NIBBLES RODENT & RABBIT RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1168657

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-08-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF DOMESTIC SPECIES OF RODENTS AND RABBITS IN PEMBROKESHIRE, CEREDIGION AND CARMARTHENSHIRE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS.

Activities: Rescue and rehoming of domestic rabbits and small rodents in the West Wales area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals

Geography

- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Pembrokeshire

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£48,099	£41,459	-	-
2024-12-31	£44,828	£33,562	-	-
2023-12-31	£49,068	£37,336	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,820	£31,915	-	-
2021-12-31	£46,094	£25,968	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SIOBHAN LEARMONTH	Chair	2016-08-08
Clare Hammond		2022-04-26
MISS R TERRY		2016-08-22
Margaret Waller		2021-06-02
SHIRLEY LEARMONTH		2016-08-08

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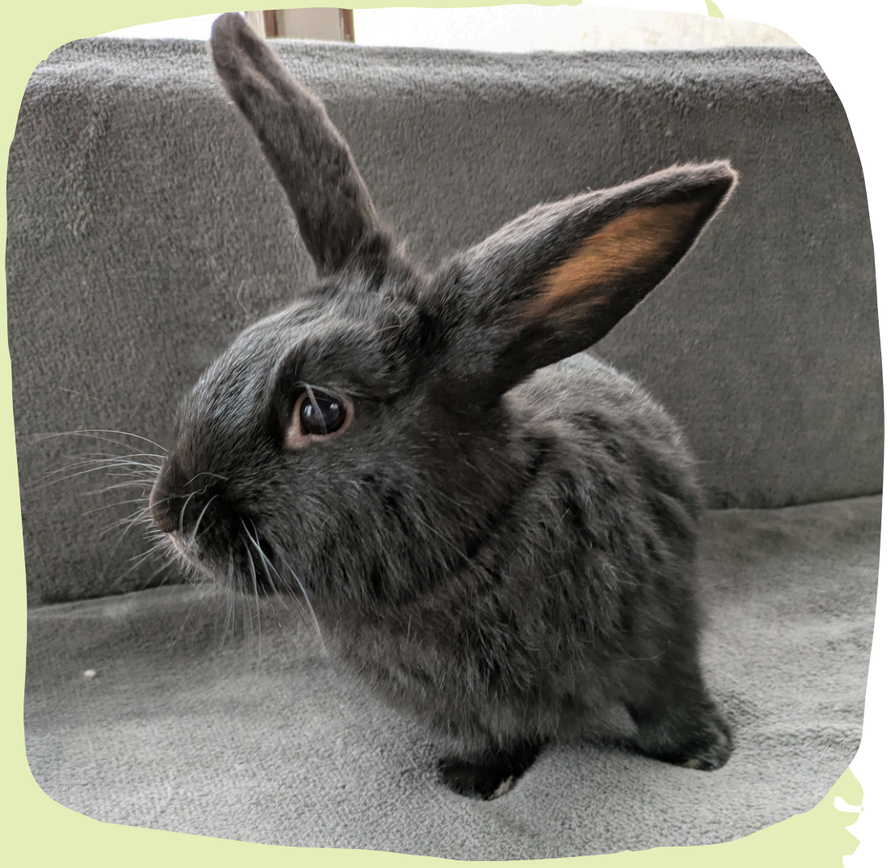
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Summary for 2025

Since our funding crisis began in 2022, each year has felt harder than the last — and 2025 was no exception. For much of the year, Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue lived under the very real possibility that we would be forced to close and dismantle the centre in December. Every decision was made against a backdrop of uncertainty, with the constant fear that we may no longer be able to provide rescue support for rabbits and rodents at their most vulnerable.

Alongside this, 2025 brought unexpected staffing challenges that required rapid adaptation to ensure animal care standards were not compromised. It was a year marked by worry, stress, and exhaustion, driven by the deep concern that these often-overlooked animals could once again be left without specialist rescue support in South West Wales.

And yet, 2025 was also a year of important — if hard-won — progress.

Through a consistent, carefully planned campaign, we were able to raise not only vital awareness of the rescue's situation, but also enough regular monthly funding to secure Nibbles' future into 2026. This shift has allowed us to move away from emergency survival mode and into a cautious, planned period of stability. While we continue to operate at reduced capacity, we now have the breathing space and time needed to rebuild, plan, and grow responsibly.

Over the course of the year, we also developed new skills — particularly in digital engagement and communication — and laid the foundations for welfare work that extends beyond the centre itself. In 2025, we took on a major challenge that we are determined to continue into 2026: working towards meaningful, lasting improvements in rabbit welfare across Wales.

We ended 2024 exhausted and fearful for the future. We leave 2025 still tired, but no longer without hope. With careful management, sustained support, and the dedication of our team and community, we believe Nibbles can move beyond simply surviving and begin to show real progress across all areas of our work. We are deeply grateful to everyone who stood with us and made this possible.

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The Animals

Much of 2025 was shaped by uncertainty. With the future of Nibbles unclear for a large part of the year, we had to be extremely cautious about accepting new arrivals. We were acutely aware that, should closure become unavoidable, we would need to secure rescue placements for the rabbits already in our care — a responsibility made even more difficult by the fact that rescues across the UK are under immense strain.

Despite this, we were able to help more rabbits than in the previous year, supported in part by the fact that seven rabbits found their forever homes during 2025. This allowed us to carefully offer places to rabbits in urgent need, while continuing to prioritise stability and welfare.

The Figures

Rabbits surrendered into our care: 8
Rodents surrendered into our care: 0
Rabbits transferred in from other rescues: 3
Rodents transferred in from other rescues: 0
Rodents born at the centre*: 0
Rodents transferred out to other rescues: 0
Rabbits transferred out to other rescues: 0
Rodents who died while in our care: 3
Rabbits who died while in our care: 2
Rabbits on sanctuary placements: 8
Rodents on sanctuary placements: 0
Rabbits adopted: 7
Rodents adopted: 0
Animals Returned to our care: 0

Total animals helped: 11
Total animals adopted: 7

**As a result from animals arriving in our care already pregnant*

Animals Taken In

During 2025, 11 rabbits were welcomed into our care. Each intake was considered carefully, balancing the needs of the individual rabbit against the wider responsibility of safeguarding those already at the centre.

One of the most significant arrivals came in May, when Bridget and her five babies were admitted in a desperate situation. Bridget was in urgent need of veterinary care, while her babies required immediate sexing and separation to prevent further welfare issues. Despite the challenges we were facing at the time, we knew we simply could not turn them away. Bridget's story is shared in full on the following page, but her arrival was a powerful reminder of why specialist rescues like Nibbles must continue to exist.

As the year progressed and we gained greater confidence that the rescue would be able to continue into 2026, we were able to carefully offer places to four further rabbits in urgent need. These included two rabbits taken in by a cat rescue after being dumped, a stray found in Haverfordwest, and an unwanted child's pet, surrendered in December after only one month when care had already broken down. Each of these cases highlighted the ongoing demand for specialist rabbit rescue support and the importance of having the capacity to respond when stability allows.

Of the rabbits taken in during the year, one has already found a new home, with others continuing to receive care while they await suitable placements.

Losses During the Year

Sadly, 2025 also brought loss.

In early February, we made the difficult decision to euthanise Dewi, a lop rabbit suffering from a severe inner ear infection affecting both ears — a condition sadly common in this breed. Although surgery to remove the ear canals was an option, Dewi was already showing signs of facial paralysis, and there was a significant risk that surgery could result in further paralysis, potentially preventing him from eating or drinking. After lengthy discussions with our vet, we felt it was kinder to let him go without subjecting him to the stress and risks of surgery.

We also lost Tim, one of our much-loved sanctuary rabbits. Tim had been on palliative care due to ongoing dental issues and was lost very suddenly to an aneurysm. Thankfully, he was not alone when he passed, but his loss was deeply felt by the entire team.

Tim's passing left Georgie on her own, and we had to carefully consider her welfare. Freddie, another long-term rabbit in our care, had been with us for over two years. His complex dietary needs and requirement for regular washing had made rehoming extremely difficult, and he had begun to show signs of depression while living alone. We felt the best path forward was to bond Freddie with Georgie and welcome him into our sanctuary group. The two bonded quickly, bringing comfort and companionship to each other.

During 2025, we also said goodbye to the last three sanctuary rats in our care. Their passing marked the end of rodent residents at Nibbles, following the closure of the rodent cabin.

Homes Found

We were delighted to see seven rabbits find their forever homes during the year. Among them was Elliott, a long-stay rabbit whose outgoing nature had made it difficult to find the right match. Seeing him finally settled in a home where he could thrive was a moment of real joy for the team — even if he is still fondly missed at the centre.

Looking Ahead

By the end of 2025, we were able to increase active rabbit housing to 12 units, reflecting improved stability and careful planning. While we remain cautious, this small increase marks an important step forward. With greater financial stability now in place, we hope to continue this gradual growth during 2026, allowing us to help more rabbits while maintaining the high welfare standards at the heart of everything we do.

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Bridget: Why Specialist Rescue Matters

Bridget came into our care at a time when the future of Nibbles felt more uncertain than ever. For much of 2025, we were fighting to keep the rescue open — and Bridget reminded us exactly why that fight mattered.

She was found alone in an alleyway with a badly infected right eye, and we can only assume she had been recently dumped. Just three days later, she gave birth to a litter of five. Her finders did everything they could to help her, but with a litter to care for and an infection that was not improving, they knew specialist support was urgently needed. When Bridget and her babies were around six weeks old, they made the difficult but responsible decision to bring them to Nibbles.

When Bridget arrived in May, it was clear she had been struggling for a long time. She was in poor overall condition, with a heavy ear mite infestation, suspected E. cuniculi, dental issues, and a severe eye infection. Caring for her required intensive treatment — at times up to six times a day — over many weeks. While her illness was serious, what stood out most was Bridget herself. She accepted every part of her care calmly and without fuss, earning her reputation as a model patient. Slowly, we began to see improvement.



During her intensive treatment

There were setbacks along the way. Following her first vaccination, the left eye became inflamed and required further treatment. In November, once she was strong enough, Bridget was spayed and both tear ducts were flushed under anaesthetic. She developed a post-operative snuffle that needed additional care, but today she is in the best condition she has been in since arriving with us.

It is clear that Bridget has likely spent much of her life being used as a breeding doe. She bears old injuries, including tears to one ear, and the signs of a life that offered little care or protection before she was discarded. And yet, now that she is no longer in pain, Bridget is full of joy. She loves to run, play with toys, and explore her enclosure alongside her daughter, Pixie. She is curious, friendly, and confident — a powerful reminder of how resilient and forgiving rabbits can be when finally given the chance.

Bridget's story captures the double importance of Nibbles. We were able to offer her the specialist medical care she urgently needed at a time when very few rescues could have done so. And because of her ongoing health needs, we have been able to offer Bridget and Pixie a permanent sanctuary place — something no other rescue in our area is equipped to provide.



As she recovers she starts to show her curious and outgoing nature



She's now always first to greet us in the mornings



After her spay and enjoying some new enrichment with her daughter Pixie

Bridget reminded us of something fundamental at a moment when we felt we were failing to save Nibbles. She showed us that, even as everything around us felt uncertain, the very thing Nibbles exists to do was still happening. Bridget needed specialist rabbit knowledge, time, patience, and a level of care that larger, all-species rescues simply are not set up to provide. Without that expertise and focus, her only remaining option would have been euthanasia to end her suffering.

We were able to help Bridget *because* Nibbles is a specialist rescue. Because we understand rabbits. Because we have the experience, resources, and commitment to take on complex cases that others cannot. Saving her did not feel like a success in isolation — it felt like proof that Nibbles still mattered, still had a purpose, and still needed to exist.

At a time when we felt close to giving up, Bridget showed us that we weren't failing where it mattered most. And if there is one thing her story makes clear, it is this: there will be another rabbit like Bridget. Without Nibbles, there would be no one left in South West Wales to help her. That knowledge is what forced us to find a new way to keep fighting — not just to save a rescue, but to protect the lives and futures that depend on it.

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The Welfare Team

2025 proved to be an unexpectedly challenging year for Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue when it came to staffing and team structure. A series of sudden changes required quick, careful decisions to ensure that the animals in our care continued to receive the high standard of welfare we pride ourselves on, while also maintaining the smooth day-to-day running of the charity.
Despite this uncertainty, the welfare team adapted with resilience and determination, ensuring that animal care remained consistent throughout the year.



Siobhan

Siobhan: Centre Manager
Siobhan has continued in her role as Centre Manager throughout 2025 and will be continuing in this position into 2026. As in previous years, she has worked significantly more hours than she is paid for in order to ensure the ongoing care of the animals and the continued operation of the rescue.

At the end of January, Abi left the charity unexpectedly, resulting in the sudden loss of both administrative support and eight hours of animal care each week. This created an immediate gap at a critical point in the year, with additional responsibilities falling to Siobhan during an already demanding period. Despite this, she remained fully committed to maintaining welfare standards, overseeing daily operations, and ensuring the continued stability of the rescue during a time of significant uncertainty.



Jasmine

Jasmine: Senior Animal Care Assistant
Jasmine has continued in her role as Senior Animal Care Assistant throughout 2025. In recognition of her growing responsibilities, she received a small pay increase towards the end of the year. Following Abi's departure, Jasmine took on full responsibility for supervising and supporting volunteers — a role previously managed by the Assistant Manager — alongside her existing animal care duties.

Towards the end of 2025, Jasmine also agreed to take on additional hours on a semi-temporary basis. This arrangement has been agreed for 2026 and will be reviewed depending on funding availability and the number of animals we are able to house. While we are not planning to increase capacity until monthly funding improves, this additional support will be vital in allowing us to progress essential repair and maintenance work that has been delayed due to uncertainty in recent years.



Rose

Chloe – Animal Care Assistant (April–September)
Chloe joined our small paid staff team in April, working part-time to cover eight hours of animal care following Abi's departure. Unfortunately, Chloe left the role in September after being offered a full-time position elsewhere. While we were pleased for her, this departure was sudden and left the charity in a difficult position at a time when the future of Nibbles remained uncertain.

Our Volunteers
Throughout 2025, our volunteers continued to play an essential role in keeping the rescue running. Evelyn, a long-standing volunteer, changed her volunteering day from Wednesdays to Mondays at a crucial moment, providing much-needed stability. Karen has continued in her long-held role, volunteering on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, with Clare also continuing as a valued long-term volunteer.

Just before Christmas, Rose joined the volunteering team on Fridays, completing a rota that now provides volunteer support on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. This structure has ensured that animal care standards have been maintained consistently and has also allowed Siobhan to return to office-based work, keeping pace with the growing administrative and welfare demands of the charity.
This flexible and dedicated volunteer support has not only enabled us to manage day-to-day care during a difficult year, but has also helped us identify a workable short-term structure and begin planning responsibly for 2027 should funding remain limited.

A Team Built on Adaptability and Commitment
2025 required adaptability, resilience, and cooperation across the entire welfare team. Despite uncertainty and sudden changes, the focus never shifted away from the animals. The collective effort of staff and volunteers ensured that every rabbit in our care continued to receive the attention, enrichment, and welfare-led care they deserve.
As we move into 2026, we do so with gratitude for this dedicated team and cautious optimism that the stability built during 2025 will allow us to continue strengthening both our care provision and our long-term sustainability.



Karen



Evelyn



Clare

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Trustees

This year our trustees have remained the same as 2024 with everyone continuing in their previous roles.

We enter into 2026 with:

Siobhan Learmonth – Founder and Chairman
Shirley Learmonth – Treasurer
Rachel Terry – Secretary
Clare Hammond - Events Coordinator
Margaret Waller – HR Manager

We would like to thank all our trustees for their hard work during 2025 and through their devotion to the charity, we look forward to tackling new projects during 2026.



Siobhan



Shirley



Rachel



Clare



Margaret

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Reflecting on 2025: Our Progress and What We Achieved

At the end of 2024, we set out a number of goals designed to help stabilise Nibbles, strengthen our digital presence, and lay the foundations for growth. Although 2025 has remained an exceptionally challenging year — marked by uncertainty, limited capacity, and the ongoing threat of closure — we continued working towards those goals wherever possible. Progress has been slower and more fragmented than we had originally hoped, but each step forward represents determination during one of the busiest and most emotionally demanding years in our history.

Below is a summary of what we set out to do and what we were able to achieve.

Building a Better Website

In 2024, we began rebuilding our website, focusing on clearer navigation, improved adoption listings, and easier access to welfare advice. Despite the pressure and uncertainty surrounding Nibbles' future for much of 2025, we continued this work steadily throughout the year.

Although progress was slower than planned, we reached a significant milestone before the year came to a close: **the launch of our Rabbit Care Hub**.

This new section offers clear, reliable, welfare-led guidance for everyday guardians in a single, easy-to-use resource. It marks the first major step towards a comprehensive digital hub dedicated to rabbit and rodent welfare.



Harnessing the Power of Google Ads

This year, we finally unlocked the potential of our Google Ads Grant and planned to launch our first campaigns in 2025. However, understanding what the grant can and cannot be used for proved far more complicated than expected.

Throughout 2025 we:

- Spent many hours working through free online courses, only to later discover that much of the material was **not relevant to the Google Ads Grant programme**
- Submitted an application for support through Google's grant mentorship scheme but **never received any response**
- Navigated a steep learning curve with limited guidance and no marketing background

Despite these challenges, we persisted — and by November 2025, **our first Google Ads campaign successfully launched**, promoting our educational rabbit diet blog. This early success lays an important foundation for more focused campaigns in 2026.

Expanding Our Social Media Presence
In 2024, we planned to expand our presence across Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube with a structured content strategy. But the reality of 2025 was that the appeal to save Nibbles became our primary focus on social media — especially on Facebook — simply because it was essential for keeping the rescue open.

Creating regular, varied content has remained extremely difficult. Social media, particularly video production, is incredibly time-consuming, and in truth, could easily be a full-time role on its own. With the day-to-day care of the rabbits always taking absolute priority, and with significant time also devoted to urgent welfare and advocacy work such as the Rabbit Code of Practice review, the capacity available for content creation was limited.

Despite these constraints, we have:

- Begun developing a **less demanding and more sustainable content plan for 2026**
- Continued learning how to create posts that are engaging but manageable
- Gained a better understanding of **Facebook's paid advertising tools**
- Uploaded our **first YouTube video** before the end of the year

Finding a realistic balance between daily rescue operations and ongoing digital engagement continues to be a challenge, but the work done in 2025 has helped us move closer to a sustainable approach.

Reclaiming Time to Focus on Growth
In 2024, we noted how transformative ChatGPT (Charlie) had already been for improving efficiency and helping us move forward in areas outside of animal care. That has remained true throughout 2025.

Charlie has continued to be a vital resource — enabling us to produce high-quality work more quickly, supporting everything from website content and welfare guides to policy documents, campaign materials and SEO tasks. Without this support, many of the digital improvements made this year simply would not have been possible.

Looking Back on Our 2024 Goals
While we were not able to complete everything we had hoped for in 2025, the progress we have made reflects significant learning, growth, and resilience during an incredibly demanding year.

We now enter 2026 with:

- A much deeper understanding of digital media
- Stronger SEO knowledge
- A far clearer grasp of what the Google Ads Grant can and cannot be used for
- The achievement of our first successfully launched Google Ads campaign
- A growing ability to create regular, manageable social media content
- A workable and realistic content plan for the coming year

The steps taken in 2025 — though made in challenging circumstances — have laid the groundwork for a stronger, more stable future for Nibbles and for the animals who depend on us.





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Standing Up for Rabbit and Rodent Welfare in 2025

During 2025, alongside the immense pressures of everyday rescue work and the effort to save Nibbles from closure, we undertook a significant piece of welfare advocacy that we felt morally obligated to pursue. When the Welsh Government announced its intention to regulate Animal Welfare Establishments, we fully welcomed the proposal. Regulation has the potential to raise standards, improve accountability, and ensure the welfare needs of vulnerable animals are protected consistently across Wales.

However, as the only specialist rabbit and rodent rescue in South West Wales, we were deeply concerned that the specific needs of rabbits and rodents were unlikely to be properly represented within this framework. Without accurate, species-appropriate welfare standards, any new legislation risked failing the very animals it sought to protect. Even with the possibility of closure looming at the time, we felt we had a responsibility to speak up on behalf of these often-forgotten species.

Raising Concerns With the Minister

We contacted the Minister for Rural Affairs and Climate Change to express our concerns and to request clarification on several key points. The response we received was deeply distressing. Rather than outlining clear welfare standards or acknowledging the urgent need for updated guidance, the Welsh Government referred us to the *Code of Practice for the Welfare of Rabbits* (2009) as the primary reference point for ensuring welfare needs are met under the Animal Welfare Act.

The problems with this approach are profound.

- The rabbit code is now **15 years old**.
- It has **never been reviewed or updated**, despite the companion animal landscape changing significantly during this time.
- In contrast, the codes for **dogs, cats, and equines** were all reviewed and updated between 2018–2019.
- The rabbit code is **not aligned with modern welfare science**, current veterinary recommendations, or the lived reality of rescue work.
- Critically, several sections are now **in breach of the Animal Welfare Act** itself, as they no longer reflect what is required to meet a rabbit's needs.

Using this outdated document as the benchmark for welfare regulation would leave rabbits effectively unprotected within the new legislation.

Submitting a Full Scientific Review

In response, we undertook an incredibly extensive and time-consuming task: producing a full draft review of the 2009 rabbit code. This review highlighted the areas where the code fails to meet even the basic welfare needs of rabbits and provided clear, evidence-backed recommendations for new wording and updated standards. It was a huge amount of work during an already overwhelming year, but we felt a responsibility to ensure the welfare needs of rabbits were given the seriousness they deserve.

Alongside the review, we re-submitted two important questions that had not been answered in the initial response:

1. **Where will welfare standards for rodents be drawn from, given that no species-specific codes exist?**
2. **Will pet shop "adoption" areas be included within the scope of the new regulations?**

The Government's Response

We were once again disappointed by the reply.

The Welsh Government confirmed that **they are not planning to update the rabbit code at this time**, despite the scientific, welfare, and legal issues we highlighted. They did state that they would consider the matter of adoption areas in pet shops, but ultimately provided **no clarification at all** on where rodent standards would be sourced — leaving these species without any identified protection within the proposed regulatory framework.

This means that, as it stands, the government intends to use an outdated, scientifically unsupported document as the welfare benchmark for rabbits in licensed establishments. Such an approach fails to protect these animals in any meaningful way and contradicts the very principles of the Animal Welfare Act.

Looking Ahead

While we cannot yet publicly discuss our next steps, we want to be clear: **we have not given up on ensuring the welfare needs of rabbits are taken seriously in Wales**. We will continue to raise our concerns throughout 2026 and work constructively towards securing the updated, science-based standards that rabbits urgently need and deserve.

Summary and Looking Ahead

Throughout the latter part of 2025, alongside the day-to-day demands of running the rescue, we committed significant time and energy to raising serious welfare concerns at a national level. With a very small team and limited capacity, producing a full, evidence-based review of the outdated rabbit Code of Practice was a substantial undertaking, but one we felt was essential. The continued reliance on a 15-year-old document that no longer reflects welfare science risks leaving rabbits without meaningful protection under proposed animal welfare establishment regulations, while rodents remain without any clearly defined standards at all.

Although the responses we received were deeply disappointing, this work reinforced the importance of specialist voices being heard when legislation is developed. During the latter part of 2025, we began laying the groundwork for continued advocacy, including engaging with other welfare organisations who share our concerns and support the need for updated, science-led standards.

During 2026, we will continue to pursue this work constructively and persistently, raising awareness of the gaps in current guidance and advocating for welfare protections that genuinely meet the needs of rabbits and rodents. This work is vital not only for improving welfare across Wales, but also for ensuring that these animals are properly safeguarded within any future regulation of animal welfare establishments.







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Funding

The Figures

One off donations through PayPal Giving: £3,964.38

Funds raised through online events: £3,184.47

Funds raised through grants: £5,000.00

Total raised from monthly pledges and sponsorships: £15,742.99

Total raised from CAF donate (pledges and one-off donations): £13,453.36

Funds raised through other donations: £3,605.55

Funds generated from charity collection boxes: £1,578.00

Funds raised from EasyFundraising: £294.53

Funds generated from adoption and surrender donations: £700

Funds generated through sales: £72.58

Other Income: £503.61*

Total Income: £48,099.47

*£468.63 in interest payments
ff£34.98 in refunds

We are profoundly grateful to everyone who supported Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue throughout 2025. In a year defined by difficult decisions and ongoing financial uncertainty, the growth in regular monthly support played a crucial role in keeping the rescue open. Your generosity has allowed us to maintain essential standards of care, continue life-saving veterinary treatment, and protect the welfare of the rabbits who depend on us — ultimately enabling Nibbles to continue into 2026. Thank you for believing in our mission and standing alongside us during one of the most challenging periods in our history.

Funding in 2025: Stability Through Support and Careful Compromise

In 2025, Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue saw a modest but vitally important improvement in overall funding. Total income increased by **£3,271.12**, rising from **£44,828.28 in 2024 to £48,099.47 in 2025**. While this increase did not resolve the long-term financial challenges facing the rescue, it marked a significant shift after several years of decline and provided a much-needed degree of stability.

The most meaningful change during 2025 was the growth in regular monthly support. At the end of December 2024, income from pledges and sponsorships stood at **£1,357.34** per month. By the end of December 2025, this had increased to **£2,512.73** per month. Although this remained below our target of £3,500 per month, the increase fundamentally changed what was possible for the rescue.

The rise in pledges during 2025, combined with careful budgeting and close financial management, enabled us to identify a viable way forward. While we continued to operate at limited capacity, the progress made over the year allowed us to enter 2026 with enough stability to ensure essential costs can be met consistently. Crucially, this has also given us the ability to plan beyond immediate survival. We now have a number of potential pathways mapped out for 2027, with the route we are able to take dependent on how funding develops during 2026.

Improving Access to Donations

During 2025, we introduced a new fundraising platform, **CAF Donate**, to make both one-off donations and monthly pledges easier and more accessible for supporters. The platform provides a seamless, single process for giving, removing many of the practical barriers that previously existed and making it simpler for supporters to commit to regular support.

Over the course of the year, a total of **£13,453.36 was donated via CAF Donate**, made up of a combination of one-off donations and monthly pledge contributions. By the end of December 2025, the CAF platform was generating **£1,108.31 per month in regular donations**, excluding Gift Aid. This growth in accessible, recurring income has played an important role in strengthening our financial position and supporting the stability achieved during 2025.

Additional Sources of Funding

Other income streams showed smaller but positive changes during the year.

- Adoption donations increased slightly to £700, compared to £680 in 2024. There were no surrender donations received during 2025.
- Grant funding rose to £5,000, compared to £3,500 in 2024. This increase came from trusts that have previously supported our work. Notably, we did not submit any new grant applications during 2025, due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of the rescue, highlighting the importance of established relationships with funders.

While these figures remain modest, together they contributed to the overall improvement in financial stability achieved during the year.

Looking Ahead

At the end of 2024, we were facing the very real possibility that Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue would not survive beyond 2025. Reduced funding had forced us to scale back capacity, limit the number of animals we could help, and make painful compromises simply to keep the rescue functioning. Without a significant increase in reliable income, closure felt increasingly inevitable.

One year on, the financial position at the end of 2025 remains fragile — but it is no longer defined solely by crisis. The growth in regular monthly support throughout the year has been transformative, allowing us to move away from immediate survival and towards cautious, realistic planning. While we are still operating at limited capacity and must continue to manage costs carefully, the progress made during 2025 has ensured that Nibbles can continue into 2026 with greater stability than we had believed possible twelve months earlier.

This shift has not removed the challenges we face, nor has it eliminated the need for difficult decisions. However, it has given us something we did not have at the end of 2024: time, options, and the ability to plan ahead. With careful financial management and continued support from our community, we are now able to look beyond the immediate year ahead and begin considering pathways into 2027, depending on how funding develops.

Every decision we continue to make is driven by the welfare of the animals in our care. The support received during 2025 has allowed us to protect that commitment and to ensure that Nibbles remains a place of safety for rabbits who have nowhere else to turn. While the future is still uncertain, we move forward with renewed determination, grateful for the community that has made it possible for Nibbles to continue its work into the years ahead.

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Expenditure

In 2025, total expenditure increased compared to 2024. This rise was not driven by expansion or growth, but by unavoidable increases in core running costs. Higher staff salary commitments, rising veterinary fees, and increases in insurance and web-hosting costs all contributed to this change. These pressures reflected the wider cost increases affecting charities across the sector and underscored how limited our financial flexibility remained at the start of the year.

For the first five months of 2025, Nibbles operated at a loss each month. Between January and May, this resulted in a cumulative shortfall of £3,818.64, clearly illustrating the concerns we raised at the end of 2024 about the rescue's ability to remain viable beyond 2025. At that point, the reserves available were only sufficient to see us through 2025, leaving no margin for unexpected costs or prolonged deficits.

June marked a critical turning point. For the first time in the year, we recorded a modest monthly surplus of £162, signalling the beginning of a gradual shift away from immediate financial decline. While this did not resolve the underlying challenges, it reflected the impact of increasing regular support and careful financial management, and provided a small but important indication that stabilisation was possible.

The Figures

Animal Supplies: £2,347.10

Accessories, repairs, replacements & maintenance: £616.64

New Housing: £0.00

Salaries: £30,148.00

Vets Fees: £4,432.12

Subscriptions, Fees & Insurance: £1,276.00

Print, marketing & postage: £130.68

Other Expenses: £2,509.22

Total Expenditure: £41,459.76



Freddie and Georgie — safe, loved, and cared for at Nibbles, thanks to the support that kept the rescue open.

Expenditure in 2025: Managing Rising Costs After a Year of Restriction

In 2025, total expenditure increased from **£33,562.09 in 2024 to £41,459.76**. This rise was expected following an exceptionally restrictive year in 2024, during which expenditure was deliberately reduced to create a short-term buffer and allow the rescue to continue into 2025.

The reduction in staffing hours during 2024 was always intended to be temporary. While it enabled us to allocate more funding into reserves for salaries during 2025, it also placed significant strain on the day-to-day running of the rescue. Throughout this period, essential operations were maintained through a substantial number of unpaid and after-hours worked by the charity's founder and centre manager, Siobhan, reflecting her commitment to ensuring the continued care and welfare of the animals. However, this level of workload was not sustainable beyond the end of 2024.

During 2025, increased expenditure in this area allowed those unpaid hours to be reduced to a more manageable level, ensuring that daily care and essential responsibilities could be maintained without relying on unsustainable working patterns.

Veterinary Costs: A Sharp and Unavoidable Increase

Veterinary expenditure rose significantly during 2025, driven by substantial increases in fees and the introduction of additional essential treatments. Total veterinary costs increased from **£3,124.53 in 2024 to £4,432.12 in 2025**, reflecting rising prices across all areas of rabbit healthcare.

- Spay procedures increased from **£99 to £169**, a rise of approximately 71%
- Castration procedures increased from **£79 to £149**, an increase of around 89%
- The Nobivac Plus vaccine rose from **£76.50 to £85,** an increase of approximately 11%
- Rabbits now require an additional Yurvac vaccine to protect against a new strain of RHD2. After spending almost a year attempting to source this vaccine, we were finally able to obtain it in December 2025. This has added a further £66 per rabbit
- Dental procedures saw the most dramatic rise, increasing from **£99 to £385**, an increase of nearly 289%

These costs are non-negotiable. Vaccinations, neutering, and dental care are essential components of responsible rabbit welfare and cannot be compromised without putting animals at risk.

Animal Supplies and Day-to-Day Costs

Due to reduced capacity for much of the year and some small decreases in the cost of certain items, we saw a modest reduction in animal supply costs. Spending fell from **£2,615.35 in 2024 to £2,347.10 in 2025**. While welcome, this reduction reflects fewer animals being housed rather than a meaningful decrease in the cost of essentials.

Subscriptions, Fees, and Insurance

Subscriptions, fees, and insurance costs continued to rise, increasing from **£982.88 in 2024 to £1,276.00 in 2025**. This increase was driven in part by the introduction of a monthly ChatGPT subscription, which has become an essential operational tool, as well as a significant rise in web-hosting costs, which doubled during the year. These services support fundraising, communications, compliance, and welfare education, and have become integral to the charity's ability to function effectively.

