.

Small Companies exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The report was approved by the trustees on 27 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

C MARSHALL
(Trustee)

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE

Independent examiner's report **to the trustees of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an 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 on the next page.

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Independent examiner's report
to the trustees of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare (Cont'd)

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. I 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Robinson', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

N Robinson FCCA, MAAT

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including the Income and Expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u> £ Total <u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2022</u> £ Total <u>Unrestricted</u>
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>			
Voluntary Income			
Donations & legacies		117,648	155,710
Gift aid		14,421	19,860
Fundraising		59,559	55,998
Dog sponsorship and adoptions		19,983	21,292
		<u>211,609</u>	<u>252,860</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Trainer Homing Fees		13,250	23,300
Shop Sales & Lottery		9,061	6,294
		<u>22,311</u>	<u>29,594</u>
Investment income		29,939	9,771
		<u>263,860</u>	<u>292,225</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>			
Costs of generating funds			
Shop purchases & lottery		11,944	7,232
Fundraising		0	0
Advertising		1,018	0
		<u>12,962</u>	<u>7,232</u>
Charitable Expenditure			
Welfare of animals		40,861	23,042
Vet fees		11,469	21,362
Premises costs		44,570	17,685
Staff costs	6	137,304	115,547
Other admin costs		4,409	8,477
		<u>238,613</u>	<u>186,113</u>
Governance Costs			
Independent Examiners' Fee	5	<u>3,034</u>	<u>2,456</u>
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>		<u>254,608</u>	<u>195,802</u>
<u>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</u>		9,252	96,425
Net income/(expenditure) for the year			
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2023		<u>1,050,308</u>	<u>953,883</u>
<u>Balances carried forward at 31st December 2023</u>		<u>1,059,560</u>	<u>1,050,308</u>

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE**BALANCE SHEET**
at 31st December 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
<u>Current assets</u>			
Cash and bank balances		1,054,438	1,037,434
Debtors	3	11,993	20,495
Stock		6,847	4,966
		1,073,278	1,062,895
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>			
Creditors and accruals	4	13,719	12,587
<u>Total assets less current liabilities</u>		1,059,560	1,050,308
<u>Total net assets</u>		1,059,560	1,050,308
<u>Represented by:</u>			
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>			
<u>Unrestricted funds:</u>			
Kennel Purchase Fund - Restricted		600,000	600,000
General Fund - Unrestricted		459,560	450,308
		1,059,560	1,050,308

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31st December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 394 and section 395, which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Accounts approved by the Board on 27 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

K Robbins - Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1.1 Basis of accounting These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 105) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) • and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined in FRS 102.

1.2 Change of accounting policy The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined above.

1.3 Changes to accounting estimates No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.4 Material prior year errors No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

1.5. Recognition of income – These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.6. Offsetting – There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 105 SORP or FRS 105.

1.7. Grants and donations – Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the income recognition criteria are met. In the case of performance related grants, income must be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as required by the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met.

1.8. Legacies – Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

1.9. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Gift Aid receivable is included in income when the

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE**Notes to the Accounts****for the year ended 31st December 2023****2.1 Transactions with trustees and connected persons**

Carol Marshall – trustee received remuneration totalling £35,496 (2022-£30,272). No other director/trustee received any remuneration from the company for services rendered during the year. No trustees received any expenses in the year. The trustees have received permission from the Charity Commission to employ Carol Marshall.

3 <u>Debtors:</u> Amounts falling due within one year	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Debtors	6,970	14,408
Prepayments	5,023	6,087
	<u>11,993</u>	<u>20,495</u>

4 <u>Creditors</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Social Security and other taxes	1,064	0
Pension fund	622	249
Trade creditors and accruals	12,033	12,339
	<u>13,719</u>	<u>12,587</u>

5 Independent Examination

The fee payable to the independent examiner totalled £2,521

6 <u>Staff costs</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Salaries	132,667	112,422
Payrol operation	424	651
Social security costs	2,175	1,044
Training	90	0
Pension costs	1,948	1,430
	<u>137,304</u>	<u>115,547</u>

The average number of employees totalled	8	10
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No employee received remuneration exceeding £60,000