

THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1176283

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-12-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF DOMESTIC COMPANION ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:(A) PROVIDING OR MAINTAINING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OR SUPPORT OF KENNELS, RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION AND CARE OF SUCH ANIMALS;(B) PROVIDING TREATMENT FOR SUCH ANIMALS WHICH ARE SICK, INJURED, NEGLECTED OR ILL-TREATED; (C) FINDING ALTERNATIVE CARING HOMES FOR SUCH ANIMALS.(2) TO RELIEVE AND ASSIST ELDERLY PERSONS AND ANYONE SUFFERING FROM A SERIOUS OR TERMINAL ILLNESS BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF CARE FOR THEIR PETS AND TO FIND CARING HOMES FOR SUCH PETS.

Activities: The Mutts Nutts Rescue are based in Stamford, Lincolnshire and they operate in this area (which includes Rutland, Leicestershire and Cambridgeshire) helping the local elderly and acutely or terminally ill members of the community with their pets when they can no longer manage alone

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- Rutland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£103,643	£102,842	-	-
2024-12-31	£96,481	£64,140	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,992	£66,243	-	-
2022-12-31	£297,558	£40,346	-	-
2021-12-31	£70,814	£33,261	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,723	£34,234	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JANE FREEMAN	Chair	2021-01-14
Desmond Joseph McGurk		2016-12-14
Lesley Karen Beckingham BA Hons		2024-02-15
Sarah Jane Hooper		2022-04-01

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Trustees

Jane Freeman	Chair
Desmond McGurk	Treasurer
Sarah Jane Dyer	
Ellyn Groat	resigned 17 March 2025
Lesley Karen Beckingham	

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Pets were rehomed when it was the only, or the most appropriate option, for example their owner died or was taken into permanent care themselves, and some of these new owners were themselves elderly but assessed to be a very suitable rehoming option for an elderly pet.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives (continued)

The charity continued to respond to an increasing number of contacts from members of the public wanting help or advice with their pet. All who contacted us via our website or left a message on our phone received a response. Particularly for some elderly or isolated members of our community just a friendly voice on the end of a phone offering guidance, and being prepared to listen, was all that was needed, and in cases where we could not help directly suggestions were offered as to other charities and organisations that might be able to do so.

In signing this Trustee Annual Report the Trustees, having taken due regard to the guidance on Public Benefit issued by the Charity Commission, have confirmed that the activities of the charity in 2025 fulfilled its objectives of benefitting the public by advancing animal welfare

c. Principal funding

The charity's principal source of funds continued to be regular and ongoing donations (gift aided, non-gift aided and small cash donations) for charitable services provided and from local supporters and businesses and totalled £82,213. Product sales and fundraising events raised £12,114. The sale of charity Christmas cards was the highest ever and realised a profit of £1,746. The "Pop Up Store" at the Veterinary Practice that the charity routinely uses continued to be very successful, providing a "recycling" outlet for pre-loved pet related items and pet food to be offered to local pet lovers in return for a donation towards the veterinary fees of pets in the charity's care, and £2,723 was raised throughout the year. A Trustee's Marathon sponsorship raised £1,606 and a supporter raised £908 by completing an Extreme Mudder Challenge. Attendance at local fetes and Fun Dog Shows, events very much dependent upon the weather, did not raise any significant funds. Four such events were attended in 2025 which raised £504 in total, they were time consuming, but they were a useful PR exercise and attracted some new supporters.

d. Investment policy

The Mutts Nutts Rescue's Investment Policy is underpinned by the principles summarised below and the Trustees took responsibility for safeguarding the charity's capital asset and using it to deliver the charity's purposes, provide income and give the charity greater financial stability and longevity

- All investments were made under the powers and duties given to them under the Trustee Act 2000. according to the charity's Constitution and explained in the Charity Commission's guide, "Charities and Investment Matters "(CC14)
- All investment decisions were made to support the future delivery of the charity's purposes and do not conflict with them.
- The Trustees took appropriate professional advice and acted with reasonable care and skill.
- The Trustees acted in the charity's best interests and all investment decisions made were recorded in Trustee Meeting Minutes
- The Trustees acted with due consideration of conflicts of interest
- All investments were kept under regular review and the perceived risks associated with them thoroughly explored.
- The Trustees' investment decisions were based upon a low-risk approach and an appreciation that these will attract a low to medium rate of financial return.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

2025 was a very busy year for the Mutts Nutts Rescue. It provided support, for however long it was needed, and via a variety of services to 54 pets, 17 of which were new to the services that the charity offers and 25 of which were either pets and their owners that we had helped previously or were in our ongoing care at the beginning of the year. This activity took place in another year when many elderly and seriously or terminally ill members of our local community struggled with the costs of living and consequently, in the absence of family or friends willing to help, were reluctant or unable to pay commercial rates charged by local kennels, catteries, dog walkers etc that their pets might require.

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Our Hand to Hold services were provided to a regular client base by our core team of two staff members, Trustees and a fluctuating number of volunteers who in total provided 1,130 dog walks, trips to the vet or to a groomer. The charity worked closely with a local Veterinary Practice whose reception staff now contact one of our staff members directly if one of their elderly or seriously ill clients requires an emergency appointment for their pet, and this is a service that we have been able to fulfil, sometimes with the help of volunteers or Trustees.

12 pets received respite care, some of them on several separate and lengthy occasions, whilst their owners were unable to care for them. In 2025 several ongoing care packages for pets were concentrated upon fewer pet owners, but extended over many months, particularly for two dogs whose elderly owner experienced serious injuries that have involved prolonged stays in hospital and regular support when she has been at home.

At the end of the year 4 cats and dogs remained in long term foster facilities, financially supported as appropriate by the charity, as these pets themselves were too old or had serious health issues which meant that they were considered unsuitable to be re-homed.

8 dogs and cats were however re-homed to new loving homes, and where appropriate some of these new owners were themselves elderly.

Following the Board decision of 04.10.24 no new pets were assimilated into our Safe to Leave service, but all existing commitments as regards this service were fulfilled in 2025. This included arranging emergency care and rehoming for an elderly cat whose owner died on Boxing Day. This agreement to support will continue in the years ahead for the 17 pets signed up for us to provide future care should their seriously ill or elderly owners no longer be able to do so.

In addition to ensuring that The Mutts Nutts Rescue fulfilled its charitable objects, the charity core team of 2 staff members completed extensive and dedicated training with a variety of recognised Organisations, particularly the Battersea Academy. The knowledge and experience gained by one staff member who successfully completed a foundation course in shelter management for dogs and cats and a residential course at Battersea in September has been shared with the wider team and will prove invaluable when the charity establishes its own small central foster facility. Other training provided by the Battersea Academy relating to safeguarding, running an animal foster scheme, animal welfare, ethics and decision making, record keeping, strategic thinking and action planning, and brand identity was also completed and knowledge gained was filed for future reference.

Achievements and performance (continued)

The Mutts Nutts Rescue became members of the NCVO (National Council of Voluntary Organisations) and Trustees and staff attended risk assessment and writing successful funding bids online training. Training from HAWA (Human animal Welfare Alliance) was undertaken on staff and volunteer wellbeing, stress management and compassion fatigue.

The training undertaken and a thorough review of all the charity's policies and procedures complimented our application to become full members of ADCH (Association of Dog and Cat Homes) which was confirmed in December 2025. The membership of ADCH, a voluntary membership organisation for dog and cat rescue and rehoming charities which promotes the safeguarding of welfare standards for dogs and cats and supports those working and volunteering in this sector was a long held ambition of The Mutts Nutts and we were delighted to become members of a highly regarded organisation and to be able to access the resources, benefits and funding opportunities that the Association provides.

