

**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2021 Period start date To 31/12/2021 Period end date

Charity name: Murphy's Army

Charity registration number: 1167823

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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> <p>Offering scanning assistance by fully trained and qualified operators when a</p>



		<p>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	
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	
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>2021 was a slightly better year for Murphy's Army.</p> <p>Our fundraising and publicity is usually done via local carnivals and fetes etc, and some were able to operate again during 2021, once again allowing the team to be out and about meeting the public and helping to educate them about our charity, animal welfare in general and highlighting an increase in animal theft etc.</p> <p>Many of our venues for selling our Murphys Army Purple Poppy ( vets, shops, groomers etc ) still had entry severely restricted. This is reflected in our income from that line of fundraising. Although better than the previous year, it was still down on what we had hoped.</p> <p>Our fundraising campaign 2021 – Murphy's Army Purple Poppy Campaign – benefited The Thin Blue Paw Foundation which helps fund treatment for retired Police dogs. Any treatment for illnesses after they have retired is entirely down to the owner and most animals cannot be insured due to their training, previous job and bite history. That donation will allow more dogs to receive treatment and alleviate the financial burden from their owners.</p> <p>The second beneficiary was Hillside Animal Sanctuary who are home to many retired Police horses. Again, the donation can be used against any treatment for them or even their feed bill – which can be quite enormous.</p> <p>Once again, we gave out £7920 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> <p>We continued to receive donations of pet food and cat litter via a local supermarket, and we were able to ensure small rescues were able to receive that food and litter on a regular basis. We also donated some food to various food banks around West Yorkshire</p>



**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As above: over £7920 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. The 2 beneficiaries of the 2021 campaign received their donation by the end of December 2021.</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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of 2021 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:

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		In last years report we advised that the van would need replacing due to it becoming increasingly unreliable. The charity was able to sell the van privately and use the money, plus some from the main account, to purchase another van.



		Whilst a large investment it has allowed us to continue our work with more reliable transport.
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## Structure, Governance and Management

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:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	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.
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 are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.</p>



Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

**Reference and Administrative details**

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



**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	Jane Dickerson		14/5/18 to present	
2	Pui Ma		15/8/19 to present	
3	Julie Eastwood		11/2/20 to present	
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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

[illegible]



**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)**

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details



**Other optional information**



## Declarations

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

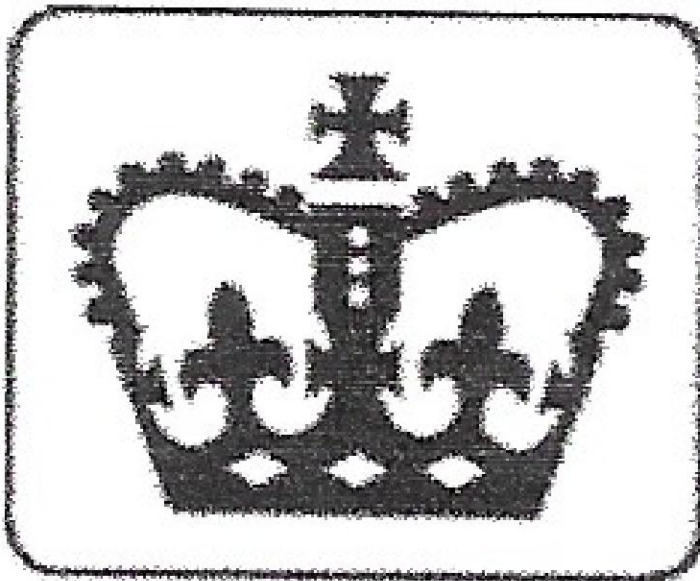
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JANE MARIE DICKSON	Pui Ling Ma
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	Trustee

Date

17/10/22
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Murphy's Army

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1167823

**Set out on pages**

2 + 3

(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 / 2021.

**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").

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.

**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:

- 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:**

15<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Name:**

Pippa Forde

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

AATQB Membership Number 20332974

**Address:**

8 Dean House Gate

Allerton, Bradford

BD15 8HF

**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).





CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity Name  
**Murphys Army**

No (if any)  
1167823

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01-Jan-21

To

Period end date  
31-Dec-21

### Section A Receipts and payments

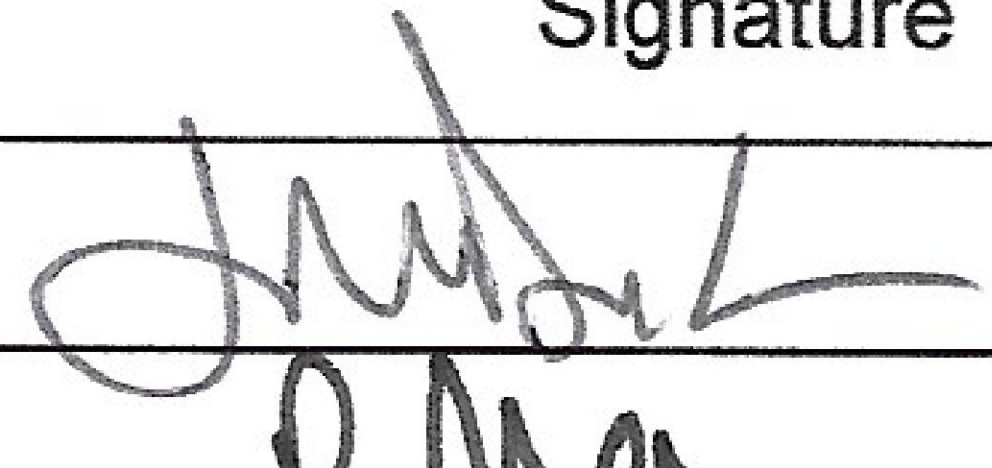
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	11,695	-	-	11,695	12,319
Auctions	677	-	-	677	352
Fundraising ( inc events )	305	26	-	331	-
PurplePoppy Campaign		41,648	-	41,648	28,113
Sale of Goods		2,456	-	2,456	154
Paypal Giving Fund & Fee refunds		1,650	-	1,650	1,690
Purple Poppy Campaign Donations	-	598	-	598	3,980
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>12,677</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,055</b>	<b>46,608</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>12,677</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,055</b>	<b>46,608</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Auctions	161	-	-	161	86
Cost of fundraising	526	352	-	878	56
Purple Poppy Campaign Costs	-	13,532	-	13,532	12,718
Cost of goods		2,331	-	2,331	1,183
Advertising	-	-	-	-	109
Equipment	-	-	-	-	68
Insurance	662	-	-	662	212
Website	74	121	-	195	197
Van	6,793	-	-	6,793	1,590
Grants	7,921	-	-	7,921	6,407
Transport	90	-	-	90	20
Accountant	240	-	-	240	50
Purple Poppy Campaign Recipients	-	30,042	-	30,042	21,726
Other Paddy designated	340	-	-	340	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,807</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,185</b>	<b>44,422</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,807</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,185</b>	<b>44,422</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 4,130</b>	<b>2,186</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,102</b>	<b>20,916</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>23,102</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Bank Account	18,391	-	-
	Paypal	549	-	-
	Cash	32	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,972</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JANE DICKERSON	17/10/22
P. Ma	Pu LING MA	19/10/22