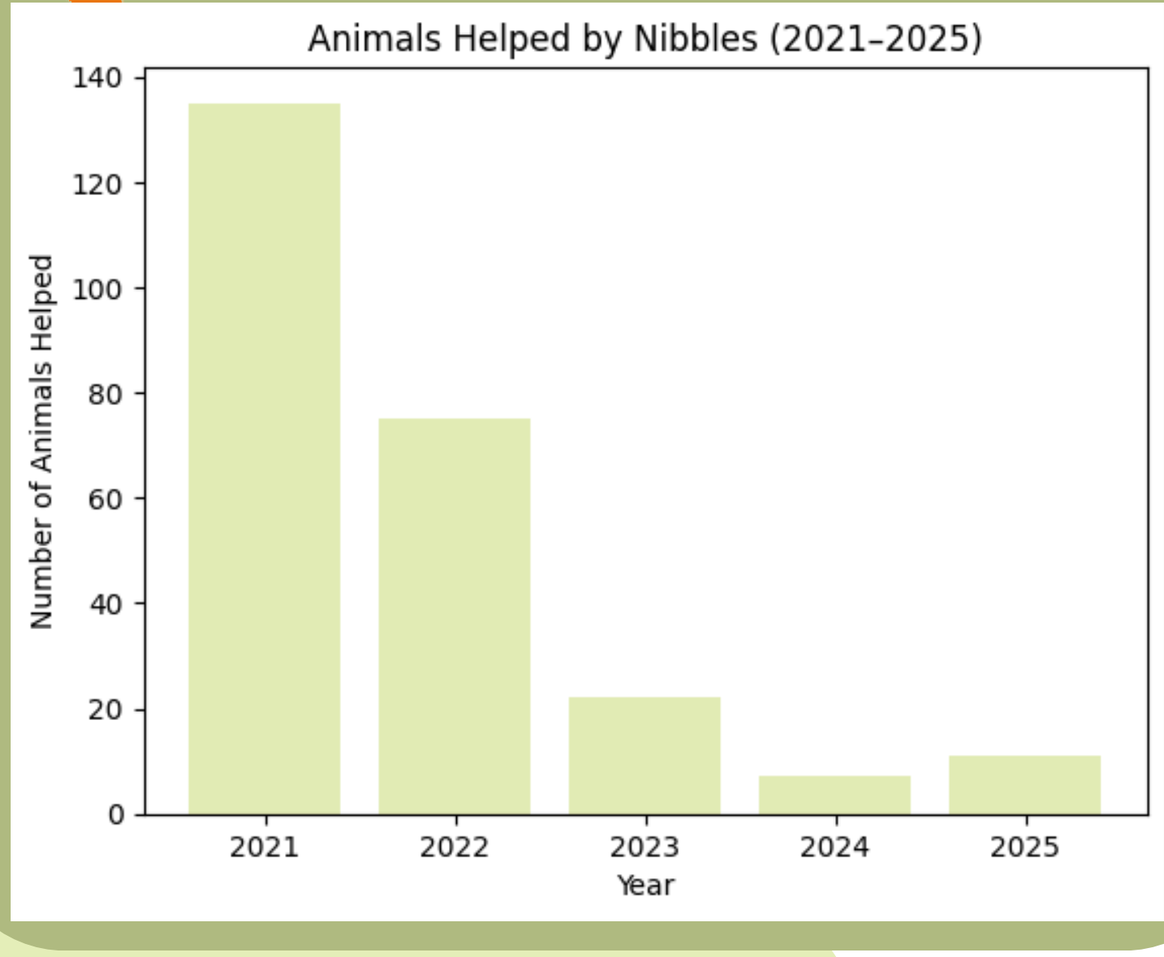
Balancing Care and Costs in 2025

Throughout 2025, every financial decision was made with animal welfare at its core. Rising costs and ongoing uncertainty required careful prioritisation, but the health, safety, and wellbeing of the animals in our care remained non-negotiable. Alongside meeting these essential needs, we also made small, targeted investments to move the charity forward — strengthening our digital presence, expanding access to welfare information, and laying foundations that will allow Nibbles to extend its impact beyond the centre itself. These steps are vital to reaching new supporters, improving long-term sustainability, and ensuring that our welfare work can continue to grow in the years ahead.

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The following pages present our key figures for 2025, covering intakes, adoptions, income, expenditure, and reserves. While the numbers reflect a year of continued constraint, they also show the first signs of stabilisation and the difference that sustained support has begun to make.

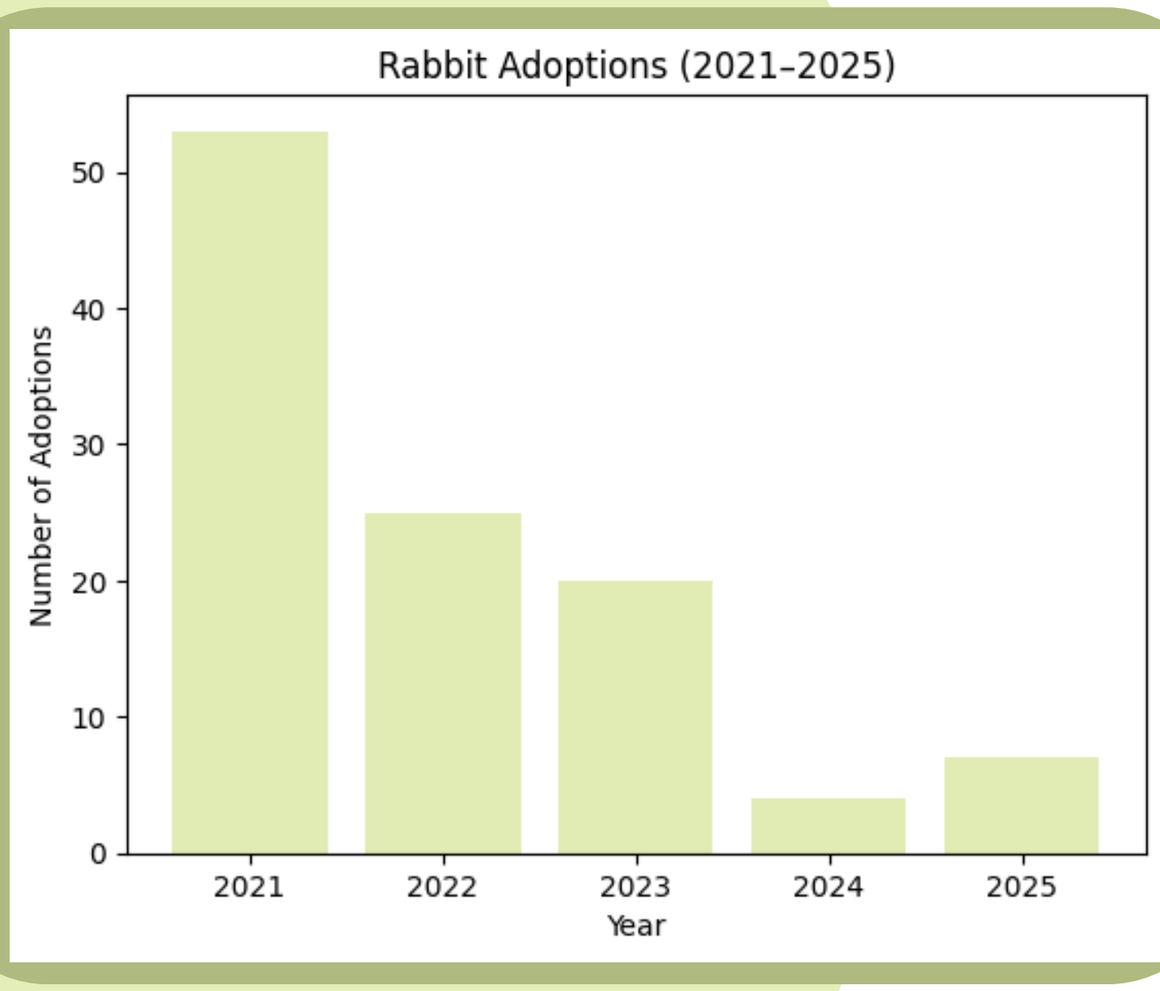


Animals Helped in 2025: Small Numbers, Meaningful

For much of 2025, Nibbles remained closed to new arrivals as we faced ongoing uncertainty about the future of the rescue. Despite this, we were able to offer placements to **11 rabbits during the year**, an increase from the **7 rabbits we were able to help in 2024**.

While these numbers remain low, they represent cautious progress during a year when survival had to take priority. They do not reflect a reduction in need. Throughout 2025, we continued to receive a high volume of requests for help and were forced to turn away significantly more rabbits than we were able to take in, due to limited capacity and funding constraints.

We also remain a long way from the numbers we were able to help in **2021, when 135 animals came through our doors**. At that time, we had sufficient funding to operate at full capacity — and notably, with fewer rabbit housing units than we have available today. The gradual increase seen during 2025 gives us renewed hope that, with stable funding, we can continue moving back towards growth and ultimately work towards fully reopening the rescue.

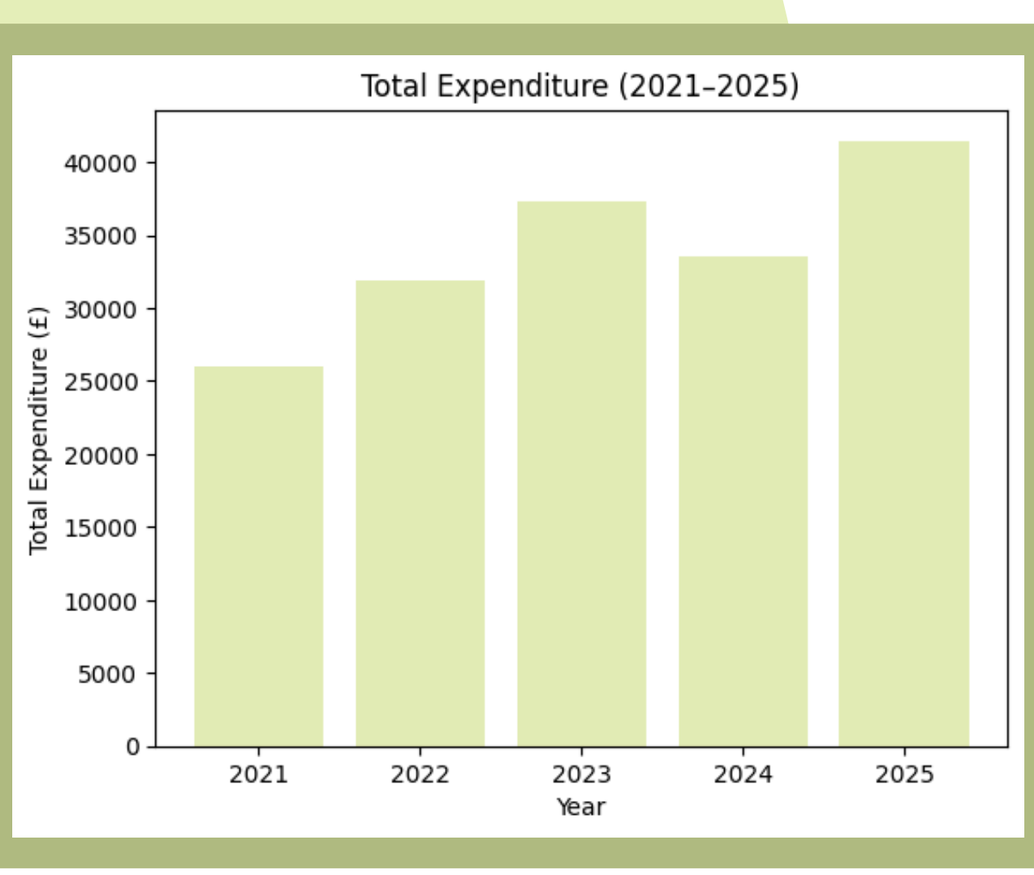


Adoptions in 2025: A Gradual Step Forward

In 2025, we saw a small but encouraging increase in adoptions, with **7 rabbits finding new homes, compared to 4 in 2024**. Most notably, two bonded pairs were successfully adopted — a significant achievement, as bonded pairs and groups are often harder to rehome than single rabbits.

Despite this progress, many of the same challenges remain. Due to limited intakes, the majority of rabbits available for adoption continued to be single males, leading to an ongoing mismatch with the high volume of enquiries we receive for female rabbits and rodents, particularly guinea pigs. This imbalance continues to affect adoption rates, even when rabbits are healthy, well-adjusted, and ready for homes.

While numbers remain lower than we would like, the increase seen during 2025 is a positive sign. As stability improves, we hope to continue building on this progress — helping more rabbits move from long-term care into loving, suitable homes.



Expenditure Trends: Rising Costs Despite Reduced Capacity

The increase in expenditure seen in 2025 reflects the continued rise in day-to-day running costs rather than any expansion in services. Since 2021, the cost of providing even basic rabbit care has increased dramatically. Veterinary fees in particular have risen sharply, with neutering costs increasing from £60–£80 in 2021 to £149–£169 in 2025, while vaccination costs have risen from £34 to £85 per rabbit.

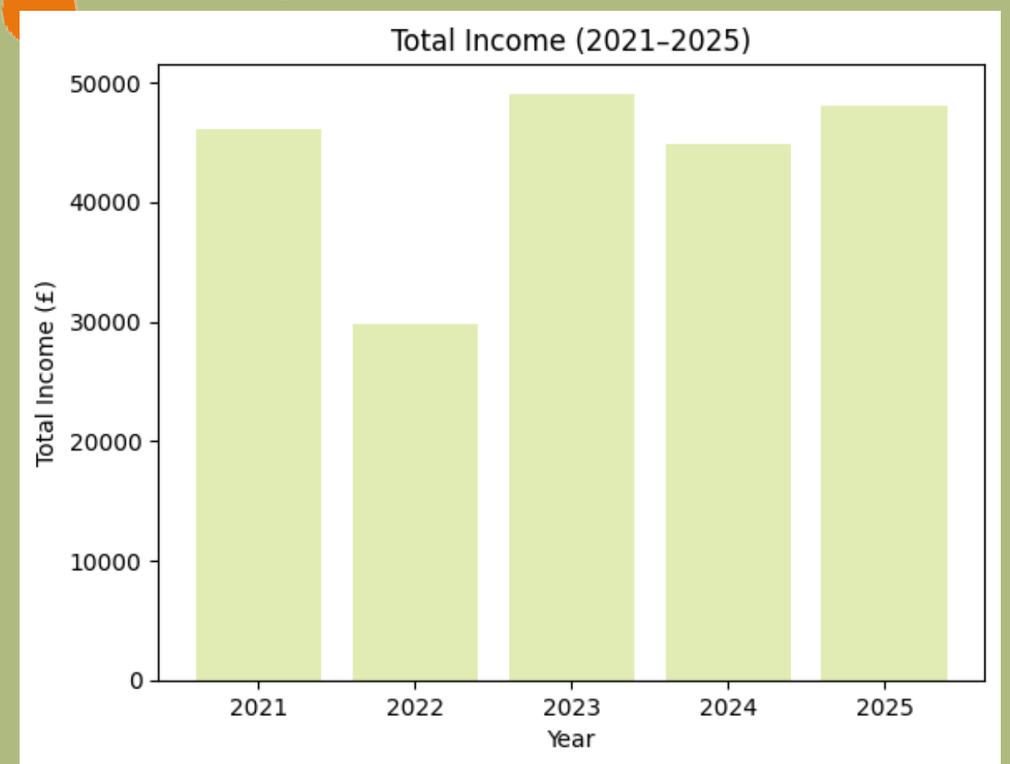
Alongside veterinary costs, we have also faced sustained increases in salaries, animal supplies, insurance, and essential operational fees. These rising costs have occurred despite a significant reduction in the number of animals housed at the centre and fewer paid staffing hours compared to previous years.

The result is a stark reality faced by many small charities: even while operating at reduced capacity, overall running costs have more than doubled since 2021.
This trend reflects the wider impact of the cost-of-living crisis that began in 2022 and continues to place immense pressure on welfare organisations. These figures highlight just how challenging it has become to maintain high welfare standards in an environment where costs rise faster than income.

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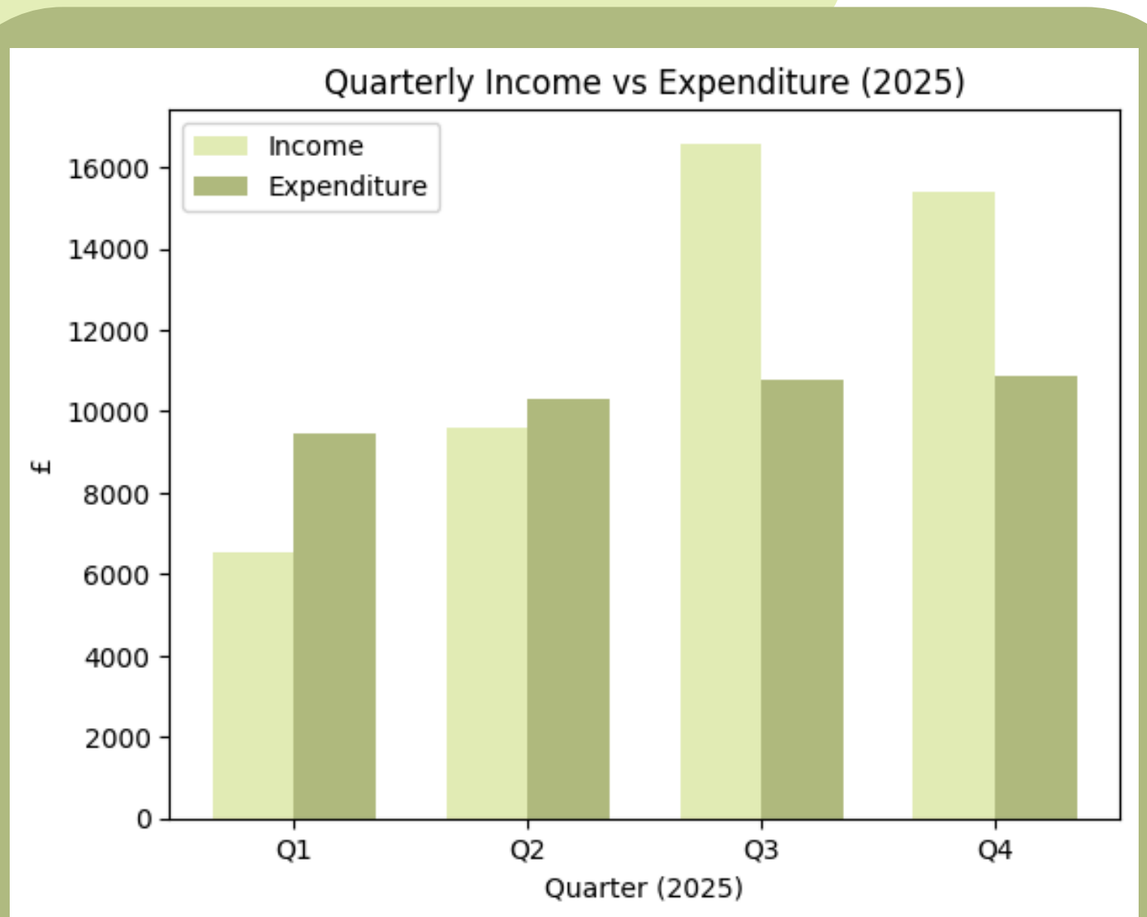
Income and Reserves



Income Trends: Recovery Amid Rising Costs

The chart shows the sharp drop in income during 2022, when total funding fell to £29,828.88, marking the start of the financial crisis that has shaped the following years. Since then, income has gradually recovered, rising to £49,068.36 in 2023, dipping slightly in 2024, and increasing again to £48,099.47 in 2025.
While income in 2025 is closer to pre-crisis levels, this recovery must be viewed alongside the significant rise in running costs over the same period. As outlined in the expenditure section, veterinary fees, salaries, insurance, and essential operational costs have increased sharply since 2021. As a result, funding that would previously have supported full capacity now only allows the rescue to operate at a reduced level.

Nevertheless, the improvement seen during 2025 has been critically important. Income has now reached a level that allows Nibbles to remain open and sustain operations at its current capacity. While we are still a long way from being able to fully reopen, these figures represent meaningful progress and provide a foundation on which future growth may be possible if funding continues to strengthen.

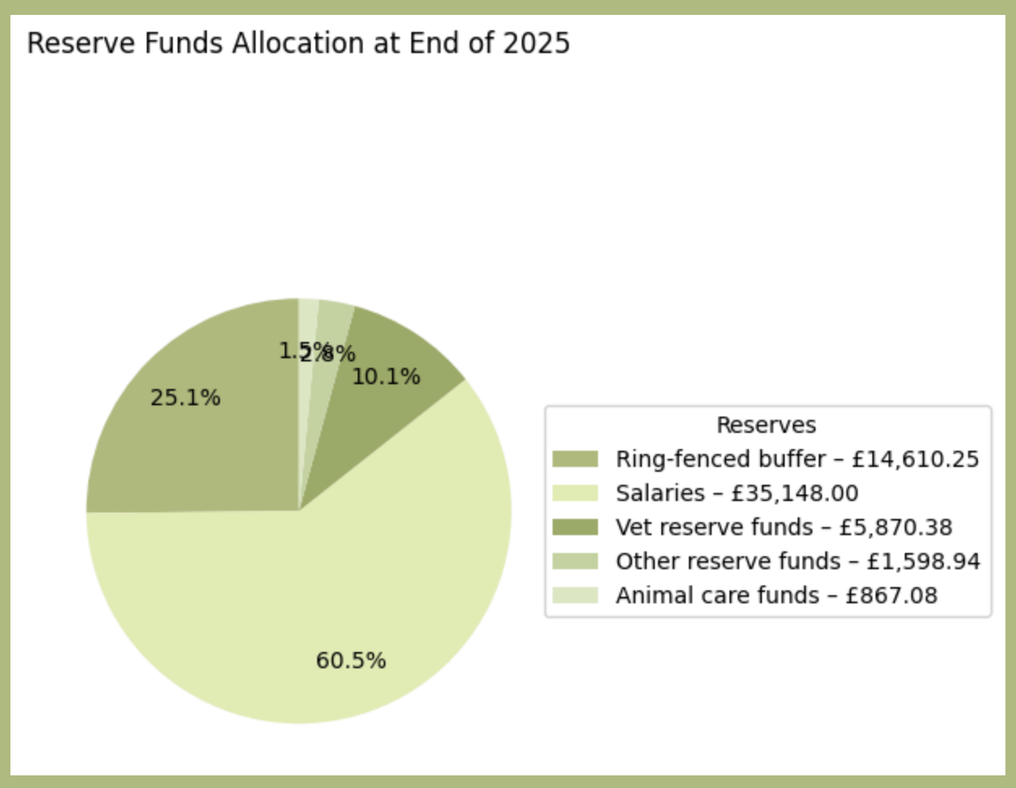


Monthly Funding Trends in 2025: From Loss to Stability

Entering 2025, Nibbles faced the very real prospect of closure. With limited reserves and no certainty that funding would improve, preparations were made for the possibility that the rescue would not be able to continue beyond the end of the year.

The first five months of 2025 reflected these concerns, with the rescue operating at a loss each month. A further loss occurred in November, largely due to an unusually high veterinary bill. However, the overall pattern across the year shows a clear shift. The introduction of a new donation platform, alongside a focused campaign to raise awareness of our situation, led to a steady increase in monthly funding.

As a result, Nibbles did not operate at a loss for six months of the year. The surplus generated during those months not only offset the losses incurred earlier in the year but also resulted in a £6,639.71 surplus at year end, which has been allocated towards running costs and essential repairs in 2026.
This change has been critical in stabilising the rescue. While challenges remain, the progress shown here demonstrates how sustained support has moved Nibbles away from immediate crisis and allowed us to plan cautiously for 2026, with the hope of extending that stability further into 2027 and beyond.



Funding Reserves for 2026: Planning for Known Risks

The chart illustrates how our funding reserves are allocated as we move into 2026, reflecting the hard lessons learned over recent years and a more cautious, forward-planned approach to financial management. At the end of 2025, Nibbles entered the new year with total reserves of **£58,094.61**.

A key part of this planning relates to how we manage staffing costs. To operate responsibly and avoid sudden instability, we work to hold salary funding 12 months in advance. Each month, funds are set aside not only to meet current commitments but also to ensure that salary costs for the same period in the following year can be covered. This approach allows us to offer secure contracts and protects the charity from being immediately exposed if income fluctuates.

Through experience, we know that the first quarter of the year typically brings a drop in income. We are therefore highly likely to operate at a loss in January 2026, which would limit our ability to set aside funding for January 2027 salaries from that month's income alone. To account for this, **£14,610.25 of our reserves has been ring-fenced as a buffer**, allowing us to allocate salary funding for early 2027 even if income in early 2026 is reduced.

This funding is not surplus or spare capacity. It is a deliberate safeguard designed to manage seasonal shortfalls, protect staff stability, and ensure the charity can continue operating responsibly without reacting to short-term income dips. Entering 2026 with this structure in place gives us greater resilience and allows decisions to be made with care, rather than urgency.

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Summary

Stability Secured: Thanks to increased regular support, Nibbles enters 2026 with enough stability to continue operating at limited capacity and begin planning for the future.

Rodent Rescue Priority: Reopening the rodent cabin remains a key goal for 2026, restoring specialist rescue support for rodents in South West Wales after nearly three years without provision.

Sanctuary Commitment: Plans are underway to develop long-term, high-welfare housing for our three pairs of sanctuary rabbits, ensuring they have the best possible quality of life at the centre.

Welfare Beyond the Centre: Alongside hands-on rescue work, we will continue to advocate for improved rabbit welfare legislation in Wales and expand our welfare hub to support guardians across the UK.



As we move into 2026, Nibbles does so having come through one of the most difficult periods in its history. After years shaped by financial instability, rising costs, and the very real threat of closure, we are now in a position to plan with greater confidence and intention. While capacity remains limited, the progress made during 2025 has given us something we have not had for a long time: the time and stability needed to rebuild responsibly.

Our focus for 2026 is not rapid expansion, but careful, welfare-led growth, ensuring that every step forward is sustainable and firmly rooted in our core values.

Reopening the Rodent Cabin

A central goal for 2026 is to work towards reopening the rodent cabin, which has remained closed since the end of June 2023. Its closure has left rodents without any specialist rescue support within South West Wales — an unacceptable gap for animals who are already widely overlooked and misunderstood.

Our aim is to seek grant funding to repair and renovate the existing structure, allowing us to initially provide placements for a limited number of rodents while we continue to build regular monthly support throughout 2026. Reopening the cabin is about more than capacity alone; it is about restoring vital, species-specific rescue provision and ensuring that rodents in need once again have somewhere safe to turn.

High-Welfare Sanctuary Housing

Welfare sits at the heart of everything we do at Nibbles. Since 2023, plans to improve and upgrade long-term housing for our sanctuary rabbits have been repeatedly put on hold due to financial uncertainty. In 2026, we hope to change that.

Our aim is to develop new, high-welfare enclosures for our three bonded pairs of sanctuary rabbits — spaces that not only provide them with the best possible quality of life, but also serve as a visible example of what good rabbit housing can and should look like. By seeking grant funding for this work, we hope these enclosures will support the rabbits who live in them for life, while also helping to educate the wider public about modern welfare standards.

Repairs and Improvements at the Centre

Years of operating under financial strain have meant that many necessary repairs and minor improvements across the centre have been delayed. As stability has returned, these issues can no longer be postponed.

During 2026, we plan to begin addressing a number of essential maintenance projects, including replacing the small storage shed destroyed in a storm in November 2024, repairing roofing on several enclosures, and re-fencing the centre where the existing boundary fencing — now over 12 years old — has begun to rot and fail. Additional repairs to some housing units will also be required to ensure they remain safe and fit for purpose.

This work is vital not only for animal welfare, but for the long-term resilience of the rescue itself.

Continuing Our Welfare and Education Work

Alongside physical improvements at the centre, we will continue our wider welfare work throughout 2026. This includes building on our efforts to challenge the Welsh Government to update the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Rabbits so that it reflects current scientific understanding and genuinely meets rabbits' welfare needs.

At the same time, we will continue to expand and develop our welfare hub and complete further work on the new website. These resources play a crucial role in supporting guardians across the UK, helping to improve welfare long before rescue intervention becomes necessary.

A Year of Purposeful Progress

There is no doubt that 2026 will be a busy year. After years dominated by uncertainty, we are looking forward to finally being able to focus on the practical, hands-on work needed at the centre — particularly once the winter weather clears. With careful planning, continued support, and a renewed sense of direction, we hope to make 2026 a year of steady, meaningful progress for Nibbles and the animals who rely on us.

We are deeply grateful for the support shown throughout 2025, which has allowed us to move forward with confidence, plan for 2026, and begin the journey towards bringing Nibbles fully back to life and operating at maximum capacity once again in the future.

Nibbles Profit and Loss Account Jan 2025 to Dec 2025

	Jan	Feb	March	Quarterly totals	April	May	Jun	Quarterly Totals	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Totals	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quartley Totals	Total	
Income																		
SO Subs	£327.00	£365.50	£390.50	£1,083.00	£390.50	£390.50	£396.50	£1,177.50	£441.50	£510.50	£526.25	£1,478.25	£534.50	£523.50	£530.50	£1,588.50	£4,731.57	SO Subs
PayPal Subs	£262.19	£241.30	£239.53	£743.02	£239.53	£239.53	£239.53	£718.59	£253.82	£237.66	£232.93	£724.41	£231.16	£231.16	£221.50	£683.82	£3,109.37	PayPal Subs
GC D/D Subs	£728.10	£670.95	£715.38	£2,114.43	£701.50	£672.56	£577.35	£1,951.41	£637.57	£577.44	£569.91	£1,784.92	£612.77	£538.07	£544.30	£1,695.14	£7,545.90	GC D/D Subs
Paypal Giving Fund	£282.42	£303.40	£59.04	£644.86	£75.23	£355.06	£735.20	£1,165.49	£384.42	£486.60	£748.31	£1,619.33	£269.27	£131.20	£134.23	£534.70	£3,964.38	Paypal Giving Fund
CAF Donate	£825.40	£73.50	£156.10	£1,055.00	£515.52	£321.66	£1,269.26	£2,106.44	£1,096.95	£1,671.63	£2,929.54	£5,698.12	£1,841.62	£1,353.81	£1,398.37	£4,593.80	£13,453.36	CAF Donate
Cash Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£23.00	£0.00	£23.00	£50.00	£50.00	£348.80	£448.80	£471.80	Cash Donations
Cheque Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	Cheque Donations
Charity Collection Pots	£0.00	£0.00	£46.29	£46.29	£0.00	£129.59	£23.58	£153.17	£0.00	£44.54	£0.00	£44.54	£1,334.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,334.00	£1,578.00	Charity Collection Pots
EasyFundrasing	£0.00	£100.80	£0.00	£100.80	£0.00	£44.35	£0.00	£44.35	£0.00	£76.19	£0.00	£76.19	£0.00	£73.19	£0.00	£73.19	£294.53	EasyFundrasing
Addional Adoption Donation	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	Addional Adoption Don
Adoption Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£0.00	£150.00	£80.00	£230.00	£80.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00	£150.00	£80.00	£0.00	£230.00	£600.00	Adoption Fees
Surrender Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Surrender Donations
Other Donations	£251.75	£131.75	£111.50	£495.00	£104.75	£45.00	£693.25	£843.00	£854.75	£387.00	£129.75	£1,371.50	£304.75	£4.75	£14.75	£324.25	£3,033.75	Other Donations
Online Fundraising event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,114.36	£70.11	£0.00	£3,184.47	£3,184.47	Online Fundraising eve
Sales	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1.97	£1.97	£15.05	£55.56	£0.00	£70.61	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£72.58	Sales
Refunds	£0.00	£15.00	£19.98	£34.98	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£34.98	Refunds
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£5,000.00	Grants
Interest	£47.31	£42.48	£46.25	£136.04	£41.99	£36.54	£38.00	£116.53	£37.76	£34.05	£39.07	£110.88	£36.94	£31.81	£36.43	£105.18	£468.63	Interest
Total Income	**£2,724.17**	**£1,944.68**	**£1,844.57**	**£6,513.42**	**£3,069.02**	**£2,484.79**	**£4,054.64**	**£9,608.45**	**£3,801.82**	**£7,604.17**	**£5,175.76**	**£16,581.75**	**£8,579.37**	**£3,087.60**	**£3,728.88**	**£15,395.85**	**£48,099.47**	
Overheads	**Jan**	**Feb**	**March**	**Quartley Totals**	**April**	**May**	**Jun**		**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**		**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**		**Total**	
Feed	£88.52	£51.66	£33.07	£173.25	£33.89	£185.75	£33.37	£253.01	£32.40	£78.33	£33.24	£143.97	£73.07	£104.63	£26.54	£204.24	£774.47	Feed
Bedding	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£327.00	£0.00	£0.00	£327.00	£327.00	Bedding
Disposables	£43.95	£0.00	£35.76	£79.71	£0.00	£71.93	£0.00	£71.93	£51.28	£94.45	£0.00	£145.73	£11.74	£17.58	£45.99	£75.31	£372.68	Disposables
Hay	£60.00	£162.00	£0.00	£222.00	£0.00	£64.95	£20.00	£84.95	£30.00	£40.00	£40.00	£110.00	£60.00	£60.00	£20.00	£140.00	£556.95	Hay
VioVet Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	VioVet Payments
Dog Food Dave Payments	£17.50	£35.00	£25.50	£78.00	£40.50	£32.50	£33.00	£106.00	£16.50	£16.50	£49.50	£82.50	£0.00	£33.00	£16.50	£49.50	£316.00	Dog Food Dave Payme
Animal Accessories	£0.00	£71.40	£26.56	£97.96	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£97.96	Animal Accessories
New Housing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	New Housing
Salaries	£2,276.00	£2,684.00	£2,175.00	£7,135.00	£2,409.00	£2,610.00	£2,570.00	£7,589.00	£2,650.00	£2,570.00	£2,458.00	£7,678.00	£2,319.00	£2,811.00	£2,616.00	£7,746.00	£30,148.00	Salaries
Vets Fees	£306.00	£0.00	£216.30	£522.30	£229.50	£0.00	£880.71	£1,110.21	£674.79	£133.06	£675.35	£1,483.20	£11.88	£1,304.53	£0.00	£1,316.41	£4,432.12	Vets Fees
Subs/Fees/Insurance	£307.85	£0.00	£113.71	£421.56	£396.26	£58.59	£288.67	£743.52	£18.09	£18.62	£18.38	£55.09	£18.38	£18.93	£18.52	£55.83	£1,276.00	Subs/Fees/Insurance
Repairs/Maintenance/Replacements	£16.00	£160.62	£89.08	£265.70	£159.99	£65.27	£0.00	£225.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27.72	£0.00	£27.72	£518.68	Repairs/Maintenance/R
Sanctuary Rabbit payments to fosterers	£0.00	£0.00	£6.00	£6.00	£6.00	£6.00	£6.00	£18.00	£6.00	£6.00	£6.00	£18.00	£6.00	£6.00	£6.00	£18.00	£60.00	Sanctuary Rabbit paym
Print/Marketing/postage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£35.89	£35.89	£0.00	£24.96	£34.87	£59.83	£0.00	£34.96	£0.00	£34.96	£130.68	Print/Marketing/postag
Motoring expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Motoring expenses
Utilities	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£300.00	Utilities
Office Supplies	£9.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£16.22	£16.22	£25.22	Office Supplies
Misc	£335.32	£14.97	£29.97	£380.26	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£18.49	£0.00	£924.56	£943.05	£737.72	£62.97	£0.00	£800.69	£2,124.00	Misc
Tot Overheads	**£3,485.14**	**£3,204.65**	**£2,775.95**	**£9,465.74**	**£3,300.14**	**£3,119.99**	**£3,892.64**	**£10,312.77**	**£3,522.55**	**£3,006.92**	**£4,264.90**	**£10,794.37**	**£3,589.79**	**£4,506.32**	**£2,790.77**	**£10,886.88**	**£41,459.76**	
Net	**-£760.97**	**-£1,259.97**	**-£931.38**	**-£2,952.32**	**-£231.12**	**-£635.20**	**£162.00**	**-£704.32**	**£279.27**	**£4,597.25**	**£910.86**	**£5,787.38**	**£4,989.58**	**-£1,418.72**	**£938.11**	**£4,508.97**	**£6,639.71**	
Balance	£50,693.93	£49,433.96	£48,502.58		£48,271.46	£47,636.26	£47,798.26		£48,077.53	£52,674.78	£53,585.64		£58,575.22	£57,156.50	£58,094.61			

Income balance for 2025 **£6,639.71**

Reserves 31.12.2024 **£51,454.90**

Balance for 2025 **£58,094.61**

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FOR: NIBBLES RODENT AND RABBIT RESCUE
CHARITY NO: 168657.