2025 saw the first phase of the build project at the property with land that the charity purchased with legacy monies in October 2024, being almost completed. This first phase comprised extensive renovation and refurbishment of what was a virtually uninhabitable property and involved the installation of a heat pump and underfloor heating, a water supply provided by a borehole, a complete electrical rewire and the insulation of the loft. A new kitchen and ensuite shower room were installed, and the property was re-floored, carpeted and decorated throughout.

The large garden area surrounding the property was cleared of dense brambles, undergrowth and overgrown conifers were professionally felled. Securely fenced garden areas were then created at the front and the rear of the property where foster dogs can safely be safely let out off lead. The property will be occupied by a staff member and another rent paying person early in 2026. All the total renovation and restoration work at year end cost £63,929. and this was only achieved due to the generosity and tireless hard work of one of the Trustees, Des McGurk, who along with a fellow building trade professional laboured on site for many weeks free of charge. Contacts within the building trade and local businesses were asked to provide equipment and services at discounted prices, and several volunteers helped on occasion with decorating and clearing the site of rubbish.

In October the Charity applied voluntarily for VAT Registration, and a VAT Registration Certificate was issued by HMRC on 14th December. In early 2026 our first VAT return will be submitted which should realise a rebate of £12,167 from building supplies and fees paid as part of the renovations, and the ongoing care of animals both of which we have previously had to pay VAT on.

Financial Review

a. Financial position

The charity's essential expenses were kept to a minimum and principally comprised: wages, associated oncosts, (National Insurance contributions, pension and payroll administration amounting to a further 30% of the wages bill) and staff expenses which totalled £56,450.

Whenever possible The Mutts Nutts Rescue delivered its charitable objectives by utilising volunteers and Trustees, but the day to management, ongoing support, induction and training of new volunteers and fosterers, responding to requests for help and participating in fundraising events whilst maintaining ongoing care that encompasses all of the highest welfare standards for pets that we are helping required two full time members of staff vet fees and animal care costs of £10,398 professional fees and insurance £7,748. An increase on previous years but considered essential as additional accountancy advice was needed as regards the charity becoming VAT registered and legal fees were incurred when setting up a licence for grazing charity owned land. Both of these initiatives were established in order to realise income from the capital asset of property with land that the charity has restored and owns.

b. Reserves Policy

At a Trustee meeting in April the Board reviewed its Reserves Policy and agreed that £60k be transferred into an interest bearing 95-day Notice Account with Lloyds bank, and this was done on 1st May. The purpose of the charity is to care for pets in need of support and treatment and to assist elderly or seriously and terminally ill owners to keep their pets with them or to find them new caring homes.

The Mutts Nutts Rescue must be able to look after these animals for a reasonable length of time, and provide veterinary care if required, regardless of whether funds are forthcoming in the form of donations, grants or fees to provide for these animals' needs whilst they are in the charity's care.

The Trustees considered that is necessary and reasonable that approximately one year's worth of normal operational costs be held in reserves that are accessible but are also generating interest.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees reviewed the risks to which they felt the charity was exposed on a regular basis throughout the year. The viability of the charity from an activity point of view, namely having the capacity to help elderly and seriously or terminally ill members of the local community with their pets when help was needed was considered to be a manageable risk, but one that needed constant evaluation as the ability to provide emergency foster care for pets, appropriate new homes and services such as dog walking and trips to the vets are dependent upon two members of staff, a network of inducted and trained volunteers, including Trustees, and occasionally paid boarding facilities.

The retention of suitable fosterers could be a challenge (mainly due to fosterers giving a permanent home to those pets that they were fostering) as was the recruitment of volunteers to help walk dogs at times that suited both the volunteers and the pet owners.

The operational strategy for the charity going forwards and its aim to increase its capacity to provide more facilities for fostering and opportunities for exercising dogs will help alleviate the concern and risk that suitable accommodation can be found for pets in our care in an emergency, but there is also a recognition amongst the Trustees that whatever capacity the charity has it is very unlikely, in the current climate of economic hardship, health problems and sometimes isolation experienced by some elderly members of our local community that we are dedicated to helping, to be able to help in all cases.

The financial viability of the charity was strengthened enormously by a large legacy received in 2022. The financial returns from and promotion of the charity's aims and purposes that the social investment in property and land that this legacy has enabled the charity to purchase will be thoroughly monitored at Trustee

The Trustees continue to consider that there are no other substantial risks beyond the ongoing liabilities disclosed in the accounts and the normal risks associated with running events and working with pets for which the charity holds public liability insurance.

The property and land purchased are also appropriately insured via a policy organised with a specialist broker.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity was incorporated on 14 December 2017 and commenced trading on that date. It is registered with the Charity Commission (charity no. 1176283).

The Mutts Nutts Rescue is a charity governed by a Constitution, dated 14 December 2017, which established the objects and powers of the organisation and its trustees.

b. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Trustee Board of 4 Trustees take responsibility for strategic decisions to ensure that all the charity does supports its purposes and benefits the public, take responsibility for governance and managing its financial resources and sign off the charity's Annual Return and Accounts.

All Trustees have signed the charity's Trustee Eligibility Declaration Form, are registered with the Charity Commission and fully appreciate the responsibilities incurred upon taking up such a role.

Following Charity Commission guidance regarding the recruitment of Trustees (CC30) and an induction process 2 new Trustees joined the Board on 15.02.24. When considering appointing Trustees, the Board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed and the skill sets of the existing Trustees.

The CEO and Assistant Operations Manager take responsibility for the day to day running of the charity, particularly regarding the services it provides to local people and their pets. They both actively participate in the services provided such as dog walking, arranging trips to the vets or groomers and where appropriate fostering pets. They are the charity's first point of call for those requesting and offering help, and they respond to phone calls, emails and forms submitted via the website. They assist in publicity and promotion of the charity via social media and fundraising events, maintain a database of pets in our care, people associated with them and supporters and volunteers and supply statistics for the Trustees to summarise activity and performance on a quarterly basis.

The CEO also takes responsibility for the induction, training and supervision of the fosterers and volunteers.

The charity has a close working relationship with two local Veterinary practices, two privately owned pet shops and works with local care networks, for the elderly and vulnerable.

Trustees' responsibilities

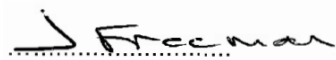
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed / scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Jane Freeman, Chairman

Date: 07.04.26
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Giles Kerkham FCA DChA

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Date: 15 April 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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	2025 £ Endowment funds	2025 £ Unrestricted funds	2025 £ Total funds	2024 £ Total funds
RECEIPTS				
Legacies	-	-	-	82
Donations		82,213	82,213	85,202
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	8,810	8,810	5,397
Interest income	-	6,299	6,299	5,800
Raising Funds	-	6,321	6,321	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	103,643	103,643	96,481
PAYMENTS				
Raising funds	-	1,553	1,553	75
Charitable activities – vet fees and animal care	-	10,398	10,398	11,647
Charitable activities – payroll	-	56,450	56,450	47,361
Other	-	10,716	10,716	5,057
Asset purchases	-	-	-	251,678
Refurbishment costs	43,713	20,216	63,929	-
Utilities	-	3,509	3,509	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	43,713	102,842	146,555	315,818
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	(43,713)	801	(42,912)	(219,337)
Transfer between funds				
CASH FUNDS B/FWD	43,713	72,452	116,165	335,502
CASH FUNDS C/FWD	-	73,253	73,253	116,165

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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	2025 £ Endowment funds	2025 £ Unrestricted funds	2025 £ Total funds	2024 £ Total funds
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets - at cost	251,678	-	251,678	251,678
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	-	164	164	300
Debtors	-	27,067	27,067	17,841
			-	-
Cash - current account	-	12,104	12,104	16,165
Cash - 95 day savings account	-	61,149	61,149	-
Cash - 32 day deposit account	-	-	-	-
Close Brothers Savings account	-	-	-	100,000
Total cash	-	73,253	73,253	116,165
 Total current assets	 -	 100,484	 100,484	 134,306
Total Assets less Liabilities	251,678	100,484	352,162	385,984
CHARITY FUNDS				
Endowment			251,678	295,391
Unrestricted			100,484	90,593
			<u>352,162</u>	<u>385,984</u>

Endowment funds are made up of £251,678 relating to direct and associated costs of the purchase of a property in October 2024.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and were signed on their behalf by:

.....
Jane Freeman
Trustee
Date: 07.04.26

1. Transactions with Trustees

No remuneration, expenses or other benefits were paid to the Board of Trustees or people connected with them by the charity.

