

ANIMAL FRIENDS OF TURKEY (AFOT)

England & Wales · Charity number 1182513

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2019-03-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ("THE OBJECTS") ARE: 1. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS. 2. TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR ANIMALS WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, ABANDONMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USAGE AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN GENERAL AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND SUFFERING AMONG ANIMALS. 3. THE MAIN GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF FOCUS FOR THE OBJECTS IS THE SOUTH WEST REGION OF TURKEY FOR ANIMALS THAT A) CANNOT BE PUT BACK ONTO THE STREETS DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS; B) ARE IN POUNDS AND SHELTERS AND AT RISK OF DEATH; C) HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY THEIR OWNERS; AND D) ARE STREET ANIMALS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE HELP.

Activities: AFOT rescues abandoned, abused and street animals. We do this by placing the animal in an AFOT foster home where it stays for the four month minimum compulsory travel wait. We promote our dogs on our website and invite applications from members of the public. Thorough checks including home checks are carried out for suitability. The animals we help are predominantly from the SW of Turkey.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Turkey
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£118,000	£118,000	-	-
2024-04-05	£142,583	£132,747	-	-
2023-04-05	£157,804	£162,706	-	-
2022-04-05	£131,445	£143,419	-	-
2021-04-05	£98,191	£86,761	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CAROL HOLBROOK	Chair	2019-03-01
LISANNE HILLEN		2023-10-01
Wendy Smeaton		2025-01-06

ANIMAL FRIENDS OF TURKEY (AFOT)

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	6	April	2024		5	April	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name ANIMAL FRIENDS OF TURKEY (AFOT)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1182513

Charity's principal address

31 Honeypot Road
 Brompton on Swale
 Richmond, North Yorkshire
Postcode DL10 7HT

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	Carol Holbrook	Chair		
2	Lisanne Hillen	Secretary		
3	Gail Tyson	Treasurer	06/04/2024-10/01/2025	
4	Wendy Smeaton	Treasurer	06/01/2025 -05/04/2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	TRUST DEED
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	TRUST
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY OPERATING COMMITTEE

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	Summary of the Charity's Objectives:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To assist in the relief of suffering of animals in desperate need of intervention as a result of abandonment or abuse.2. To provide a safe haven for rescued animals during their period of recovery, rehabilitation and preparation for rehoming.3. To seek where relevant high quality permanent homes for rescued animals and to oversee their transition from rescue care into their new forever homes.4. To continue to provide lifetime back-up guarantee to all dogs rehomed through the charity in the event that any adopter is no longer in a position to provide suitable long-term care.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Main activities of charity during the year designed to meet these Objectives:

1. Maintained the reach of the charity's rescue operation to areas outside the immediate Fethiye region to dogs in urgent and dire need.
2. Broaden our facilities for housing dogs.
3. The offering of full veterinary and rehabilitation care to all dogs in need that came into our care either into our Sanctuary/enclosures or through placement within our foster care network.
4. Continuation of successful rehoming of dogs into thoroughly vetted homes following completion of their period of recovery, rehabilitation and preparation in accordance with regulations.
5. Confirmation that the Trustees have had regard throughout the year to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in the execution of the charity's work.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We were able to successfully re-organise mid-year to create more available funds.

We were able to successfully help more dogs in other enclosures.

We were able to successfully implement new software specifically designed for animal rescue and upgrade our website to a much higher standard.

We maintained our policy of having no paid staff throughout this financial year. All work within the charity continued to be carried out by a small but active group of volunteers in the UK.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main achievements and challenges of the charity during the 2024-2025 year:

One of the main, if not 'the' main challenge of this year was without doubt the implementation of the new 'stray dog law' which came into effect July 2024. The new law abandoned the 'trap, neuter, release' that Turkey had been using up until then. It now assigned responsibility for all stray dogs to the Government shelters making the Government shelter a stray dogs only rightful place to live.

The summer of 2024 saw hundreds of thousands of stray dogs all over Turkey start to be rounded up, many were killed unmercifully, The ones that were taken would stay in the over-ran shelters until they were adopted or died. Old, disabled or poorly would be euthanised. This had serious consequences for the dogs as it took away their 'right' to live on the street, it also took away people's legal right to feed them and many animal lovers started to face torment, harassment and serious abuse for trying to protect the dogs from the new harsh reality. Turkish shelters are full of disease and as Turkey do not operate a vaccination programme many would die painful deaths, many of the shelters do not have medical care not even sterilisation facilities. The workers are employed by the government and many are not animal lovers. It is estimated that the Government shelters in the whole of Turkey have a capacity for 105,000 dogs, it is estimated the stray population is in excess of 4 million.

It has shocked everyone involved in Turkish rescue to the core and many court cases, demonstrations from animal activists in all Countries including Europe and the UK have been ongoing since implementation. We thought we had seen it all, but we hadn't.