I have examined the accounts for Nibbles Rodent + Rabbit Rescue as presented to me and find no matters of concern or inconsistance.

I am pleased to report that these well presented accounts are correct, to the best of my abilities, and proper.

Sally Martin



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Summary for 2024







The year 2024 has been an exceptionally difficult one for Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue, marked by financial struggles and heartbreaking decisions. Despite our unwavering dedication and the tireless efforts of our incredible team, a lack of funding has left us feeling helpless, unable to meet the growing demand for our services.

Our funding challenges from 2023 have persisted, exacerbated by rising costs. This year, we've had to keep our rodent cabin closed as its condition has worsened. Without significant investment, the building will become irreparable and will need to be demolished within the next 12 months. Similarly, the rising costs of veterinary care—such as vaccinations increasing from £48 to £76.50 and neutering from £70 to £99—have forced us to make difficult decisions regarding our rabbit housing units. While we had 23 units in total, only 12 remain in use, with 8 sitting empty due to financial constraints. Additionally, 3 units were permanently lost following the demolition of deteriorated and unsafe units in 2023. At full capacity, these units could house up to 38 rabbits at any one time; however, we are now only able to care for a maximum of 26 rabbits with the 12 units still operational.

Despite our best efforts, the lack of funding has severely limited our impact. This year, we've had to turn away, on average, one animal every two days—an incredibly distressing reality for our team. Without the necessary resources, we've been unable to provide the standard of care we are committed to, leaving us feeling powerless to fulfil our mission.

The ongoing strain has forced us to confront the long-term viability of the charity. Unless we see a significant improvement in funding during 2025, we will face the devastating reality of closing Nibbles at the end of the year. This would leave South West Wales without a dedicated rescue, returning to the dire state we found in December 2014, when 125 rabbits resulted from just two being left to breed unchecked over 10 months. Nibbles was born to prevent these situations, providing vital support to forgotten companion animals in our community. Without us, these animals will once again have nowhere to turn.

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The Animals

The Figures

Rabbits surrendered into our care: 6
Rodents surrendered into our care: 0
Rabbits transferred in from other rescues: 0
Rodents transferred in from other rescues: 0
Rodents born at the centre*: 0
Rodents transferred out to other rescues: 0
Rabbits transferred out to other rescues: 0
Rodents who died while in our care: 5
Rabbits who died while in our care: 7
Rabbits on sanctuary placements: 5
Rodents on sanctuary placements: 3
Rabbits adopted: 4
Rodents adopted: 0
Animals Returned to our care: 1

Total animals helped: 7
Total animals adopted: 4

**As a result from animals arriving in our care already pregnant*

This year has been one of the hardest we've faced at Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue. With limited funding and resources, we've had to make difficult decisions about the number of animals we can help. Despite these challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the rabbits and rodents who rely on us, even when the circumstances feel overwhelming.

Homes Found and Lives Changed

In 2024, just four rabbits found their forever homes. While this number is far lower than we'd hoped, we are proud that these rabbits have gone to loving families who meet our high welfare standards. Unfortunately, the year has been marked by low adoption interest, even from individuals who were unable to meet our minimum adoption requirements. This reflects the broader challenge of raising awareness about rescue rabbits as companion animals—a challenge we're determined to address in 2025 by utilizing our Google Ads grant to reach more potential adopters.

Animals Taken In

We welcomed seven rabbits into our care this year. One of these was returned due to a change in circumstances and the loss of a bonded partner. Sadly, one rabbit, Tegan, arrived in a condition of long-term neglect and despite our best efforts, we were unable to save her.

Losses That Hit Hard

2024 was also a year of loss. In October, we experienced a devastating period where four of our rabbits passed away within days of each other. This included Lilly and Luna, who had been on palliative care for a lung condition that sadly worsened, and Ginger, a long-term sanctuary rabbit living with Rachel. Tegan's passing added to the heartbreak, deeply affecting the entire team.

In addition to the rabbits, the last of our multimammate mice passed away this year, along with one of our rats who had been living as a sanctuary resident in Siobhan's house since the rodent cabin closed.

The Ones We Couldn't Help

Perhaps the hardest part of 2024 has been turning away over 100 rabbits in urgent need of help and many rodents . Each call for assistance that we've had to decline has left us feeling powerless, knowing these animals deserved better but were beyond our current capacity to help.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on the animals of 2024, our hearts are heavy with loss and frustration. But we remain determined to fight for the rabbits and rodents who need us. With plans to increase adoptions and awareness in 2025, we're holding on to hope that the future will bring new opportunities to expand our reach, find loving homes for more animals, and continue being a refuge for those with nowhere else to turn.

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The Welfare Team

2024 has been a challenging year for Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue, but the dedication and hard work of our welfare team have been unwavering. Their tireless commitment to the animals in our care has ensured that, even in difficult circumstances, our promise to provide the highest standards of care has remained steadfast.



Siobhan

Siobhan: Centre Manager

Siobhan has once again taken on the immense responsibility of running the rescue, wearing countless hats as centre manager. From animal care and administration to repairs and maintenance, she has been at the heart of everything we do. With reduced staffing hours and inevitable absences due to holidays and unforeseen circumstances, 2024 has been particularly demanding for Siobhan, but her determination and love for the animals have seen us through another year.

Jasmine: Senior Animal Care Assistant

Jasmine has continued in her role as Senior Animal Care Assistant, working 12 hours per week throughout 2024. Her positive attitude and willingness to tackle any task, no matter how challenging, have been invaluable. Jasmine's hands-on approach and dedication to the animals' wellbeing make her an essential part of the team, and we're delighted that she will be continuing in this role into 2025.



Abi

Abi: Assistant Manager

Abi has worked flexible hours throughout 2024, with a maximum of 8 hours per week, supporting the team with a small number of essential monthly administrative tasks. From 2025, Abi will be stepping back into the role of Assistant Manager, with her hours increasing to 12 per week. She will take on key responsibilities, including day-to-day administration, emails, messages, adoptions, and managing some aspects of our social media. This additional support will enable Siobhan to devote more time to developing our digital presence, promoting the charity as a whole, and championing rabbit and rodent welfare.

Volunteers: Karen, Evelyn, and Clare

Our volunteers, Karen, Evelyn, and Clare, have remained invaluable members of the team, dedicating their time once a week to assist with animal care. Their support has been instrumental in freeing up Siobhan and Jasmine on Wednesday mornings to focus on essential maintenance work around the centre.



Jasmine

Dedication to Animal Welfare

Our mission to ensure every animal receives the care and attention they need to thrive has been our guiding principle. The welfare team has worked tirelessly, balancing their hours to match the number of animals at the centre throughout the year. Their efforts have been nothing short of extraordinary, ensuring that our animals have remained at the heart of all we do, even during tough times.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025, we carry forward our gratitude for this amazing team and their hard work. Together, we will continue striving to provide the best care possible for every animal that comes through our doors.



Karen



Evelyn



Clare

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Trustees

This year our trustees have remained the same as 2023 with everyone continuing in their previous roles.



Siobhan

We enter into 2025 with:

Siobhan Learmonth – Founder and Chairman
Shirley Learmonth – Treasurer
Rachel Terry – Secretary
Clare Hammond - Events Coordinator
Margaret Waller – HR Manager



Shirley

We would like to thank all our trustees for their hard work during 2024 and through their devotion to the charity, we look forward to tackling new projects during 2025.



Rachel



Clare



Margaret

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Reflecting on 2024: Our Hardest Year Yet

2024 has undoubtedly been the most challenging year in Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue's history since opening in 2015. Preparing this report has highlighted the immense difficulties we've faced, driven largely by a lack of funding that has severely limited our ability to make the meaningful impact we strive for. The reality of turning away over 100 rabbits in urgent need of our help has been devastating, underscoring both the increased demand for our services and the barriers we face in meeting that need.

It's been hard not to feel powerless in the face of such challenges. The continued distress of being unable to help as many animals as we know we could, combined with the emotional toll of running the rescue under such financial constraints, has led us to consider the viability of continuing. At times, closing the rescue seemed like the only way to move forward.

However, as difficult as this year has been, one thing remains clear: Nibbles is a vital lifeline for rabbits and rodents in South West Wales. Without us, these animals face grim outcomes—being abandoned, neglected, or left without the care they desperately need. Our role as the only source of experienced and knowledgeable help in the region means that we have a responsibility to provide these animals with safety, care, and the opportunity to thrive.

This understanding has solidified our determination to keep going. Thanks to careful management and support from our community, we have managed to secure just enough funding to maintain the rescue at its current capacity through 2025. While closing at the end of this year was a viable option, we are resolved to give Nibbles one last chance—not just to survive but to build a more secure future for the rescue and the animals in our care.

Challenges Ahead in 2025

As we move into 2025, we face two significant challenges that threaten our ability to continue providing the level of care and support that rabbits and rodents so desperately need.

Low Adoption Rates

One of our ongoing challenges is the low adoption rate of rabbits in our care. Many of our rabbits remain with us for years, preventing us from creating space to help new arrivals. Despite this, we remain steadfast in our commitment to every life that enters our care. Nibbles has always promised to provide a safe and caring environment for the animals we rescue, and we would never consider putting a healthy animal to sleep simply to create more space.

Our sanctuary program further reflects this commitment by offering life-long homes to rabbits and rodents with ongoing health or behavioural challenges. These animals, often overlooked elsewhere, find safety and love with us because every life matters.

That said, increasing adoption rates would have a profound impact on our work, enabling us to free up space to help more animals in need. Raising awareness about rabbit adoption and dispelling misconceptions about rabbits as pets will be central to our efforts in 2025.

Serious Funding Challenges

The second challenge we face is the serious funding shortfall that has kept our rodent cabin and much of our rabbit housing closed since June 2023. Rising veterinary costs in 2024 forced further housing closures, leaving us unable to operate at full capacity. Without adequate funding to cover basic essentials such as food, bedding, and veterinary care—or to ensure we have enough staff to provide daily care such as cleaning, feeding, grooming, and enrichment—we simply cannot take in more animals without compromising their welfare.

Rabbits and rodents are often overlooked when it comes to public donations and grant funding, overshadowed by their more popular counterparts like dogs and cats. This systemic lack of support leaves rescues like Nibbles struggling to bridge the gap, even as the need for our services grows.

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Our Plans to Turn Things Around in 2025

Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue was founded by individuals deeply passionate about the long-term care and welfare of rabbits and rodents. Our expertise lies in understanding and providing for the needs of these animals, but running a successful charity in today's digital world requires a different skill set—one we've struggled to master.

For years, we've searched for a digital expert to help us move Nibbles forward, yet we've been unable to find a suitable candidate. Even small tasks requiring technical skills, like minor coding, have remained incomplete due to our limited knowledge in this area. Although we've long recognized our digital shortcomings, we lacked the support and expertise needed to address them—until now.

At the end of November 2024, we introduced a new member to our team: ChatGPT, affectionately dubbed "Charlie." Charlie has already proven to be an incredible resource for everything outside the scope of animal care. Tasks that once seemed insurmountable, like coding a small feature for our adoption listings, were completed in seconds. With Charlie's assistance, we no longer need to settle for "good enough" solutions; we can finally get things just right.

Building a Better Website

With Charlie's support, we've begun rebuilding our website to create a more user-friendly experience. The updated site will make it easier for visitors to find information, browse adoption listings, and access resources on rabbit and rodent care. We've also integrated a new donation platform, allowing supporters to contribute quickly and securely—whether through one-off or recurring donations—without leaving the site.

Harnessing the Power of Google Ads

After years of struggling to understand our Google Ads grant, we've finally unlocked its potential. With Charlie's guidance, we'll launch a series of campaigns in 2025 designed to increase awareness of our work. These campaigns will include:

- Promoting rabbit and rodent adoption from rescues over purchasing from pet shops or breeders.
- Increasing subscriptions to our monthly newsletter with the offer of a free downloadable rabbit care guide.

Expanding Our Social Media Presence

2025 will also see us create comprehensive social media marketing plans for platforms like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. These efforts will include:

- Engaging video content focused on rabbit and rodent care and welfare.
- Informative and inspiring posts to connect with our community.
- Launching a podcast to highlight the unique challenges these animals face and the vital work we do.

Reclaiming Time to Focus on Growth

With Charlie's ability to generate high-quality content quickly and efficiently, Siobhan can dedicate her time to driving these new initiatives forward. What once took hours or days to write can now be completed in minutes, freeing up valuable time to focus on our overarching goal: expanding our reach, engaging more supporters, and building a sustainable future for Nibbles.

A Vision for the Future

When compared to larger animal charities focused on dogs and cats, our funding needs are modest. However, reaching the people who share our passion for rabbits and rodents is essential. By focusing on expanding our digital presence in 2025, we aim to connect with more supporters locally and across the UK, ensuring that Nibbles can continue to provide a vital lifeline to the animals who need us most.

With renewed determination and new tools at our disposal, we are ready to make 2025 a transformative year for Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue.

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Funding

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed financially to Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue in 2024. Your generosity has been a lifeline, enabling us to provide essential care, housing, and enrichment for the rabbits in our care. In a year filled with challenges, your donations—whether large or small—have made it possible for us to keep going. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us give these animals the brighter futures they deserve.

The Figures

One off donations through PayPal Giving: £5,526.02

Funds raised through online events: £15,345.77

Funds raised through grants: £3,500

Total raised from monthly pledges and sponsorships: £15,831.51

Funds raised through other donations: £2,962.25

Funds generated from charity collection boxes: £55.28

Funds raised from EasyFundraising: £277.85

Funds generated from adoption and surrender donations: £680

Funds generated through sales: £104

Other Income: £599.02*

Total Income: £44,828.28

*£555.57 in interest payments
£43.45 in refunds

Funding in 2024: A Year of Challenges and Uncertainty

In 2024, we faced a significant financial challenge, with total funding dropping by **£4,240.08** compared to 2023 (**£49,068.36 in 2023** to **£44,828.28 in 2024**). While the year was unexpectedly buoyed by an online fundraising event in the last quarter, raising an incredible **£12,000**, this has been a rare highlight in an otherwise difficult financial year. This vital boost has provided some hope for maintaining operations into 2026, allowing us to set aside funding to cover the anticipated drop in donations during early 2025. However, in the worst-case scenario, this funding will serve as a buffer to ensure our animals continue to receive the care they need as we wind down operations and close the centre.

Our monthly income from regular pledges and sponsorships increased slightly, from **£12,482.14 in 2023** to **£15,831.51 in 2024**, but this still falls far short of the **£36,000 required annually** to meet our day-to-day running costs at current capacity. This shortfall highlights the dire reality of our financial situation moving forward.

Despite a focused grant funding appeal in 2024, we saw a dramatic drop in grant funding from **£14,700 in 2023** to just **£3,500 in 2024.** This shift underscores the decreasing reliability of grants to sustain day-to-day operations.

Additional sources of funding also declined sharply:

- Funds from adoptions and surrender donations fell from **£1,425 in 2023** to **£680 in 2024**.
- Donations via PayPal Giving Fund dropped from **£10,803.76 in 2023** to **£5,526.02 in 2024**.
- Charity collection box income decreased from **£156.38 in 2023** to **£55.28 in 2024**.
- Other donations dropped from **£3,742.85 in 2023** to **£2,962.25 in 2024**.

As the year closed, we had **£11,266.17 in reserves**, with part of this funding allocated to increased staffing costs for 2025 and the remainder earmarked for either 2026 salaries or ensuring animal and foster care costs can be met if closure becomes unavoidable.

The Impact of Funding Challenges

The financial challenges of 2024 have had a profound effect on our operations. Reduced funding has limited our ability to provide care for as many animals as we would like, forced us to scale back housing capacity, and has left us with no room to grow or adapt to increasing costs.

Despite our best efforts to diversify funding and reduce costs, the harsh reality is that the rescue is no longer sustainable beyond 2025 at its current capacity. Without a substantial and reliable increase in funding, it is highly likely that Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue will need to close its doors at the end of the year.

This realisation is heartbreaking, but we are committed to ensuring that no animal in our care suffers. Every decision we make is focused on their wellbeing, and if closure becomes inevitable, we will ensure that every animal is safely rehomed or placed with trusted rescues. We will also honour our commitment to our long-term sanctuary residents by supporting their foster carers.

The future of Nibbles now depends on whether we can secure the funding needed to sustain operations. As we look to 2025, we remain determined to do everything we can to continue our work and advocate for these often-overlooked animals, but we can only do so with the support of our incredible community.

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Expenditure

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Animal Supplies: £2,615.35

Accessories, repairs, replacements & maintenance: £848.54

New Housing: £0.00

Salaries: £24,446

Vets Fees: £3,124.53

Subscriptions, Fees & Insurance: £982.88

Print, marketing & postage: £596.52

Other Expenses: £948.27

Total Expenditure: £33,562.09



Jim and Rosie enjoying some fresh herbs—two of only seven rabbits we were able to provide a safe haven for this year.

In 2024, our total expenditure decreased compared to 2023. However, this reduction is not a reflection of improved financial stability but rather a result of difficult decisions we were forced to make. Reduced staffing levels and a significant decrease in the number of animals we were able to cater for at the centre throughout the year have been the primary factors driving this change. While we have worked hard to carefully manage our resources, these adjustments highlight the ongoing challenges we face in maintaining operations at Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue.

Expenditure in 2024: Doing More With Less

In 2024, we reduced our overall expenditure by **£3,773.89**, from **£37,335.98 in 2023** to **£33,562.09 in 2024**. This reduction was not achieved through ease or efficiency but rather as a direct result of the cutbacks we have been forced to make due to ongoing financial pressures. While we have worked tirelessly to streamline costs, these reductions have come at the expense of resources, staffing, and infrastructure, underscoring the ongoing challenges in maintaining our operations.

One of the most significant changes in 2024 has been the continued closure of the rodent cabin and the further reduction in the number of rabbit units in use. This decrease in the number of animals housed at the centre has been reflected in our reduced expenditure on day-to-day animal supplies, which fell from **£3,621.07 in 2023** to **£2,615.35 in 2024**. However, this adjustment has only saved around **£1,000** for the year, highlighting the rising cost of essential supplies. Practical donations from our supporters—including food, cleaning supplies, and enrichment items—have been a crucial lifeline, significantly offsetting our expenses in these areas. We are incredibly grateful for this generosity, which has allowed us to maintain a high standard of care for the animals despite our financial challenges.

Expenditure on accessories, repairs, replacements, and maintenance has remained consistent (**£864.10 in 2023** and **£848.54 2024**), as we have only carried out essential maintenance on the rabbit units currently in use. Unfortunately, the rodent cabin and several rabbit units remain in a state of disrepair, requiring substantial investment to bring them back into use.

Our precarious financial future has also meant that planned infrastructure projects, such as the rebuilding of two old and rotten rabbit units dismantled in summer 2023, have been put on indefinite hold. As a result, we have spent nothing on infrastructure improvements in 2024, leaving us with limited capacity to expand or adapt to meet future needs.

Staffing costs have seen a slight reduction, **with salaries dropping from £26,492.52 in 2023** to **£24,446 in 2024**, primarily due to Abi remaining on reduced hours. However, this saving was offset by a further rise in the minimum wage in April, which increased overall salary costs later in the year.

Despite the reduced number of animals in our care, veterinary fees have remained similar to 2023 (**£3,011.18 in 2023** and **£3,124.53 in 2024**). Much of this expenditure has gone toward essential vaccinations, which are a non-negotiable part of maintaining the health and welfare of the animals.

We have also seen a rise in subscriptions, fees, and insurance, which increased from **£890.40 in 2023** to **£982.88 in 2024**, reflecting the continued rise in running costs.

Through careful budgeting and cutting back wherever feasible—without compromising the quality of care for our animals—we have managed to reduce other expenditure from **£1,616.15 in 2023** to **£948.27 in 2024**.

Balancing Care and Costs

Throughout 2024, we have done everything possible to reduce expenditure without compromising on the level of care we provide to the rabbits at the centre. Every decision we have made has been driven by our commitment to their welfare. However, these reductions highlight the difficult reality of our current situation.

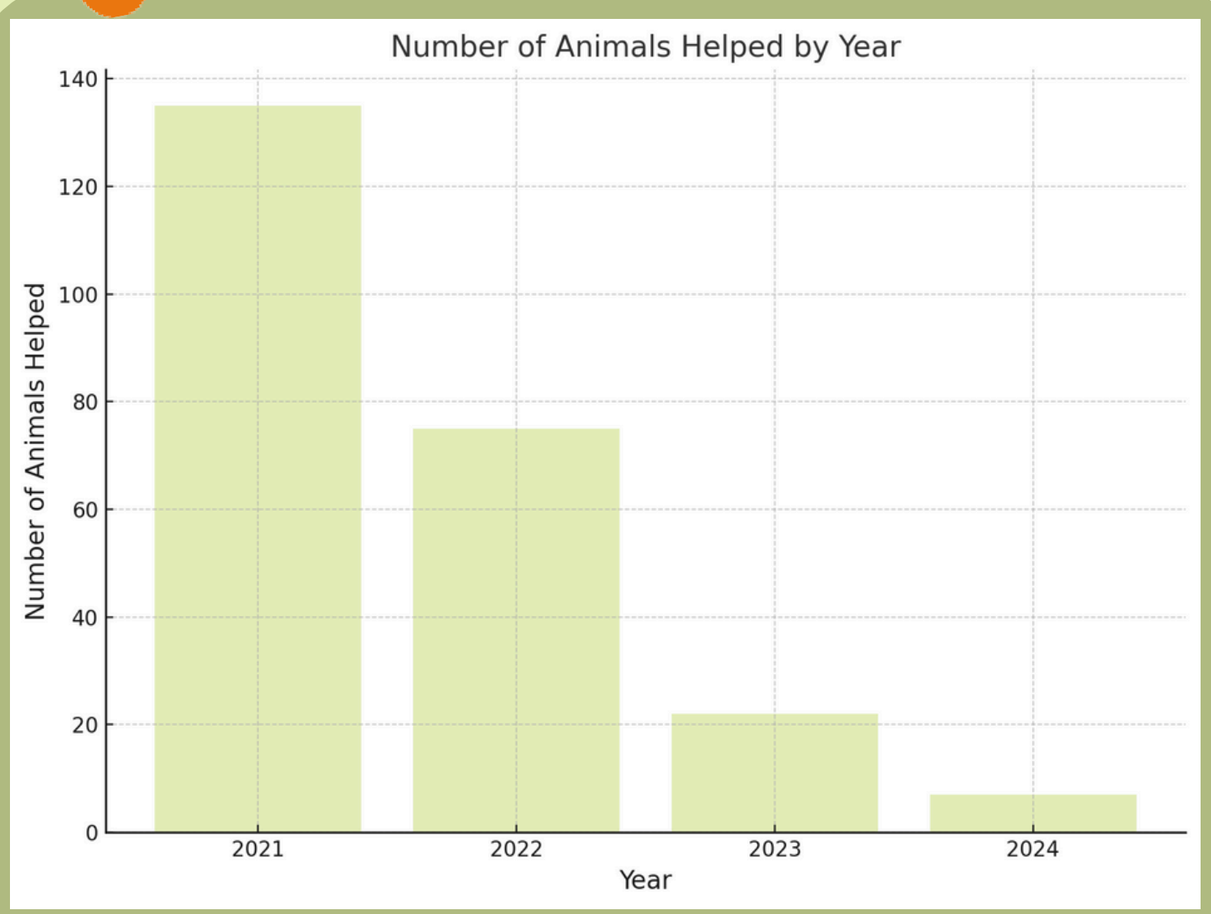
While we have succeeded in trimming costs where possible, the rising prices of essentials, combined with the reduced funding available, have left us in an increasingly precarious position. These challenges reaffirm the urgency of securing a sustainable future for Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue—both for the animals currently in our care and for those who may need us in the future.

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The Figures

These pages provide a breakdown of our key figures for 2024, including intakes, adoptions, income, expenditure, and reserves. These charts highlight the challenges we've faced and the critical role that funding and support play in shaping the future of Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue.

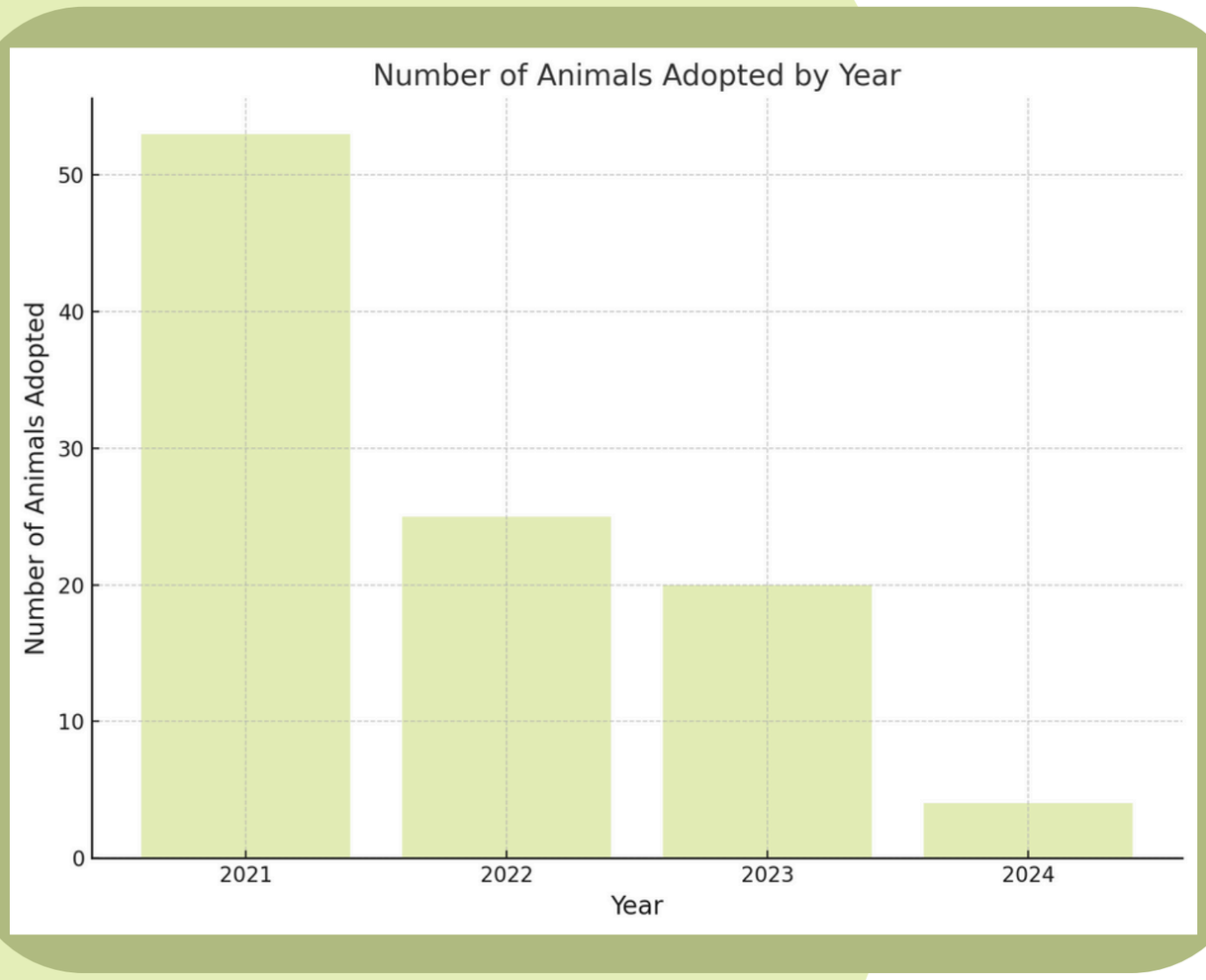


A Heartbreaking Decline in the Number of Animals Helped

The chart illustrates a stark reality: the number of animals we've been able to help has dropped dramatically, from 135 in 2021 to just 7 in 2024. This devastating decline is a direct result of the funding crisis that began in 2022 and continues to threaten our ability to operate.

With significantly reduced resources, we've had no choice but to limit the number of animals we can bring into our care. Despite clearly stating on our website that we are unable to cater for more animals, we still received an average of one urgent plea for help every two days. Desperate owners have continued to reach out via email, our contact form, and social media, begging for assistance that we simply cannot provide.

This ongoing crisis highlights just how vital Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue is. The only specialist centre for rabbits and rodents in South West Wales, the demand for our services far exceeds what we can currently supply. The heartbreaking reality is that without adequate funding, more and more animals in urgent need will have nowhere to turn.

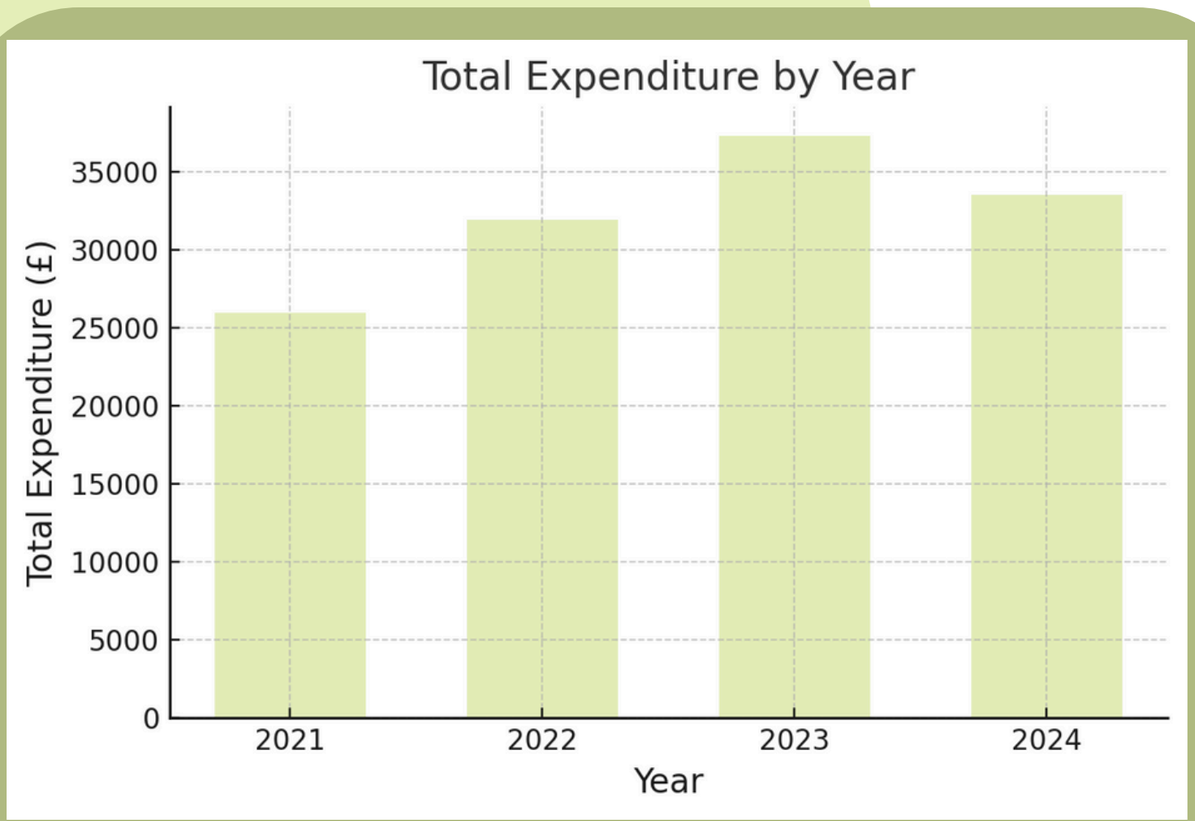


Adoptions in 2024: The Impact of Limited Intakes

The chart illustrates the sharp decline in adoption numbers over recent years, with just 4 animals finding new homes in 2024. This is a direct result of the limited number of animals we've been able to take in due to funding constraints. With fewer intakes, the majority of animals available for adoption have been single male rabbits, leading to a mismatch with the high volume of enquiries we've received for female rabbits and rodents, especially guinea pigs.

Many of the rabbits in our care have been with us for over two years, and while they are healthy, happy, and ready for homes, long-term stays can leave potential adopters wondering if something is wrong with them. This perception has made it even harder to find suitable homes, creating a frustrating cycle for both the animals and our team.