There were no other transactions with or payments to trustees or connected parties.

2. Endowment Funds

Endowment funds derive from legacy receipts. There are no restrictions on either holding the funds as capital or transferring to unrestricted funds to apply as revenue expenditure. In the prior year, £251,678 of the fund was used to purchase a property. During the year ended 2025, the remaining cash balance of £43,713 was applied to renovation works on that property, as outlined in the Trustees' Report.

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c. Principal funding

The charity's principal source of funds in 2024 were donations which totalled £85,202 of which Gift aided ones amounted to £70,060.

Interest payments on invested legacy monies totalled £5,800 and fundraising initiatives raised £5,397.

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Investment policy

At a Trustee Meeting held on 19.01.24 it was agreed that the sum accumulating in the 32 Day Instant Access A/C was reasonable, given it was paying interest of 2.6%. The capital accumulated at that time however was considered by the Trustees to be insufficient to purchase an appropriate capital asset such as a property with land that could be adapted as a home foster facility and charity HQ. It was agreed that our investment strategy for 2024 would be to invest the almost £286,000 in 3 separate banks or Building Societies and to explore the difference in potential interest earned if the money was invested for fixed-term periods as opposed to being retained in Instant Access bank accounts with 32 or 90 day notice periods.

At a subsequent Extraordinary Meeting of Trustees held on 05.09.24 it was unanimously agreed that the Provisional Report on Title prepared by the solicitor acting for the purchase and the RICS Valuation commissioned by a Surveyor supported the opportunity afforded to the charity to purchase property and land from which its charitable services could be based and expanded and as an asset that could raise funds to support the day-to-day operations and attract sponsorship and grant funding. It was a social investment that was in the best interests and fulfilled the long held aims of the charity. The legacy monies invested for the charity would cover the purchase price, the associated purchase fees and some of the restoration work that would be required immediately to ensure that the house had essential works completed and the garden surrounding the house was cleared and securely fenced. The strategic priorities of the charity and the capacity of the team were also discussed, and it was agreed that priority should be given to expediting the purchase.

An Investment Policy detailing the charity's aims and expected returns from the social investment, and following guidance detailed in CC14 on investing charity money, is being drafted.

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2024 was a very busy year for the Mutts Nutts Rescue. It provided support, for however long it was needed, and via a variety of services to 58 pets, 30 of which were new to the services that the charity offers and 28 of which were either pets and their owners that we had helped previously or were in our ongoing care at the beginning of the year. This activity took place in another year when many elderly and seriously or terminally ill members of our local community struggled with the costs of living and consequently, in the absence of family or friends willing to help, were reluctant or unable to pay commercial rates charged by local kennels, catteries, dog walkers etc that their pets might require.

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Our Hand to Hold services were provided to a regular client base by our core team of two staff members, Trustees and a fluctuating number of volunteers who in total provided 1,437 dog walks, trips to the vet or to a groomer.

9 pets received respite care, some of them on several separate and lengthy occasions, whilst their owners were unable to care for them, and at the end of the year 5 cats and dogs remained in long term foster facilities, financially supported as appropriate by the charity, as these pets themselves were too old or had serious health issues which meant that they were considered to be unsuitable to be re-homed.

Achievements and performance (continued)

15 cats and dogs were however re-homed to new loving homes, and where appropriate some of these new owners were themselves elderly.

19 dogs and 4 cats in the care of 17 elderly or poorly members of our community were assimilated into the charity's Safe to Leave service whereby their future care is assured should the owners pre-decease their beloved pets.

To be able to honour these commitments the Trustees agreed that this service should not be actively promoted via our website from October and that any new requests for such help should be reluctantly turned down, until dedicated facilities could be established for the reception of these dogs and cats.

The charity continued to respond to contacts from members of the public wanting help or advice about a pet, looking for a pet to re-home or wanting to volunteer or donate.

All who contacted us received a response, either via email, text message or telephone. Particularly for some elderly or isolated members of our community just a friendly voice on the end of a phone offering guidance, and being prepared to listen, was all that was needed.

Financial Review

a. Financial position

The year started with unrestricted funds available of £49,208 and no restricted funds. One legacy payment was received totalling £82 from the Estate of a grateful client (the bulk of the legacy from this Estate having been received in 2023).

The charity's regular and ongoing income streams comprising donations (gift aided, non-gift aided and small cash donations) for charitable services provided and from local supporters and businesses totalled £85,202, an increase of 34% when compared to 2023. Product sales and fundraising events raised £5,397. The Mutts Nuts Rescue team attended a limited number of fundraising events, namely 2 local Fun Dog Shows where the charity's focus was on promotion and publicity and organised a "Care of the Elderly Pet" evening on National Pet Day in conjunction with Stamford Veterinary Centre and Hegarty's Solicitors which was well attended and feedback from attendees was that it had been enjoyable and informative. The "Pop Up Store" continued to be very successful, providing a "recycling" outlet for pre-loved pet related items and pet food to be offered to local pet lovers in return for a donation towards the veterinary fees of pets in the charity's care and throughout the year £2,669 was raised.

At a Trustee Meeting held on 10.01.25 the average monthly shortfall of income compared to expenditure of approximately £2k was discussed. It was agreed that this is not financially sustainable long term, and several issues were discussed at length that it is anticipated will address this going forward.

On 30.10.24 the charity used legacy monies that it had invested earlier in the year to purchase a local property and land which unexpectedly became available, and which can be gradually restored to provide the charity with a "Home from Home" foster facility and central office. A valuation report prepared in accordance with RICS Valuation – Global Standards confirmed that the market value of the freehold property being purchased was substantially greater than the purchase price, and the Final Report on Title prepared by the solicitor acting for the charity on the purchase confirmed that upon completion of the purchase of the property and registration at the Land Registry the Mutts Nuts Rescue would obtain a good and marketable title to the entire property.

This purchase followed exceptional legacy payments totalling £258,391 being received by the charity in 2022, and the Trustees' subsequent decision to actively pursue investing this capital in land and/or property, a social investment that would balance furthering the charity's purposes whilst achieving a

Financial review (continued)

financial return.

The purchase price of the property and the professional fees associated with its purchase were paid using cash reserves and donations. There is no mortgage on the property but it will require funds, estimated to be in the region of £40k to restore and update the house and the large garden surrounding it to a standard from which the charity can begin utilising it to further its purposes, and complete the initial phase of the long term strategy that the Trustees are developing for the short, medium and long term use of the property and land.

A further £105k from a Fixed Term 12-month Bond purchased in March 2024 will be available for the charity to fund some of this initial phase of the restoration work on 28.03.25 whilst also providing a strategic reserve to fund at least 12 months of the Mutts Nutts Rescue's operating costs which are currently standing at approximately £5k per month.

A priority for the charity in 2025 will be to actively pursue funding and sponsorship from grant funding charities and organisations, local businesses and supporters, and to enlist help from professional tradespeople and volunteers willing to donate their time and materials required.

