



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2020 Period start date To 31/12/2020 Period end date

Charity name: Murphy's Army

Charity registration number: 1167823

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To reunite lost and stolen pets with their owners, raise pet theft awareness and promote pet safety, welfare and care across the UK |
| 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 | <p>The charity will actively assist in the search for lost and stolen pets through social media, face to face meetings and physical searches (dependant on location and terrain).</p> <p>Supporting and liaising with owners to plan and implement campaigns to find their pet;</p> <p>We will fund printed materials to publicise the lost / stolen pet.</p> <p>Assist with transportation costs in order to re-unite found pets with their owners .</p> <p>Contacting veterinary surgeons, dog wardens and kennels in the local area and providing relevant information on the missing pet;</p> <p>Providing grants to assist in the provision of veterinary care and treatment, including but not limited to assisting with neutering costs to reduce the number of unwanted and abandoned pets in the future;</p> <p>Assisting with transportation and other costs related to rehoming or rescue of animals in need;</p> <p>Providing grants to registered rescue organisations to enable them to continue providing safe environments for animals in need;</p> |

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| | | <p>Offering scanning assistance by fully trained and qualified operators when a stray or deceased pet is found in order to identify the pet and reunite it with its' owner;</p> <p>Liaising with professional organisations to ensure the animals brought to our attention receive the appropriate help and care they require to avoid further suffering;</p> <p>Providing advocacy, advice and information on the importance and necessity of responsible pet ownership including the requirement for compulsory micro-chipping and abiding by relevant legislation to help create a safer outdoor environment for all members of the public;</p> <p>Encouraging compassion by demonstrating to members of the public how to deal with stray or abandoned animals;</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | The charity has clear policies in place with regard to grant making. Grants are handled by a Grant Making Committee who forward their recommendations on individual grant applications to the trustees for final approval or rejection. |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | <p>The charity is run purely by volunteers, and without them and their hard work and dedication, the activities Murphy's Army is involved in would not happen.</p> <p>The trustees wish to express their thanks to the charity's volunteers for all their hard work over the year. We look forward to the year ahead and to helping many more animals in need.</p> |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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>2020 was a difficult year Murphy's Army. Our ability to be out and about assisting members of the public search for their animals was severely restricted due to lockdowns.</p> <p>Our fundraising and publicity is usually done via local carnivals and fetes etc, but there were none at all during 2020 which severely restricted our publicity drive and visibility. Practically all of our venues for selling our Murphys Army Purple Poppy (vets, shops, groomers etc) were closed or had entry severely restricted. This is reflected in our income from that line of fundraising as it was half of what it was the year before.</p> <p>Our fundraising campaign 2020 – Murphy's Army Purple Poppy Campaign – benefited K9 Heroes who help to rehabilitate serving service dogs. As a direct result of our donation they were immediately able to offer treatment to 2 animals who had been on the waiting list. They continue to offer physio and hydro therapy for dogs injured in the line of duty – most notably RPD Finn.</p> <p>The donation will continue to be used during 2021 and will aid many more animals in need of some form of physio or hydro therapy following illness or injury.</p> <p>With the onset of COVID-19 in March Murphy's Army had to rethink some of it's tactics in relation to lost or stolen animals. We usually help coordinate searches and produce posters for distribution, however with the lockdown and then tiering system we had to be very careful in what we publicised. We had to remind people that travelling long distances to assist in searches was not classed as essential (however difficult and emotive it may be) and as a result we did see a significant decrease in the number of dogs lost or stolen in the early part of 2020.</p> <p>Sadly that did increase when lockdown was eased, and we did all we could to assist individuals and other organisations in publicising the animals concerned.</p> <p>Throughout the year the charity receives grant requests from individuals to assist in the care of their pets. These individuals may not be able to pay the entire vet bill due to circumstances outside of their control, and they can request a grant of up to £250. For</p> |

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| | | <p>the owners this alleviates some of the stress associated with such treatment at what is usually a very upsetting time. However, 2020 accounts show that we didn't receive many direct applications from individuals. Murphy's Army did become proactive and as well as supporting Many Tears with a monthly donation, we also made grants at several times throughout the year to small rescues who we knew would be struggling to raise funds due to the cancellation of all public events.</p> <p>Once again we gave out £6000 in grants to registered rescues across the country.</p> <p>As one of our core objectives is to assist other rescues with bills, transport and other related costs, we believe these grants fulfil that objective.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | As above: over £6000 in grants to rescues. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | <p>Our main fundraising activity is the Murphy's Army Purple Poppy Campaign.</p> <p>The 2 beneficiaries of the 2020 campaign received their donation by the end of December 2020.</p> <p>The donation to Murphy's Army will allow the charity to assist registered rescues across the country as well as some individuals who may be struggling to finance the care of their pet.</p> |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | At the end of 2020 the charity had a good bank balance despite all the restrictions. The full details are in the accounts report which has been submitted. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The trustees aim to maintain a reserve of £3,000 to cover 12 months' running costs of the organisation, and emergency grants as required. This level is considered to be adequate for the ongoing administration of the charity |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | The charity bank account is not allowed to fall below £3000 as per above. |
| 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 | N/A |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | The charity's principle sources of funding are fundraising activities (which include attendance at events, tombolas, raffles and auctions), donations, and our Purple Poppy Campaign. We will continue to investigate alternative sources of funding, including grants. |
| 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 | | During 2020 the van which Murphy's Army owns and uses for food collection and |

