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## **Labradors In Need Trustees Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Charity Name:** Labradors In Need

**Other Names the Charity is known by:** LIN

**Registered Charity Number:** 1157110

**Charity's Principal Address:**

Bryncynlais,  
Nydfa Road  
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Michelle Williams Trustee/Treasurer  
Suzanne Pickering Trustee/Head of Fundraising  
Samantha Bernard Trustee/Website Coordinator  
Katherine Harris Trustee/Head of Re-homing  
Pamela Shepherdson Trustee/Head of Home-check Planning

**Name and address of advisor**

**Accountant**

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## Structure governance and management

### Type of governing document: Trust Deed

The governing document is a Trust Deed. LIN is a non profit charity, founded in May 2013, and became a registered charity 19th May 2014. The Trust Deed was signed in April 2014.

### How the charity is constituted:

LIN is a non profit organisation/charity trust. There must be at least 3 trustees. The first trustees shall hold office for 5 years respectively. The Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

### Trustee Selection Method:

The trustees hold at least 2 ordinary meetings each year. At least one such meeting involves the physical presence of the trustees holding office. At said meetings, a vote will be taken from each trustee with regards to appointing another eligible trustee.

Eligibility for a trustee: No one shall be appointed as a trustee if he or she is under the age of 18 years old, or if he or she would at once be disqualified from office under the provisions of clause 11 of the trust deed.

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### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Labradors In Need and its members are non-political, non sectarian and non-racial.

The objects of Labradors In Need shall be to promote humane behaviour towards Labradors by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those which are in need of care and attention by reasons 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 to animals.

#### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

LIN established and maintained rescue/foster homes for the care, treatment and re-homing, of unwanted, homeless, stray, ill-treated, injured and sick dogs and provided a permanent home for life for all those that could not be re-homed. Long term foster homes have been established in these cases.

The trustees ensured that no mentally and physically healthy dog taken into the protection of the rescue/foster homes were destroyed.

Supporting and actively proposing the control of the national dog population by advocating neutering dogs whenever practicable or desirable to do so, and to make funds available whenever possible to provide financial assistance to members of the public for this purpose.

Maintaining a continuous campaign via the internet and other methods to educate members of the general public to have a responsible attitude towards dogs and their welfare. For this purpose, pamphlets, posters, social media groups and websites have been set-up, printed and published and distributed as necessary.

To aid persons of limited means in so far as their dog's welfare is concerned.

To maintain special funds for any of the above objects and aims.

Raise funds, to borrow money and to give security for loans (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act 1993)

To co-operate with and to establish working arrangements with any kindred associations or organisations.

To care in exceptional circumstances for other breeds, animals or birds until alternative provision for their care can be made.

Conduct research into, and gathered information relating to matters affecting dogs and dog behaviour.

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### Achievements and performance

Since founding LIN, the charity has successfully re-homed 1166 Labradors and Labrador Cross Breeds (at the end of May 2025) into family homes. This number includes the long term family foster homes for dogs that cannot be re-homed due to age or ill health. One such example, we were asked to take in 2 bonded middle aged , yellow male litter mate Labradors who were taken in by one of our more experienced long term foster carer where they have flourished and bonded with their foster fur sister Jenna, who is also a LiN LTF lab cross staffie. We were also asked to rehome Murray, a 3year old black Labrador with a heart condition. The only way we could help Murry was to accept him as a long term foster. Murray was taken in by another of our very experienced long term foster homes, where he is continuously monitored with vet visits and home care. To date, we currently have 14 long term foster dogs of various ages, with various health conditions needing ongoing vet care.

The cost of living crisis has this year had a significant impact on the overall running of the rescue, with regards to transport runs for the re-homing of dogs, carrying out home checks, dog assessments etc. Our experienced volunteers continue to support LiN, but we do struggle at times, and each dog needing to come into rescue continues to be assessed and transported in a safe and controlled manner. The cost of living crisis has repeatedly seen a significant increase in the amount of enquiries received and an increase in the amount of dogs that are needing to be re-homed. We are still experiencing a larger than normal amount of young and "teenage" dogs needing to be re-homed, which we believe is still due to the after effects of Covid 19, the lack of experience, coupled with the increased cost of living and people returning to work. We have also seen an increase in the amount of puppies and younger dogs that need rehoming.