Despite routine expenditure exceeding income by approximately £2k per month the Trustees considered this to be acceptable whilst its charitable activity, and the demand for it, increased throughout the year. This attracts donations from users of our charitable services and supporters, both individuals and businesses, and as the charity's own facilities for the care the treatment of pets expands it will alleviate the need to pay for some boarding capacity. Gift aided donations received throughout the year will attract a rebate of approximately £17k and a further sizeable injection of £105k from invested legacy monies will enable the charity to progress its plans and provide an operating reserve, as The Mutts Nutts Rescue enters an exciting period of consolidation and expansion, built upon what the Trustees and their professional advisers consider a sound capital social investment.

At a Trustee Meeting held 04.10.24 the costs for the development and maintenance of our charitable services and the number of pets and their owners that we are helping and to whom we have an ongoing commitment were extensively discussed.

It was agreed that the charity needs to revisit and establish the parameters of the services that it can reasonably provide and the need to attract donations, however small, from vulnerable people needing our help. This is a work in progress, every person and their pet that we help has different needs and resources, but a review of all the literature being used, the new Welcome Packs being created for fosterers and re-homers and people surrendering their pets to us, our website and social media postings need to clarify the issue as to what costs caring for a pet, particularly an elderly one, the charity might incur. It was agreed that there is possibly a misconception that the charity's services are provided by volunteers, and the costs incurred are merely individuals' time and that we have no need of donations to fund veterinary fees and medication for the pets in our care.

A simple leaflet suggesting minimum donations for all the various services the charity offers that the two staff members who handle all such enquiries and complete all the necessary paperwork can refer to as being the charity's guidelines would support the employees in this often sensitive and emotive element of their role, and hopefully attract donations from people who use our services that more adequately reflect, whenever appropriate, the costs incurred by the charity in supporting their pets.

b. Reserves Policy

Our Operational Strategy for 2024 was to provide the HOMES services to existing and new clients but whenever possible to utilise the help of trained and committed volunteers to walk dogs and to foster dogs and cats in their own homes.

Financial review (continued)

Our operations demanded an income of at least £60k per annum. At the end of the financial year the charity's total funds amounted to £385,984. This includes unrestricted funds of £88,893 which therefore means that the Trustees' objective, as stated in our latest Reserves Policy, of having reserves set aside that equate to 1 year of operation will be met.

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees reviewed the risks to which they felt the charity was exposed on a regular basis throughout the year. The viability of the charity from an activity point of view, namely having the capacity to help elderly and seriously or terminally ill members of the local community with their pets when help was needed was considered to be a manageable risk, but one that needed constant evaluation as the ability to provide emergency foster care for pets, appropriate new homes and services such as dog walking and trips to the vets are dependent upon two members of staff, a network of inducted and trained volunteers, including Trustees, and occasionally paid boarding facilities.

The retention of suitable fosterers could be a challenge (mainly due to fosterers giving a permanent home to those pets that they were fostering) as was the recruitment of volunteers to help walk dogs at times that suited both the volunteers and the pet owners.

The operational strategy for the charity going forwards and its aim to increase its capacity to provide more facilities for fostering and opportunities for exercising dogs will help alleviate the concern and risk that suitable accommodation can be found for pets in our care in an emergency, but there is also a recognition amongst the Trustees that whatever capacity the charity has it is very unlikely, in the current climate of economic hardship, health problems and sometimes isolation experienced by some elderly members of our local community that we are dedicated to helping, to be able to help in all cases.

Two new Trustees joined the Board on 15.02.24 and having a larger number of Trustees with specific professional expertise and experience has given the charity the ability to review its working practices, procedures and fund-raising systems and start instigating new ones, bringing more security to the charity's future.

The financial viability of the charity was strengthened enormously by a large legacy received in 2022. The financial returns from and promotion of the charity's aims and purposes that the social investment in property and land that this legacy has enabled the charity to purchase will be thoroughly monitored at Trustee meetings.

The Trustees continue to consider that there are no other substantial risks beyond the ongoing liabilities disclosed in the accounts and the normal risks associated with running events and working with pets for which the charity holds public liability insurance.

The property and land purchased are also appropriately insured via a policy organised with a specialist broker.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity was incorporated on 14 December 2017 and commenced trading on that date. It is registered with the Charity Commission (charity no. 1176283).

The Mutts Nutts Rescue is a charity governed by a Constitution, dated 14 December 2017, which established the objects and powers of the organisation and its trustees.

b. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Trustee Board of 5 Trustees take responsibility for strategic decisions to ensure that all the charity does supports its purposes and benefits the public, take responsibility for governance and managing its financial resources and sign off the charity's Annual Return and Accounts.

All Trustees have signed the charity's Trustee Eligibility Declaration Form, are registered with the Charity Commission and fully appreciate the responsibilities incurred upon taking up such a role. Following Charity Commission guidance regarding the recruitment of Trustees (CC30) and an induction process 2 new Trustees joined the Board on 15.02.24. When considering appointing Trustees, the Board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed and the skill sets of the existing Trustees.

The CEO and Assistant Operations Manager take responsibility for the day to day running of the charity, particularly regarding the services it provides to local people and their pets. They both actively participate in the services provided such as dog walking, arranging trips to the vets or groomers and where appropriate fostering pets. They are the charity's first point of call for those requesting and offering help, and they respond to phone calls, emails and forms submitted via the website. They assist in publicity and promotion of the charity via social media and fundraising events, maintain a database of pets in our care, people associated with them and supporters and volunteers and supply statistics for the Trustees to summarise activity and performance on a quarterly basis.

The CEO also takes responsibility for the induction, training and supervision of the fosterers and volunteers.

The charity has a close working relationship with two local Veterinary practices, two privately owned pet shops and works with local care networks, for the elderly and vulnerable.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed / scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



.....
Jane Freeman, Chairman

Date: 28/4/2025
The Mutts Nutts Rescue
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Giles Kerkham FCA DChA

Larking Gowen LLP

Chartered Accountants
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Date: 29/4/2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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	2024 £ Endowment funds	2024 £ Unrestricted funds	2024 £ Total funds	2023 £ Total funds
RECEIPTS				
Legacies	-	82	82	38,618
Donations		85,202	85,202	53,012
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	5,397	5,397	5,485
Interest income	-	5,800	5,800	5,877
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	96,481	96,481	102,992
PAYMENTS				
Raising funds	-	75	75	696
Charitable activities – vet fees and animal care	-	11,647	11,647	15,227
Charitable activities – payroll	-	47,361	47,361	44,232
Other	-	5,057	5,057	6,088
Assets purchases	251,678	-	251,678	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	251,678	64,140	315,818	66,243
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	(251,678)	32,341	(219,337)	36,749
Transfer between funds				
CASH FUNDS B/FWD	295,391	40,111	335,502	298,753
CASH FUNDS C/FWD	43,713	72,452	116,165	335,502

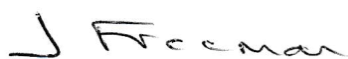
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
	Endowment funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets - at cost	251,678	-	251,678	-
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock	-	300	300	28
Debtors	-	17,841	17,841	9,069
Cash - current account	-	16,165	16,165	49,570
Cash - 32 day deposit account	-	-	-	285,932
Close Brothers Savings account	43,713	56,287	100,000	-
Total cash	43,713	72,452	116,165	335,502
 Total current assets	 43,713	 90,593	 134,306	 344,599
Total Assets less Liabilities	295,391	90,593	385,984	344,599
CHARITY FUNDS				
Endowment			295,391	295,391
Unrestricted			90,593	49,208
			<u>385,984</u>	<u>344,599</u>

Endowment funds are made up of £251,678 relating to direct and associated costs of the purchase of a property in October 2024. The remaining balance within this fund relates to cash held to assist in the renovation of the property.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and were signed on their behalf by:



.....
Jane Freeman

Trustee

Date: 28/4/2025

1. Transactions with Trustees

No remuneration, expenses or other benefits were paid to the Board of Trustees or people connected with them by the charity.

