

# Trustees' annual report for the period



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

010123

Period end date

311223

Charity name

MURPHY'S ARMY

Charity No  
(if any)

1167823

Period start date

## 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 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>We will fund printed materials to publicise the lost / stolen pet. These are funded by way of grants.</p> <p>Utilize transportation resources to relocate pets to 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 stray or deceased pet is found so as 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	The trustees are aware of, and have regard to, the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit. They are satisfied that the charities activities this year have complied with our governing document and the 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 regarding 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	N/A
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.</p>
Other		



	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>This year we were able to give out grants totalling over £4000 to local or regional rescues and other assistance centres. Most of these organisations help to rehabilitate sick and injured animals ready for rehoming or take in those animals that won't ever be able to be rehomed either due to temperament or illness.</p> <p>This year was the first year we hadn't had any requests for leaflets or flyers in relation to missing dogs/pets. It seems that many such campaigns are now run on social media and there are also other organisations available with more technology and equipment to assist.</p> <p>Our biggest contribution has been to the care of service animals. We use funds from our annual purple poppy campaign link in with charities whose main aim and purpose is to ensure those animals who served the public in the past, or are still serving, receive the very best care when they become ill. This year we gave donations of £13,500 to the NFRSA and The Horse Trust. We retained £10,500 to fund the 2024 campaign, RPD Baloo received a small gift in recognition of the wonderful work she has done and continues to do. The final legacy was a small donation to They Also Served Memorial Fund, which aims to promote awareness of service animals past and present by siting specially made benches in public spaces. This will be a project for 2024!</p> <p>Once again, this year we were the main sponsors of a dog show and events at a local carnival. This helps to raise our profile with the public once more and to offer advice and assistance to those people present. Through use of our posters showing animals that had been lost or stolen we were able to initiate conversations regarding safety of pets and the correct process to follow if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Your pet is lost or stolen, and</li> <li>b) You find a straying dog or other animal.</li> </ul> <p>Continuing our relationship with a local supermarket meant we were lucky enough to be able to receive donations of pet food and</p>

		<p>accessories from them on a regular basis. This meant we were able to distribute this to local rescues and to some food banks. For the rescues this helped to ease their food bill in the short term and for the food banks it seems that whilst they get regular requests from service users for dog/cat/bunny food etc, they rarely receive any such donations.</p> <p>We linked in with a local RSPCA branch who were able to provide us with donations of food that they were unable to use or distribute.</p> <p>We are satisfied that with our grants and donations we are assisting organisations in their continued effort to help the welfare of animals, educate the public on animal welfare and safety and we are fulfilling our own objectives by doing this.</p>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the close of the year, we had given out more in grants and donations than we received. For the trustees this is how it should be – we should be using our finances to assist other



		organisations who are better placed to assist with animal welfare.
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 adequate for the ongoing administration of the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3000
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:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We fundraise at gala's/fayres. We have a few regular donors who have set up direct debits and we have been the recipient of a donation from our annual purple poppy campaign.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Due to the rise in the cost-of-living people do not have the 'spare' money to donate or spend at fundraising events. So far, we have seen a small reduction in takings at such events and are mindful that it may impact in future if it continues.
Other		

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
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	Our process for appointing trustees is laid down in our constitution and is by a resolution passed at a properly convened trustee meeting. 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.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	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. They are also supplied with the last copies of the TAR and Accounts. All new trustees must accept/decline the role in writing/email.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is managed by the trustees, supported by a network of volunteers.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Charity name	Murphys Army
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1167823
Charity's principal address	12 Robinson Court, Bradford, BD72QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity



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## Reference and Administrative details

(cont)

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### 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

#### 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)



K. Pritchard

Full name(s)

JOHN ALDERSON

KAREN PRITCHARD

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

TRUSTEE

TRUSTEE

Date

26/10/24



Charity Name <b>Murphys Army</b>		No (if any) <b>1167823</b>	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 1/1/23	To	Period end date 31/12/23

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## 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, auctions and fundraising	438	631	0	1,069	27,495
Paypal Giving Fund and Fee refund	0	1,226	0	1,226	1,836
Poppy Sales	0	20,040	0	20,040	350
Purple Poppy Campaign	0	33,698	0	33,698	45,824
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>55,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,033</b>	<b>75,505</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>55,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56,033</b>	<b>75,505</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of fundraising	106	65	0	171	484
Purple Poppy Campaign Costs	0	14,861	0	14,861	16,531
Cost of goods	1,532	0	0	1,532	- 48
Grants Given	4,250	223	0	4,473	7,650
Insurances	661	0	0	661	664
Accountant/General office expenses	250	143	0	393	313
Equipment	17	0	0	17	259
Website	229	126	0	355	198
Van	1,874	0	0	1,874	1,346
Transport	0	0	0	0	40
Purple Poppy Recipients	0	27,000	0	27,000	43,339
Other Paddy Designated	0	0	0	0	103
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>42,418</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,337</b>	<b>70,879</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,919</b>	<b>42,418</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,337</b>	<b>70,879</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-8,481</b>	<b>13,177</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>4,626</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>-2,661</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>23,598</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>23,598</b>	<b>18,972</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,778</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,294</b>	<b>23,598</b>

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

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>			
Barclays Bank Account	17,778	10,516	0
Paypal	0	0	0
Cash	0	0	0
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,778</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>0</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
	OK	OK	OK



## B2 Other monetary assets

Details


Unrestricted funds  
to nearest £

0
0
0
0
0
0

Restricted funds  
to nearest £

0
0
0
0
0
0

Endowment funds  
to nearest £

0
0
0
0
0
0

## B3 Investment assets

Details


Fund to which asset belongs


Cost (optional)

0
0
0
0
0

Current value (optional)

0
0
0
0
0

## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details


Fund to which asset belongs


Cost (optional)

0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

Current value (optional)

0
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0

## B5 Liabilities

Details


Fund to which liability relates

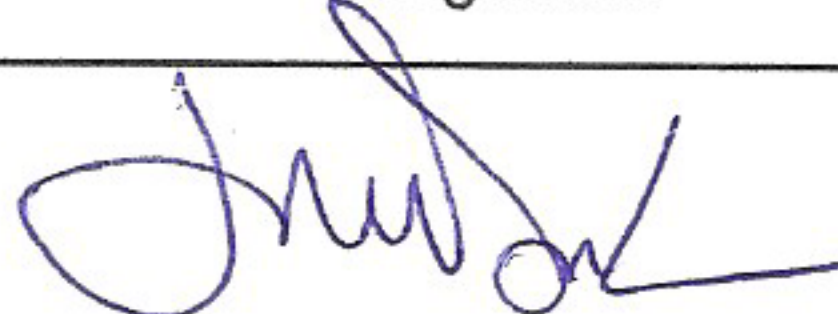

Amount due (optional)

0
0
0
0
0

When due (optional)


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

Signature



Print Name

JANE DICKERSON

Date of approval

30/10/24





# 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

Murphys Army

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1167823

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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:

29/10/2024

Name:

Pippa Forde MIAB

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

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IAB

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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).