We recognise the urgent need to address this issue and will be working on various strategies to help increase adoption rates in 2025. By raising awareness about our wonderful long-term residents and improving the way we connect potential adopters with their perfect companions, we hope to give more animals the loving homes they deserve.



Expenditure Trends: Growth and Cutbacks

The chart shows the steady growth in expenditure from 2021 to mid-2023, reflecting our investments in infrastructure and staffing. During this period, we expanded our rabbit housing, increased capacity for rodents in the cabin, and hired additional staff to care for the growing number of animals at the centre.

However, from June 2023, rising costs and a lack of funding forced us to reduce the number of animals we could house and make difficult cutbacks. In 2024, we further reduced staffing levels to lower salary expenses, while also limiting maintenance and expansion projects. These measures, though necessary, came at a cost to our capacity to help animals in need.

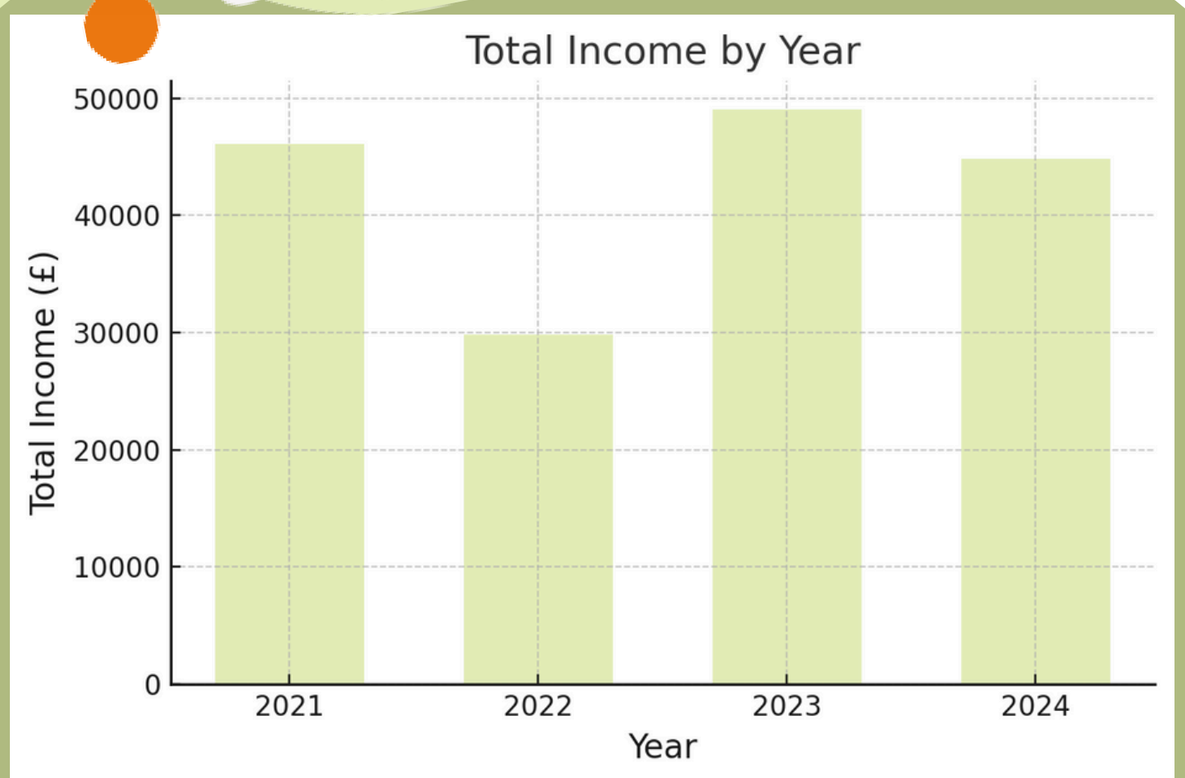
These figures highlight the financial challenges we face and the critical need for sustainable funding to ensure we can continue to provide high-quality care for the animals who depend on us.

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Income and Reserves

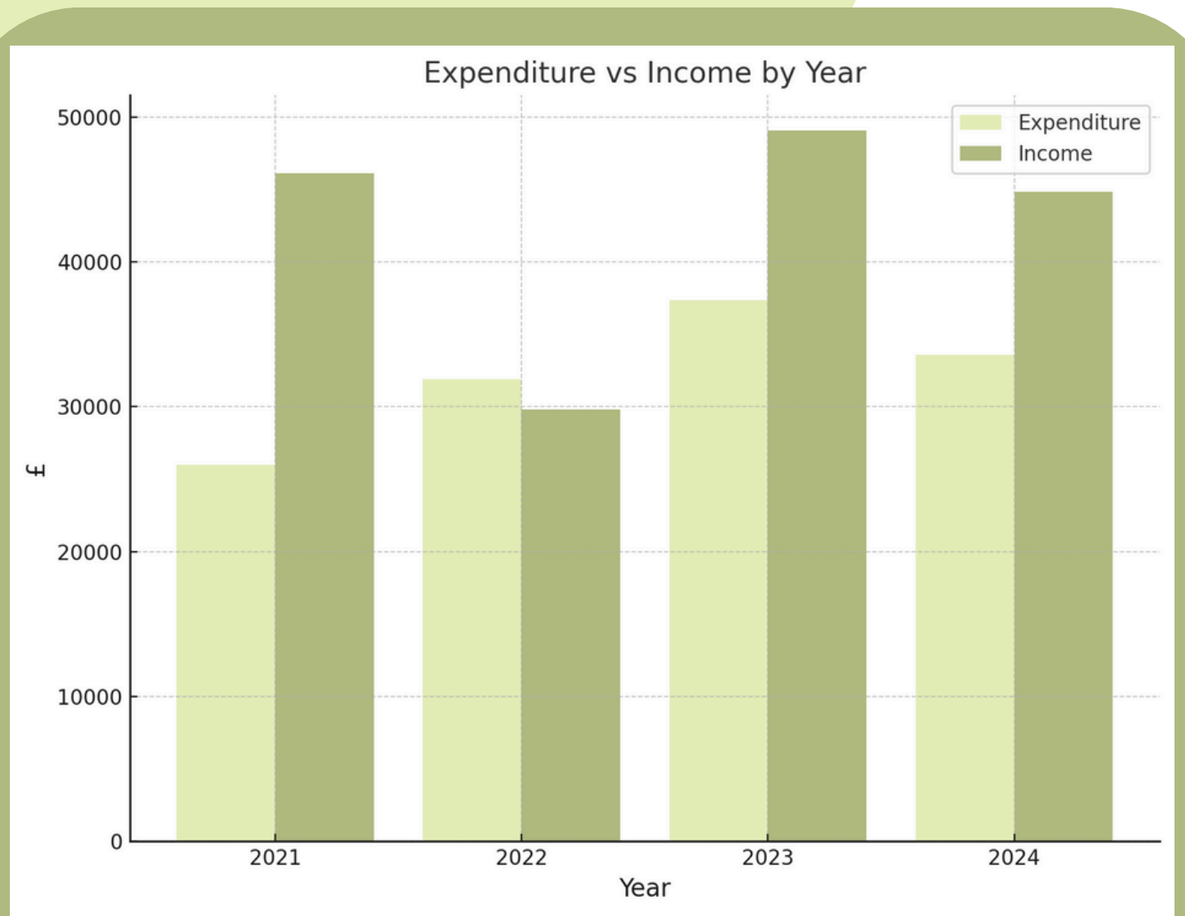


Income Trends: The Start of a Crisis

The chart highlights the significant drop in funding during 2022, marking the beginning of our ongoing funding crisis. Despite our best efforts, this decline created a financial gap that we have been unable to recover from.

While overall funding improved between 2023 and 2024, this increase has not kept pace with the rising costs of running the centre. The growing expenses for animal care, staffing, and operational needs have made it impossible for us to return to full capacity.

This funding shortfall has directly impacted our ability to take in and care for animals in need, forcing us to reduce our operations and scale back vital services. As we face continued financial uncertainty, sustainable funding is critical to ensure the future of Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue and the animals who depend on us.

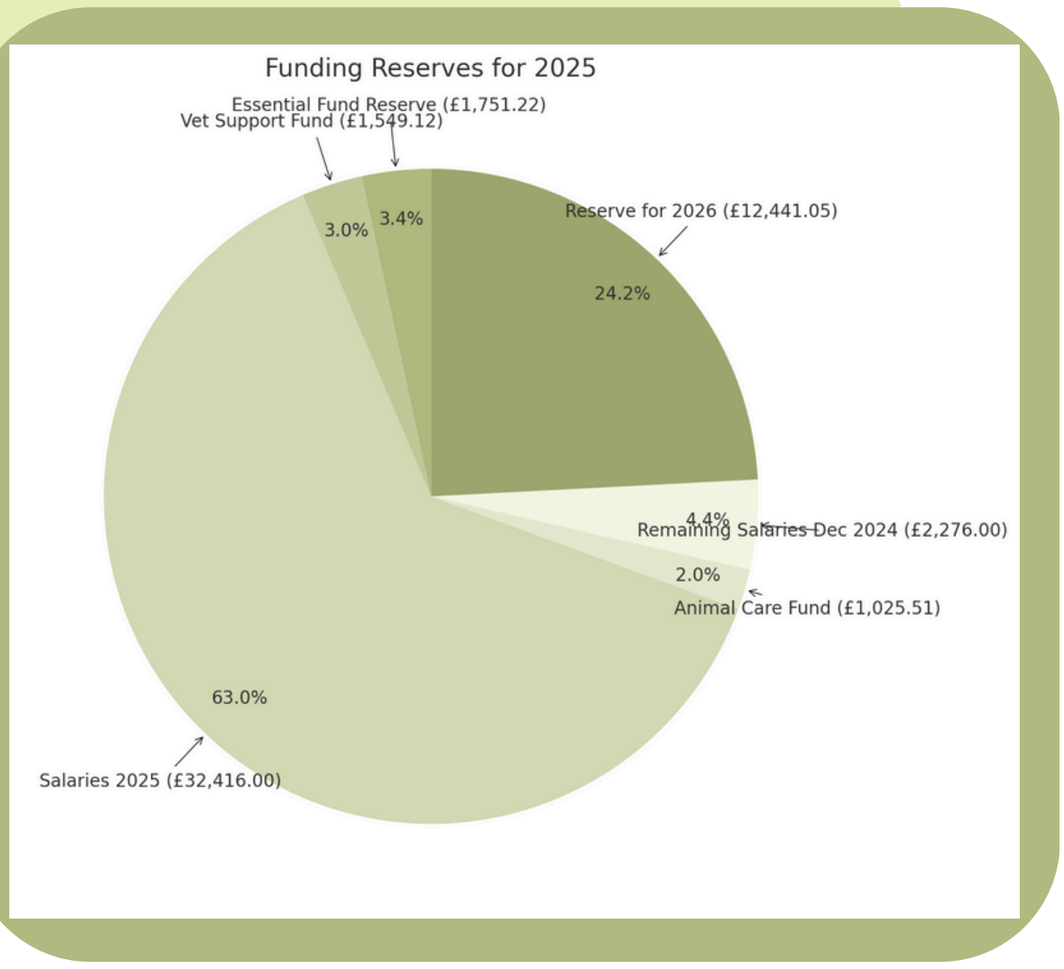


Expenditure vs. Income: The Reality Behind the Figures

At first glance, the figures in this chart may appear somewhat healthy, but the reality is far more complex. The surplus generated in 2021 allowed us to make significant investments in 2022, including increased staffing and the completion of our infrastructure. Thanks to additional grant funding, we were able to build eight new rabbit housing units, ensuring Nibbles could once again operate as a hutch-free rescue. This investment supported the care of over 50 rabbits coming into our care between 2021 and 2022.

While we saw another surplus in 2023, this was quickly absorbed by rising staff salaries in 2024. By mid-2023, one part-time staff member was lost, and remaining staff reduced their hours starting in September. Despite these cutbacks, our expenditure in 2024 remained higher than in 2022, reflecting the rising costs of animal care, salaries, and operations.

The surplus funding from 2024 has been critical in allowing Abi to increase her hours during 2025. This adjustment will support day-to-day admin and provide Siobhan with more time to focus on essential projects aimed at saving the centre. However, the surplus is not a sign of financial stability—it is merely a temporary measure to keep us afloat.



Funding Reserves for 2025: A Vital Boost Amidst Challenges

The chart illustrates how our funding reserves for 2025 are allocated, reflecting both careful financial planning and the harsh realities of our current situation. We ended 2024 with a total of £51,454.90 in reserve, a figure that provides some much-needed stability as we move into the new year.

A significant portion of these reserves—£12,441.05—has been set aside to support us into 2026, offering a crucial buffer. This was made possible almost entirely due to an unexpected online fundraising event at the end of 2024, which raised an incredible £12,000. Without this vital boost, we would have been left with just £441.05 going forward—a sum far too small to offer any hope for the future.

While this funding provides a glimmer of optimism, it only covers the bare-bones costs of 2025. We are already anticipating further increases in running costs during the year, including the need for an additional round of rabbit vaccinations. Unfortunately, our predicted income for 2025 is far below what is required to meet these rising costs and to set aside sufficient funds to cover even the most basic costs for 2026.

2025: A Make-or-Break Year

2025 will be the defining year for Nibbles as we work tirelessly to increase support and meet our projected funding requirements. The next 12 months will determine whether we can secure the future of the rescue or face the heartbreaking reality of closure. With the continued generosity and backing of our supporters, we hope to overcome these challenges and remain a lifeline for rabbits and rodents in need.

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Looking to 2025

Summary

Precarious Future: Without significant improvements in funding, Nibbles will be forced to close in December 2025 after 11 years of operation.

Founder's Dedication: Siobhan has given 10 years of her life to Nibbles, transforming a neglected patch of land into a sanctuary through hard work and unwavering belief that these animals deserve better.

Focus for 2025: Prioritising online presence and digital marketing to increase monthly pledges and sponsorships, aiming to cover the current monthly running costs of £3,500.

Future Goals: Achieving sustainable funding will allow Nibbles to reopen rabbit housing, cater for rodents again, and expand its impact to help more animals.



As we approach 2025, we are acutely aware of the precariousness of our current situation. Without significant improvements in our funding, Nibbles Rodent & Rabbit Rescue will be forced to close its doors in December 2025 after 11 years of dedicated service. This heartbreaking possibility comes despite the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of our founder, Siobhan, who has devoted the past decade of her life to building and running the rescue.

Nibbles began with nothing but a neglected patch of land. Siobhan's vision and determination transformed that space into a sanctuary for rabbits and rodents in need. From laying hundreds of paving slabs by hand to constructing much of the housing we still use today, from hours spent caring for the animals to countless nights in front of the laptop managing the rescue, every part of Nibbles bears the mark of her belief that these animals deserve better. Over the years, a dedicated team has grown around her, helping to share the load. However, the ongoing funding crisis has taken a toll, both on the charity and on Siobhan's health and wellbeing, as she continues to shoulder 12–16 hour days to keep the rescue running.

Despite these hardships, Siobhan's passion for rabbits and rodents remains unwavering. She firmly believes that these animals need Nibbles now more than ever. With this in mind, we are determined to give everything we have in 2025 to save the rescue and the vital work we do.

Our expertise lies in the care and welfare of rabbits and rodents—it's what we do best. However, for Nibbles to succeed, we must broaden our focus and step outside our comfort zone. Much of 2025 will be dedicated to improving our online presence and digital marketing efforts. This will involve learning new skills, implementing fresh strategies, and finding creative ways to connect with potential supporters. Our primary goal is to increase monthly pledges and sponsorships to meet our current running costs of approximately £3,500 per month at our current capacity.

If we can achieve this critical milestone, we can begin to look beyond survival toward regrowth. Securing sustainable funding will enable us to reopen more rabbit housing, provide for rodents once again, and pursue other initiatives that will increase our impact and support for these often-overlooked animals.

2025 will be a defining year for Nibbles, and we are ready to rise to the challenge. Together with our supporters, we aim to ensure that the rescue continues to be a place of hope and refuge for rabbits and rodents, giving them the lives they truly deserve.

Nibbles Profit and Loss Account Jan 2024 to Dec 2024

	Jan	Feb	March	Quarterly totals	April	May	Jun	Quarterly Totals	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Totals	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quartley Totals	Total
Income																	
SO Subs	£329.50	£319.00	£349.00	£997.50	£312.00	£348.00	£378.50	£1,038.50	£392.00	£382.00	£382.00	£1,156.00	£378.00	£337.00	£327.00	£1,042.00	£4,043.38
PayPal Subs	£261.61	£255.49	£253.72	£770.82	£244.06	£252.33	£252.33	£748.72	£261.99	£266.92	£266.92	£795.83	£262.19	£262.19	£262.19	£786.57	£3,346.00
GC D/D Subs	£704.97	£742.02	£666.67	£2,113.66	£694.01	£719.64	£662.90	£2,076.55	£734.69	£695.78	£669.63	£2,100.10	£727.77	£717.95	£706.10	£2,151.82	£8,442.13
Paypal Giving Fund	£373.70	£1,604.68	£806.80	£2,785.18	£570.73	£16.00	£394.90	£981.63	£79.72	£541.20	£341.35	£962.27	£497.42	£115.53	£183.99	£796.94	£5,526.02
Cash Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cheque Donations	£10.00	£40.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£800.00	£0.00	£800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£950.00
Charity Collection Pots	£0.00	£0.00	£15.66	£15.66	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£39.62	£39.62	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.28
EasyFundrasing	£0.00	£43.23	£0.00	£43.23	£0.00	£71.28	£0.00	£71.28	£0.00	£99.10	£0.00	£99.10	£0.00	£64.24	£0.00	£64.24	£277.85
Addional Adoption Donation	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	£80.00
Adoption Fees	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	£120.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	£300.00
Surrender Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00
Other Donations	£210.00	£244.00	£101.00	£555.00	£598.50	£19.50	£85.00	£703.00	£110.00	£175.00	£130.00	£415.00	£174.50	£154.75	£10.00	£339.25	£2,012.25
Online Fundraising event	£0.00	£0.00	£2,353.61	£2,353.61	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,869.32	£7,422.94	£3,699.90	£12,992.16	£15,345.77
Sales	£0.00	£0.00	£29.00	£29.00	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15.00	£15.00	£104.00
Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£43.45	£43.45	£43.45
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
Interest	£49.13	£42.66	£43.00	£134.79	£50.84	£47.07	£42.37	£140.28	£49.69	£45.78	£46.75	£142.22	£44.71	£41.99	£51.58	£138.28	£555.57
Total Income	**£1,998.91**	**£3,291.08**	**£4,618.46**	**£9,908.45**	**£3,530.14**	**£2,373.82**	**£1,816.00**	**£7,719.96**	**£4,188.09**	**£2,505.78**	**£1,936.27**	**£8,630.14**	**£3,953.91**	**£9,216.59**	**£5,399.21**	**£18,569.71**	**£44,828.26**
Overheads	**Jan**	**Feb**	**March**	**Quartley Totals**	**April**	**May**	**Jun**		**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	£280.47	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**		**Total**
Feed	£0.00	£16.66	£31.04	£47.70	£34.75	£33.24	£38.83	£106.82	£25.92	£36.18	£72.99	£135.09	£49.61	£50.65	£40.71	£140.97	£430.58
Bedding	£0.00	£0.00	£419.90	£419.90	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£419.91	£419.91	£839.81
Disposables	£19.35	£47.50	£0.00	£66.85	£47.50	£30.40	£23.94	£101.84	£0.00	£0.00	£6.99	£6.99	£81.05	£49.98	£0.00	£131.03	£306.71
Hay	£80.00	£3.00	£152.00	£235.00	£0.00	£0.00	£164.00	£164.00	£0.00	£17.75	£0.00	£17.75	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£90.00	£506.75
VioVet Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Dog Food Dave Payments	£40.00	£40.00	£40.00	£120.00	£60.00	£40.00	£40.00	£140.00	£40.00	£40.00	£80.00	£160.00	£39.50	£37.00	£35.00	£111.50	£531.50
Animal Accessories	£0.00	£220.50	£11.99	£232.49	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£29.99	£29.99	£0.00	£39.96	£0.00	£39.96	£302.44
New Housing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Salaries	£0.00	£2,324.00	£2,020.00	£4,344.00	£2,276.00	£2,224.00	£2,324.00	£6,824.00	£2,228.00	£2,324.00	£2,068.00	£6,620.00	£2,184.00	£2,198.00	£2,276.00	£6,658.00	£24,446.00
Vets Fees	£0.00	£898.28	£106.17	£1,004.45	£420.00	£0.00	£0.00	£420.00	£70.00	£186.00	£0.00	£256.00	£834.97	£420.61	£188.50	£1,444.08	£3,124.53
Subs/Fees/Insurance	£288.00	£35.80	£0.00	£323.80	£389.03	£0.00	£198.40	£587.43	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£51.92	£19.73	£71.65	£982.88
Repairs/Maintenance/Replacements	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£244.75	£106.15	£35.92	£386.82	£88.26	£13.98	£0.00	£102.24	£0.00	£0.00	£57.04	£57.04	£546.10
Sanctuary Rabbit payments to fosterers	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£12.00	£12.00	£42.00	£12.00	£12.00	£12.00	£36.00	£12.00	£0.00	£0.00	£12.00	£144.00
Print/Marketing/postage	£106.90	£62.04	£38.75	£207.69	£0.00	£57.90	£24.49	£82.39	£0.00	£77.50	£0.00	£77.50	£30.00	£198.94	£0.00	£228.94	£596.52
Motoring expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00
Utilities	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£300.00
Office Supplies	£8.75	£6.60	£6.34	£21.69	£0.00	£9.99	£0.00	£9.99	£0.00	£6.99	£0.00	£6.99	£0.00	£21.12	£0.00	£21.12	£59.79
Misc	£0.00	£16.17	£80.00	£96.17	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£23.99	£135.99	£159.98	£150.35	£27.98	£0.00	£178.33	£434.48
Tot Overheads	**£586.00**	**£3,713.55**	**£2,949.19**	**£7,248.74**	**£3,515.03**	**£2,538.68**	**£2,886.58**	**£8,940.29**	**£2,489.18**	**£2,763.39**	**£2,430.96**	**£7,683.53**	**£3,446.48**	**£3,151.16**	**£3,091.89**	**£9,689.53**	**£33,562.09**
Net	**£1,412.91**	**-£422.47**	**£1,669.27**	**£2,659.71**	**£15.11**	**-£164.86**	**-£1,070.58**	**-£1,220.33**	**£1,698.91**	**-£257.61**	**-£494.69**	**£946.61**	**£507.43**	**£6,065.43**	**£2,307.32**	**£8,880.18**	**£11,266.17**
Balance	£41,601.64	£41,179.17	£42,848.44		£42,863.55	£42,698.69	£41,628.11		£43,327.02	£43,069.41	£42,574.72		£43,082.15	£49,147.58	£51,454.90		
											Income balance for 2024					£11,266.17	
											Reserves 31.12.2023					£40,188.73	
											Balance for 2024					£51,454.90	

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I have examined the accounts, as presented, for Nibbles Rodent and Rabbit Rescue, charity no. 168657.

I find them to be very well presented and kept and can find no inaccuraces or matters of concern.

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This year has been a struggle on all levels and our funding crisis came to a head in June, leaving us with no other option but to close a significant number of rabbit units and our rodent cabin. We also faced our first RHD deaths at the centre in March, which put all our bio-security measures to the worst possible test, it was an incredibly difficult and worrying time. We said a sad final good-bye to five of our long-term sanctuary rabbits, and our chipmunk Spartacus, throughout the year. All these animals had been with us many years and had become an integral part of the centre and firm favourites with all.



This year saw two of our long-stay rabbits finally find their forever homes. Spook arrived with us back in December 2020 after being found as a stray and spent over 2 years waiting for his chance at a forever home before being adopted in May this year. Our other long-stay bun Ben (pictured left), also arriving in early 2020, left us just before Christmas, our last adoption of the year, after spending over 1000 days in our care.



Due to our funding issues, we have lost 1 part-time staff member, previously covering 8 hours per week, and at the end of the year, Abi dropped her hours both to help with funding and for personal reasons. Jasmine has remained with us throughout 2023, covering 12 hours each week, and is always willing to go that extra mile for the animals in our care, including a number of voluntary hours to help cover shortages and complete urgent repair work. We leave 2023 with 3 staff members and 3 long-term volunteers. Our trustees remain the same from the previous year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Nibbles during 2023 - We couldn't have done it without you all!

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Rabbits surrendered into our care: 10
Rodents surrendered into our care: 10
Rabbits transferred in from other rescues: 2
Rodents transferred in from other rescues: 0
Rodents born at the centre*: 0
Rodents transferred out to other rescues: 2
Rabbits transferred out to other rescues: 0
Rodents who died while in our care: 10
Rabbits who died while in our care: 7
Rabbits on sanctuary placements: 6
Rodents on sanctuary placements: 8
Rabbits adopted: 12
Rodents adopted: 8
Animals Returned to our care: 0

Total animals helped: 22
Total animals adopted: 20

**As a result from animals arriving in our care already pregnant*

We are pleased to say that adoptions for rabbits increased in the first half of the year but dropped off completely from August onwards with only a single adoption at the end of December. While there had been minor interest in adopting, potential home offers were unable to meet our minimum requirements which would have led to lower welfare standards.

Being forced to close 5 rabbit kennels and demolish 2 old pens and a further kennel, which had rotted beyond safe repair, has brought our ability to offer further placements to a grinding halt. We have never dealt with such a high volume of surrender requests with us turning away on average 1 rabbit per day throughout the year. We managed to home all but one pair of guinea pigs prior to the closure of the rodent cabin in June, who were transferred to another rescue to find their forever home.

We said a sad a final goodbye to many of our older residents this year. Vinnie, Penguin, Burrich, Seren, and Mowanna were all senior buns and most had on-going health problems. We also lost four of the older multimammate mice, our resident syrian hamster Ria, and Spartacus the chipmunk. Two rats died as a result of neutering complications due to stress, and a further two due to old age, we also lost 2 unvaccinated rabbits to RHD.


Ethelred 670 days in rescue

Many rabbits are waiting well over 12 months in our care before they find new homes. Sadly overall welfare standards within the local area remain poor and many adoption enquiries are dropped after potential home offers are unwilling to meet minimum welfare requirements in relation to size of accommodation, suitable diets and basic veterinary care (neutering & annual vaccinations).

Dorothy and Florence arrived with us in February. Both girls, but especially Dorothy, arrived grossly overweight and this was having a negative impact on their overall health and quality of life. Dorothy was so overweight it was impacting her ability to move freely and breathe. She was a staggering 3.04kg, carrying an extra kilo in body fat. Due to her extreme weight she was unable to breathe when picked up and had to shed a significant amount of weight before she could be spayed. Both girls remain in our care looking for a new home.


Dorothy on arrival


Dorothy today

Overall, we leave the year feeling utterly defeated. The need for animals to come into the safety of Nibbles has never been so great, but without sufficient funding and coupled with low adoption rates we have been powerless to offer the support these animals so desperately needed.

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Housing Closures

Summary

- Entering 2023 with such a drop in funding came to a head in June.
- With the loss of a part-time staff member due to funding we were unable to continue running at full capacity.
- Due to general wear and tear three rabbit units were dismantled and the rodent cabin closed to new arrivals.
- Five further rabbit kennels were closed to bring numbers in line with our physical ability to care for the animals on site.



Doyle was one of the few rabbits we were able to help during the year as a direct result of our drop in staffing and the resulting closures

Having suffered such a drop in funding from 2021, and increased running costs as a result of the cost of living crisis during 2022, we entered 2023 with our reserves at an all time low and in June this came to a head and forced our hands into drastically downsizing to bring numbers of animals housed inline with funding, and our physical ability to care for the animals at the centre.



The rodent cabin purchased in 2016

Our rodent cabin was purchased in 2016, in line with the funding we had available at the time. Unfortunately the overall condition of the cabin has deteriorated where urgent repairs became vital. Due to our lack of available funding we have been unable to carry out these repairs and are now facing the prospect of having to replace the entire structure. As a result of this and our drop in staffing we had no other option but to cease taking in rodents and find homes for our current residents.

Three of our rabbit housing units which have been in continual use for a number of years came to the end of their usable life during 2023. All these units were second-hand and had served the rescue well. We had no other option but to demolish these units and without the required funding available to build replacements the paving has sat empty and gathering weeds since June 2023.



One of the three old units which were dismantled during 2023



One of the five kennels currently sitting empty

A further five single rabbit kennels remain closed as we enter 2024, after losing a part-time staff member (8 hours per week) in June, we remain physically unable to provide sufficient levels of care for the animals when running at full capacity. In total we enter 2024 with 8 rabbit units not in use and remain unable to cater for rodents.

During 2023, on average we turned away a rabbit per day throughout the year. This has been heart breaking for our entire team especially with kennels sitting empty across the centre. Our first priority has always been to ensure the animals at the centre receive the care they need to remain happy and healthy while at Nibbles.

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The Welfare Team

During 2023, Siobhan has remained in her role as centre manager, however, at the end of the year Abi, dropped her hours for personal reasons leaving Siobhan with the vast majority of the admin work from October onwards. The decision was taken to increase Siobhan's salary in October to meet the salary for 2024 due to the additional work load. The funding to achieve this was available as a result of Abi's drop in hours. Jasmine has remained in her role, providing 12 hours per week in animal care through July-December. Neil left us at the end of June, and we were unable to re-hire for the 8 hour part-time animal care position due to a lack of funding.

Evelyn, Karen and Clare have remained with us as volunteers during 2023, which has prevented further closures and we are so grateful for their continued support of the rescue and the animals in our care. However, we lost Katie during March and Hannah in July, losing a further 8 hours of voluntary support per week.

From the end of November through to the beginning of January we suffered from a serious shortage in animal care support, with Jasmine having holiday booked, Karen unable to come in due to a car accident, Evelyn unable to come in due to her car breaking down, and Clare having other commitments. It really brought to light just how difficult it can become to ensure that the animals receive the care that they need. The day-to-day care of the animals at the centre has always been our top priority and Siobhan had no other option but to step away from the admin to provide animal care cover. Without the additional admin support previously provided by Abi, Siobhan quickly fell behind and will continue to struggle to get back on top into January. These last few weeks of the year really took their toll on Siobhan and highlighted just how essential adequate staffing is to the welfare of the animals and the running of the charity as a whole. With the overall increase in funding during 2023, opening further rabbit housing was discussed, however, had the centre been running at full capacity, it would have been even more difficult, if not impossible, to meet the demands of the rescue.

During 2024, Siobhan will remain in her role as centre manager and Abi will continue with animal care 8 hours per week and continue to handle adoption enquires. Jasmine will remain in her part-time animal care role with a further 12 month contract. We have been unable to secure the required funding for an additional staff member during 2024, as a result we remain unable to increase numbers at the centre and are very aware of our current limitations.



Siobhan



Abi



Jasmine



Karen



Evelyn



Clare

We would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for the hours they have dedicated to Nibbles during 2023. We simply couldn't run without their help and support.

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RHD Deaths and What we Learnt

RHD

- RHD is a deadly virus which attacks internal organs leading to bleeding which results in death. This virus is prevalent throughout the UK and the only way to protect against it is via annual vaccination.

- The virus can travel on pretty much any surface including clothing and footwear and on the legs, feet and paws of other animals including wild birds. It can also survive on hay.

- In addition to it's ability to travel, it also remains viable in the environment for over 300 days in normal conditions.

- In many cases there are no visible symptoms of RHD. Previously healthy and active rabbits can be found dead without obvious cause within a few hours. In some cases rabbits may seem quiet and off their food prior to death.

- Infection travels quickly between individuals in close contact and without strict biosecurity measures, can easily spread across enclosures infecting all rabbits onsite.

- Due to the nature of this virus, the best protection is via vaccination and high standards of husbandry.

The risk of disease is much higher within a working rescue, with animals arriving from unknown locations and, in the case of rabbits, the vast majority arriving without any vaccination history. With this in mind we have always adhered to high husbandry standards and strict bio-security measures, which are regularly reviewed inline with current guidance from other leading professionals.

In March we faced our first RHD deaths at the rescue. Willow and Buffy had recently arrived in our care in poor overall condition and Willow had overgrown and misaligned incisors which could have been a possible cause for her low weight on arrival. Our first priority was to address her dental issues and both she and Buffy were taken to the vet. Within a few days of this visit, Willow was found dead in the afternoon and Buffy was euthanised the following day, after collapsing in the morning. Sadly, both rabbits and the other recent new arrivals were booked in for their vaccinations the day Buffy died.

As Willow's death was so sudden and without warning, it was immediately treated as an RHD death and full lockdown procedures were brought into place. We had major concerns that we would have already been too late to prevent the spread of the virus as both rabbits would have been infectious for days prior to their deaths.

Foot washes were used between every enclosure, along with disposable gloves and aprons to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus between enclosures. Every item was disinfected, along with the walls, floors and roofing of each pen for 3 weeks. Walkways within the centre were also disinfected regularly throughout each shift and once again at the end of the day for the same amount of time. Direct contact with the rabbits was also kept to an absolute minimum. This level of cleaning significantly increased the amount of time required by our welfare team and every member showed their full dedication to the rabbits at this difficult time.

It was an incredibly difficult and worrying time, especially as we had other unvaccinated rabbits at the time, and a number of long stay rabbits requiring boosters. However, we only lost Willow and Buffy and all other rabbits remained fit and healthy.

The fact that the virus didn't spread to others highlights just how effective our regular cleaning routine is. We have always used disinfectant which is effective against RHD and Myxomatosis at the rescue and pens are cleaned four times a week. Each enclosure has its own dustpan and brush and muck buckets aren't taken into enclosures.