There were no other transactions with or payments to trustees or connected parties.

2. Endowment Funds

Endowment funds derive from legacy receipts. There are no restrictions on either holding the funds as capital or transferring to unrestricted funds to apply as revenue expenditure. During 2024, £249,978 of the fund was invested in a property purchase, as described in the Trustees' Report.

Accounts

Charity number: 1176283

**THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Administrative Details
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Trustees

Jane Freeman	Chair
Desmond McGurk	
Teresa Cook	resigned 13 August 2023
Sarah Jane Dyer	
Ellyn Groat	appointed 15 February 2024
Lesley Karen Beckingham	appointed 15 February 2024

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Trustees' Report
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The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of The Mutts Nutts Rescue are: For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic companion animals in need of care and attention in particular, but not exclusively, by:

1. Providing or maintaining or assisting in the provision and maintenance or support of kennels, rescue homes or other facilities for the reception and care of such animals.
2. Providing treatment for such animals which are sick, injured, neglected or ill-treated.
3. Finding alternative caring homes for such animals.

To relieve and assist elderly persons and anyone suffering from a serious or terminal illness by providing or assisting in the provision of care for their pets and to find caring homes for such pets.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

A range of charitable services under the umbrella of HOMES, namely:

- The provision of dog walking services and trips to vets and groomers for cats and dogs (Hand 2 Hold Services).
- The provision of temporary respite care for cats and dogs whilst their owners need help (Over 2 Us Services).
- Re-homing dogs and cats and the provision and support of long - term foster care for elderly pets (Meant 2 Be Services).
- Sharing, as appropriate, updates regarding pets who have been re-homed by the charity with family members and providing advice and guidance as to where further help might be accessed by those that sometimes we cannot help (Easy to Share Services).
- Creating personalised legacy plans for the care of pets whose owners pre-decease them (Safe to Leave Services).

In signing this Trustee Report the Trustees have confirmed that the activities of the charity in 2023 had fulfilled its objectives of benefitting the public by advancing animal welfare.

c. Principal funding

The charity's principal source of funds in 2023 were donations (gift aided and non-aided) of £53,012 and legacies of £38,618. A further legacy receipt of £27,000 has been classified as endowment income as it is part of a legacy received in previous years that is substantially greater than the charity's normal outgoings. It would have been expected for the charity to invest the gift for future generation of income. Interest income of £5,877 has been earned on this legacy. Fundraising initiatives raised £5,485.

d. Investment policy

At a Meeting in July 2022 the Trustees discussed investment possibilities for the legacy monies, £203,391 of which was received in April of that year. An appropriate capital investment in land or property was the favoured option on the understanding that this would be a "mixed motive" investment and the balance between obtaining a financial return and furthering the charity's activities and aims would require professional advice and a detailed Investment Policy. The search for a suitable plot of land locally to invest in and that could be used for dog walking and fundraising activities would be initiated and actively

Objectives and activities (continued)

pursued. In April 2022 the legacy monies were placed in a 32 Day Notice Deposit Account with Lloyds bank to earn as much interest as possible whilst still having easy access to the funds.

At a Trustees' Meeting held in October 2023 it was agreed that a suitable "mixed-motive" investment had not been found. Moreover, the Trustees' capacity to source and manage a capital investment was no longer feasible and that the sum available was unlikely to be sufficient to purchase a suitable asset. The decision was made to engage with 3 Stockbroking Firms to investigate the risks and potential income that could be generated by investing the legacy funds as an expendable endowment.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

2023 was a very busy year for the Mutts Nutts Rescue. It provided support for however long it was needed and via a variety of services to 65 pets, 48 of which were new to the services that the charity offers and 17 of which were in our ongoing care at the beginning of the year. This increased activity took place in a year when many elderly and poorly members of our local community struggled not only with costs of living increases but also, in some cases, struggled to access health and social care.

Support in the form of dog walks, vet and groomer visits and respite care for pets whose owners were in hospital provided by our small team of staff, trustees and volunteers gave invaluable peace of mind to frail and vulnerable members of our local community, some of whom were very dependent upon their pets for much-needed companionship and ensured that the welfare of these beloved pets was being maintained.

Our Hand to Hold services were provided to a regular client base by our core team of two staff members, Trustees and a fluctuating number of volunteers who in total provided 1,354 dog walks, trips to the vet or to a groomer.

9 dogs received respite care, some of them on several separate occasions, whilst their owners were unable to care for them, and at the end of the year 7 cats and dogs remained in long term foster facilities, financially supported as appropriate by the charity, as these pets themselves were too old or had serious health issues which meant that they were considered to be unsuitable to be re-homed.

24 cats and dogs were however re-homed to new loving homes, and where appropriate some of these new owners were themselves elderly.

9 pets in the care of 6 elderly or poorly members of our community were assimilated into the charity's Safe to Leave service whereby their future care is assured should the owners pre-decease their beloved pets.

The charity continued to respond to contacts from members of the public wanting help or advice about a pet, looking for a pet to rehome or wanting to volunteer or donate.

All who contacted us received a response, either via email, text message or telephone. Particularly for some elderly or isolated members of our community just a friendly voice on the end of a phone offering guidance, and being prepared to listen, was all that was needed.

To keep our telephone line available for emergencies and to free up as much time as possible needed by our two staff members to look after pets and organise volunteers and fosterers whenever appropriate new clients or their family members contacting the charity were encouraged to do so via user friendly forms found on the charity's new, easy to navigate, website.

Finanial Review

a. Financial position

The year started with unrestricted funds available of £268,391, expendable endowment funds of £268,391 and no restricted funds. Legacy payments were received totalling £38,618 essentially from two grateful and generous clients whose pets we had helped.

The charity's regular and ongoing income streams comprising donations (gift aided, non-gift aided and small cash donations) for charitable services provided and from local supporters and businesses totalled £53,012, a decrease of 10% when compared to 2022. Product sales and fundraising events raised £5,485 an increase in income of £725 when compared to the previous year. Two major fundraising events planned were re-scheduled because of adverse weather. The "Pop Up Store" continued to be very successful, providing a "recycling" outlet for pre-loved pet related items and pet food to be offered to local pet lovers in return for a donation towards the veterinary fees of pets in the charity's care and throughout the year £1,760 was raised. The charity's essential expenses were kept to a minimum and comprised wages and associated oncosts totalling £44,232, vet fees and animal care costs of £15,227, insurance £284, professional fees £4,860 and product and fundraising expenses of £696.

b. Reserves policy

At a Trustee Meeting held 21st April 2023 the ongoing costs for the development and maintenance of our HOMES service and the number of pets and their owners that we have helped since the pandemic and to whom we have an ongoing commitment was discussed in detail.

Our Operational Strategy for 2023 was to continue to provide the HOMES services to existing and new clients but whenever possible to utilise the help of trained and committed volunteers to walk dogs and to foster dogs and cats in their own homes.

Our operations now demand an income of at least £50k per annum, with the legacy monies received in 2021/22 the Trustees' objective as stated in our Reserves Policy of having reserves set aside that equate to 1 year of operation, was met.

At a Trustee Meeting held on 26th January 2024 It was agreed that the sum accumulating in our 32 Day instant Access a/c is now reasonable, given it is currently paying interest of 2.6%. The capital accumulated is however insufficient to purchase an appropriate capital asset such as a property with land that could be adapted as a home foster facility and charity HQ. It was agreed that our investment strategy for 2024 will be to invest the almost £286,000 in 3 separate banks or building societies and that the balance of approx. £50k in the current a/c should be maintained as a Reserve operating fund and for emergencies.

