

South West GSD Rescue

Charity No. 1171842

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2024

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1171842

Principal Office

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Shebbear

Beaworthy

Devon

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Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

N. Burgess

P. Evans

Accountants

Accountancy Edge Limited

12 Culm Close

Bideford

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc

5 High Street

Bideford

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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 53 dogs in the UK, an increase on the previous year. This was despite the challenging financial environment, with many people unable to commit to the costs of dog ownership.

The dogs rescued by the charity were increasingly from the UK, rather than abroad, this year. These dogs are kept in kennels until they can be fostered. This has resulted in an increased spend on UK kennels and dog welfare.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the reporting date, the charity's financial position was considered to be satisfactory. The charity made a surplus of £1,733 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.

The charity is actively seeking additional 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
21 November 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of South West GSD Rescue for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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 BFP FCA

ICAEW Chartered Accountant

Accountancy Edge Limited

12 Culm Close

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21 November 2024

South West GSD Rescue
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Notes			
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	34,838	34,838	32,459
Other trading activities	4	524	524	205
Other	5	2,514	2,514	2,319
Total		37,876	37,876	34,983
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	786	786	489
Charitable activities	7	30,474	30,474	29,144
Other	8	4,883	4,883	2,268
Total		36,143	36,143	31,901
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income	9	1,733	1,733	3,082
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		1,733	1,733	3,082
Other gains and losses				
Net movement in funds		1,733	1,733	3,082
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		13,765	13,765	10,683
Total funds carried forward		15,498	15,498	13,765

South West GSD Rescue

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2024

Charity No. 1171842

		2024	2023
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		16,278	14,485
		<u>16,278</u>	<u>14,485</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12	(780)	(720)
Net current assets		<u>15,498</u>	<u>13,765</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>15,498</u>	<u>13,765</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>15,498</u>	<u>13,765</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>15,498</u></u>	<u><u>13,765</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	13		
General funds		15,498	13,765
		<u>15,498</u>	<u>13,765</u>
Total funds		<u><u>15,498</u></u>	<u><u>13,765</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 21 November 2024

And signed on their behalf by:

P. Evans

Trustee

21 November 2024

for the year ended 31 August 2024

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 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	32,459	32,459
Other trading activities	205	205
Other	2,319	2,319
Total	<u>34,983</u>	<u>34,983</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	489	489
Charitable activities	29,144	29,144
Other	2,268	2,268
Total	<u>31,901</u>	<u>31,901</u>
Net income	<u>3,082</u>	<u>3,082</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	3,082	3,082
Other gains and losses:		
Net movement in funds	<u>3,082</u>	<u>3,082</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	10,683	10,683
Total funds carried forward	<u>13,765</u>	<u>13,765</u>

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	22,858	22,858	21,509
Adoption fees	9,980	9,980	10,950
Legacies	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>34,838</u>	<u>34,838</u>	<u>32,459</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Sale of raffle tickets, calenders and auction items	524	524	205
	<u>524</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>205</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Insurance payments	2,514	2,514	2,319
	<u>2,514</u>	<u>2,514</u>	<u>2,319</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations	363	363	350
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Sale of raffle tickets, calenders and auction items	423	423	139
	<u>786</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>489</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
General costs for dogs	3,433	3,433	921
Pension, kennels and fostering	6,126	6,126	12,306
Transport of dogs to the UK	3,689	3,689	11,523
Vets, medicines and micro-chip registrations	17,226	17,226	4,394
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	<u>30,474</u>	<u>30,474</u>	<u>29,144</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Motor and travel costs	2,901	2,901	1,142
General administrative costs	1,072	1,072	406
Legal and professional costs	910	910	720
	<u>4,883</u>	<u>4,883</u>	<u>2,268</u>

9 Net income before transfers

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Independent Examiner's fee	810	720

10 Trustee remuneration and expenses

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

	2024 Number	2023 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	1,483	778

11 Staff costs

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

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>780</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>780</u>	<u>720</u>

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	13,765	37,876	(36,143)	15,498
Total funds	<u>13,765</u>	<u>37,876</u>	<u>(36,143)</u>	<u>15,498</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Net current assets	15,498	15,498
	<u>15,498</u>	<u>15,498</u>

15 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents	14,485	1,793	16,278
	<u>14,485</u>	<u>1,793</u>	<u>16,278</u>
Net debt	<u>14,485</u>	<u>1,793</u>	<u>16,278</u>

South West GSD Rescue
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies			
Donations	22,858	22,858	21,509
Adoption fees	9,980	9,980	10,950
Legacies	2,000	2,000	-
	<u>34,838</u>	<u>34,838</u>	<u>32,459</u>
Other trading activities			
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Other			
Insurance payments	2,514	2,514	2,319
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Total income and endowments	<u>37,876</u>	<u>37,876</u>	<u>34,983</u>
Expenditure on:			
Costs of generating donations and legacies			
Donations	363	363	350
	<u>363</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>350</u>
Costs of other trading activities			
Sale of raffle tickets, calenders and auction items	423	423	139
	<u>423</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>139</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	<u>786</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>489</u>
Charitable activities			
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	<u>30,474</u>	<u>30,474</u>	<u>29,144</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	<u>30,474</u>	<u>30,474</u>	<u>29,144</u>
Motor and travel costs			
Vehicles - General costs	2,901	2,901	953
Travel and subsistence	-	-	189
	<u>2,901</u>	<u>2,901</u>	<u>1,142</u>

South West GSD Rescue
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation			
Bank charges	2	2	34
General insurances	841	841	287
Postage and couriers	70	70	6
Software, IT support and related costs	76	76	76
Stationery and printing	83	83	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	3
	<u>1,072</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>406</u>
Legal and professional costs			
Accountancy and bookkeeping	810	810	720
Other legal and professional costs	100	100	-
	<u>910</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>720</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>4,883</u>	<u>4,883</u>	<u>2,268</u>
Total expenditure	36,143	36,143	31,901
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
	<u>1,733</u>	<u>1,733</u>	<u>3,082</u>
Net income			
Net income before other gains/(losses)	1,733	1,733	3,082
Other Gains	-	-	-
	<u>1,733</u>	<u>1,733</u>	<u>3,082</u>
Net movement in funds			
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	13,765	13,765	10,683
Total funds carried forward	<u>15,498</u>	<u>15,498</u>	<u>13,765</u>