

South West GSD Rescue

Charity No. 1171842

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2023

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1171842

Principal Office

Paddon Park

Shebbear

Beaworthy

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Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

N. Burgess

M.S. Essex (Resigned 11 May 2023)

P. Evans

Accountants

Accountancy Edge Limited

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Bideford

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc

5 High Street

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#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document is to relieve the suffering and distress of unwanted, stray or ill dogs primarily, but not exclusively, German Shepherds.

South West GSD Rescue is a non-profit organisation based in the South West of England. Our aim is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home German Shepherds and related cross-breeds across the UK.

As Trustees of the charity we have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

The charity rescues stray dogs abroad, where they receive care and medical treatment so that they are healthy enough to be taken back to the UK and rehomed. The charity also rehomes dogs surrendered by their owners in the UK.

People who meet the charity's criteria are invited to apply to adopt a dog. When a suitable dog becomes available, it will be introduced to its new family.

If all goes well the family completes our adoption agreement stating the legal conditions of adopting a dog from South West GSD Rescue. Our adoption/donation fees vary according to the dog's age, pedigree and health; and are used to provide transport, basic care, feeding and veterinary treatment for the many dogs who need our help

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity has successfully rehomed a large number of German Shepherds and related cross-breeds. This benefits the dogs, who find a loving home, and also the adoptive families who gain a new loving family member.

The dogs rescued by the charity are often in a poor condition due to cruelty and neglect. The charity incurs substantial costs on vets, medicines and kennels when it restores these animals to health so they can be transported to the UK and successfully rehomed.

The charity has also supported a number of dogs who are long stayers in kennels or foster care. The charity is pleased to have helped keep them in safety.

During the year under review, the charity successfully rehomed 36 dogs in the UK, a decrease on the previous year. This reflects the challenging financial environment with fewer people able to commit to the costs of dog ownership.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the reporting date, the charity's financial position was considered to be satisfactory. The charity made a surplus of £3,082 in a challenging fundraising environment.

The charity is grateful to its supporters who kept up a regular flow of donations despite the ongoing financial effects of the cost of living crisis. Without their support, we would not have been able to rescue so many dogs and return them to health.

The charity has no fixed costs, but the variable costs relating to the number of dogs that are being held for adoption or ongoing medical treatment can vary dramatically. The charity would like to hold enough in reserves to fund three months of expenditure on animal welfare, vets and kennels. The Trustees estimate the required amount to be £5,000. The charity's reserves were above that level at the reporting date, but circumstances can quickly change depending on the number and condition of the dogs rescued.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted under a constitution adopted on 21 February 2017.

Trustees are either elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting or are co-opted between AGMs. All new Trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity commission publication CC3, "The Essential Trustee", which outlines what is expected of a charity Trustee and their responsibilities to the charity.

Since the death of M.S. Essex, the charity is actively seeking new Trustees. Interested parties are encouraged to get in contact.

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

That the trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of information included on the company's website.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

P. Evans  
Trustee  
17 November 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of South West GSD Rescue for the year ended 31 August 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

James Hellyer FCA  
Chartered Accountant

Accountancy Edge Limited  
12 Culm Close  
Bideford  
Devon

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17 November 2023

South West GSD Rescue  
Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 August 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	32,459	32,459	70,903
Other trading activities	4	205	205	467
Other	5	2,319	2,319	3,444
Total		34,983	34,983	74,814
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	489	489	830
Charitable activities	7	29,144	29,144	60,240
Other	8	2,268	2,268	5,103
Total		31,901	31,901	66,173
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income	9	3,082	3,082	8,641
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		3,082	3,082	8,641
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		3,082	3,082	8,641
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		10,683	10,683	2,042
Total funds carried forward		13,765	13,765	10,683

South West GSD Rescue

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2023

Charity No. 1171842

		2023	2022
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		14,485	11,043
		<u>14,485</u>	<u>11,043</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12	(720)	(360)
Net current assets		<u>13,765</u>	<u>10,683</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>13,765</u>	<u>10,683</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>13,765</u>	<u>10,683</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>13,765</u></u>	<u><u>10,683</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	13		
Unrestricted funds	13		
General funds		13,765	10,683
		<u>13,765</u>	<u>10,683</u>
Reserves	13		
Total funds		<u><u>13,765</u></u>	<u><u>10,683</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 17 November 2023