We could significantly reduce our staffing needs by cutting back on our cleaning routines, however, these deaths highlight just how vital our continued high standards are to prevent the spread of disease, especially an invisible virus which rarely has any visible symptoms prior to sudden death. Sadly, our routine was tested in the worst way possible and has shown its effectiveness beyond all doubt.

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Trustees

This year our trustees have remained the same as 2023 with everyone continuing in their previous roles.



Siobhan

We enter into 2024 with:

Siobhan Learmonth – Founder and Chairman
Shirley Learmonth – Treasurer
Rachel Terry – Secretary
Clare Hammond - Events Coordinator
Margaret Waller – HR Manager



Shirley

We would like to thank all our trustees for their hard work during 2023 and through their devotion to the charity, we look forward to tackling new projects during 2024.



Rachel



Clare



Margaret

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Funding

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One off donations through PayPal Giving: £10,803.76

Funds raised through online events: £4,924.19

Funds raised through grants: £14,700.00

Total raised from monthly pledges and sponsorships: £12,482.14

Funds raised through other donations: £3,742.85

Funds generated from charity collection boxes: £156.38

Funds raised from AmazonSmile and EasyFundraising: £475.07

Funds generated from adoption and surrender donations: £1,425

Funds generated through sales: £0.00

Other Income: £403.37*

Total Income: £49,068.36

*£385.96 in interest payments
£17.41 in refunds

We would like to thank all of our supporters who have contributed to our running costs over the last 12 months. Nibbles is completely reliant on public donations and grant funding to remain open and caring for these generally forgotten companion animals.

2023 has seen a great increase in our funding when compared to 2022, with our annual funding nearly doubling during the year. However, with continued increases to the cost of basic supplies, increases in minimum wage, an increase in Siobhan's salary as centre manager** and needing to rebuild our reserves from 2022 has still left us struggling. Since 2020 we have been raising salaries 12 months in advance to allow us to ensure sufficient staff on site to meet the day-to-day needs of the animals. As a result of this we saw an increase in these needs compared to 2022, and with our on-going concerns for funding and the annual drop in donations seen between January and April, we have placed £8,000 to help cover this predicted shortfall towards our 2025 running costs. A lesson learnt from 2022, which was a significant contributing factor in the resulting housing closures in June.

We have, once again, seen a rise in monthly pledge donations and sponsorships compared to 2022, rising from £8,083.23 to £12,482.14. We have seen an increase from £5,714.84 to £10,803.76 in one off donations made via our PayPal Giving Fund Page and we have seen a large increase in public donations compared to 2022.

We saw an increase in successful grant funding from £9,000 to £14,700 during the last 12 months and an increase in funds raised via online funding raising events, but saw a small loss in the amounts raised via charity collection boxes as people continue to move away from the use of cash. Sadly we were unable to secure enough voluntary support with running another collection day at our local Tesco store which was highly disappointing.

Amazon announced an end to their AmazonSmile program at the beginning of the year with payments ceasing in June. But a total of £475.07 was raised throughout the year via both AmazonSmile and Easy Fundraising.

Adoptions picked up this year and this is reflected in the £1,425 raised via adoption fees, additional adoption donations and surrender donations throughout the year, an increase of £695 compared to 2022.

Despite the large increase to our annual funding for 2023, the year has still been a desperate struggle to prepare for 2024 and beyond with the need to place funding in reserve for salaries.

Throughout 2024 we will continue to promote our monthly pledges and sponsorships with the goal of bringing them more inline with our monthly expenditure.

**Siobhan's salary as centre manager started at £200 per month in January 2021, with an increase to £466 per month during 2022 and £801 per month during the first 9 months of 2023 to increase to £1236 from October 2023 and throughout 2024. Siobhan works a minimum of 40 hours per week for the rescue, and in some cases as much as 60 hours. With our ongoing funding concerns, it is not currently planned for her salary to increase, as orignally planned for 2025, to reflect the time and dedication to the role.

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Expenditure

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Animal Supplies: £3,621.07

Accessories, repairs, replacements & maintenance: £864.10

New Housing: £602.90

Salaries: £26,492.52

Vets Fees: £3,011.18

Subscriptions, Fees & Insurance: £890.40

Print, marketing & postage: £237.36

Other Expenses: £1,616.15

Total Expenditure: £37,335.98



The four small rodent enclosures built by Siobhan during 2023 to house sanctuary rodents moved into her home after the closure of the cabin

Once again we have seen an increase in our running costs for 2023 when compared to 2022, despite reducing numbers, losing a staff member, and not carrying out any significant work on our infrastructure. We've tightened our belts in all areas possible but have still seen a significant increase.

Although our figures don't reflect an increase in the cost of animal supplies throughout the year, the fact that we have significantly reduced the number of animals housed at the rescue and reduced usage of supplies in each pen, by reducing the number of beds, litter trays and boxes, our annual expenditure for supplies only dropped by £723.60, which reflects the continued increase in the costs of basic supplies.

A small number of new housing units were built during 2023 to provide suitable housing for the sanctuary rodents moved into Siobhan's house as a result of the cabin closure. These units were built by Siobhan to meet high welfare standards and provide the animals plenty of space to move freely and behave naturally. We remain continually disappointed by the pet trade's inability to produce suitable, welfare driven, housing for rabbits and rodents. We hope to be in a position to move these units into a newly built and more functional rodent cabin, where they will continue to provide life-long accommodation to rodents in need of sanctuary placements, in the not too distant future.

Once again our staffing costs have increased during 2023. Siobhan remains on a limited salary that does not reflect the number of hours she dedicates to the rescue. With another increase in minimum wage, and the need to hire additional staff, a further significant increase has been prepared for during 2024 and is expected during 2025. Once again the need for paid staff remains vital as without such a team we would no be able to operate.

We have seen another reduction in veterinary fees throughout 2023 compared to 2024, much of which was a direct result of our limited ability to provide rescue support, and a number of the rabbits we were able to accept having already been neutered and in one case vaccinated. With so few new arrivals during 2023 our requirements for veterinary care has dropped significantly.

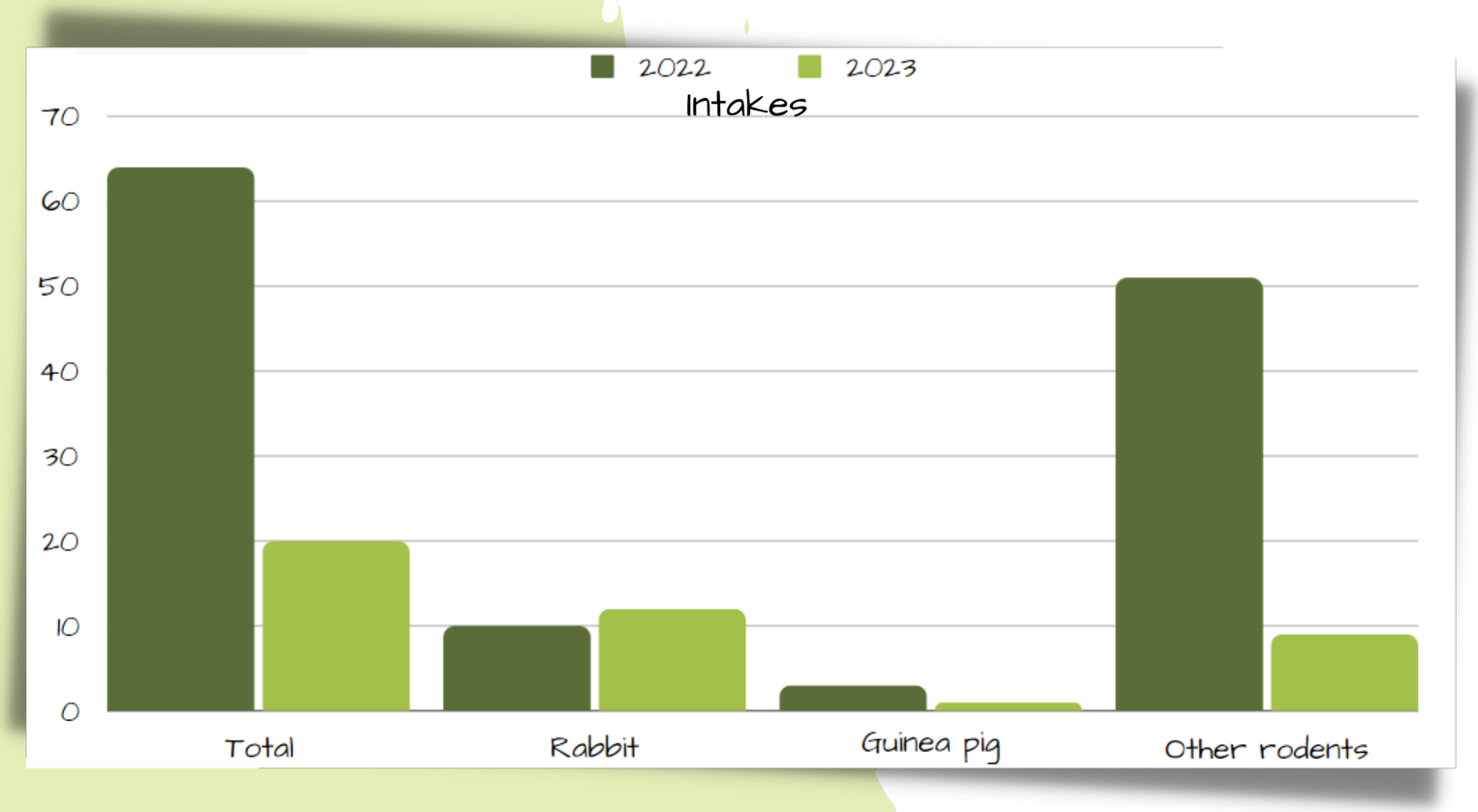
Overall, we have seen a £5,421.31increase in our expenditure compared to 2022 and this was without any significant infrastructure projects throughout the year. While some of this was expected, and anticipated, the price rises across the board as a result of the cost of living crisis have continued to put pressure on our limited finances despite continuing to cut back.

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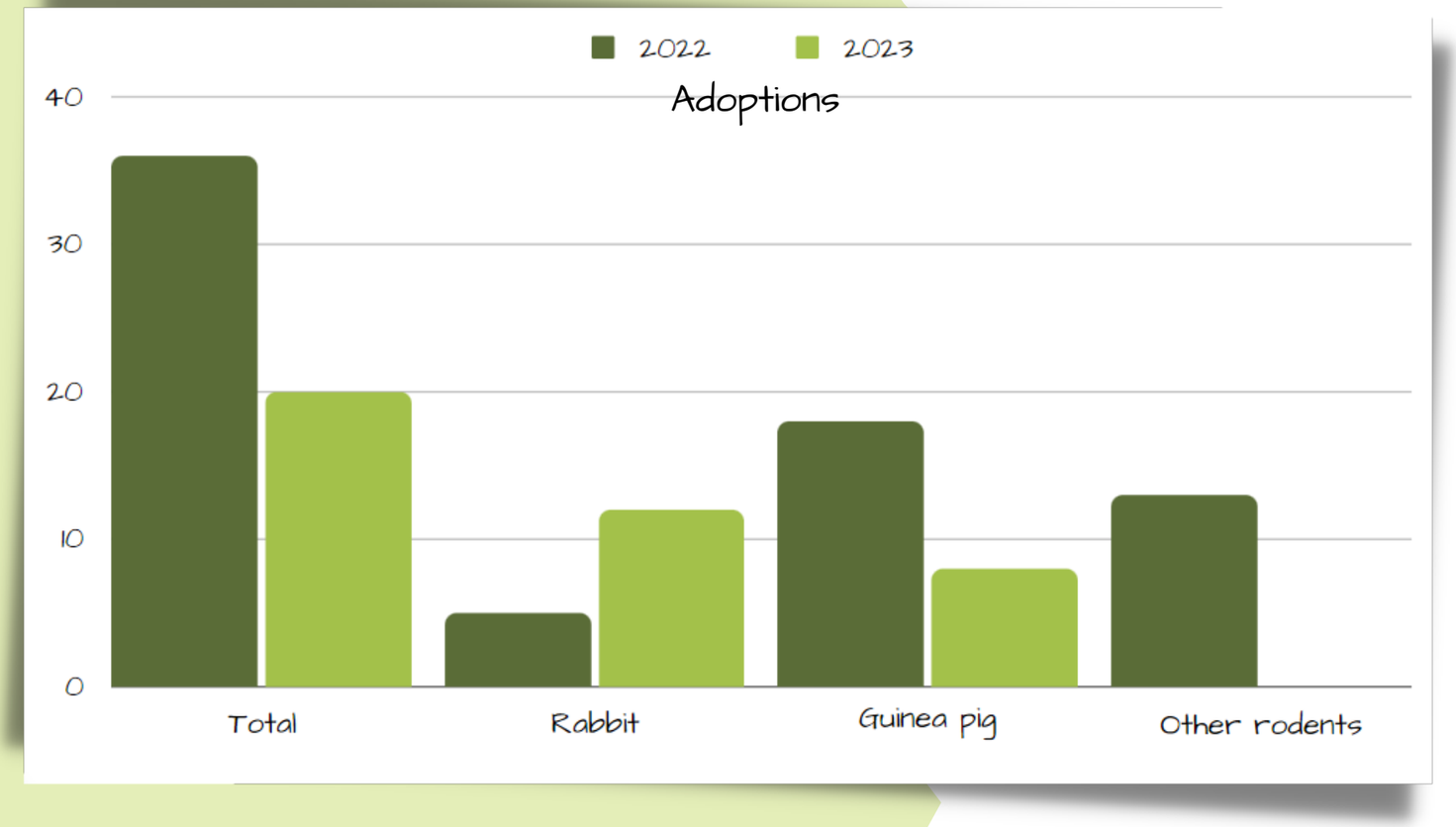
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We have continued to face the fallout from the pet boom during lockdown and, if anything, the problem with unwanted and dumped animals has only increased during 2023

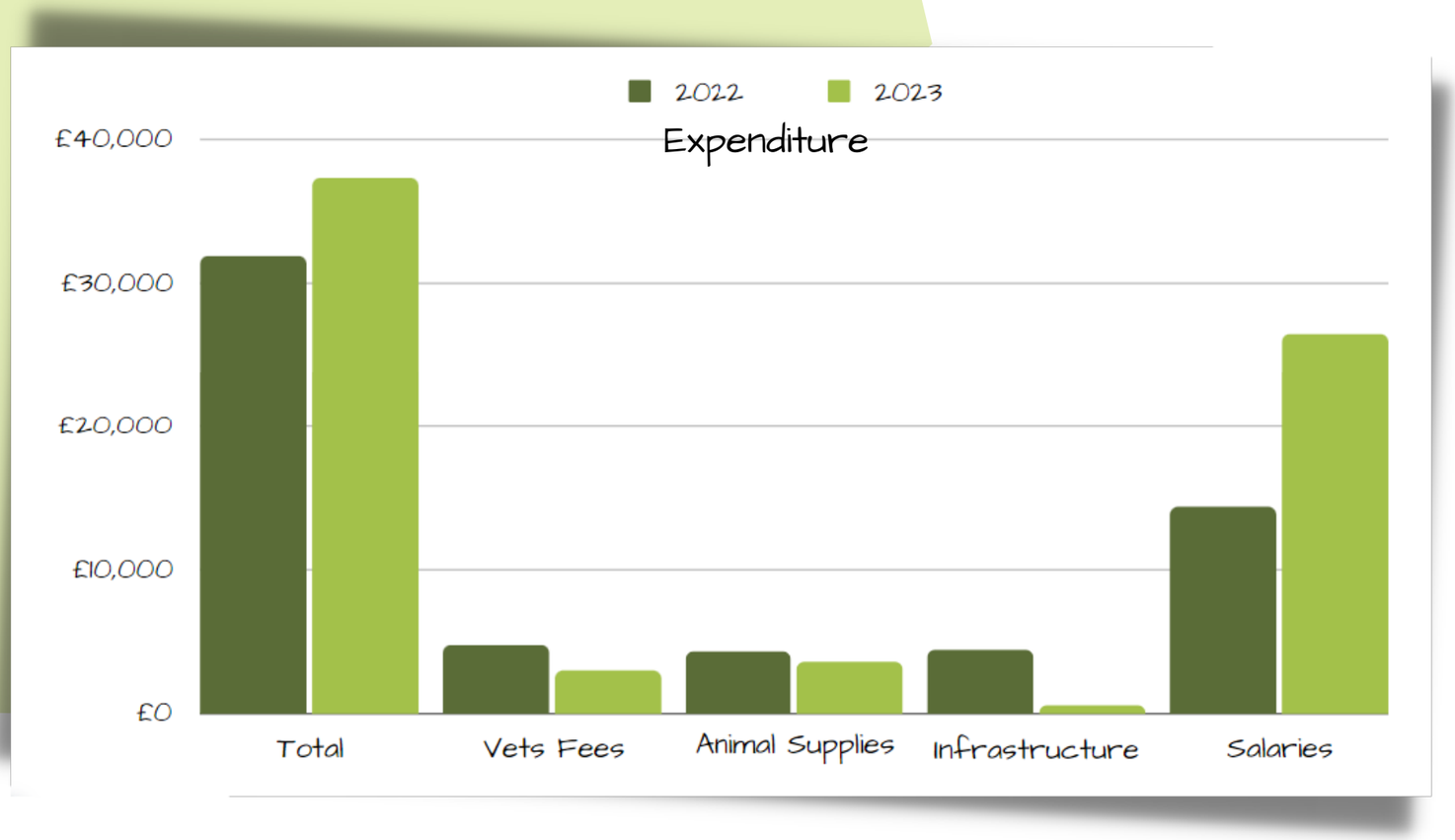


As a direct result of the housing closures during the year, we sadly saw a drop in the numbers of animals we were able to help throughout 2023, compared to 2022.

Demand for our services have increased throughout the year with an average of one rabbit being turned away everyday during 2023.



Overall we saw a drop in adoptions compared to 2022, but a significant increase in adoptions for rabbits increasing to 12 throughout the year. We managed to rehome all of the guinea pigs in our care bar one pair of boars who were transferred to another rescue prior to the closure of the rodent cabin at the end of June.



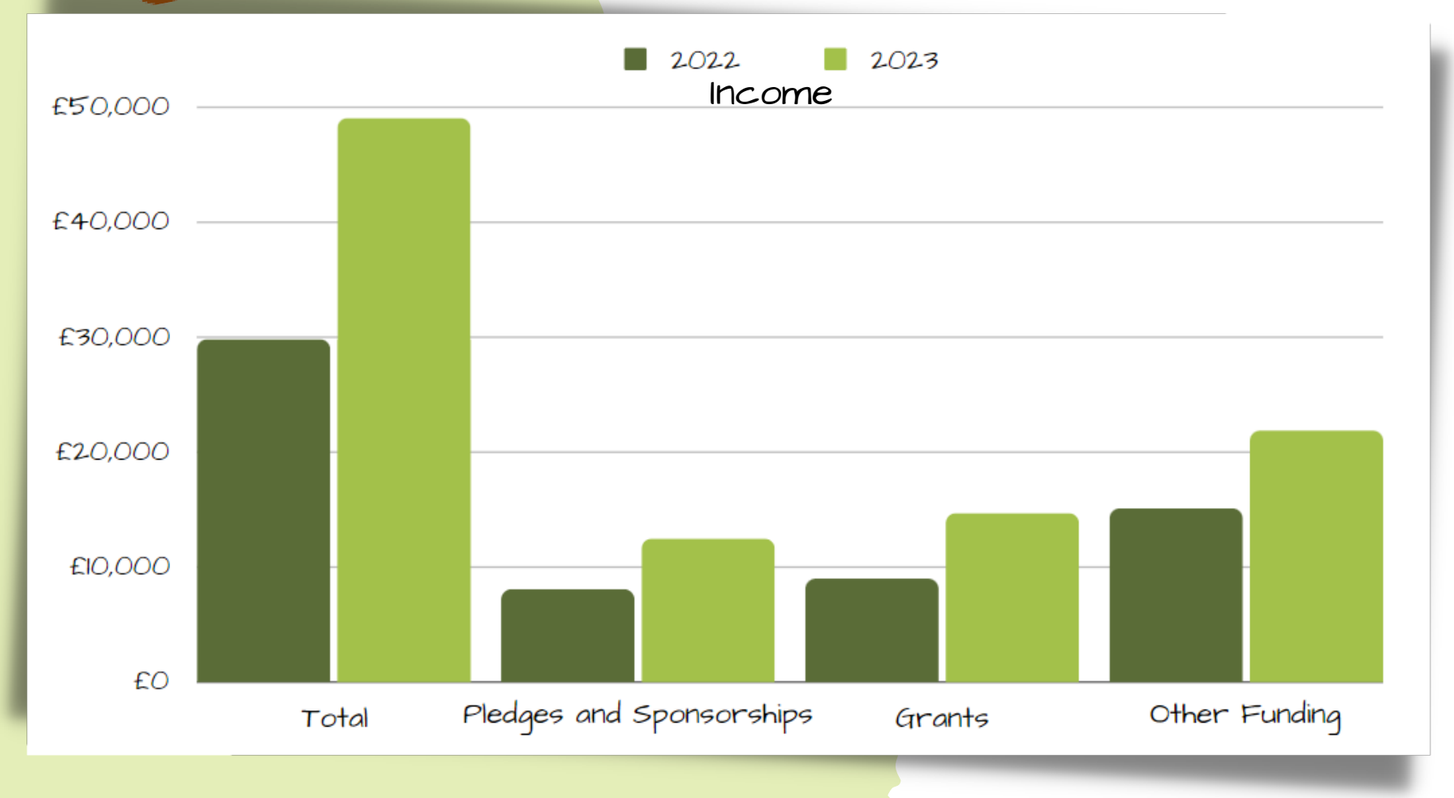
Our biggest expenditure increase during 2023 was once again salaries and this will rise again during 2025. We hope by the end of 2026 we will see a some stability to this expenditure by meeting a reasonable center manager salary and sufficient staffing for animal care when running at full capacity.

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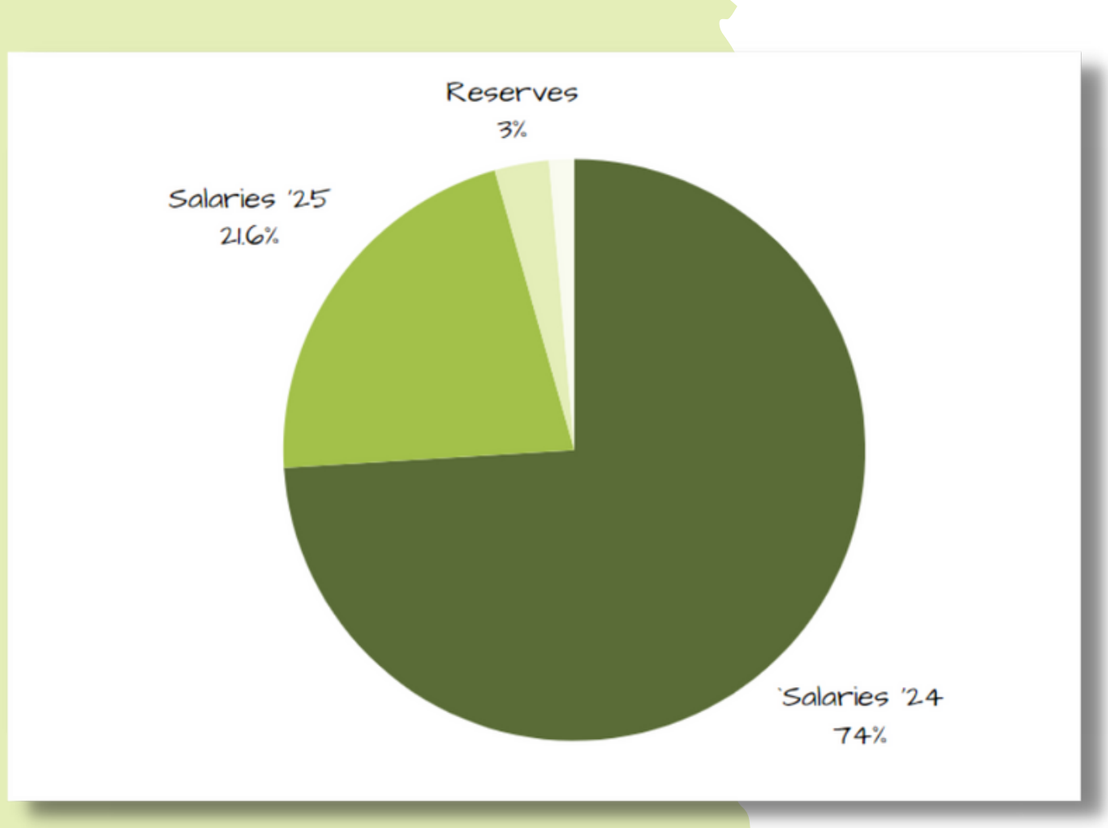
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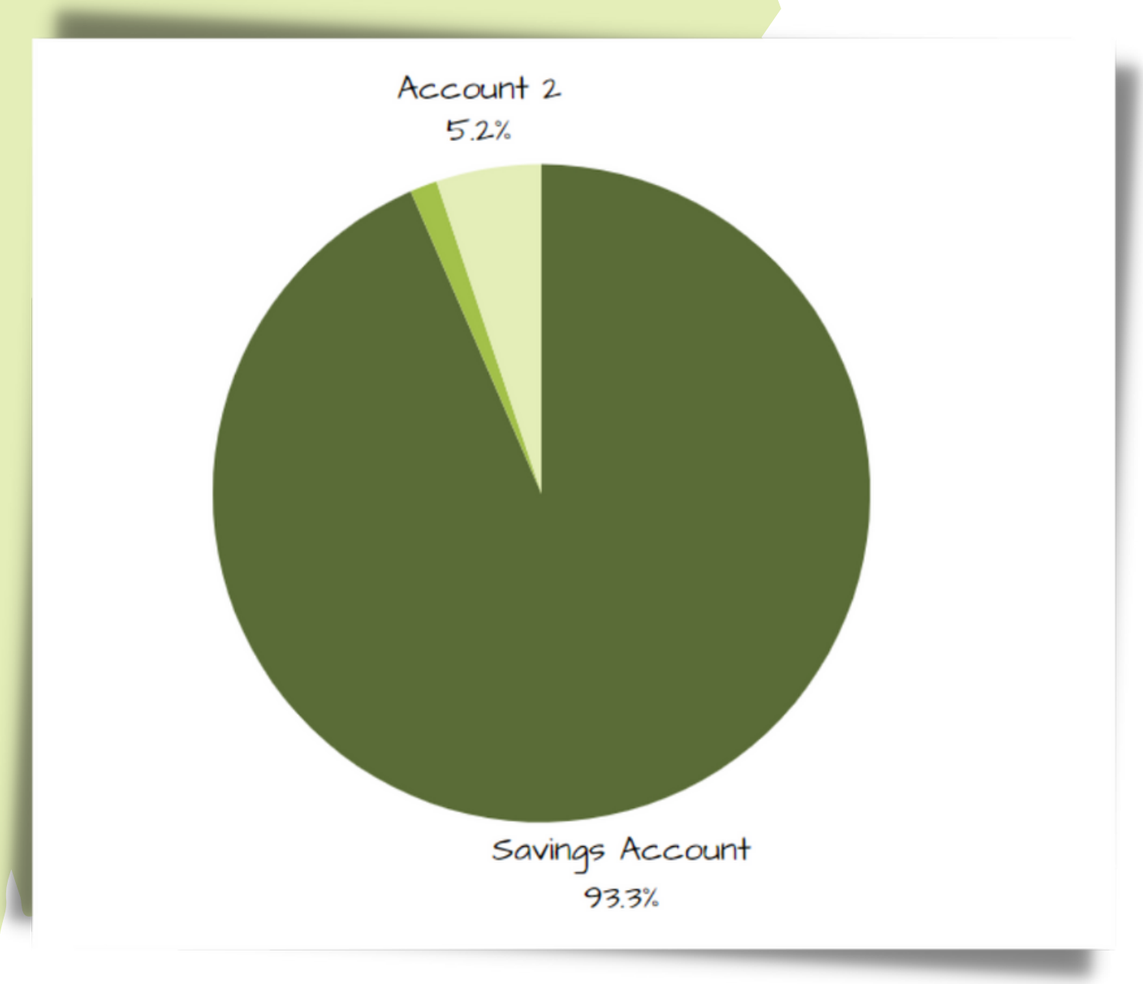
Income and Reserves



We are so grateful to all our supporters who have kept Nibbles open and running during 2023 and we have seen a large increase in our funding compared to 2022. We have seen a significant increase in our monthly pledges and sponsorships which began to pick up from July onwards, however, we still have a long way to go before these are brought inline with our average monthly running costs.



We ended the year with £37,505.98 held in our Business Reserve Account, with the majority of this funding set aside to cover salaries for 2024 and the first 3 months of 2025, providing us with a much needed buffer for the predicted drop in donations between January & March 2024. With £1,654.38 towards costs such as insurance, software subscriptions, hosting, print and repairs, maintenance and a small buffer (£522.31).



We ended the year with a balance of £40,188.73, with £37,505.98 of that funding held in our business reserve account. We have two business accounts, one holding funds for day-to-day running costs and the second holding funds to cover veterinary fees, with £535.33 and £2,074 of our funding held respectively. We also left the year with £21.09 of our funds held within our PayPal account and £52.33 in petty cash.

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Looking to 2024

Summary

Increase funding generated via monthly pledges and sponsorships with the goal of bringing this in line with our monthly running costs.

Rebuild the 3 rabbit units which were demolished during 2023 which had rotted beyond repair.

Upgrade all remaining rabbit housing, adding PVC sheeting to all enclosures and replacing wooden hutches with plastic kennels to enhance bio-security.

Begin to raise funds to replace our current office/reception area with a larger building more fit for purpose which can also function as an accommodation building for rodents.



Once again funding has been a major concern throughout 2023 and moving forward into 2024. To bring long-term sustainability and stability to Nibbles we urgently need our regular monthly income to meet our monthly expenses, and our goal throughout 2024 will be to continue to promote our monthly pledge scheme.

Three of our oldest rabbit units were demolished during 2023 as they had rotted beyond safe repair and were no longer fit for purpose. We are looking to replace these during 2024, allowing us to build two ‘Home for Life’ enclosures for the sanctuary rabbits at the centre. Such enclosures will provide our sanctuary rabbits with suitable enclosures for life and help provide the public with an example of a suitable outdoor set-up for rabbits, allowing plenty of space to move about, lots of enrichment and a comfortable and cosy living space for all seasons. The third unit will replace a kennel type set up for a rabbit available for adoption.

All of our most recent housing has been lined with PVC sheeting and we would like to add this to all of our current housing to increase bio-security. This sheeting is easy to disinfect on a daily basis and protects the timber from continual contact with water prolonging the life of our units. We also moved over to plastic kennels from wooden hutches, mainly due to cost, but have found the kennels more suitable for both the rabbits and ourselves. We would like to replace the six remaining hutches with plastic kennels during 2024.

Since 2016 we have utilized an old static caravan, which was onsite when Shirley and Siobhan purchased the property in 2013, as an office, reception area, staff/volunteer break area and storage space. In 2020 we carried out repairs and minor renovations to the space to allow for hot running water and make the space more functional. However, the space is still not really fit for purpose with major problems revolving around the damp and cold conditions especially during the winter months , making it impossible to store office equipment without damage. During 2024, we plan to investigate new options and how we can combine this area with a new and more functional rodent housing unit.

