

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2021

Summary

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Public Benefit

Hope Animal Shelter seeks to educate the public to promote responsible attitudes towards animals and prevent cruelty and suffering towards them. These objectives will help educate the public in the North East, to reduce the numbers of abandoned animals.

Hope Animal Shelter also aims to rehome as many animals as possible. All prospective owners are thoroughly checked with home visits and a donation fee. On-going support is also available where required.

The Trustees of Hope Animal Shelter are satisfied that they have fully complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The Covid 19 outbreak has made life particularly difficult for everyone in the country and the Trustee's would like to praise the efforts of Cliff and the volunteers who have kept the shelter running under these strained circumstances.

Despite the hardship suffered by Covid 19, the supporters of Hope Animal Shelter have continued to provide financial and material support. The trustees acknowledge the significant contribution made by the volunteers. This year the fundraising activities were hampered by Covid 19, but our supporters have still managed to raise funds in ingenious ways including; online cake raffles, afternoon teas, car boot sales, sale of face masks, no chocolate for a month sponsorship, mother's day raffles, sale of canvases, sale of Christmas wreaths and a purple poppy appeal.

Hope Animal Shelter has also continued to receive donations via our online JustGiving page which has been the biggest source of income during the year, contributing towards 29% of the total income.

The shelter has also been supported by local businesses and three large supermarkets in the local area.

Reserves

Hope Animal Shelter is a not for profit organisation, but the Charity intends to retain reserves to ensure financial security. Reserves will be used to improve facilities where necessary.

Main Achievements

The shelter has continued to rehome where circumstances allowed for this during the crisis by putting in place health and safety measures, including face masks, hygiene facilities and social distancing for both volunteers and visitors.

The site development has been hindered due to Covid 19 thus new projects have had to be postponed, but attention has been focused on safety and repair around the shelter;

- Following the theft of a kitten, the gate to the main entrance was strengthened
- The donkey shed was partially re-roofed
- Improvements were made to the terrapin pond
- Foundations were laid for a small animal enclosure
- Improvements were made to the enclosures for Chickens and Turkeys in accordance with DEFRA guidelines following the Avian Flu outbreak.

A record of rehoming statistics can be seen below for the year ended 31st March 2021:
Hope Animal Shelter rehomed 206 animals over the year despite the Covid 19 outbreak. The shelter has also been involved in spaying and neutering feral cats and kittens.

	Dogs	Cats	Rabbit	Guinea Pig	Others	Total
April 20	1	2	3	12	2 Hens	20
May 20	-	5	-	3	4 Hens 2 Ferrets	14
June 20	2	7	-	-	16 Hens	25
July 20	6	8	-	-	12 Hens	26
August 20	3	8	-	-	-	11
September 20	3	4	1	8	6 Rats	22
October 20	5	3	-	-	4 Ducks 1 Ferret	13
November 20	3	20	-	-	-	23
December 20	1	4	1	1	4 Rats	11
January 21	1	7	-	-	-	8
February 21	2	8	-	-	-	10
March 21	1	10	1	11	-	23

In addition to the above rehoming statistics, Hope Animal Shelter also rescued and rehomed 34 wild animals and birds.

Financial Review

Hope Animal Shelter has prepared the accounts using the receipts and payments method. Income continues to exceed expenses, therefore has no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

The shelter does not employ any staff, so all money raised goes towards the upkeep of the site and the welfare of the animals.

Structure, Governance and Management

Hope Animal Shelter is run by charity trustees and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

There have been no changes to the charity trustees, but policies would be provided to any new trustees on election in future periods.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Hope Animal Shelter

Charity Number: 1179956

Principal Address: 1 White Cliffe Cottage, Skinningrove, TS13 4AN

The current trustees are set out below:

Clifford John Spedding, Sheila Robinson, Freda Lilian Thompson

Declaration

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

Clifford Spedding

29th December 2021

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
Total Income	40,042.10	39,134.98
Expenditure:		
Consumables	(7,824.00)	(9,190.21)
Farm Feed	(2,271.46)	(3,199.00)
HP Payments	(2,232.12)	(2,351.12)
HP Interest	(363.99)	(363.99)
Motor Expenses	(2,210.75)	(2,701.19)
Projects	(9,493.70)	(4,979.97)
Repairs	(6,503.44)	(5,841.41)
Vet Fees	(3,454.61)	(3,018.23)
Light, Heat & Phone	(1,284.00)	(428.00)
Insurance	(1,231.52)	(1,091.52)
Total Expenses	(36,869.59)	(33,164.64)
Net Profit	3,172.51	5,970.34

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
Current Assets:		
Cash in hand and at bank	18,468.29	18,287.79
Current Liabilities:		
HP Liability	1,692.44	3,924.56
Net Assets	16,775.85	14,363.23

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13th December 2020

I can confirm that I have carried out an independent examination of Hope Animal Shelter's charity accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020. I can confirm that the charities money has been properly accounted for and accounting records kept.

Michaela Charlton ACA