As we had heard the rumours at the end of the last financial year we had therefore been discussing options if the new law was implemented as there was a last minute court case to try to dismiss it. These options included how we could house and help more dogs as it was painfully obvious our existing sanctuary was not going to be able to facilitate more dogs as the maximum had been reached. Over the months following implementation it became necessary for us to make changes which we managed to do in October 2024. With our existing sanctuary holding the maximum number of dogs we had no availability to help many of these dogs now being taken to the shelters and at risk of death. Our live in volunteer was also desperate to help more dogs but with nowhere to house them. We therefore decided to use facilities in the nearby region of Aydin where our Trustee Lisanne Hillen also runs her own rescue, she had availability in some of her enclosures and new dogs were almost immediately saved and placed there. The added benefit was Lisanne would make no charge for food and accommodation. We ceased financial responsibility for the existing AFOT sanctuary, thus realising more funds to help the dogs with export vaccinations in the other enclosures. We also decided that as dogs were re-homed from the sanctuary we would not replace therefore allowing the live in volunteer to be able to help more dogs. The funds AFOT had invested in the sanctuary were paid back to us by the end of the financial year and the donation received from our patron was willingly left for the sanctuary to help more dogs. It was vitally important that we saved dogs not only from local areas but from the areas in the SW that were harsh in implementing this law to the letter, one of the shelters was Aydin.

The new law also saw change in how people in the UK viewed foreign adoption, especially Turkey and applications to foster and adopt increased significantly as people wanted first and foremost to help the Turkish dogs. Extra donations from members of the public were also forthcoming each wanting to help the crisis in Turkey.

Because Turkey was so much in the public eye during the year we have been able to yet again increase our supporter base and there is a steady flow of donations being received. We have upgraded our website with an outside specialist team who offered to help FOC, which has resulted in more traffic, alongside this we introduced new software that is designed specifically for animal rescue and this has helped with the work load of a small team, we have also introduced a new Committee member which has also helped in this area too.

Prices continue to rise Turkey, in some areas quite dramatically, especially the export process's which is frustrating but all part of rescuing in a foreign country. However, even with this challenge and the UK cost of living crisis we still continue to gain good support in the UK with a dedicated supporter base.

We had good success with placing dogs in the UK after running a successful foster appeal. All of these dogs went on to be adopted and we are now running this scheme regularly where possible which at least enables us to get the dogs out of Turkey. We also saw a big increase in people contacting us wanting to help after the new law (when implemented went on to destroy hundreds of thousands of innocent dogs). Many of these went on to adopt dogs.

The new law that has seen hundreds of thousands of dogs killed unmercifully has left us all more determined to carry on our mission of saving the Turkish dogs as they now need us more than ever.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

AFOT continues to be challenged in terms of building up any meaningful reserves, this is mainly because the cost per dog from start to completion is over £2000 per dog. However at the end of the financial year we were in a better position than the previous year holding deposits sufficient to cover 3 months running costs. Our aim continues to be to increase this to 6 months running costs and within the next three years to hold at least 12 months reserves.


Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carol Holbrook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	12 th December 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Animal Friends Of Turkey (AFOT)	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06/04/2024	To	Period end date 05/04/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations for dogs/cats	20,286	-	-	20,286	12,640
other donations	81,765	-	-	81,765	82,739
events & merchandise	2,980	-	-	2,980	9,495
Gift aid	12,192	-	-	12,192	22,209
Refunds	949	-	-	949	-
Misc	27	-	-	27	15,500
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118,199	-	-	118,199	142,583
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	118,199	-	-	118,199	142,583
A3 Payments					
Vet fees	18,700	-	-	18,700	25,736
Foster, kennels & all food costs	41,260	-	-	41,260	43,224
Sanctuary costs inc repairs (not food)	7,192	-	-	7,192	16,804
transport	40,435	-	-	40,435	33,812
Events + merchandise	1,265	-	-	1,265	1,695
Dog donation refunds	750	-	-	750	-
Dog support	1,157	-	-	1,157	636
Misc (postage etc)	1,660	-	-	1,660	8,624
Consultancy	3,522	-	-	3,522	1,820
Pay Pal & international fees	2,056	-	-	2,056	396
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	117,997	-	-	117,997	132,747
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	117,997	-	-	117,997	132,747
Net of receipts/(payments)	202	-	-	202	9,836
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,751	-	-	10,751	915
Cash funds this year end	10,953	-	-	10,953	10,751

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	AFOT bank account 37878068	10,786	-	-
	AFOT bank account 78827868	167	-	-
	Pay Pal account		-	-
	Total cash funds	10,953	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Carol Holbrook	02/02/2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Animal Friends of Turkey (AFOT)		
On accounts for the year ended	05/04/2025	Charity no (if any)	1182513
	Set out on pages 1 to 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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: *M E McGarry* Date: 01/02/2026