Financial review

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees reviewed the risks to which they felt the charity was exposed on a regular basis throughout the year. The viability of the charity from an activity point of view, namely having the capacity to help elderly and terminally ill members of the local community with their pets when help was needed was considered to be a manageable risk, but one that needed constant evaluation as the ability to provide emergency foster care for pets and services such as dog walking and trips to the vets are dependent upon a network of fully inducted and trained volunteers.

The retention of suitable fosterers could be a challenge (mainly due to fosterers giving a permanent home to those pets that they were fostering) as was the recruitment of volunteers to help walk dogs at times that suited both the volunteers and the pet owners. The role of one of our two paid staff members has increasingly become one of attracting, inducting, and managing the recruitment of new volunteers whilst the other is focussed upon providing emergency short term foster care in her own home and providing services like dog walking to owners with more challenging dogs or owners who require regular help.

The financial viability of the charity was strengthened enormously by the large legacy received and donations received from those who had accessed our charitable services.

The Trustees continue to consider that there are no other substantial risks beyond the ongoing liabilities disclosed in the accounts and the normal risks associated with running events and working with pets for which the charity holds public liability insurance.

Structure, governance and management

a. constitution

The charity was incorporated on 14 December 2017 and commenced trading on that date. It is registered with the Charity Commission (charity no. 1176283).

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The Trustee Board of 5 Trustees take responsibility for strategic decisions to ensure that all the charity does supports its purposes and benefits the public, take responsibility for governance and managing its financial resources and sign off the charity's Annual Return and Accounts.

All Trustees have signed the charity's Trustee Declaration Form and fully appreciate the responsibilities incurred upon taking up such a role. Following a thorough induction process 2 new Trustees joined the Board on 15.02.2024 and fulfilled the charity's need to recruit Trustees with particular skills.

The CEO and Assistant Operations Manager take responsibility for the day to day running of the charity, particularly regarding the services it provides to the local community and their pets, answering the phone and responding to emails, publicity and promotion via social media and compiling statistics on a monthly basis for the Trustees to show activity and performance.

The CEO also takes responsibility for the induction, training and supervision of the fosterers and volunteers.

The charity has a close working relationship with a local Veterinary practice, two privately owned pet shops in local towns and liaises with local care networks, for the elderly and vulnerable such as the Evergreen Care Trust.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed / scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Freeman', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Jane Freeman, Chairman

Date: 11/03/2024
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Giles Kerkham FCA DChA

Larking Gowen LLP

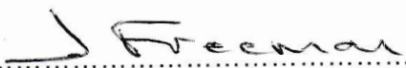
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Date:

**THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Endowment funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock		28	28	107
Debtors		9,069	9,069	4,825
Cash - current account	9,459	40,111	49,570	29,700
Cash - 32 day deposit account	285,932	-	285,932	269,054
	<u>295,391</u>	<u>49,208</u>	<u>344,599</u>	<u>303,686</u>
Total Assets less Liabilities	<u>295,391</u>	<u>49,208</u>	<u>344,599</u>	<u>303,686</u>
CHARITY FUNDS				
Endowment			295,391	268,391
Unrestricted			49,208	35,295
			<u>344,599</u>	<u>303,686</u>
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and were signed on their behalf by:



Jane Freeman
 Trustee
 Date: 11.03.24

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
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	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Endowment funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
RECEIPTS				
Legacies	27,000	11,618	38,618	233,391
Donations		53,012	53,012	58,590
Charitable activities	-		-	154
Other trading activities	-	5,485	5,485	4,760
Interest income	-	5,877	5,877	663
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,000	75,992	102,992	297,558
PAYMENTS				
Raising funds	-	696	696	696
Charitable activities – vet fees and animal care	-	15,227	15,227	8,868
Charitable activities – payroll	-	44,232	44,232	29,714
Other	-	6,088	6,088	889
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-	66,243	66,243	40,167
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	27,000	9,749	36,749	257,391
Transfer between funds			-	-
CASH FUNDS B/FWD	268,391	30,362	298,753	41,541
CASH FUNDS C/FWD	295,391	40,111	335,502	298,753

1. Transactions with Trustees

No remuneration, expenses or other benefits were paid to the Committee of Trustees or people connected with them by the charity.

There were no other transactions with or payments to trustees or connected parties.

2. Endowment Funds

Endowment funds represent legacy receipts that the Trustees intend to invest to generate future income for the charity. There are no restrictions from the donor on either holding the funds as capital or transferring to unrestricted funds to apply as revenue funding.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1176283

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**THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORT
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Trustees

Jane Freeman	Chair
Desmond McGurk	
Teresa Cook	resigned 13 August 2023
Sarah Jane Dyer	appointed 01 April 2022

Charity registered number

1176283

Charity contact address

28A Little Casterton Road
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PE9 1BE

Independent examiners

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Trustees' Report
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The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objects of The Mutts Nutts Rescue are: For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic companion animals in need of care and attention in particular, but not exclusively, by:

1. Providing or maintaining or assisting in the provision and maintenance or support of kennels, rescue homes or other facilities for the reception and care of such animals.
2. Providing treatment for such animals which are sick, injured, neglected or ill-treated.
3. Finding alternative caring homes for such animals.

To relieve and assist elderly persons and anyone suffering from a serious or terminal illness by providing or assisting in the provision of care for their pets and to find caring homes for such pets.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

A range of charitable services under the umbrella of HOMES, namely:

- The provision of dog walking services and trips to vets and groomers for cats and dogs (Hand 2 Hold Services).
- The provision of temporary respite care for cats and dogs whilst their owners need help (Over 2 Us Services).
- Re-homing dogs and cats and the provision and support of long - term foster care for elderly pets (Meant 2 Be Services).
- Sharing, as appropriate, updates regarding pets who have been re-homed by the charity with family members and providing advice and guidance as to where further help might be accessed by those that sometimes we cannot help (Easy to Share Services).
- Creating personalised legacy plans for the care of pets whose owners pre-decease them (Safe to Leave Services).

In signing this Trustee Report the Trustees have confirmed that the activities of the charity in 2022 had fulfilled its objectives of benefitting the public by advancing animal welfare.

c. Principal funding

The charity's principal source of funds in 2022 were exceptional legacy payments totalling £258,391. One legacy of £233,391 has been classified as endowment income as it is substantially greater than the charity's normal outgoings and it would have been expected for the charity to invest the gift for future generation of income. Donations (Gift aided and non-aided) totalled £33,590. Fundraising initiatives raised £4,760.

d. Investment policy

At a Meeting in July the Trustees discussed investment possibilities for the legacy monies. An appropriate capital investment in land or property was the favoured option on the understanding that this would be a "mixed motive" investment and the balance between obtaining a financial return and furthering the charity's activities and aims would require professional advice and a detailed Investment Policy. The search for a suitable plot of land locally to invest in and that could be used for dog walking

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Objectives and activities (continued)

and fundraising activities would be initiated and actively pursued for a year. Meanwhile the monies were placed in a 32 Day Notice Deposit Account with Lloyds bank to earn as much interest as possible whilst still having easy access to the funds.

The Trustees were unable to source an appropriate "mixed-motive" investment opportunity and intend to engage with a Stockbroking Firm to invest the legacy funds as an expendable endowment and use the income so generated.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

During 2022, as the country emerged from the Covid pandemic but struggled with costs of living increases the charity provided substantially more services than ever before to the elderly and poorly members of our local community in need of help with their pets.

Our Hand to Hold services were provided to a regular client base by our core team of two staff members, Trustees and a fluctuating number of volunteers who in total provided over 1,500 dog walks and 81 trips to the vet or to a groomer.

At the beginning of 2022 3 cats and 8 dogs the charity had helped in 2021 required ongoing support: 6 dogs needed regular walking (4 of which received regular walks throughout the year) and 2 elderly dogs and 3 cats remained all year in the charity's long term foster care due to their advanced age and needs.