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| | | <p>distribution, as well as for transporting found dogs, became increasingly unreliable. It did breakdown in Scotland whilst transporting dogs to a rescue.</p> <p>The team know that in 2021 the van will have to be replaced and as such an amount of money will be set aside to do that.</p> |
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Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| 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 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| 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 appointed by the existing trustees. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the existing trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the efficient administration of the charity. Trustees are sought who have due regard for the ethos of the charity and have appropriate skills and knowledge. All new trustees are directed to the relevant documents provided by the Charity Commission in relation to the role and responsibilities of being a trustee and these are also covered in our own constitution.</p> |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | <p>The charity is managed by the trustees who are supported by a team of dedicated volunteers.</p> <p>Volunteers are referred to as our Admin team and cover the following areas – owner liaison (in the case of lost or stolen pets), grant management, fundraising, event management, social media administration, chipping and scanning.</p> <p>Clear guidelines are provided to our volunteers, each of whom is required to complete and sign to confirm their understanding of, and adherence to these.</p> <p>The trustees understand their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed, and to ensure appropriate controls</p> |

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| | | are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Murphy's Army |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1167823 |
| Charity's principal address | 12 Robinson Court Bradford West Yorkshire BD72QP |
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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 | Karen Pritchard | | 23/6/16 to 11/2/20 | |
| 2 | Jane Dickerson | | 14/5/18 to present | |
| 3 | Pui Ma | | 15/8/19 to present | |
| 4 | Julie Eastwood | | 11/2/20 to present | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| 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 |
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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

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| Signature(s) | <i>Puiling Ma</i> | <i>Jane Dickerson</i> |
| Full name(s) | <i>Puiling Ma</i> | <i>Jane Dickerson</i> |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | <i>Secretary</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Chair</i> |
| Date | <i>12/10/21</i> | |



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Murphys Army

No. (if any)
1187523

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st Jan 2020

To

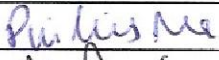

Period end date
31st Dec 2020

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 £ |
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| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 12,319 | | - | 12,319 | 1,329 |
| Auctions | 352 | - | - | 352 | 735 |
| Fundraising (inc events) | - | - | - | - | 2,114 |
| Purple Poppy Campaign | | 28,113 | - | 28,113 | 53,268 |
| Sale of goods | 154 | - | - | 154 | 275 |
| Paypal Giving Fund & Fee refund | 29 | 1,661 | - | 1,690 | 2,549 |
| Purple Poppy Campaign Donations | - | 3,980 | - | 3,980 | 530 |
| Brought fwd restricted fund 2018 | - | - | - | - | 9,355 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 12,854 | 33,754 | - | 46,608 | 70,155 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 12,854 | 33,754 | - | 46,608 | 70,155 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Cost of auctions | 86 | - | - | 86 | 213 |
| Cost of fundraising | 56 | - | - | 56 | 314 |
| Purple Poppy campaign costs | 1,009 | 11,709 | - | 12,718 | 13,081 |
| Cost of goods | 1,044 | 139 | - | 1,183 | 165 |
| Advertising | 105 | 4 | - | 109 | 30 |
| Equipment | | 68 | - | 68 | 115 |
| Insurance | 212 | - | - | 212 | 159 |
| Website | 89 | 108 | - | 197 | 75 |
| Van | 1,590 | | | 1,590 | 1,124 |
| Grants | 6,407 | | | 6,407 | 8,449 |
| Transport | 20 | | | 20 | 130 |
| Accountant | 50 | | | 50 | 50 |
| Purple Popp campaign recipients | - | 21,726 | - | 21,726 | 36,510 |
| Sub total | 10,668 | 33,754 | - | 44,422 | 60,415 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 10,668 | 33,754 | - | 44,422 | 60,415 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 2,186 | - | - | 2,186 | 9,740 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 20,916 | - | - | 20,916 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 23,102 | - | - | 23,102 | 9,740 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B1 Cash funds | Barclays Bank Account | 20,968 | - | - |
| | Paypal | 2,102 | - | - |
| | Cash | 32 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 23,102 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | | | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| |  | PAULINE MA | 9/10/21 |
| |  | JANE DICKERSON | 12/10/21 |



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Murphy's Army

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1167823

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 12 / 2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date: 25th July 2021

Name:

Pippa Forde

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

AATQB Membership Number 20332974

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).