Our fundraising team are continuously raising funds through internet campaigns and social media groups, for on-going vet bills including vaccinations, neuter, spaying, micro chipping, flea & worm treatment, the unexpected larger vet bills that often occur and the recurring health checks or medication for Long Term Foster Dogs. Our fundraising team again managed to create various events using social media, Zoom, Skype and Teams to raise these much needed funds. Spreading the word of the charity was also done using these methods. The fundraising team also managed to attend a few family dog show events, the Yorkshire Tough Mudder 2024 and one volunteer ran the London Marathon, we have thankfully seen a very slight increase in funds compared to previous years.

LIN continues to work with other registered animal charities, and together successfully managed to re home a number of dogs together. Again we are proud to have managed to re home quite a few more bonded pairs of Labrador and non-Labrador breeds, ensuring they were kept together, and living out their twilight years as a family.



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We have managed to increase the number of active volunteers and foster homes through successful advertising campaigns via the internet and other social media methods. People working from home meant that more people were able to offer their services via social media, internet, online meeting platforms etc. Labradors In Need successfully expanded its volunteer base during the year, and has become an established, somewhat small, but a well known charity. This has enabled us to continue to help re home the dogs that need us. Unfortunately we saw a few members of various volunteering teams leave the rescue due to personal reasons, and an advertising campaign was raised to recruit more volunteers. The respective teams are slowly getting back to a healthy level of volunteers, and the personnel involved are proving to be an invaluable service to the rescue.

The fundraising volunteers are again proving to be an extremely well managed team, and are always looking at different ways in which we can actively fundraise, and how to gather more help with future fundraising. We forecast that we will possibly increase our team of fundraisers as life has become 'normal' again and the team will strive to attend more fundraising events.

Research & training undertaken into the welfare, wellbeing and behaviour of dogs. Including agility training and canine first aid. We continue to have 2 qualified dog trainer/behaviourist volunteers who have already proven themselves by providing excellent advice and guidance to our foster and adoptive families. Both volunteers are on hand to help and advise with any issues that arise such as anxiety or behavioural problems.

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### Financial Review

#### Policy on Reserves

Labradors In Need does not have a policy on reserves

#### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Labradors In Need does not have funds materially in deficit


#### Further Financial Review details

Labradors In Need's principle source of funds and income is solely from donations and fundraising events, such as internet campaigns, dog shows and advertising campaigns.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s) ..... 

Full Name(s).....MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Position .....TRUSTEE/TREASURER

Date .....31/5/25



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity name **LABRADOR'S IN NEED.**

Charity number (if any) **1157110**

For the period from (start date) **010624**

to (end date) **310525**

## Section A

## Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
ADOPTION INCOME	15,400			15,400	24,645
DONATION INCOME	70,605			70,605	78,306
INVESTMENT PROPERTY INCOME	12,539			12,539	7,457
Sub total	98,544			98,544	110,408
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
Total receipts	98,544			98,544	110,408
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
DIRECT COSTS	57,777			57,777	76,254
RAFFLE COSTS	19,629			19,629	36,688
PPS + SOFTWARE	3,868			3,868	4,502
ADVERTISING	200			200	450
UTILITIES	855			855	932
ACCOUNTANCY	1,865			1,865	1,718
INSURANCE	4,110			4,110	2,309
INVESTMENT PROPERTY COSTS	8,727			8,727	10,262
TRAVEL	-			-	100
Sub total	97,031			97,031	133,298
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
Total payments	97,031			97,031	133,298
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,513			1,513	(22,890)
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,735			30,735	53,535
Cash funds this year end	32,248			32,248	30,735



## Section B

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CURRENT ACCOUNT	31,329		
	PAYPAL ACCOUNT	919		
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	32,248		
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	INVESTMENT PROPERTY	UNRESTRICTED	42,100	42,100
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	VAN	UNRESTRICTED	5,500	902
	PLANT & MACHINERY	UNRESTRICTED	760	51
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				

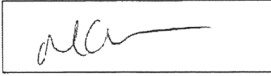
  

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	VAN	UNRESTRICTED	5,500	902
	PLANT & MACHINERY	UNRESTRICTED	760	51

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print name	Date of approval
		Michelle Williams	3/9/25



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Your Ref:



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Dear Sirs,

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 'Labradors In Need' (Charity No: 1157110)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, which are set out on the receipts and payments accounts form attached.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity 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 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 next statement.

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### **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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

*Stephen John Bickerton*

**STEPHEN JOHN BICKERTON (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**For and on behalf of**  
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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025