Nibbles Profit and Loss Account Jan 2023 to Dec 2023

	Jan	Feb	March	Quarterly totals	April	May	Jun	Quarterly Totals	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Totals	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quartley Totals	Total
Income																	
SO Subs	£200.50	£200.50	£200.50	£601.50	£200.50	£205.50	£225.50	£631.50	£241.00	£226.00	£257.50	£724.50	£257.50	£267.50	£309.50	£834.50	£2,731.07
PayPal Subs	£90.94	£90.94	£105.33	£287.21	£105.33	£107.10	£141.39	£353.82	£219.63	£205.04	£220.01	£644.68	£229.67	£234.40	£263.38	£727.45	£2,118.49
GC D/D Subs	£526.47	£639.10	£593.19	£1,758.76	£614.49	£477.07	£535.41	£1,626.97	£561.87	£634.88	£712.02	£1,908.77	£665.68	£826.50	£845.90	£2,338.08	£7,632.58
Paypal Giving Fund	£164.65	£2,607.17	£224.20	£2,996.02	£1,176.80	£803.55	£1,143.33	£3,123.68	£269.25	£244.75	£152.25	£666.25	£1,471.58	£873.68	£1,672.55	£4,017.81	£10,803.76
Cash Donations	£10.00	£20.00	£0.00	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£35.85	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,035.85	£2,075.85
Cheque Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00
Charity Collection Pots	£64.85	£0.00	£0.00	£64.85	£0.00	£0.00	£47.23	£47.23	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£44.30	£0.00	£0.00	£44.30	£156.38
AmazonSmile	£107.84	£0.00	£0.00	£107.84	£55.84	£174.77	£0.00	£230.61	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£338.45
EasyFundrasing	£0.00	£34.72	£0.00	£34.72	£0.00	£35.99	£0.00	£35.99	£0.00	£27.99	£0.00	£27.99	£0.00	£37.92	£0.00	£37.92	£136.62
Addional Adoption Donation	£40.00	£40.00	£0.00	£80.00	£0.00	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£40.00	£155.00
Adoption Fees	£60.00	£120.00	£170.00	£350.00	£60.00	£65.00	£325.00	£450.00	£120.00	£0.00	£0.00	£120.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£980.00
Surrender Donations	£0.00	£150.00	£100.00	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£290.00
Other Donations	£334.00	£0.00	£180.00	£514.00	£90.00	£15.00	£0.00	£105.00	£196.00	£10.00	£567.00	£773.00	£135.00	£90.00	£0.00	£225.00	£1,617.00
Online Fundraising event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,924.19	£0.00	£0.00	£4,924.19	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,924.19
Sales	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Refunds	£9.97	£0.00	£0.00	£9.97	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7.44	£0.00	£7.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17.41
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,450.00	£1,500.00	£7,750.00	£12,700.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£14,700.00
Interest	£17.22	£16.05	£20.11	£53.38	£21.00	£28.56	£30.58	£80.14	£40.53	£43.02	£40.04	£123.59	£43.04	£42.21	£43.60	£128.85	£385.96
Total Income	**£1,626.44**	**£3,918.48**	**£1,593.33**	**£7,138.25**	**£10,698.15**	**£3,447.54**	**£10,208.44**	**£24,354.13**	**£1,648.28**	**£1,489.12**	**£1,948.82**	**£5,086.22**	**£2,882.62**	**£6,372.21**	**£3,234.93**	**£12,489.76**	**£49,068.36**
Overheads	**Jan**	**Feb**	**March**	**Quartley Totals**	**April**	**May**	**Jun**		**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**		**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**		**Total**
Feed	£34.16	£99.56	£43.85	£177.57	£47.51	£34.68	£18.24	£100.43	£0.00	£0.00	£18.46	£18.46	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£296.46
Bedding	£421.17	£45.85	£0.00	£467.02	£392.83	£51.50	£0.00	£444.33	£47.84	£0.00	£439.88	£487.72	£0.00	£45.85	£0.00	£45.85	£1,444.92
Disposables	£45.00	£55.55	£145.40	£245.95	£91.25	£0.00	£49.00	£140.25	£45.85	£0.00	£47.99	£93.84	£86.94	£0.00	£47.50	£134.44	£614.48
Hay	£115.00	£80.00	£80.00	£275.00	£282.00	£0.00	£0.00	£282.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00	£75.00	£40.00	£40.00	£155.00	£772.00
Timothy hay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VioVet Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Dog Food Dave Payments	£79.15	£42.16	£56.50	£177.81	£20.00	£40.00	£55.40	£115.40	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00	£80.00	£40.00	£60.00	£180.00	£493.21
Animal Accessories	£0.00	£0.00	£91.98	£91.98	£60.35	£16.53	£0.00	£76.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£168.86
New Housing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£452.02	£452.02	£150.88	£0.00	£0.00	£150.88	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£602.90
Salaries	£3,679.00	£1,181.00	£2,051.00	£6,911.00	£931.00	£2,982.80	£2,396.72	£6,310.52	£1,510.08	£2,737.32	£2,895.64	£7,143.04	£0.00	£2,053.32	£4,074.64	£6,127.96	£26,492.52
Vets Fees	£0.00	£315.00	£0.00	£315.00	£1,101.13	£77.10	£446.92	£1,625.15	£0.00	£0.00	£440.55	£440.55	£0.00	£630.48	£0.00	£630.48	£3,011.18
Subs/Fees/Insurance	£350.00	£35.80	£0.00	£385.80	£278.51	£67.99	£158.40	£504.90	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£890.70
Repairs/Maintenance/Replace	£104.36	£0.00	£0.00	£104.36	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£307.44	£0.00	£307.44	£0.00	£283.44	£0.00	£283.44	£695.24
Sanctuary Rabbit payments to	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£216.00
Print/Marketing/postage	£57.64	£48.02	£52.50	£158.16	£0.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.75	£11.50	£0.00	£0.00	£11.50	£0.00	£0.00	£66.95	£66.95	£237.36
Motoring expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Utilities	£200.00	£50.00	£50.00	£300.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£150.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00	£75.00	£600.00
Office Supplies	£8.75	£19.00	£10.50	£38.25	£43.35	£0.00	£9.00	£52.35	£18.43	£0.00	£14.84	£33.27	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£123.87
Misc	£0.00	£128.68	£0.00	£128.68	£60.00	£0.00	£40.00	£100.00	£0.00	£81.29	£0.00	£81.29	£286.32	£0.00	£79.99	£366.31	£676.28
Tot Overheads	**£5,112.23**	**£2,118.62**	**£2,599.73**	**£9,830.58**	**£3,376.68**	**£3,338.60**	**£3,693.70**	**£10,408.98**	**£1,827.58**	**£3,169.05**	**£3,980.36**	**£8,976.99**	**£571.26**	**£3,136.09**	**£4,412.08**	**£8,119.43**	**£37,335.98**
Net	**-£3,485.79**	**£1,799.86**	**-£1,006.40**	**-£2,692.33**	**£7,321.47**	**£108.94**	**£6,514.74**	**£13,945.15**	**-£179.30**	**-£1,679.93**	**-£2,031.54**	**-£3,890.77**	**£2,311.36**	**£3,236.12**	**-£1,177.15**	**£4,370.33**	**£11,732.38**
Balance	£24,970.56	£26,770.42	£25,764.02		£33,085.49	£33,194.43	£39,709.17		£39,529.87	£37,849.94	£35,818.40		£38,129.76	£41,365.88	£40,188.73		

Income balance for 2023	**£11,732.38**
Reserves 31.12.2022	**£28,456.35**
Balance for 2023	**£40,188.73**

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Nibbles Rodent and Rabbit Rescue
Charity no, 168657

1st March 2024

I have examined the accounts as prepared by Nibbles Rodent and Rabbit Rescue (charity no, 168657) and am pleased to see that, following a year when many hard decisions were made to ensure that the charity remains solvent, their position is sound and ready to expand when and if the current economic climate improves.

I hereby confirm that I have reviewed the accounting records as presented for the year 2023 and find that they are both accurate and consistent.

I find no unusual items or deviations from standard practice and see no matters that need clarification or investigation.

In my opinion the accounts provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial affairs.

Signed by me



On.

NIBBLES RODENT & RABBIT RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1168657

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Summary



This year has been one of our most difficult to date, with a significant drop in funding, rapidly increasing running costs, little to no interest in adoption and a drastic increase in surrender requests. We know this has not been unique to Nibbles, and the effects of the cost of living crisis, compounded by the fall out from the pet boom during the pandemic, has negatively impacted rescues all around the UK, regardless of the species catered for or the size of the organisation. None can remember a worst time and we are all struggling to keep our heads above water and help as many animals as possible.



We are over the moon to announce that we have finally completed our rabbit accommodation. Work started in 2017, and the year we thought we would not be working on it, became the year we finished it. All of our buns are enjoying a traditional wet and windy Welsh winter in dry, protected and spacious housing. Seeing the buns, previously housed in hutches, leap with joy brought a much needed bright moment to our entire team.



We've welcomed two new staff members and added 2 further volunteers to our welfare team. This year Clare joined us as trustee, as she is regularly on the ground at the centre and has taken on the role of Events Coordinator, taking Nibbles to Cardigan Show in August, Vegfest at Olympia in November and a small number of other local events. We hope to increase the number of events we attend during 2023, to help spread our message of high welfare standards for rabbits and rodents through our Put Welfare First campaign, highlighting the issues rodents and rabbits face in the pet industry.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Nibbles during 2022 - We couldn't have done it without you all!

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The Animals

The Figures

Rabbits surrendered into our care: 1
Rodents surrendered into our care: 53
Rabbits transferred in from other rescues: 8
Rodents transferred in from other rescues: 2
Rodents born at the centre*: 0
Rodents transferred out to other rescues: 32
Rabbits transferred out to other rescues: 0
Rodents who died while in our care: 4
Rabbits who died while in our care: 2
Rabbits on sanctuary placements: 10
Rodents on sanctuary placements: 4
Rabbits adopted: 3
Rodents adopted: 22
Animals Returned to our care: 12

Total animals helped: 75
Total animals adopted: 25

**As a result from animals arriving in our care already pregnant*

We have never experience such low adoption rates in our entire history. This has not been unique to ourselves, but has been felt nationwide as a result of the pet boom during lockdown and the cost of living crisis. Coupled with this drastic drop in adoptions, there has been an even greater increase in the number of animals becoming unwanted, neglected and abandoned. Sadly, many of our animals have been here for over 12 months, with little to no interest. We never give up on finding that special forever home, but without a turnover with adoptions, we have been unable to offer placements to other animals in urgent need. It has been an incredibly difficult year to be involved in rescue. Verbal abuse towards our admin team has drastically increased when we have tried to explain that we are simply unable to cater for any further animals and being blamed for forcing owners into dumping or euthanising animals. We have also seen animals returned into our care due to changes in circumstances as a result of the cost of living crisis and ill health, putting great pressure on our team to provide care to these additional, and unplanned for, animals. We have regularly finished our days in tears and it has been questioned as to whether we can mentally and emotionally continue.

Despite the challenges we have faced, we have done everything we can to help as many animals as physically and financially possible. We built further housing to once again become a 'hutch free' rescue after catering for a number of emergencies at the end of 2021. With the low adoption rates, we had no other option but to complete our building work. This also allowed us to take in some additional rabbits urgently in need of help.



Elliott was just one of many rabbits who were dumped during 2022. His previous carer was witnessed leaving him behind in a carpark before driving away without a second glance. Thankfully, Elliott is such a friendly chap, he hopped straight over to the witness and was taken to a local vet surgery where he faced euthanasia if no placement was found. We were alerted to his plight and were able to offer him a brighter future only due to our new builds. Elliott remains safe in our care and has been neutered and vaccinated and is now on the search for his forever home.

Towards the end of the year we were asked to help with 31 mice, after a lady believed she'd been given 4 females. We were shocked on arrival to discover that not only were there 44 in total, but that they weren't actually mice, but in fact Multimammates. We were totally unprepared for Multis who have slightly different needs and drastically different temperaments from mice. We are very grateful to Tiny Paws Rescue who helped organise experienced placements for 32 of them. We have had dad neutered and hope to reintroduce him to his three original ladies and 4 of his remaining daughters.



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Welfare Review

This year has seen a number of changes to welfare related policies. We always try to keep up to date with the latest advancements in rabbit and rodent care and welfare, and aim to make appropriate changes to our policies and procedures in line with these recommendations.

Changes Made

- To neuter all male guinea pigs entering our care and prior to adoption
- To neuter all male chinchillas, degus and gerbils
- Providing all guinea pigs in our care with daily fresh veg to enhance vitamin C intake
- Cutting back on additional extras to our rabbit diets to increase hay consumption
- Removing hay racks from all of our rabbit housing, to loose feed hay to increase hay consumption
- Increasing our minimum housing requirements for all species of hamster from 80cmx50cm to 100cmx50cm





Ivy tucking into a hay breakfast

We carried out a full review of our rabbit diets after being concerned by a drop in hay consumption. It was quickly realised that 'additional extras' had mounted to a inappropriate level and we stripped back the diet to a bare minimum. We also removed all hay racks from our rabbit housing after research indicated that rabbits will consume more hay when fed on the ground as this mimics more natural foraging behaviours. Within days we saw a massive improvement and every rabbit now tucks into their hay for breakfast.

Companionship is very important to guinea pigs, to invest in the long-term welfare of every male guinea pig entering our care, we've made it policy to neuter all males. This enables for easier bonding with a female or group of females when they are bereaved from the death of a partner. Later in the year we extended this policy to chinchillas, degus, and gerbils for the same reasons.



Cider & Guinness, two of the male guinea pigs to have been neutered under our new policy



Spook has been in our care for 2 years

We continue to look for ways to increase enrichment within the rescue environment, especially with so many animals now spending well over 12 months searching for their forever home. Over the last few months we have been carrying out species specific research, looking for ideas and inspiration to help make their stay more comfortable and enjoyable.

During 2023 we are looking to review our minimum adoption requirements for chinchillas, degus, rats, gerbils and mice to ensure continued high welfare standards. We will also be looking at upgrading our housing available to hamsters, mice and gerbils while at the centre to once again improve over all welfare.

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The Welfare Team


Abi


Siobhan


Jasmine


Neil


Katie


Clare


Hannah


Evelyn


Karen

During 2022, Siobhan and Abi have remained in their roles as Centre Manager and Assistant Manager respectively, and both have continued to donate more hours to the rescue than paid hours. Jessica finished her Level 2 NVQ workplace apprenticeship at the end of June and we said a sad good bye as she headed to pastures new.

To provide additional support with the day-to-day care of the animals we welcomed Jasmine, undertaking a part-time role of 12 hours, across 3 days a week and Neil, who had been volunteering with us on a Saturday morning for the previous year, a part-time position of 8 hours, across 2 days of the week. Both on a 12 month contract running from July 2022 - June 2023. We'd originally advertised for a single position of 12 hours, but after the interview process, we were torn between Jasmine and Neil and with a rejigging of available funding were able to offer Neil an additional position to provide extra support with building work and animal care. Both have settled well into their roles and become valuable members of our team.

Evelyn, Karen and Clare have remained with us as volunteers during 2022 and we were thrilled to welcome back Katie on a Saturday morning, after a change in her work commitments. Katie has helped to provide the manpower needed to cover the loss of the 4 hours previously provided by Jessica. Hannah joined us on a Friday morning during her breaks from Uni, and has become a regular face providing much needed support during these times to allow for staff holidays to be booked and provide enough cover.

Despite additional staff and volunteers, we are still struggling with the overall work load of the rescue. Siobhan still regularly spends over 8 hours a day on the laptop, and Abi additional time on admin working from home on a voluntary basis. We have been seeking an additional animal care volunteer for Wednesdays since July, but with no luck, meaning Siobhan has been providing cover and working between 4am-8am on admin each Wednesday.

During 2023 Siobhan and Abi will remain in their roles with a further 12 month contract, and we will assess funding availability at the end of March in the hopes of renewing contacts for Jasmine and Neil.

We would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for the hours they have dedicated to Nibbles during 2022. We simply couldn't run without their help and support.

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Building A Brighter Future

We'd originally planned to place completing our infrastructure on hold during 2022 due to concerns over staffing and reduced funding. However, we entered the year with a number of rabbits in emergency accommodation and with interest in adoption at an all time low, coupled with the huge demand for our services as a result of the pet boom during the pandemic, we had no other option than to address the problem proactively.



With such low interest in adoption, it was clear that many of the rabbits in our care would be spending winter at the centre. For this reason we urgently needed to provide them with suitable accommodation, providing sufficient space and protection from the wet and windy Welsh winters.



Work started in early July and was completed at the end of October, with our last rabbit being moved out of 'hutch only' accommodation and into a much more suitable enclosure. The new pens range from 5ft x 9ft to 6ft x 10ft in size and all have been lined with PVC sheeting to increase bio security and allow for easy cleaning. We've moved some of our longer stay rabbits into these larger enclosures, opening up a number of our smaller kennel units for new arrivals.



We started work on this area back in 2017 and the project has hung over our heads ever since, and many hundreds of hours of back breaking labour has gone into getting our infrastructure completed. Siobhan is very happy to hang up her tools and hopes they will gather cobwebs before they are needed once again!

This has brought us to a total of 23 rabbit units, allowing us to house between 23 to 40 rabbits at any one time, and marks a big moment for Nibbles with our housing finally being completed after opening back in 2015.



We can not thank the Animal Protection Trust enough for their response to our appeal and their kind grant of £4,000 to cover the cost of the materials for our final 8 rabbit units.



The Figures

Total funding spent during 2022 as part of our Building a Brighter Future Project: £4,456.62

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Trustees

This year has seen a couple of changes to our team of Trustees. Charlotte left us after a change in her personal circumstances meant she was no longer able to devote sufficient time to the role. Clare, a long term volunteer, joined us to help coordinate and run events to help promote Nibbles to a wider audience. Alan has sadly had to step down at the end of the year due to illness.



Siobhan

We enter into 2023 with:

Siobhan Learmonth – Founder and Chairman
Shirley Learmonth – Treasurer
Rachel Terry – Secretary
Clare Hammond - Events Coordinator
Margaret Waller – HR Manager



Shirley

We would like to thank all our trustees for their hard work during 2022 and through their devotion to the charity, we look forward to tackling new projects during 2023.



Rachel



Clare



Margaret



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Funding

We would like to thank all of our supporters who have contributed to our running costs over the last 12 months. Nibbles is completely reliant on public donations and grant funding to remain open and caring for these generally forgotten about companion animals.

It has been an incredibly difficult year with the cost of living crisis hitting and many seeing a drastic rise in the cost of many basic necessities. We have actually run at a loss of £2,085.79 with all of our unallocated reserve funding being placed towards this deficit.

We have seen a rise in monthly pledge donations and sponsorships compared to 2021, rising from £5,219.17 to £8,083.23. This has been coupled with a drop in one-ff donations via PayPal Giving Fund from £9,851.14 in 2021 to £5,714.84 during 2022. In total we have surprisingly seen a £718 increase in public donations compared to 2021.

In other funding, we have seen a reduction when compared to 2021, with a drop of £16,265.40 in overall funding, most of which was generated from grant funding (A £9,175 drop was seen during 2022 compared to 2021) and a significant reduction in funding generated from online fundraising events from £7,798.17 in 2021 to £154.88 in 2022.

Despite shops reopening, post pandemic, and many returning to 'normal', we actually saw a drop of £19.49 in the income generated from collection pots, despite attending additional events during the year. We did hold a collection day at our local Tescos store in Cardigan during June and raised an incredible £202.37.

A total of £485.20 was generated via our supporters using Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising, an increase of £17.29 compared to last year.

This year has been our worst year to date for adoptions and this has been reflected in the funding generated from adoption fees, additional adoption donations and donations made at the time of surrender, dropping by a total of £680, when compared to last year.

We have made it through the year by the skin of our teeth and urgently need to address funding for 2023 and prepare for staff salaries during 2024.

The Figures

One off donations through PayPal Giving: £5,714.84

Funds raised through online events: £154.88

Funds raised through grants: £9,000

Total raised from monthly pledges and sponsorships: £8,083.23

Funds raised through other donations: £3,890.60

Funds generated from charity collection boxes: £199.30

Funds raised from AmazonSmile and EasyFundraising: £485.20

Funds generated from adoption and surrender donations: £730.00

Funds generated through sales: £461.83

Employer incentive payment for work place apprenticeships: £1,000

Other Income: £79.00*

Total Income: £29,828.88

*£55.00 in interest payments
£24.00 in refunds

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Expenditure

The Figures

Animal Supplies: £4,344.67

Accessories, repairs, replacements & maintenance: £1,046.86

New Housing: £4,456.62

Salaries: £14,385.93

Vets Fees: £4,786.23

Subscriptions & Insurance: £697.23

Print, marketing & postage: £1,344.82

Other Expenses: £852.31

Total Expenditure: £31,914.67

With the cost of living crisis increasing prices across the board, staff changes and the increase in the number of animals we can house at any one time, we have seen a significant, and concerning, increase in our running costs during 2022

Overall, we have seen an increase of £1,026.82 in covering animal supplies, when compared to 2021, despite cutting back where possible on our expenditure. We were forced to cease buying timothy hay for the rabbits at the beginning of the year, due to the concern over rising costs, providing a saving of £497.35 compared to 2021. We also carried out a diet review for our rabbits, removing fibafirst sticks and readigrass in the mornings, now only providing fresh meadow hay in the morning and a small amount of pellets in the afternoon. Even with the additional rabbits we should have broken even, when compared to last year, with the cut backs on supplies.

We have seen a drastic increase in staff salaries during 2022. This was expected, with an increase in our centre managers annual salary from £2,400 to £5,592 and with the addition of 2 part time staff members, paid at minimum wage, in July. There will be a further rise in the annual centre managers salary during 2023 to £9,612. Despite the significant cost of paid staff, they remain an essential to the smooth running of the charity and ensuring that the animals receive suitable levels of care. Without staffing at this level, we would be forced to close a significant number of our rabbit housing units and our rodent cabin, resulting in a negative effect on our overall impact.



We have seen a reduction in the cost of veterinary fees, although this drop is less than we expected with so few animals coming into our care when compared to last year. In addition to this we also received a number of credits to our account as a result of billing errors. This, once again, highlights the increases we have all experienced as a result of the cost of living crisis.

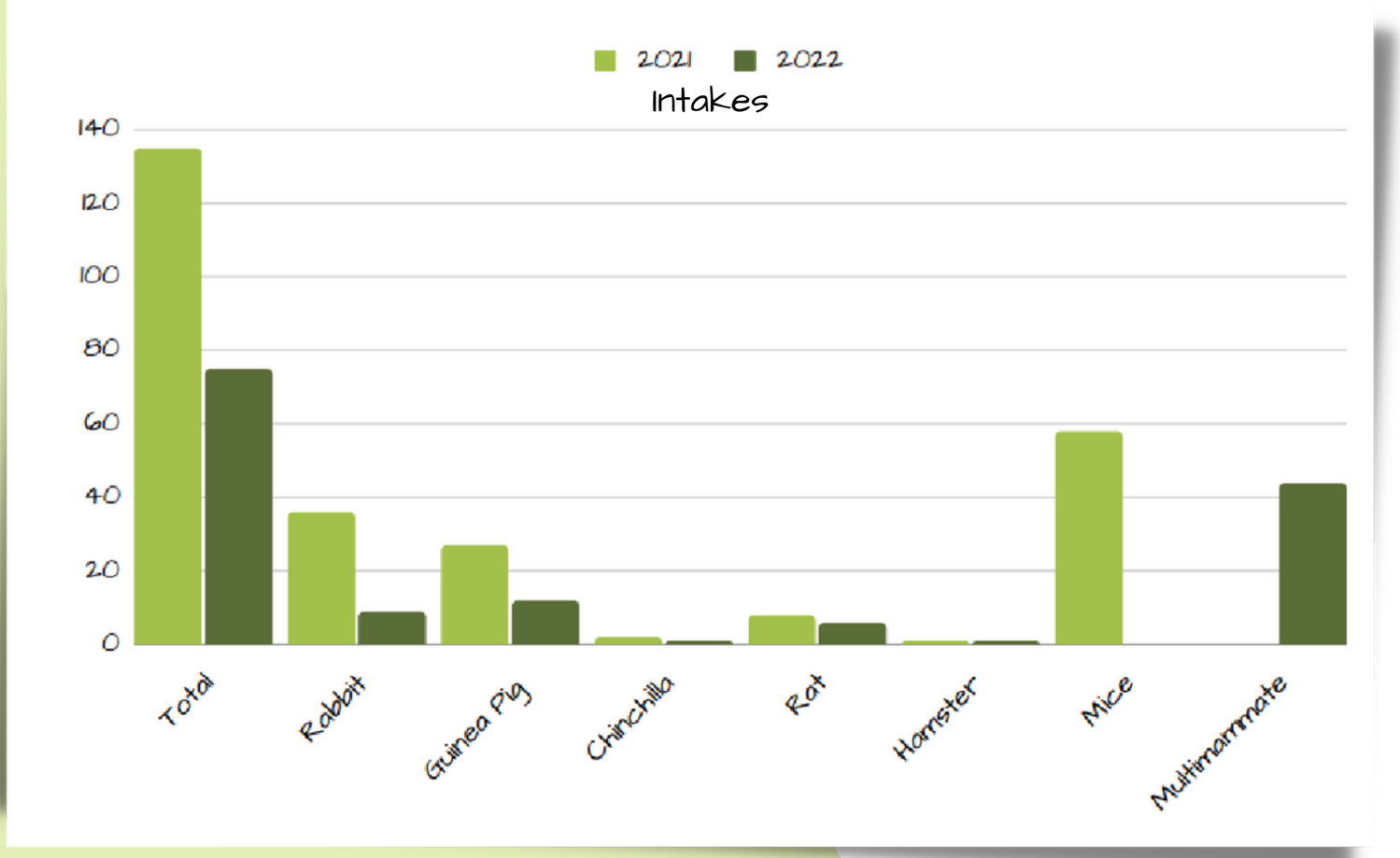
Overall, we have seen a £5,946.20 increase in our expenditure compared to 2021. While some of this was expected, and anticipated, the price rises across the board as a result of the cost of living crisis has had an effect on our finances.

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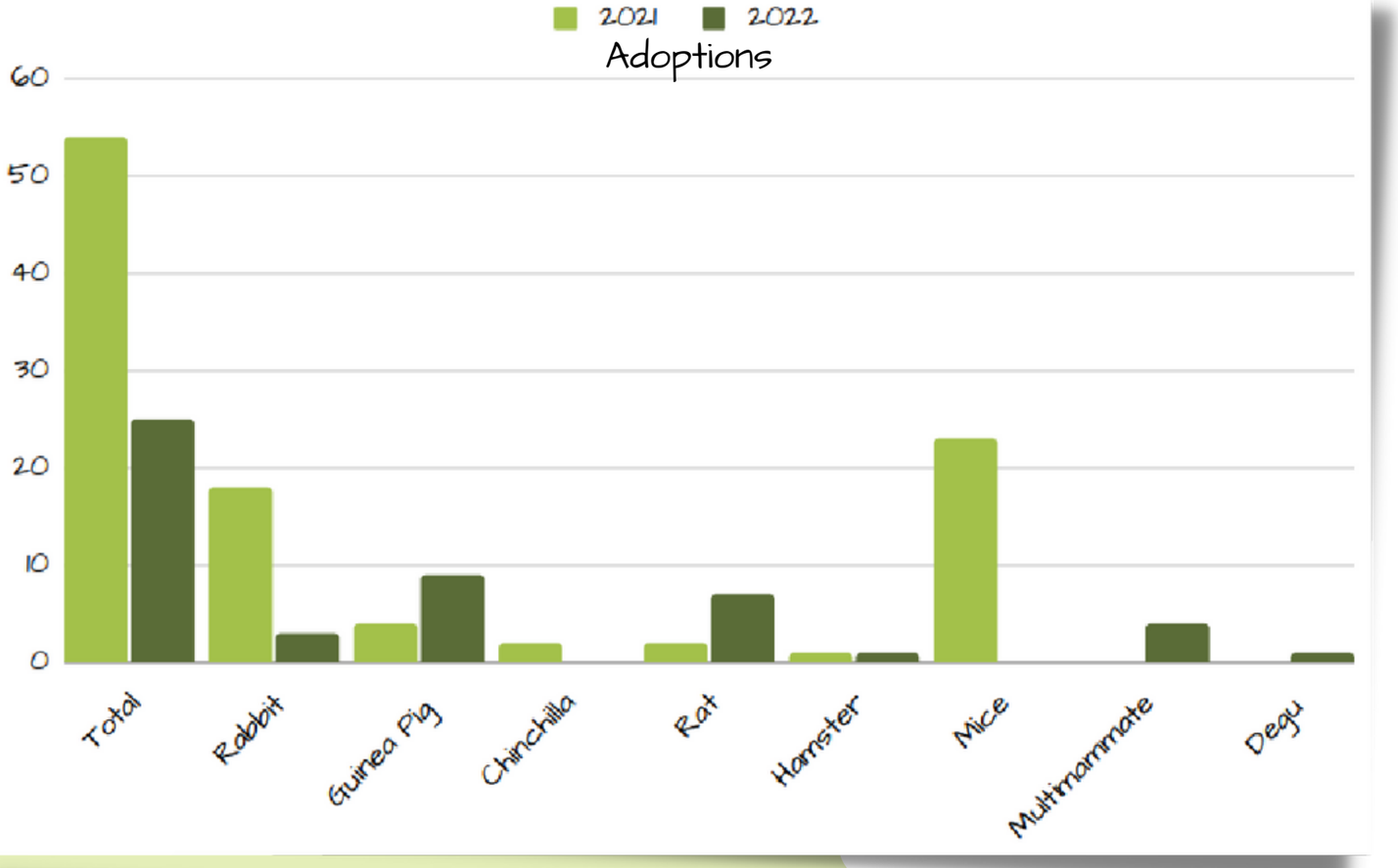
The Figures

This year we have really felt the fall out from the pet boom during the pandemic, the lifting of covid restrictions and the effects of the cost of living crisis.

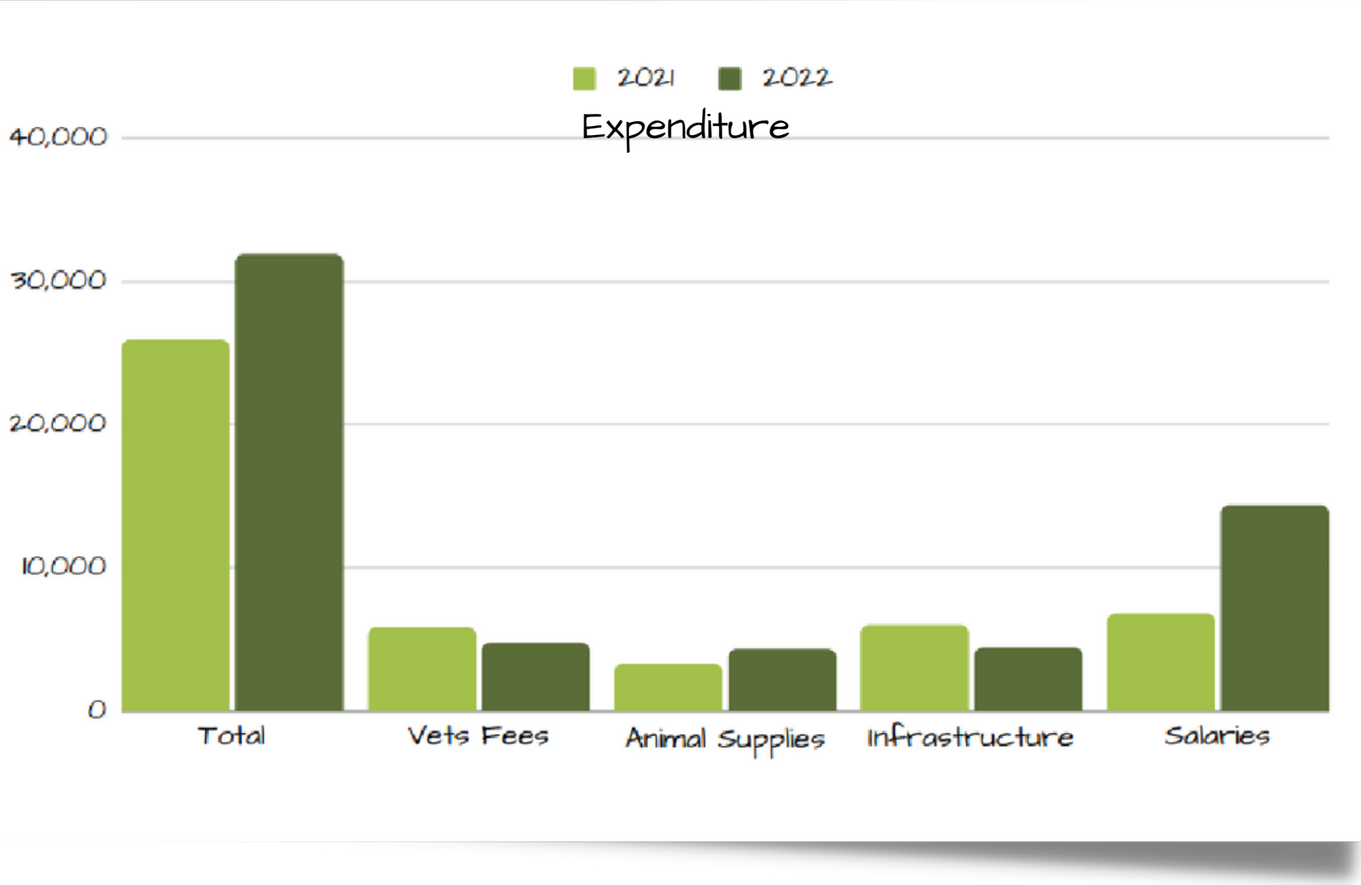


We have run at full capacity all year, and have only been able to help additional rabbits as a result of building further accommodation. Our drastic drop in intakes compared to 2021, is the direct result in the massive drop in successful adoptions during 2022.

We were forced to close our waiting list early in the year and have been forced to turn away more animals than ever before.



During 2022, we saw only 3 rabbit adoptions and left the year with 2 rabbits on trial pending successful bonding. We have never seen such low numbers since opening in 2015. The vast majority of our rabbits have been with us for over 12 months, some for as long as 2 years. The homes have simply not been there.



