



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 Period start date To
Period end date 31 December 2024

Charity name: Banbury Animal Rescue & Kindness Service (BARKS)

Charity registration number: 1163343

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To rescue, re-home and care for animals in Need</p> <p>To care for animals to the highest possible standards and to give them quality of life, safety, security and happiness, by means of adoption or long-term foster care</p> <p>To support and encourage our volunteers and helpers</p> <p>To seek new volunteers at all times to ensure continuity of care</p> <p>To raise funds and seek financial support to safeguard our work and the future of the charity</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	BARKS's rescue and rehoming activities benefit members of the public who are distressed and need help with their animals, or who have taken in a lost or injured animal and need a charity to take over.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
		n/a

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	BARKS is 100% managed and staffed by volunteers, who even pay for many of the day to day costs
Other		BARKS works to raise funds with raffles, lotteries, stalls and online sales. We look regularly for new opportunities, encourage members of the public to raise money for us, and work to secure grants whenever possible

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The rescuing and rehoming of numerous small animals. The beneficiaries in human terms were for the people whose animals were taken on and cared for, relieving them of stressful problems, and the people who gained new animals to care for.</p> <p>Additionally helping our volunteers to overcome mental health and social problems, enabling them to gain confidence and find a more fulfilling lifestyle.</p> <p>We have also developed a network for long-Term sanctuary care of elderly animals who would otherwise not find new homes, giving peace in many cases to elderly people unable to care for their elderly pets.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income £52908.00 Expenditure £64265.00
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The small reserves that we hold are intended to protect us against emergency situations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Essential maintenance drained our reserves in 2023, and until we can rebuild these reserves we are vulnerable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and elected by the members at the AGM in accordance with the Constitution

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Banbury Animal Rescue & Kindness Service
Other name the charity uses	B.A.R.K.S. / BARKS
Registered charity number	1163343
Charity's principal address	47 Park End Bodicote BANBURY Oxfordshire OX15 4DQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ann Collins	Chair		
2	Marianne Kern	Treasurer		
3	Dawn Colley	Trustee		
4	Patricia McCombes	Trustee		
5	Alic Paget	Trustee		
6	Mary Dunbar	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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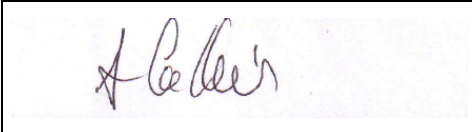
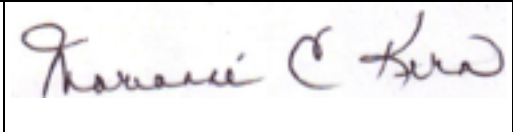
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ann Collins	Marianne Claire Kern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28 October 2025	

BANBURY ANIMAL RESCUE AND KINDNESS SERVICE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

BANBURY ANIMAL RESCUE AND KINDNESS SERVICE**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****For the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

	2024		2023
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS:			
Donations(inc adoptions/events/sales	41408		58010
Sponsorship	3628		3607
Membership Subscriptions	807		452
Commissions	3962		2756
Interest Received	0		10
Gift aid received	2182		0
Other	920		0
loan	0		2600
Total Receipts		52908	67435
PAYMENTS:			
Vets Fees	37376		31689
Litter & Food	17838		50008
Utility bills	6035		9252
Costs of Events	467		464
Insurance	408		347
Website and course fees	0		0
Professional fees and licences	1341		1133
Loan	800		2100
Total Payments		64265	94993
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		-11,357	-27,558
Total Bank Account balances as at beginning of year		20274	47832
Total Bank Account balances as at end of year		<u>8,917</u>	<u>20,274</u>

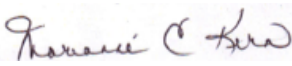
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024


	2024 £	2023 £
Nat West current account	4516	5724
Cash Float	23	23
CAF Gold Fund	0	0
Nat West savings account	3938	14320
Paypal	440	207
Total funds	8917	20274
Less: Current liabilities		
Loan overpayments	-400	-1200
Total Funds Available	8517	19074

28 October 2025

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on


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Marianne Kern
(Treasurer)


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Ann Collins
(Chairman)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Banbury Animal Rescue and Kindness Service

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 2, 3 and 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met.

Unusual Items:

The overpayment by Theresa Grant mentioned in the 2022 accounts still remains but has been Repaid in the 2024 year together with a further loan advanced in the year.

Total outstanding for repayment is £400 as at 31.12.24

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28.10.25