In 2022 an additional 39 new pets were assimilated into the services we provide:

- 16 dogs and cats requiring walking or vet/groomer visits
- 8 requiring respite care
- 15 were re-homed

This support from our small team of staff, trustees and volunteers provided invaluable peace of mind to frail and vulnerable members of our local community, some of whom were very dependent upon their pets for much -needed companionship.

The charity also responded to 884 contacts, (almost double the number received in 2021) over a third of which were from people wanting help or advice about a pet, just under a third were looking for a pet to rehome and the remainder were wanting to volunteer or donate.

All who contacted us received a response, either via email or telephone. Particularly for some elderly or isolated members of our community just a friendly voice on the end of a phone offering guidance, and being prepared to listen, was all that was needed.

There was however a growing awareness that in order to keep our telephone line available for emergencies and to free up as much time as possible needed by our two staff members to look after pets and organise volunteers and fosterers that whenever appropriate new clients or their family members contacting the charity were encouraged to do so via user friendly forms found on the charity's new, easy to navigate, website which was launched in the autumn of 2022.

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Financial review

a. Financial position

The year started with unrestricted funds available of £41,541 and no restricted funds. A substantial legacy payment from one grateful and very generous client was received via two distributions of funds in April and December (£203,391 and £30,000) and these funds were transferred into an Instant Access Savings Account with Lloyds Bank. As outlined in the Principal Funding section of this report, these legacy receipts have been classified as endowment income. A further unexpected donation of £25,000 received in November was retained within the charity's current account.

The charity's regular and ongoing income streams comprising donations (gift aided, non-gift aided and small cash donations) for charitable services provided and from local supporters and businesses totalled £33,590. Product sales and fundraising events raised £4,760. The charity's essential expenses were kept to a minimum and comprised wages and associated oncosts totalling £29,714, vet fees and animal care costs of £8,868, other expenditure of £889 and product and fundraising expenses of £875.

Despite routine expenditure exceeding income by approximately £1k the Trustees considered this to be acceptable due to a marked increase in charitable activity throughout the year, the unpredictable nature of our work and the receipt of substantial legacy monies.

b. Reserves policy

At a Trustee Meeting held 24th March 2022 the ongoing costs for the development and maintenance of our HOMES service and the number of pets and their owners that we have helped since the pandemic and to whom we have an ongoing commitment was discussed in detail.

Our Operational Strategy for 2022 was to continue to provide the HOMES services to existing and new clients but whenever possible to utilise the help of trained and committed volunteers to walk dogs and to foster dogs and cats in their own homes.

Our operations demanded an income of at least £30k per annum. At 31 December 2022 the charity held £35,294 (2021: £46,861) of free reserves which roughly equates to 14 months (2021: 17) of operational expenditure. Endowment funds at 31 December 2022 were £268,391 (2021: £nil). The Trustees have the power to apply endowment funds as if it were unrestricted. The charity held no restricted funds in either year. Total funds at 31 December 2022 amounted to £303,685 (2021: £46,861).

c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees reviewed the risks to which they felt the charity was exposed on a regular basis throughout the year. The viability of the charity from an activity point of view, namely having the capacity to help elderly and terminally ill members of the local community with their pets when help was needed was considered to be a manageable risk, but one that needed constant evaluation as the ability to provide emergency foster care for pets and services such as dog walking and trips to the vets are dependent upon a network of fully inducted and trained volunteers.

The retention of suitable fosterers could be a challenge (mainly due to fosterers giving a permanent home to those pets that they were fostering) as was the recruitment of volunteers to help walk dogs at times that suited both the volunteers and the pet owners. The role of one of our two paid staff members has increasingly become one of attracting, inducting, and managing the recruitment of new volunteers whilst the other is focussed upon providing emergency short term foster care in her own home and providing services like dog walking to owners with more challenging dogs or owners who require regular help.

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Financial review (continued)

The financial viability of the charity was strengthened enormously by the large legacy received and donations received from those who had accessed our charitable services and local supporters increased by 15% when compared to 2021.

The Trustees continue to consider that there are no other substantial risks beyond the ongoing liabilities disclosed in the accounts and the normal risks associated with running events and working with pets for which the charity holds public liability insurance.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity was incorporated on 14 December 2017 and commenced trading on that date. It is registered with the Charity Commission (charity no. 1176283).

The Mutts Nutts Rescue is a charity governed by a constitution, dated 14 December 2017, which established the objects and powers of the organisation and its trustees.

b. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Trustee Board of 4 Trustees take responsibility for strategic decisions to ensure that all the charity does supports its purposes and benefits the public, take responsibility for governance and managing its financial resources and sign off the charity's Annual Return and Accounts.

The CEO and Assistant Operations Manager take responsibility for the day to day running of the charity, particularly regarding the services it provides to the local community and their pets, answering the phone and responding to emails, publicity and promotion via social media and compiling statistics on a monthly basis for the Trustees to show activity and performance.

The CEO also takes responsibility for the induction, training and supervision of the fosterers and volunteers.

The charity has a close working relationship with a local Veterinary practice, two privately owned pet shops in local towns and liaises with local care networks, for the elderly and vulnerable such as the Evergreen Care Trust.

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed / scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Jane Freeman, Chairman

Date: 13.10.23

The Mutts Nutts Rescue
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE
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I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Giles Kerkham FCA DChA

Larking Gowen LLP

Chartered Accountants

1st Floor Prospect House

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Date: 13/10/23

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	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
	Endowment funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock		107	107	520
Debtors		4,825	4,825	4,801
Cash at bank and in hand	268,391	30,362	298,753	41,540
	<u>268,391</u>	<u>35,294</u>	<u>303,685</u>	<u>46,861</u>
Total Assets less Liabilities	<u>268,391</u>	<u>35,294</u>	<u>303,685</u>	<u>46,861</u>
CHARITY FUNDS				
Endowment			268,391	-
Unrestricted			<u>35,294</u>	<u>46,861</u>
			<u>303,685</u>	<u>46,861</u>
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and were signed on their behalf by:



Jane Freeman
 Trustee
 Date: 13.10.23

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
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	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
	Endowment funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
RECEIPTS				
Legacies	233,391	-	233,391	35,000
Donations		58,590	58,590	28,475
Charitable activities	-	154	154	5,385
Other trading activities	-	4,760	4,760	1,954
Interest income	-	663	663	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	233,391	64,167	297,558	70,814
PAYMENTS				
Raising funds	-	875	875	1,446
Charitable activities – vet fees and animal care	-	8,868	8,868	5,621
Charitable activities – other	-	29,714	29,714	24,869
Other	-	889	889	1,325
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-	40,346	40,346	33,261
NET (PAYMENTS)/RECEIPTS	233,391	23,821	257,212	37,553
Transfer between funds	35,000	(35,000)	-	
CASH FUNDS B/FWD	-	41,541	41,541	3,989
CASH FUNDS C/FWD	268,391	30,362	298,753	41,541

1. Transactions with Trustees

No remuneration, expenses or other benefits were paid to the Committee of Trustees or people connected with them by the charity.

There were no other transactions with or payments to trustees or connected parties.

2. Endowment Funds

Endowment funds represent legacy receipts that the Trustees intend to invest to generate future income for the charity. There are no restrictions from the donor on either holding the funds as capital or transferring to unrestricted funds to apply as revenue funding.