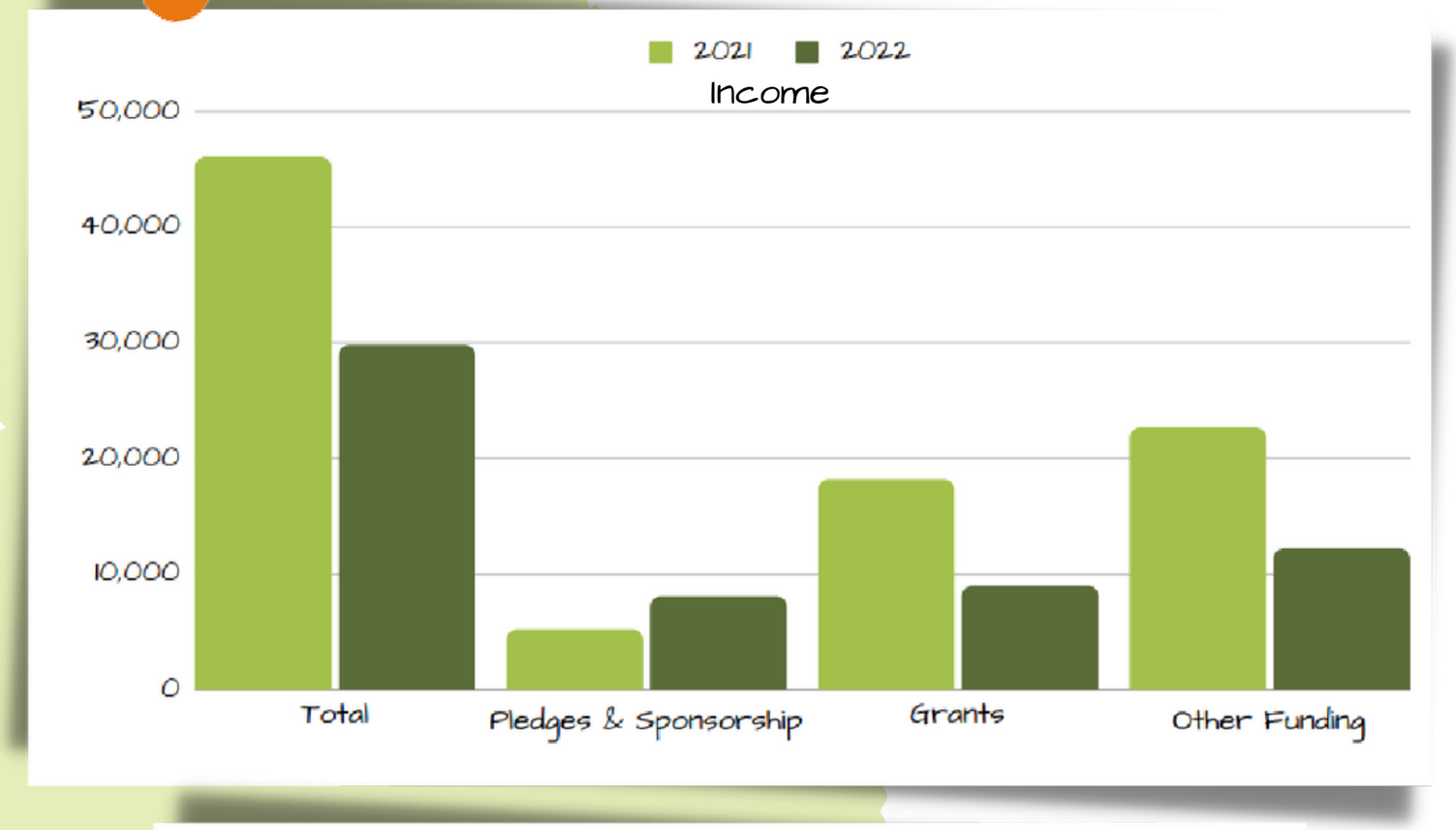
The cost of living crisis has seen prices rise across the board and this is reflected in the increased cost of animal supplies, despite cutting back on as many items compared to 2021. We have made every penny stretch as far as possible during the last 12 months, without compromising the welfare of the animals in our care.

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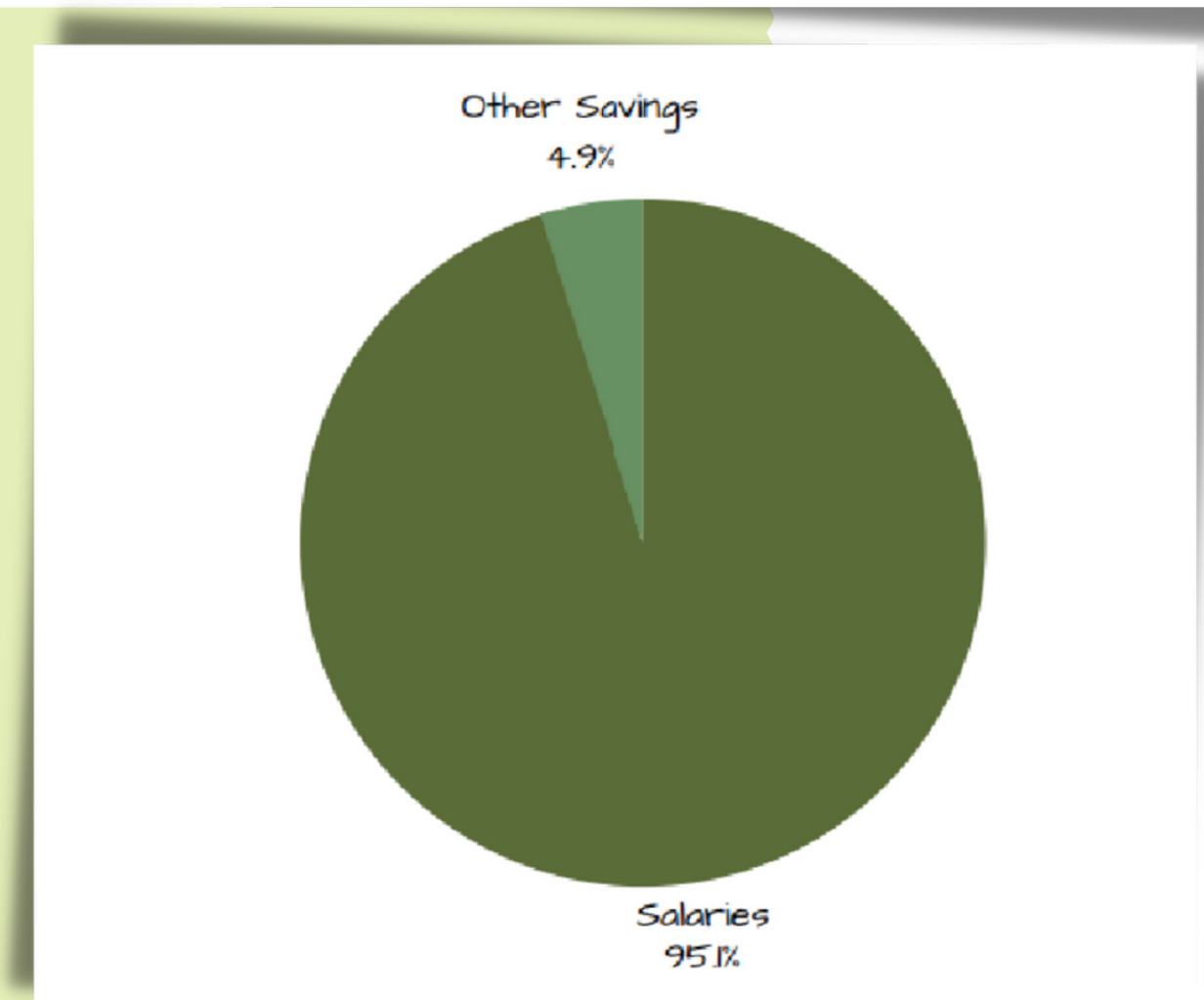
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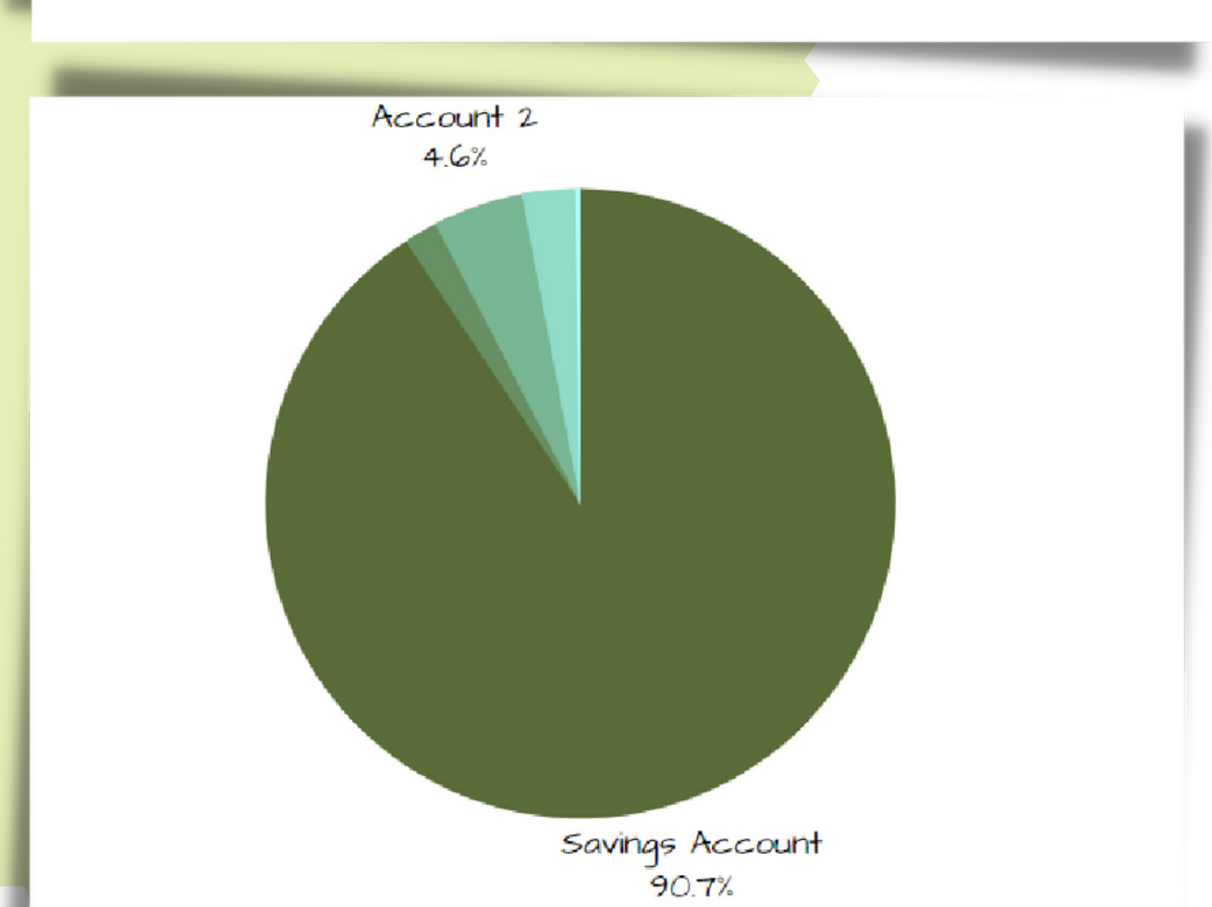
Income and Reserves



We saw a significant drop in our overall funding when compared to 2021. While a large proportion of this was from grant funding, we also saw a significant drop of over £10,000 in one-off donations and fundraising carried out by supporters. Our only increase has been seen in those signing up to make a monthly pledge or sponsorships, which saw an increase of £2,864. As a result we ran at a loss of £2,085.79 during 2022.



We ended the year with £25,795.83 held in our Business Reserve Account, with a substantial amount set aside to cover salaries for 2023 and 2024. With £1,255.43 towards costs such as insurance, software subscriptions, hosting, print and repairs, maintenance and utilities.



We ended the year with a balance of £28,456.35, with £25,795.83 of that funding held in our business reserve account. We have two business accounts, one holding funds for day-to-day running costs and the second holding funds to cover veterinary fees, with £491.04 and £1,321 of our funding held respectively. We also left the year with £769.13 of our funds held within our PayPal account and £79.35 in petty cash.

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Looking to 2023

Summary

Raise the funding required to replace 3 of our older rabbit units which are now rotted beyond repair

Look into the possibilities of opening a rabbit and rodent supplies shop to help ensure owners can access suitable and safe products while creating an additional income for the charity

Continue to promote high welfare standards for rabbits and rodents, through our Put Welfare First Campaign





We are leaving 2022 with serious concerns over funding for 2023 and staff salaries for 2024. We made it through the year by the skin of our teeth. We will be looking at ways to increase funding, including the possibility of opening a specialist rodent and rabbit supplies store online.

Despite the massive financial commitment to cover staff salaries, 2022 has once again shown just how valuable paid staff are to our work and, most importantly, to the animals in our care. It is a cost as important as supplies for the animals, as without a reliable team we are simply unable to cater for the number of animals at the centre.

Since 2015, Shirley has personally covered all the utility bills for the property as a whole, but with the rising cost of eclecticity this is no longer financially possible. Our rodent cabin is heated, and a dehumidifier is run daily during the winter, along with fans and air con during the summer months. There is also regular weekly use of the washing machine and tumble dryer to wash and dry cage mats, and basic electric for lighting, the boiler in the office, wifi and laptops, all for the sole purpose of the rescue. From February 1st Nibbles will be contributing £50 a month towards the electric bill and this will be reassessed as and when prices change throughout 2023. This has not been an easy decision to make but unfortunately a necessary one.

During 2023, we will be focusing on our Put Welfare First campaign to help promote high welfare standards for rabbits and rodents and highlight the multitude of issues they face as part of the pet industry. We will be adding care and welfare information to our website to provide the public with accurate advice and inspire owners to provide their small pets with their best life possible.







Nibbles Profit and Loss Account Jan 2022 to Dec 2022

	Jan	Feb	March	Quarterly totals	April	May	Jun	Quarterly Totals	Jul	Aug	Sep	Quarterly Totals	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quartley Totals	Total	
Income																		
SO Subs	£122.00	£143.50	£143.50	£409.00	£143.50	£143.50	£143.50	£430.50	£153.50	£153.50	£178.50	£485.50	£183.50	£185.50	£185.50	£554.50	£1,879.50	SO Subs
PayPal Subs	£72.62	£117.54	£117.54	£307.70	£122.47	£136.86	£132.13	£391.46	£107.10	£107.10	£107.10	£321.30	£100.60	£90.94	£90.94	£282.48	£1,302.94	PayPal Subs
GC D/D Subs	£342.98	£341.82	£414.69	£1,099.49	£333.90	£341.65	£351.20	£1,026.75	£362.73	£530.02	£399.11	£1,291.86	£452.07	£446.85	£583.77	£1,482.69	£4,900.79	GC D/D Subs
Paypal Giving Fund	£484.30	£137.65	£121.91	£743.86	£1,658.45	£413.76	£341.25	£2,413.46	£266.60	£341.25	£302.10	£909.95	£292.01	£749.43	£606.13	£1,647.57	£5,714.84	Paypal Giving Fund
Cash Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£72.21	£72.21	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£72.21	Cash Donations
Cheque Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Cheque Donations
Charity Collection Pots	£99.97	£0.00	£0.00	£99.97	£39.55	£0.00	£0.00	£39.55	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£59.78	£0.00	£0.00	£59.78	£199.30	Charity Collection Pots
AmazonSmile	£0.00	£97.66	£0.00	£97.66	£0.00	£78.88	£0.00	£78.88	£0.00	£71.17	£0.00	£71.17	£0.00	£84.84	£0.00	£84.84	£332.55	AmazonSmile
EasyFundrasing	£0.00	£94.79	£0.00	£94.79	£0.00	£0.00	£27.07	£27.07	£0.00	£30.79	£0.00	£30.79	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£152.65	EasyFundrasing
Addional Adoption Donation	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£85.00	£0.00	£85.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£90.00	Addional Adoption Donation
Adoption Fees	£35.00	£160.00	£85.00	£280.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£35.00	£0.00	£85.00	£0.00	£210.00	£0.00	£210.00	£575.00	Adoption Fees
Surrender Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£75.00	£75.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£95.00	Surrender Donations
Other Donations	£730.00	£25.01	£0.00	£755.01	£85.00	£264.00	£7.61	£356.61	£147.00	£2,202.37	£9.00	£2,358.37	£153.73	£49.67	£145.00	£348.40	£3,818.39	Other Donations
Online Fundraising event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£154.88	£154.88	£154.88	Online Fundraising event
Sales	£0.00	£0.00	£22.48	£22.48	£0.00	£0.00	£29.97	£29.97	£33.50	£0.00	£0.00	£33.50	£0.00	£375.88	£0.00	£375.88	£461.83	Sales
Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£24.00	£24.00	£24.00	Refunds
Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	£9,000.00	Grants
Employer Insentive	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Employer Insentive Payments
Payments Interest	£0.22	£0.20	£0.22	£0.64	£1.78	£2.21	£1.97	£5.96	£1.99	£2.28	£4.65	£8.92	£7.95	£14.67	£16.86	£39.48	£55.00	Interest
Total Income	£1,892.09	£1,118.17	£2,980.34	£5,990.60	£2,384.65	£1,380.86	£1,106.91	£4,872.42	£6,122.42	£3,558.48	£1,020.46	£10,701.36	£1,249.64	£5,207.78	£1,807.08	£8,264.50	£29,828.88	
Overheads	Jan	Feb	March	Quartley Totals	April	May	Jun		Jul	Aug	Sep		Oct	Nov	Dec		Total	
Feed	£67.17	£43.34	£114.94	£225.45	£39.83	£39.04	£45.35	£124.22	£33.67	£176.03	£38.79	£248.49	£81.43	£21.84	£24.89	£128.16	£726.32	Feed
Bedding	£389.13	£0.00	£0.00	£389.13	£0.00	£430.57	£0.00	£430.57	£0.00	£0.00	£452.70	£452.70	£0.00	£0.00	£51.49	£51.49	£1,323.89	Bedding
Disposables	£154.07	£54.55	£28.99	£237.61	£81.55	£23.50	£45.00	£150.05	£50.28	£43.79	£43.70	£137.77	£202.30	£77.19	£0.00	£279.49	£804.92	Disposables
Hay	£48.00	£24.00	£40.00	£112.00	£0.00	£60.00	£48.00	£108.00	£48.00	£35.00	£85.00	£168.00	£55.00	£160.00	£80.00	£295.00	£683.00	Hay
Timothy hay	£34.95	£34.95	£79.90	£149.80	£77.90	£0.00	£0.00	£77.90	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£227.70	Timothy hay
VioVet Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£59.34	£0.00	£0.00	£59.34	£89.94	£0.00	£0.00	£89.94	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£149.28	VioVet Payments
Dog Food Dave Payments	£27.50	£26.00	£26.00	£79.50	£14.00	£0.00	£30.00	£44.00	£54.90	£30.00	£15.00	£99.90	£75.56	£38.00	£92.60	£206.16	£429.56	Dog Food Dave Payments
Animal Accessories	£0.00	£0.00	£293.26	£293.26	£80.96	£0.00	£103.40	£184.36	£16.50	£0.00	£0.00	£16.50	£0.00	£0.00	£162.78	£162.78	£656.90	Animal Accessories
New Housing	£0.00	£0.00	£136.00	£136.00	£0.00	£459.60	£345.28	£804.88	£2,401.99	£766.40	£235.38	£3,403.77	£0.00	£111.97	£0.00	£111.97	£4,456.62	New Housing
Salaries	£775.60	£0.00	£741.20	£1,516.80	£1,113.08	£1,198.08	£1,533.08	£3,844.24	£793.08	£2,765.81	£740.00	£4,298.89	£2,198.00	£1,844.00	£684.00	£4,726.00	£14,385.93	Salaries
Vets Fees	£2,068.52	£265.08	£0.00	£2,333.60	£172.66	£840.46	£379.10	£1,392.22	£67.50	£0.00	£682.22	£749.72	£0.00	£0.00	£310.69	£310.69	£4,786.23	Vets Fees
Subs/Fees/Insurance	£298.23	£0.00	£0.00	£298.23	£241.40	£0.00	£157.60	£399.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£697.23	Subs/Fees/Insurance
Repairs/Maintenance/Replace	£30.49	£209.16	£68.88	£308.53	£0.00	£0.00	£33.44	£33.44	£0.00	£39.99	£8.00	£47.99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£389.96	Repairs/Maintenance/Replacements
Sanctuary Rabbit payments to	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£54.00	£216.00	Sanctuary Rabbit payments to foster
Print/Marketing/postage	£1.99	£86.78	£0.00	£88.77	£27.62	£478.82	£339.08	£845.52	£21.25	£145.54	£23.72	£190.51	£3.44	£79.77	£136.81	£220.02	£1,344.82	Print/Marketing/postage
Motoring expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	Motoring expenses
Utilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	Utilities
Misc	£19.98	£0.00	£179.79	£199.77	£33.99	£17.50	£40.00	£91.49	£98.62	£27.18	£0.00	£125.80	£0.00	£54.28	£14.97	£69.25	£486.31	Misc
Tot Overheads	£3,933.63	£761.86	£1,726.96	£6,422.45	£1,960.33	£3,565.57	£3,117.33	£8,643.23	£3,693.73	£4,047.74	£2,342.51	£10,083.98	£2,633.73	£2,555.05	£1,576.23	£6,765.01	£31,914.67	
Net	-£2,041.54	£356.31	£1,253.38	-£431.85	£424.32	-£2,184.71	-£2,010.42	-£3,770.81	£2,428.69	-£489.26	-£1,322.05	£617.38	-£1,384.09	£2,652.73	£230.85	£1,499.49	-£2,085.79	
Balance:	£28,500.60	£28,856.91	£30,110.29		£30,534.61	£28,349.90	£26,339.48		£28,768.17	£28,278.91	£26,956.86		£25,572.77	£28,225.50	£28,456.35			
											Income balance for 2022				-£2,085.79			
											Reserves 31.12.2021				£30,542.14			
											Balance for 2022				£28,456.35			

Accounts as presented for 2022

NIBBLES RODENT & RABBIT RESCUE

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I find the above accounts in every way well presented and correct and proper in all matters presented.

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NIBBLES RODENT & RABBIT RESCUE

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Summary

This year has seen a number of changes to Nibbles, which has brought it's own benefits and challenges, while we move forward to create a more sustainable way of running and providing a secure future for the charity as a whole.

The need for us to exist has continued to be apparent and we have ended the year with unprecedented numbers of rabbits and rodents becoming unwanted as a result of the pet boom during lockdown. We have also seen a dramatic increase in neglect and welfare cases, along with breeders wishing to dispose of unsold litters. This has put a huge amount of pressure on our very limited resources and we leave 2021 with every housing unit full, and having purchased additional hutches to provide emergency accommodation for abandoned rabbits.

Interest in adoption reached an all time low once leisure activities reopened after lockdown, further hindering our ability to offer placements to rabbits and rodents urgently in need of our help. Overall, it is has been an incredibly difficult year and a constant battle to try to offer help to as many as possible.

Our increase in funding and with the addition of paid staff, providing reliable day to day care for the animals at the centre has had significant effect on our overall impact, seeing the number of animals passing through the centre dramatically increasing. Sadly, we have still been forced to turn away a large number of animals, especially rabbits, due to a lack of facilities to accommodate them.

We were devastated to learn of the changes made by the Welsh Assembly to the workplace apprenticeship scheme towards the end of the year. We had been hoping to offer our current apprentice, Jessica, a further 14 month contact to undertake her level 3, and create a new position for a 12 month level 2 learner. Sadly, the changes to a 24 month contract, and the resulting increase in salaries, has made this impossible for us at this time. We leave the year discussing a number of options available to provide the animals at the centre with sufficient day to day care from July 2022, and have placed our plans to build further rabbit housing on hold, as we will be unable to provide the day to day care required for additional rabbits.

We also left the year having to look into alternative veterinary care for our animals as a result of changes made by our only local practice. We have been unable to book appointments in a timely manner, and have been struggling to access a veterinary surgeon who has the necessary experience to treat and operate on rabbits and rodents, since the end of November.

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The Animals

The Figures

Rabbits surrendered into our care: 24
Rodents surrendered into our care: 64
Rabbits transferred in from other rescues: 12
Rodents transferred in from other rescues: 5
Rodents born at the centre*: 23
Rodents transferred out to other rescues: 25
Rabbits transferred out to other rescues:6
Rodents who died while in our care: 6
Rabbits who died while in our care: 5
Rabbits on sanctuary placements: 9
Rodents on sanctuary placements: 1
Rabbits adopted: 18
Rodents adopted: 36

Total animals helped: 135
Total animals adopted: 53

**As a result from animals arriving in our care already pregnant*

Our biggest challenge during 2021, was the rescue of 39 mice, living as a large mixed sex group in a small wooden box. Due to the urgency of the case we made the 6 hour round trip to collect them from Pontypool and bring them to the safety of Nibbles. They were all suffering from a respiratory infection which required antibiotic treatment. Many of the males had injuries from fighting, and a number of the females were pregnant. We would like to give huge thanks to Animal Lifeline UK, who helped arrange placements at other rescues for a number of these mice. Of the mice which remained in our care, we had all the males neutered and were able to bond them back with companions. All of these mice were adopted during the year.



At the end of the year we had an influx of rabbits and guinea pigs arrive with us from situations where welfare had been severely compromised.



This included Dante who was surrendered by a breeder who was giving up due to the reduction in demand for baby rabbits and guinea pigs. Dante arrived in urgent need of veterinary treatment as a result of a birth defect to his eyes which had remained untreated and caused ulcers and infections.





After being born in rescue and waiting over 12 month to find their very own furrytail ending, Harri & Lillith finally hopped off with the most perfect forever family. This cheeky duo never failed to bring a smile to our entire welfare team and will always be missed.

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Veterinary Care

The Figures

Total spent on dental treatment for rabbits: £1,669.75

Total spent on rabbit neutering: £1,104.07

Total spent on rodent neutering: £347.31

Total spent on vaccinations*: £763.80

Total spent on treatment for illness or injury: £1,980.49

Total spent on veterinary care: £5,865.42

**This includes booster vaccinations for sanctuary rabbits and long stay rabbits*



Lindy, one of the two rabbits to require a full incisor removal

This year has been our toughest year to date when it came to rabbits arriving in our care needing urgent veterinary treatment. Sadly, we lost a number of rabbits, some to a congenital heart condition and two had to be euthanized. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of rabbits arriving requiring dental treatment to remove dental spurs, with this affecting the majority of rabbits which came into our care this year. We also had rabbits requiring full incisor removal, as a result of a congenital misalignment.

With the need for dental treatment having become so common, we have had to budget an extra £100 for every rabbit intake. This has increased our rabbit intake costs to between £199 - £219 depending on weight and sex. We have also begun to neuter male guinea pigs as standard prior to making them available for adoption as an investment in their long term welfare, and allowing for easier bonding with females, should their bond break down or in the event one is left alone after the loss of a partner.



Tim having dental spurs removed shortly after arrival



Tim

Tim, who arrived in March with 6 other rabbits, required extensive veterinary care, including an over night stay in the vet. Despite all his problems, he is now loving life and thriving at Nibbles.

Tim became a sanctuary rabbit as he suffers from on-going dental problems, diabetic issues and suspected megacolon..



Nathan one of the 24 rabbits neutered

As always we would like to thank our wonderful veterinary team for all of the care and attention they have given to our animals during 2021. They have gone above and beyond for the animals in our care with the same level of passion for their overall welfare as we have at the centre. We were devastated to have lost our main vet at the end of the year and continue to look into alternative arrangements to ensure the animals in our care are getting the best possible treatment.

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The Welfare Team

This year saw the addition of paid staff to Nibbles, providing the rescue with far more reliable help with the day to day care of the animals. Our founder Siobhan was granted permission to take a small wage from the rescue to act as Centre Manager, helping to provide Siobhan with an income for the hours she dedicates to keeping the rescue open and running. Prior to this Siobhan had worked on a voluntary basis, but this had become unsustainable with the inability to find outside employment due to the hours needed by Nibbles.

We were thrilled for Abi to accept the role of Assistant Manager in January, helping with the day-to-day care of the animals and with admin. Although she left us briefly on maternity leave, she returned to the office on a voluntary basis in October, bring Blaidd with her.

In July, Jessica joined us on a Workplace Apprenticeship for a 12 month contract to undertake her Level 2 in Animal Care and Welfare. We were devastated to learn of the sudden changes made to the scheme in November by the Welsh Assembly, making it financially impossible for us to offer future apprenticeship placements.

We continue to have a team of four very dedicated volunteers, Evelyn, Karen, Clare and Neil, and have found more success in offering short term voluntary positions to help while Abi has been away on maternity leave and during very busy periods.

Overall, the addition of paid staff has had a very positive impact on the charity as a whole. With regular and reliable help we have been able move forward with our expansion and keep on top of other jobs and tasks required. It has also meant we have been able to offer placements to more animals than ever before as we can guarantee enough manpower to provide the animals with suitable levels of day-to-day care. Although the addition of staff has dramatically increased our running costs, the overall benefits to the charity and the animals needing our help has completely outweighed the costs involved.

During 2022 Siobhan and Abi will remain in their roles with a further 12 month contract, and we hope to offer Jessica a 12 month contact on minimum wage for her current 16 hours from July. We will also be looking at raising the funds required to offer an additional part-time rabbit care role for 16 hours a week, once we have completed our new builds, to provide care of the additional rabbits we accept.


Siobhan


Abi


Jessica


Neil & Clare


Evelyn


Karen

We would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for the hours they have dedicated to Nibbles during 2021. We simply couldn't run without their help and support, and both Siobhan and Abi continue to donate more hours to Nibbles than they have been paid for.

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Building A Brighter Future

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Work on our infrastructure at Nibbles continued during 2021, with a huge thank you to Lush Charity Pot and their kind grant of £4,000 towards our Building a Brighter Future project costs. We have been able to prepare our remaining space to accommodate new rabbit housing along with preparing a base and purchasing a large storage shed.


Jan 2021

We were able to purchase over 300 paving slabs, sacks of sand, ballast and cement, along with the weekend hire of a mini digger and dumper. Work started in June, with preparing the land to lay the paving. It was an incredibly hard, exhausting and time consuming job, taking nearly 4 months to complete, but by early October and just before the weather changed, all the paving had been laid and the edges cemented in.


Oct 2021

We have struggled with storage space for a number of years and urgently needed a long term solution allowing us to store hay, bedding, and litter in bulk. We now have a large 16ftx10ft storage shed which was erected early November by Williams Sheds and Fencing, and will provide Nibbles with plenty of storage space for many years to come. The shed will be painted to preserve the timber in the spring.


New Build

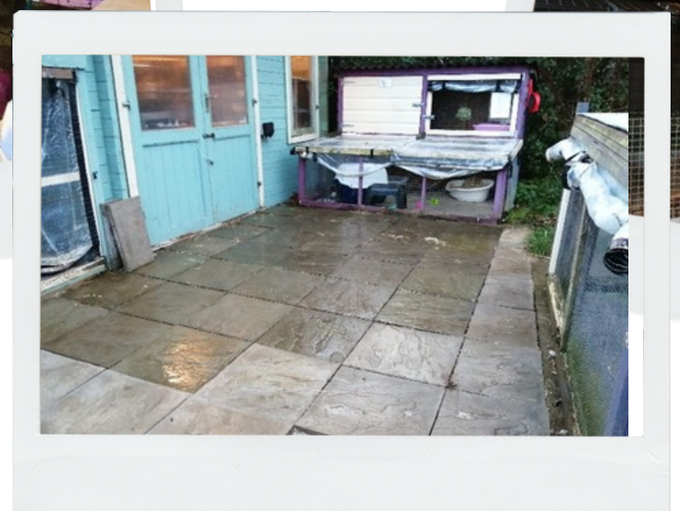
Sanctuary rabbits, Vinnie and Penguin, had been earmarked for replacement housing during 2022. However, their old hutch and run combo gave out during the summer and the replacement build was brought forward. The new pen has been lined with plastic sheeting and we have been so pleased with the results that we will be looking at lining all of our housing in the future to help increase biosecurity and make cleaning quicker and easier for our welfare team.

We have also replaced the majority of our rodent housing during the year, to provide more suitable and spacious housing for degus, chinchillas and rats, along with replacing housing for our sanctuary chipmunk, Spartacus and ground squirrel Diego, who we sadly lost to cancer in November.

With the rearrangement we have also been able to add an additional guinea pig placement. The rodent cabin is now much more functional for all species and easy for our welfare team to clean cages and provide day to day care. We have also added additional paving outside the cabin to provide a suitable space to wash cages.

Storage Shed







The Figures

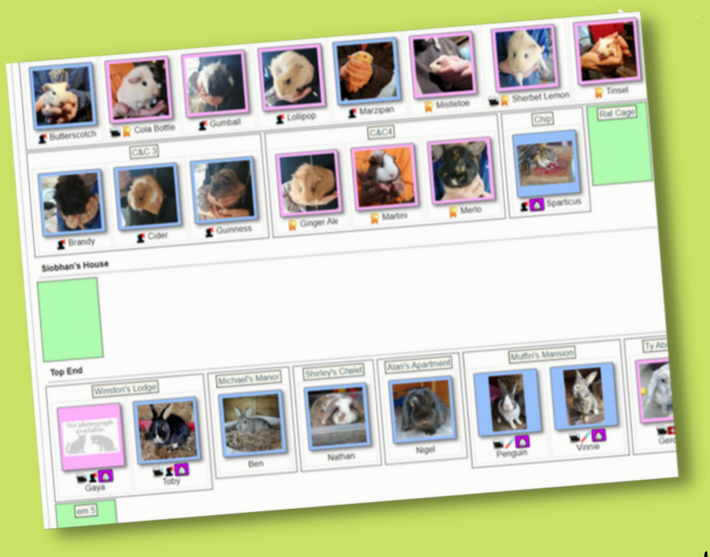
Total funding spent during 2021 as part of our Building a Brighter Future Project: £6,023.01

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Management Software

Keeping the charity running smoothly has always been a huge challenge and with our growth year on year we had reached a breaking point, needing to upgrade our previous systems to help cope with current levels of demand.

In January we invested in Shelter Manager, an annual software subscription, which provides a management package for animal rescue centres. It took a number of weeks to set up, but this time was quickly regained with a streamlined system for animal records, adoption and intake processes, accounts package, donor management, and staff and volunteer records. Although initially hesitant at the additional costs, this software has had a major positive impact on the way we run and keeping records up to date. It has also allowed us to quickly and easily access facts and figures to help keep our supporters up to date with how our funds are spent and on the impact we are having. This has enabled us to provide quarterly reports to our supporters throughout 2021.



Shelter Manager has streamlined the office with animal details, adoption and surrender processes, accounts and donor management in all one place.

Towards the end of the year we have also been able to access a free Canva Pro account as a non-profit organisation. This has provided us with easy to use and excellent design tools, along with a fully functional scheduling tool for social media. This has enable our small team to produce content in advance, helping to streamline the overall workload.



Canva Pro has allowed us to easily create attractive designs and images for all aspects of our digital media, and sponsorship packs.

We ended the year looking into CRM software and have recently enrolled with Hubspot. At present we have a free account, but will be looking to opening further features with a paid account when needed. This will help us respond more consistently to incoming emails and messages and provide a greater level of support to public enquiries.