And signed on their behalf by:

P. Evans

Trustee

17 November 2023



for the year ended 31 August 2023

## 1 Accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

### Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

### Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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#### Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

#### Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	70,903	70,903
Other trading activities	467	467
Other	3,444	3,444
Total	<u>74,814</u>	<u>74,814</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	830	830
Charitable activities	60,240	60,240
Other	5,103	5,103
Total	<u>66,173</u>	<u>66,173</u>
Net income	<u>8,641</u>	<u>8,641</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	8,641	8,641
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>8,641</u>	<u>8,641</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	2,042	2,042
Total funds carried forward	<u>10,683</u>	<u>10,683</u>

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations	21,509	21,509	45,062
Adoption fees	10,950	10,950	25,841
	<u>32,459</u>	<u>32,459</u>	<u>70,903</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Sale of raffle tickets, calenders and auction items	205	205	467
	<u>205</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>467</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Insurance payments	2,319	2,319	3,444
	<u>2,319</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>3,444</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations	350	350	444
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Sale of raffle tickets, calenders and auction items	139	139	386
	<u>489</u>	<u>489</u>	<u>830</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
General costs for dogs	921	921	692
Pension, kennels and fostering	12,306	12,306	24,448
Transport of dogs to the UK	11,523	11,523	20,943
Vets, medicines and micro-chip registrations	4,394	4,394	14,157
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>29,144</u>	<u>29,144</u>	<u>60,240</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Motor and travel costs	1,142	1,142	3,511
General administrative costs	406	406	1,232
Legal and professional costs	720	720	360
	<u>2,268</u>	<u>2,268</u>	<u>5,103</u>

9 Net income before transfers

	2023	2022
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Independent Examiner's fee	720	360

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses

One or more of the trustees has been paid expenses in the current or prior periods.

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Number of trustees paid expenses	2	2
The nature of the reimbursed expenses	The Trustees incur out-of-pocket expenses for items like travel, postage and stationery, which are reimbursed by the charity.	
	£	£
Total expenses reimbursed to trustees	778	370

11 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	720	360
	<u>720</u>	<u>360</u>

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2023 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	10,683	34,983	(31,901)	13,765
Total funds	<u>10,683</u>	<u>34,983</u>	<u>(31,901)</u>	<u>13,765</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	13,765	13,765
	<u>13,765</u>	<u>13,765</u>

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash and cash equivalents	11,043	3,442	14,485
	<u>11,043</u>	<u>3,442</u>	<u>14,485</u>
Net debt	<u>11,043</u>	<u>3,442</u>	<u>14,485</u>

South West GSD Rescue  
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 August 2023

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Income and endowments from:			
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Other trading activities			
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Other			
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Total income and endowments	<u>34,983</u>	<u>34,983</u>	<u>74,814</u>
Expenditure on:			
Costs of generating donations and legacies			
Donations	350	350	444
	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>444</u>
Costs of other trading activities			
Sale of raffle tickets, calenders and auction items	139	139	386
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	<u>29,144</u>	<u>29,144</u>	<u>60,240</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	<u>29,144</u>	<u>29,144</u>	<u>60,240</u>
Motor and travel costs			
Vehicles - General costs	953	953	3,511
Travel and subsistence	189	189	-
	<u>1,142</u>	<u>1,142</u>	<u>3,511</u>

South West GSD Rescue  
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Bank charges	34	34	57
General insurances	287	287	978
Postage and couriers	6	6	197
Software, IT support and related costs	76	76	-
Sundry expenses	3	3	-
	<u>406</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>1,232</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	720	720	360
	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>360</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>2,268</u>	<u>2,268</u>	<u>5,103</u>
Total expenditure	31,901	31,901	66,173
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	<u>3,082</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>8,641</u>
Net income			
Net income before other gains/(losses)	3,082	3,082	8,641
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>3,082</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>8,641</u>
Net movement in funds			
	<u>3,082</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>8,641</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	10,683	10,683	2,042
Total funds carried forward	<u>13,765</u>	<u>13,765</u>	<u>10,683</u>