£35,000 was transferred from unrestricted to endowment cash funds reflecting a reclassification of 2021 legacy receipts.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.21** **Period start date** **To 31.12.21** **Period end date**

Charity name: The Mutts Nutts Rescue

Charity registration number: 1176283

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of The Mutts Nutts Rescue are: For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of domestic companion animals in need of care and attention in particular, but not exclusively, by: 1. Providing or maintaining or assisting in the provision and maintenance or support of kennels, rescue homes or other facilities for the reception and care of such animals 2. Providing treatment for such animals which are sick, injured, neglected or ill-treated 3. Finding alternative caring homes for such animals To relieve and assist elderly persons and anyone suffering from a serious or terminal illness by providing or assisting in the provision of care for their pets and to find caring homes for such pets
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	A range of services under the umbrella of HOME, namely: The provision of dog walking services and trips to vets and groomers for cats and dogs (Hand 2 Hold Services) The provision of temporary respite care for cats and dogs whilst their owners need help

		(Over 2 Us Services) Re-homing dogs and cats and the provision and support of long - term foster care for elderly pets (Meant 2 Be Services) Sharing, as appropriate, updates regarding pets who have been re-homed by the charity with family members and providing advice and guidance as to where further help might be accessed by those that sometimes we cannot help (Easy to Share Services)
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In signing this Trustee Report the Trustees have confirmed that the activities of the charity in 2021 had fulfilled its objectives of benefitting the public by advancing animal welfare

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Throughout 2021, another year of unprecedented uncertainty and restrictions imposed upon our daily lives by the Covid pandemic the Mutts Nutts Rescue continued to provide our services to those in need of help with their pets, according to guidance and restrictions upon social distancing issued by the government at the time. At the beginning of 2021 6 pets the charity had helped in 2020 still required ongoing support: 3 dogs needed regular walking throughout the year, 1 elderly dog in foster care needed ongoing support with medication and 2 of these pets were rehomed in the first quarter of the year. In 2021 an additional 30 new pets were assimilated into the services we provide: 13 dogs and cats requiring walking or vet/groomer visits 8 requiring respite care 9 were re-homed This support from our very small team of staff, trustees and volunteers provided invaluable peace of mind to frail and vulnerable members of our local community, who during periods of lock down or self-isolation were increasingly dependent upon their pets for companionship. The charity also responded to 462 contacts, almost half of which were from people wanting to rehome a dog or a cat, a quarter of which were wanting help or advice about a pet and the remainder were wanting to volunteer or donate. All who contacted us received a response, either via email or telephone. Particularly for some elderly or isolated members of our community just a friendly voice on the end of a phone offering guidance, and being prepared to listen, was all that was needed.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The year started with unrestricted funds available of just £3,989 and no restricted funds, but due to a legacy payment in October of £35,000, keeping our running costs to an absolute minimum, accessing Job Retention Scheme grants whenever appropriate and maintaining pet related activity that attracted donations unrestricted funds of £41,540 were available at the end of the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	An updated Reserves Policy created for 2019 in which the trustees reiterated their commitment to spending funds raised upon our charitable objects and to keeping our administrative costs to an absolute minimum whilst maintaining operational reserves of £9k with the aim of increasing these within 3 years to funds equating to one year's operating costs (approx £30k) was due to be re-visited in 2021 but this was postponed at a Trustee Meeting in November until after the winter whilst the country was subject to a resurgence in the Covid pandemic.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	From October 2021 £35k was transferred to a separate charity bank account to be held in reserve until our investment strategy can be implemented.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal source of funds in 2021 was a legacy payment of £35k Donations (Gift aided and non aided) totalled £26,275 and grant funding of £2,200 was given. Due to the ongoing pandemic in 2021 the charity's fundraising
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		initiatives were very restricted, just £562 was raised from a small stall held outside a local pet shop in the summer and a share of the proceeds from a virtual Fun Dog Show held in September.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Trustees reviewed the risks to which they felt the charity was exposed on a regular basis throughout the year. Principal amongst these risks was the financial viability of the charity from both an activity and a funding point of view. Charitable activity was maintained, those we were able to help were genuinely grateful for our support when they needed it most as evidenced by testimonials received. Having, of necessity, adopted our operating model away from relying on a central facility and substituting it with a fostering network of care in individual homes the recruitment and retention of suitable fosterers was a challenge (mainly due to fosterers giving a permanent home to those pets that they were fostering) as was the recruitment of volunteers to help walk dogs, so inevitably more of our 2 paid members' time during the latter part of the year in particular was occupied with hands on help walking dogs, and doing vet and grooming visits, a situation which the Trustees were aware needed addressing going forward in order that a member of staff could dedicate more of their time to the time-consuming role of attracting, inducting and introducing new volunteers and fosterers to poorly and elderly people needing help with their pets and refocusing our efforts on fundraising in general. Donations received throughout the year, in particular those

		attracting Gift Aid, were up by 21% and the arrival of a legacy payment in October, as mentioned above, helped to strengthen the charity's financial position. The Trustees continue to consider that there are no other substantial risks beyond the ongoing liabilities disclosed in the accounts and the normal risks associated with running events for which the charity holds public liability insurance
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The power of appointment and selection of trustees is vested in the Trustee Board

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All Trustees have signed the charity's Trustee Declaration Form and fully appreciate the responsibilities incurred upon taking up such a role. Following a Trustee Meeting in November it was agreed that we would draw up a list of local individuals who we feel have the requisite skills, enthusiasm and time to consider joining our Board next year and to draw up a new induction and training process for anyone joining us.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustee Board of 3 Trustees (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) take responsibility for strategic decisions to ensure that all the charity does supports its purposes and benefits the public, take responsibility for governance and managing its financial resources and sign off the charity's Annual Return and Accounts. The CEO and Assistant Operations Manager take responsibility for the day to day running of the charity, particularly regarding the services it provides to the local community and their pets, answering the phone and responding to emails, publicity and promotion via social media and compiling statistics on a monthly basis for the Trustees to

		show activity and performance. The CEO also takes responsibility for the induction, training and supervision of the fosterers and volunteers. The charity has a close working relationship with a local Veterinary practice, two privately owned pet shops in local towns and liases with local care networks, for the elderly and vulnerable in particular the Evergreen Care Trust.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Mutts Nutts Rescue
Other name the charity uses	The Mutts Nutts
Registered charity number	1176283
Charity's principal address	28A Little Casterton Road Stamford Lincs PE9 1QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jane Freeman	Chair	14.01.21	Trustee Board
2	Teresa Cook	Treasurer	14.01.21	Trustee Board
3	Desmond Mc Gurk	Secretary		Trustee Board
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rebecca Wilson

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Freeman

D J McGurk

Full name(s)

Jane Freeman

Desmond J McGurk

**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

Secretary

Date

29.09.22

THE MUTTS NUTTS RESCUE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1176283

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date 30/09/2022

Name: Christina Campbell FCA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Incoming resources			
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	63,475	63,475	19,918
Charitable activities	5,385	5,385	4,308
Other trading activities	1,954	1,954	354
Total	70,814	70,814	24,580
Resources expended			
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	1,446	1,446	70
Charitable activities – vet fees and animal care	5,621	5,621	2,327
Charitable activities – other	24,869	24,869	28,353
Other	1,325	1,325	1,819
Total	33,261	33,261	32,569
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	37,553	37,553	(7,989)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	37,553	37,553	(7,989)
Extraordinary items	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	37,553	37,553	(7,989)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	3,989	3,989	11,978
Total funds carried forwards	41,541	41,541	3,989

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Assets				
Stocks		520	520	50
Debtors (gift aid reclaim)		4,801	4,801	3,249
Cash at bank and in hand		41,540	41,540	3,989
Total assets		<u>46,861</u>	<u>46,861</u>	<u>7,288</u>
Liabilities		-	-	-
Net assets		<u>46,861</u>	<u>46,861</u>	<u>7,288</u>

Approved by the trustees on 29/09/2022 and signed on behalf of all the trustees by:

Signed: *J Freeman*
Trustee

Name: Jane Freeman

Date: 30.09.22

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Signed: *J Freeman*
Trustee

Name: Jane Freeman

Date: 30.09.22