We also started to investigate video editing software to enable us to produce video content for both our website and social media platforms, and have been trialling Filmora with the plans to take out an annual subscription early next year.

We have continued to keep our website subscription with Wix and use of a free version of Wix Ascend for our monthly newsletters, thank you messages and quarterly reports, although we are currently looking into other options for 2022.

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Trustees

This year has seen a couple of changes to our team of Trustees. Diane left us as a result of other commitments and long term volunteer Margaret, joined us as our HR Manager after she moved away from the area and wished to remain involved with the charity. We were delighted to welcome her to the role and she has already been invaluable in helping provide support with taking on our first official employee.

We enter into 2022 with:

Siobhan Learmonth – Founder and Chairman
Shirley Learmonth – Treasurer
Rachel Terry – Secretary
Charlotte Jackson – Digital Media and Design Manager
Margaret Waller – HR Manager
Alan Wilson – Management Advisor

We would still like to recruit a trustee acting as a fundraising coordinator, especially with the increase to our running costs as a result of staff salaries. We are currently looking into various opportunities to find a suitable candidate during 2022.



Siobhan



Shirley



Rachel



Charlotte



Margaret

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Funding

We would like to thank all of our supporters who have contributed to our running costs over the last 12 months. Nibbles is completely reliant on public donations and grant funding to remain open and caring for these generally forgotten about companion animals.

At the end of 2020, we submitted a large number of grant applications to help towards our running costs for 2021. We were all surprised by the success of the appeal which in total generated £18,175. This made huge difference towards covering vets fees and day to day running costs.

Our goal during 2021 was to increase our monthly pledge donations from £300 a month to £800. Sadly, we have fallen far short of this target, only managing an increase of just over £200. This leads to a lot of concern for raising the required sum to cover staff salaries for 2023.

We made more use of fund raising tools on Facebook and PayPal Giving which generated a total of £9,851.14 through one-off donations towards our running costs and vets fees. This was over £1,500 more than our target for the year.

Once again a long term supporter ran two online fundraising events for us during the year, raising an incredible total of £7,798.17

A total of £5,219.75 was raised via monthly pledge donations and sponsorships

A total of £467.91 was generated via our supporters using Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising

A total of £1,260 was raised from adoption fees and additional adoption donations, and £150 in donations made at the time of surrender.

During 2022 we need to continue to look at ways in which we can continue to increase our monthly funding, especially with increase in staff salaries from July 2022.

The Figures

One off donations through PayPal Giving: £9,851.14

Funds raised through online events: £7,798.17

Funds raised through grants: £18,175.00

Total raised from monthly pledges and sponsorships: £5,219.75

Funds raised through other donations: £1,196.66

Funds generated from charity collection boxes: £218.79

Funds raised from AmazonSmile and EasyFundraising: £467.91

Funds generated from adoption and surrender donations: £1,410

Funds generated through sales: £96.62

Employer incentive payment for work place apprenticeships: £1,000

Total Income: £46,094.28

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Expenditure

With the addition of paid staff and the increase in the number of animals we have catered for during 2021, it is unsurprising that our annual expenditure has significantly increased from 2020.

The Figures

Animal Supplies: £3,317.85

Accessories, repairs, replacements & maintenance: £590.90

New Housing: £6,023.01

Salaries: £6,842.81

Vets Fees: £5,865.42

Subscriptions & Insurance: £625.60

Print, marketing & postage: £355.52

Other Expenses: £2,347.36

Total Expenditure: £25,968.47

With so many kind donations from our Amazon Wishlist, our annual feed expenditure was only £320.20. These practical donations really do make a huge difference in providing for the animals in our care.

With our new storage shed in place during November, we were able to make our first bulk order of GreenMile bedding. Prior to buying in bulk our average expenditure on bedding was nearly £70 a month. The cost per bale is slightly reduced when buying in bulk, so we hope to see a small saving during 2022, even with an expected increase in the number of rabbits housed.

We spent less on salaries than expected, due to Abi starting maternity leave from mid July and will not be back to work until the new year. These savings have been placed towards salaries for 2022.

We are expecting to see a further rise in veterinary costs during 2022 as prices continue to rise for both routine and non-routine treatment, and we are considering ways in which we can mitigate these costs, while continuing to provide the animals in our care with the veterinary care they need.

We are also expecting to see a substantial increase in salary costs for both 2022 and beyond. Once we have completed our infrastructure, increasing accommodation for rabbits, an additional staff member will be required for 16 hours a week. With the changes to the workplace apprenticeships we are now unable to fund this position and have put our building plans on hold once again.

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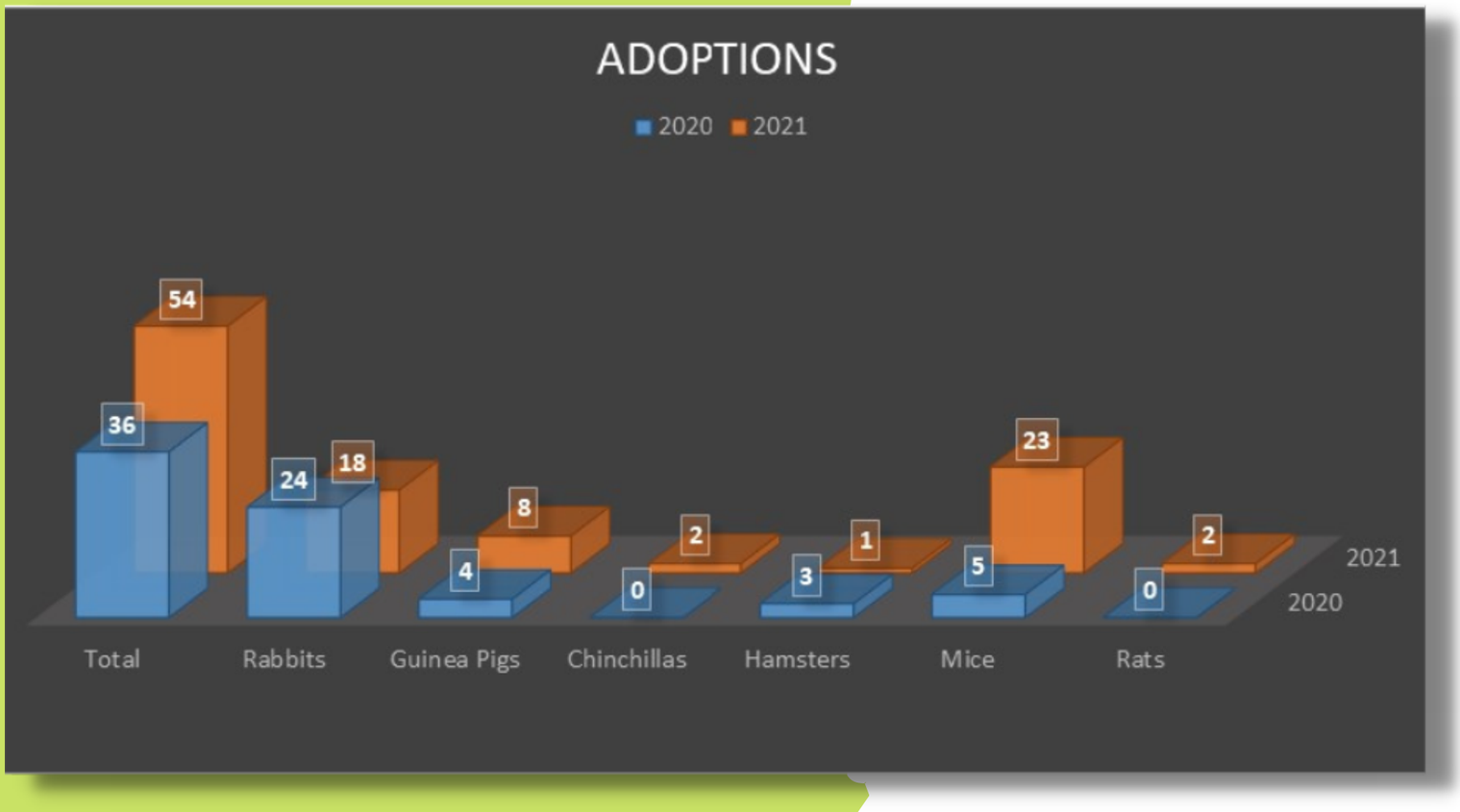
With the increase in funding this year, and with the addition of paid staff to reliably cover the day to day care of the animals, we have been able to help far more animals than ever before.



We have had a 419% increase in the number of animals that passed through the centre in 2021, compared to 2020.

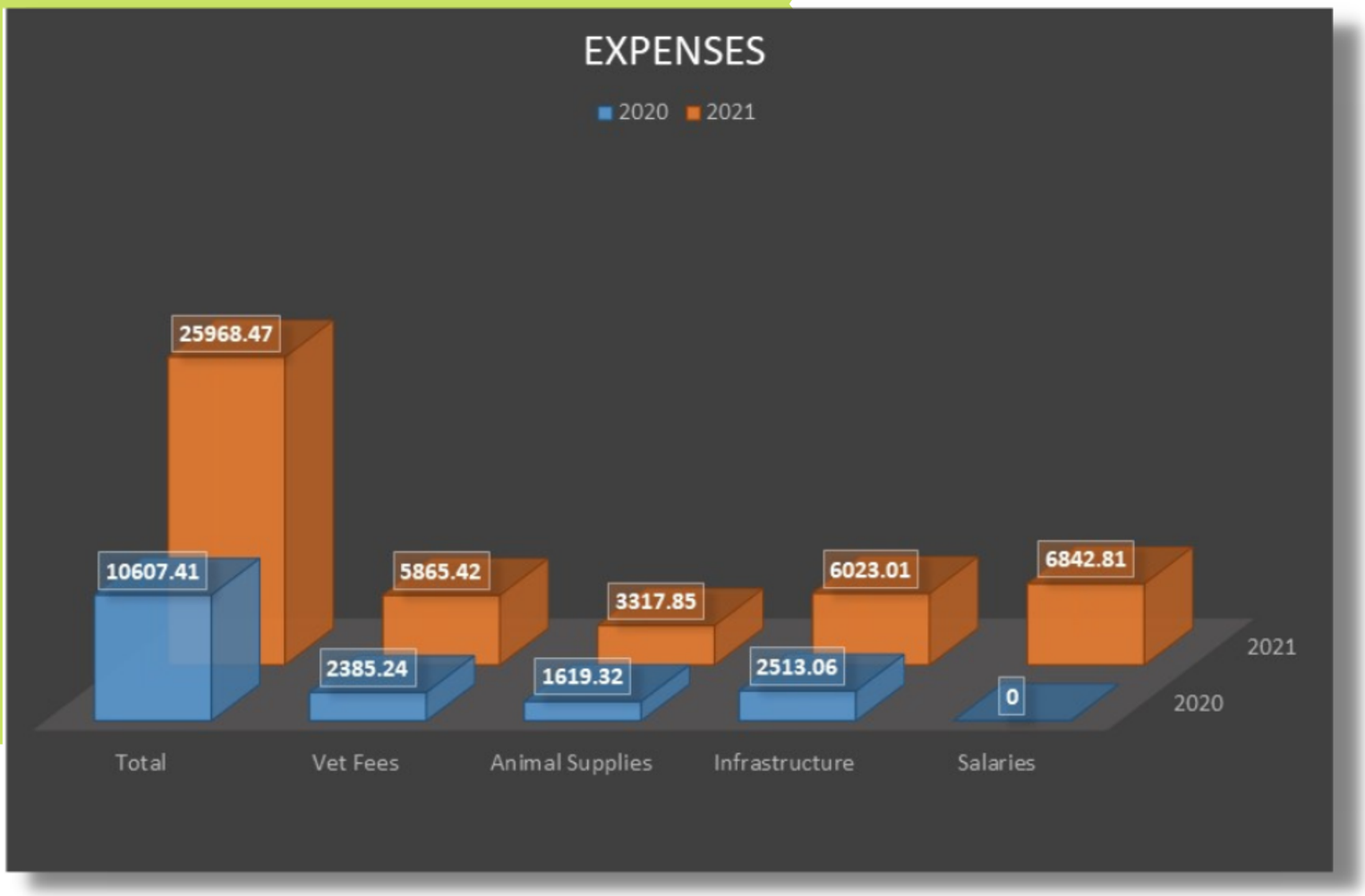
Clearly highlighting the difference adequate funding and sufficient staffing has made to our overall impact.

Despite the increase in numbers helped, we have continued to turn away a significant number of animals due to a lack of facilities



Despite interest in adoption trailing off, once lockdown restrictions had been lifted, we did see a 50% increase in adoptions compared to 2020.

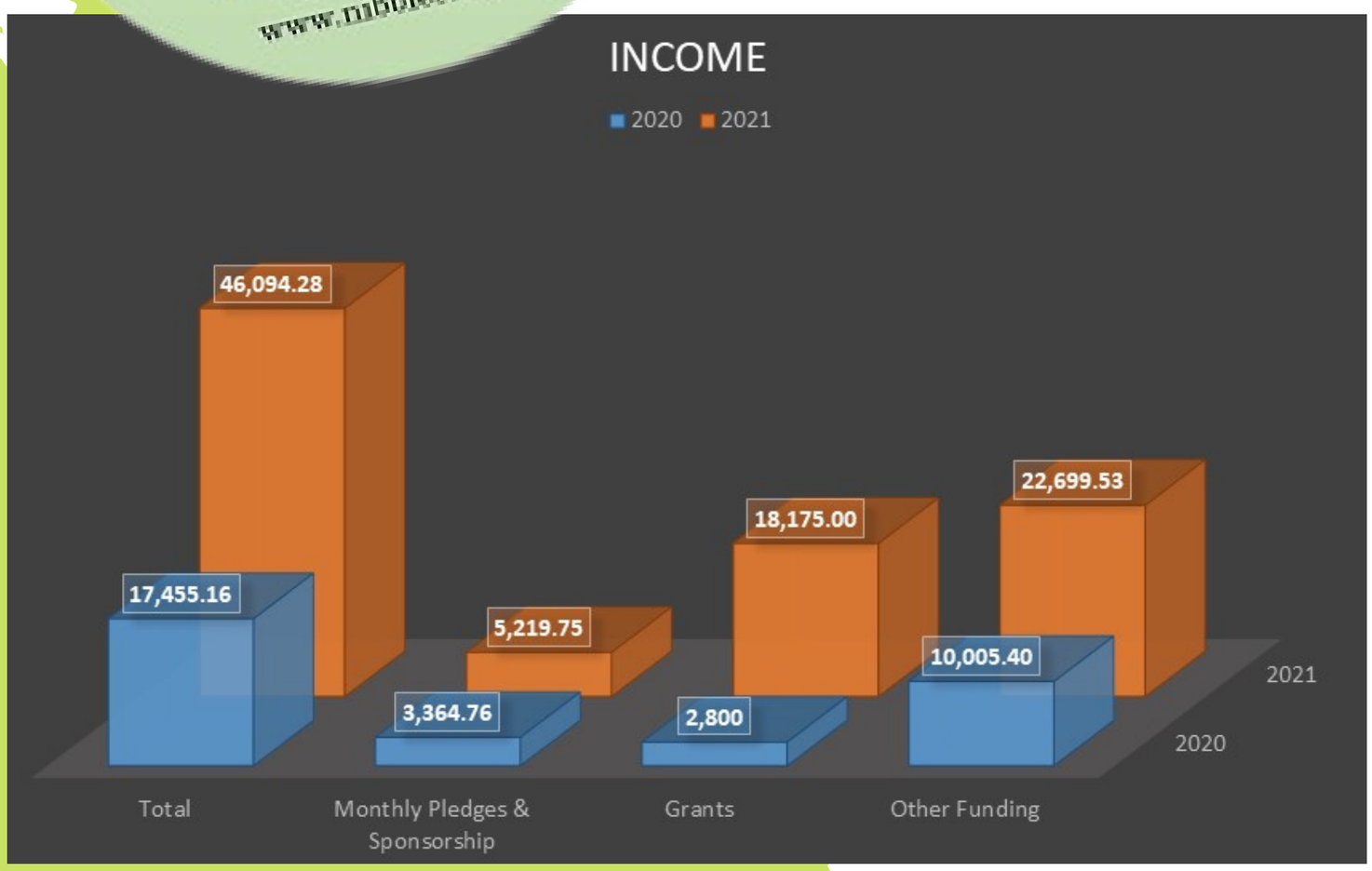
We hope that once the new year begins, interest in adoption begins to increase once again and we will see a further increase during 2022



Unsurprisingly, our overall expenditure has also increased by 145% compared to 2020. We did invest a significant sum into improving our facilities and in preparation for building additional rabbit accommodation. With the addition of staff salaries and with far more animals coming into our care these increases are to be expected.

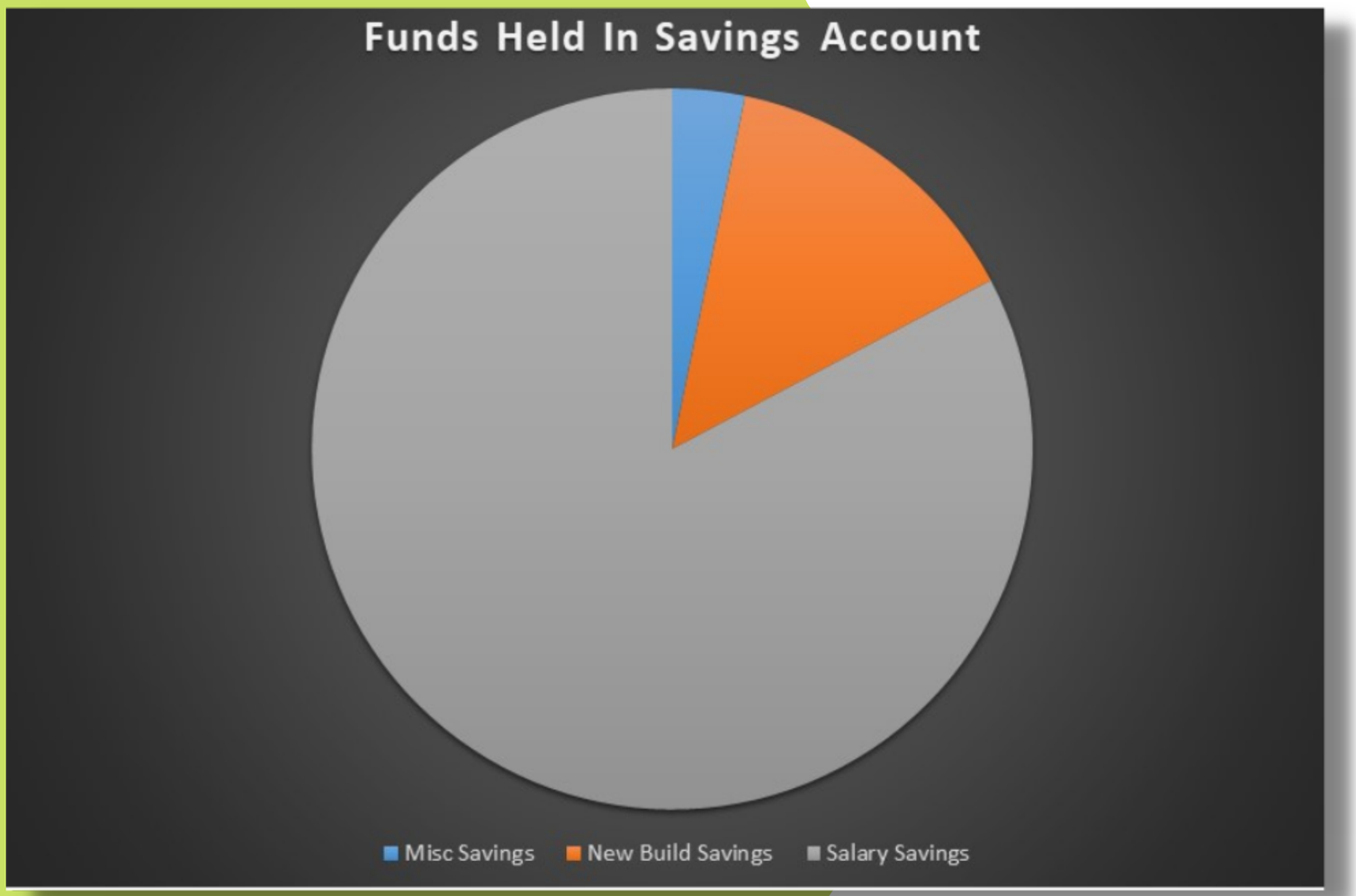
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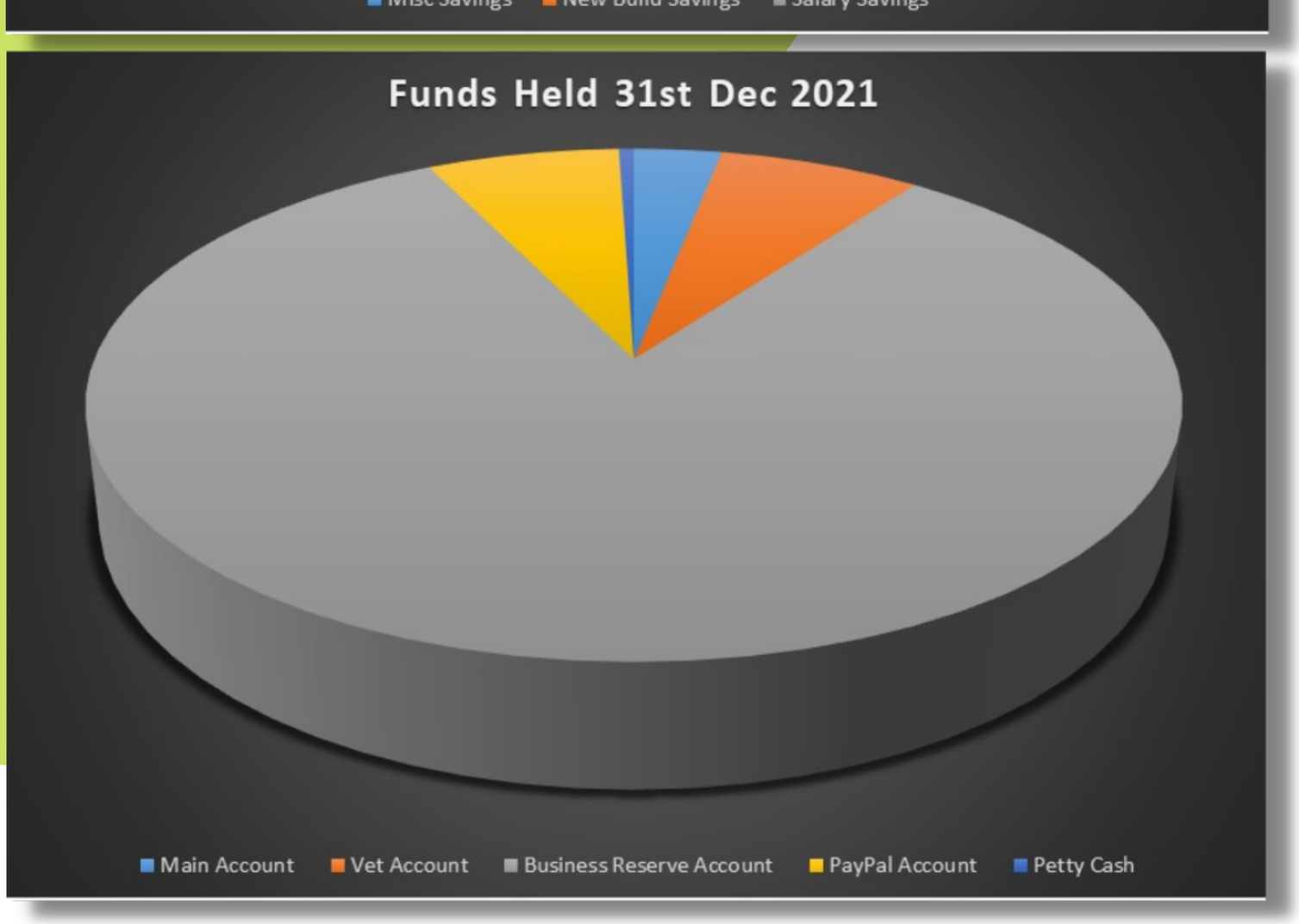


We saw a 164% increase in our overall funding compared to 2020, with 39% of our overall funding coming from grants.

There was a 55% increase in our monthly pledge and sponsorship funding, which did fall short of our target for the year. However, this was compensated by a 127% increase from one off donations and online fundraising events.



We ended the year with £25,217.51 held in our Business Reserve Account, with a substantial amount set aside to cover salaries for 2022 and 2023. We held £3563.97 towards our Building a Brighter Future project and £826.81 towards costs such as insurance, software subscriptions, hosting, print and repairs, maintenance and utilities.



We ended the year with a balance of £30,542.14, with 83% of that funding held in our business reserve account. We have two business accounts, one holding funds for day-to-day running costs and the second holding funds to cover veterinary fees, with 3% and 7% of our funding held respectively. We also left the year with 7% of our funds held within our PayPal account after our final mass payment from PayPal Giving Fund for 2021.

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Looking to 2022

Summary

Reassess staffing for the centre from July 2022 after the changes made to the workplace apprenticeship scheme

Look into alternative arrangements to provide the animals in our care with suitable veterinary care

Look into the possibilities of opening a charity shop in Cardigan to help increase funding and raise further awareness of the charity locally

Reassess our plans to complete our infrastructure as a result of staffing concerns due to the changes made to the workplace apprenticeship scheme

Researching other ways to help increase our annual funding to meet the increases in our predicted running costs for 2022 and beyond.

We are leaving 2021 with grave concerns with regards to staffing the centre and providing the animals with access to suitable veterinary care. We will enter into 2022 investigating various options to overcome these challenges and looking for workable solutions to continue to provide for as many animals as possible.

The sudden changes to the workplace apprenticeship scheme have left us unable to fund the two planned apprenticeships from July 2022. We are currently discussing the best route forward, with the funding that we have available. We do not want to be forced to reduce the number of animals housed at the centre from July 2022.

As a result of staffing changes at our only local veterinary practice at the end of the year, we have been struggling to gain access to a vet who has the required knowledge and experience with rabbits and rodents. Despite being popular pets, rabbits and rodents are classed as exotics within the veterinary industry, meaning that the vast majority of vets have not received the necessary training. Since these changes, we have been forced to travel a significant distance for neutering, and even had to place a rabbit into foster care in Carmarthenshire to provide him with access to a qualified vet for treatment. This isn't sustainable for the long term and we urgently need to investigate other options to ensure we can easily provide the animals with veterinary care.

We will also be looking for ways in which we can increase our annual funding to cover our increasing running costs and additional staff. These include the possibility of opening a charity shop locally and looking into setting up an online charity shop via Ebay.

Our new builds will be placed on hold once again, which is incredibly disappointing, especially after investing so much time and funding into preparing the space. However, we cannot compromise the welfare of additional rabbits by being unable to provide with suitable levels of care.

Nibbles Profit and Loss Account Jan 2021 to Dec 2021

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
Income														
SO Subs	£117.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£122.00	£1,459.00	SO Subs
PayPal Subs	£11.32	£11.32	£11.32	£11.32	£25.71	£30.46	£49.96	£49.96	£53.73	£53.73	£60.00	£62.96	£431.79	PayPal Subs
GC D/D Subs	£190.16	£199.44	£275.60	£252.80	£256.56	£262.56	£287.36	£281.84	£304.88	£304.88	£327.16	£385.72	£3,328.96	GC D/D Subs
Paypal Giving Fund	£437.20	£559.25	£526.87	£1,037.00	£597.08	£829.59	£1,661.88	£1,038.47	£417.42	£651.38	£144.25	£1,950.75	£9,851.14	Paypal Giving Fund
Cash Donations	£40.00	£0.00	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£43.00	£3.00	£0.00	£50.00	£141.00	Cash Donations
Cheque Donations	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00	Cheque Donations
Charity Collection Pots	£56.89	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£65.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£96.90	£0.00	£0.00	£218.79	Charity Collection Pots
AmazonSmile	£0.00	£96.62	£0.00	£0.00	£95.35	£0.00	£0.00	£93.68	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£102.81	£388.46	AmazonSmile
EasyFundrasing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£21.97	£0.00	£0.00	£27.69	£0.00	£0.00	£29.79	£0.00	£79.45	EasyFundrasing
Addional Adoption Donation	£85.00	£35.00	£30.00	£15.00	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£215.00	Addional Adoption Donation
Adoption Fees	£135.00	£85.00	£335.00	£145.00	£95.00	£50.00	£10.00	£0.00	£140.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£1,045.00	Adoption Fees
Surrender Donations	£20.00	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£40.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£150.00	Surrender Donations
Other Donations	£100.00	£15.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.00	£75.00	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00	£260.66	£705.66	Other Donations
Online Fundraising event	£0.00	£0.00	£1,421.84	£55.78	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,305.96	£14.59	£0.00	£0.00	£7,798.17	Online Fundraising event
Sales	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£36.80	£59.82	£96.62	Sales
Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£42.60	£0.00	£0.00	£616.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£658.60	Refunds
Grants	£1,700.00	£250.00	£3,000.00	£2,075.00	£4,000.00	£5,000.00	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£18,175.00	Grants
Employer Insentive Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Employer Insentive Payments
Interest	£0.07	£0.07	£0.09	£0.09	£0.09	£0.15	£0.17	£0.17	£0.17	£0.17	£0.19	£0.21	£1.64	Interest
Total Income	**£3,042.64**	**£1,383.70**	**£5,770.32**	**£3,763.99**	**£5,318.76**	**£7,110.76**	**£2,336.37**	**£1,688.81**	**£7,447.16**	**£2,446.65**	**£2,790.19**	**£2,994.93**	**£46,094.28**	

Overheads	**Jan**	**Feb**	**March**	**April**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Total**	
Feed	£0.00	£27.85	£61.30	£23.90	£9.98	£1.15	£57.80	£10.45	£66.94	£4.73	£3.50	£52.60	£320.20	Feed
Bedding	£33.36	£50.04	£116.76	£91.74	£58.38	£66.72	£75.06	£50.04	£66.72	£83.40	£284.11	£0.00	£976.33	Bedding
Disposables	£6.99	£14.30	£70.15	£48.72	£0.00	£32.90	£27.80	£63.18	£29.56	£18.00	£34.44	£0.00	£346.04	Disposables
Hay	£24.00	£24.00	£29.00	£24.00	£24.00	£20.00	£15.00	£5.00	£20.00	£24.00	£78.95	£20.00	£307.95	Hay
Timothy hay	£76.00	£34.95	£34.95	£34.95	£58.95	£75.85	£64.90	£69.90	£69.90	£34.95	£64.90	£104.85	£725.05	Timothy hay
VioVet Payments	£109.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£111.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£65.94	£65.94	£352.96	VioVet Payments
Dog Food Dave Payments	£32.30	£22.40	£72.02	£14.00	£22.80	£28.10	£4.20	£0.00	£0.00	£27.50	£26.00	£40.00	£289.32	Dog Food Dave Payments
Animal Accessories	£51.64	£22.99	£68.05	£0.00	£37.69	£26.67	£0.00	£162.80	£0.00	£0.00	£100.87	£17.84	£488.55	Animal Accessories
New Housing	£351.98	£0.00	£238.96	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£142.20	£169.99	£962.11	£2,746.31	£411.46	£0.00	£6,023.01	New Housing
Salaries	£600.00	£600.00	£440.00	£720.00	£200.00	£600.00	£780.00	£475.20	£492.40	£492.40	£492.40	£950.41	£6,842.81	Salaries
Vets Fees	£8.66	£356.81	£344.06	£955.82	£922.38	£262.34	£865.75	£1,063.61	£516.93	£250.00	£148.20	£170.86	£5,865.42	Vets Fees
Subs/Fees/Insurance	£0.00	£246.00	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£129.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£625.60	Subs/Fees/Insurance
Repairs/Maintenance/Replacel	£13.99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£56.14	£32.22	£102.35	Repairs/Maintenance/Replace
Sanctuary Rabbit payments to	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00	£216.00	Sanctuary Rabbit payments to
Print/Marketing/postage	£0.00	£23.90	£9.60	£0.00	£4.99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7.68	£162.54	£146.81	£355.52	Print/Marketing/postage
Motoring expenses	£0.00	£43.68	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£103.68	Motoring expenses
Utilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	£0.00	£0.00	£60.00	Utilities
Misc	£0.00	£51.39	£67.78	£50.00	£1,370.80	£189.29	£90.39	£0.00	£53.99	£15.58	£61.47	£16.99	£1,967.68	Misc
Tot Overheads	**£1,326.25**	**£1,536.31**	**£1,820.63**	**£1,981.13**	**£2,787.97**	**£2,450.62**	**£2,252.85**	**£2,088.17**	**£2,296.55**	**£3,782.55**	**£2,008.92**	**£1,636.52**	**£25,968.47**	
Net	**£1,716.39**	**-£152.61**	**£3,949.69**	**£1,782.86**	**£2,530.79**	**£4,660.14**	**£83.52**	**-£399.36**	**£5,150.61**	**-£1,335.90**	**£781.27**	**£1,358.41**	**£20,125.81**	

Income balance for 2021	**£20,125.81**
Reserves 31.12.2020	**£10,517.38**
Balance for 2021	**£30,542.14**

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I HAVE EXAMINED THE PRESENTED ACCOUNTS OF NIBBLES RABBIT AND RODENT RESCUE CRYMYCH. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ABOVE ORGANISATION THEY HAVE USED ALL MONIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT RULES AND POLICIES, CORRECTLY. THEY HAVE FURTHER ACCOUNTED FOR ALL DONATIONS IN THE FORM OF CASH AND/OR GRANTS CORRECTLY.

I AM HAPPY TO PRONOUNCE MYSELF VERY SATISFIED WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING AS PRESENTED TO ME.

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