Name: Martha E McGarry

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA

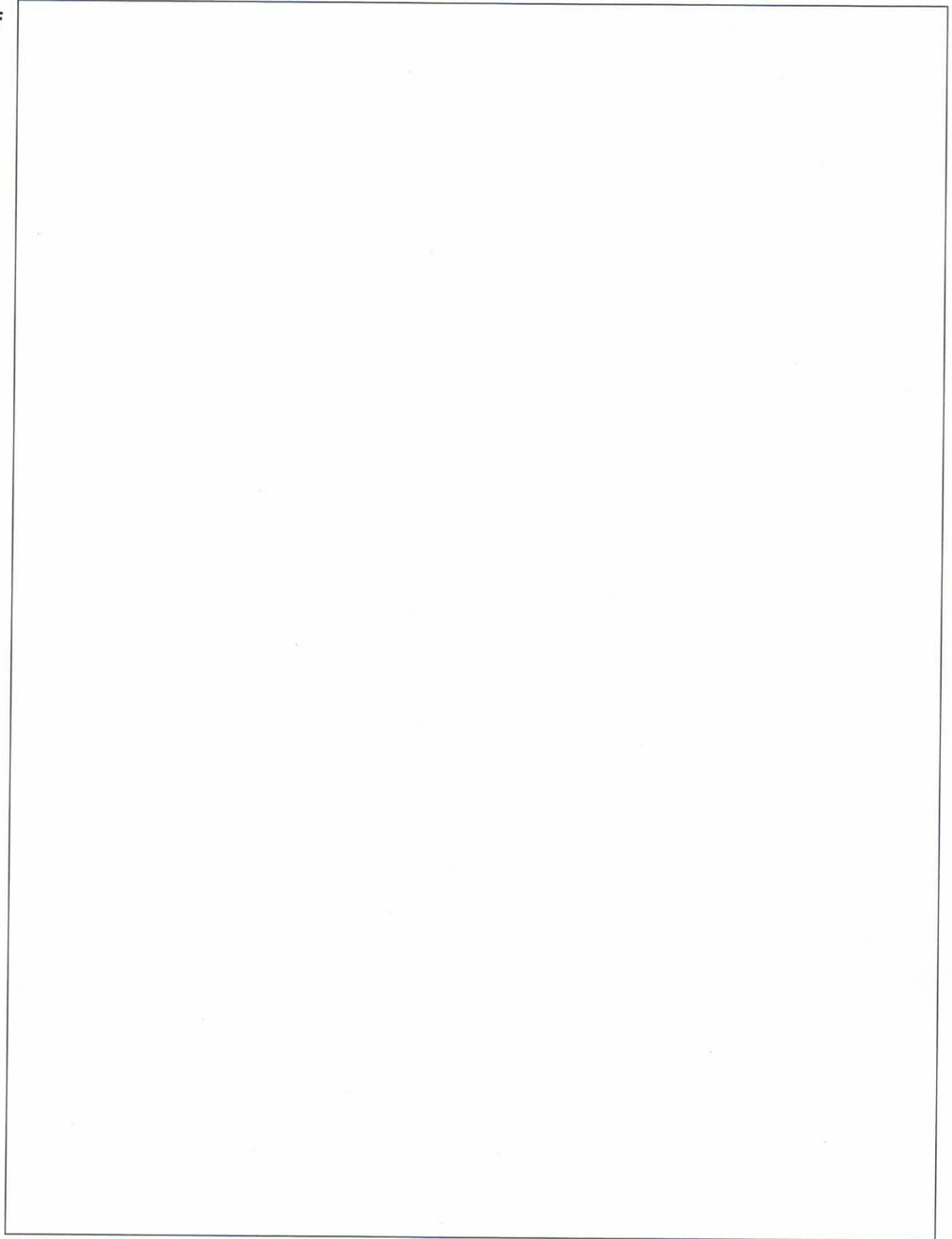
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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1	Carol Holbrook	Chair		
2	Lisanne Hillen	Secretary	01/10/2023 – 05/04/2024	
3	Gail Tyson	Treasurer		
4	Katrina Baker	Secretary	06/04/2023 – 01/10/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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How the charity is constituted
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TRUST

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

ELECTED BY OPERATING COMMITTEE

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Main activities of charity during the year designed to meet these Objectives:

1. Maintained the reach of the charity's rescue operation to areas outside the immediate Fethiye region to dogs in urgent and dire need.
2. Continue and maintain the sanctuary on the outskirts of Fethiye,
3. The offering of full veterinary and rehabilitation care to all dogs in need that came into our care either into our Sanctuary or through placement within our foster care network.
4. Continuation of successful rehoming of dogs into thoroughly vetted homes following completion of their period of recovery, rehabilitation and preparation in accordance with regulations.
5. Confirmation that the Trustees have had regard throughout the year to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in the execution of the charity's work.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Thanks to our fundraising department with specific appeals we were able to make improvements to our existing sanctuary to facilitate more dogs.

We saw the introduction of new committee members and a Trustee who resides in Turkey and speaks Turkish.

We maintained our policy of having no paid staff throughout this financial year. All work within the charity continued to be carried out by a small but active group of volunteers in the UK.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main achievements and challenges of the charity during the 2023-2024 year:

The financial year ending 5th April 2024 brought some new developments for AFOT that would broaden avenues for re-homing. The new ortaca sanctuary was up and running successfully and we were able to facilitate immediately 40 plus dogs with spaces being taken up straight away. We carried out significant fundraising for improvements including the fortifying of the outer fence and therefore being able to build more internal enclosures.

Mid way through the financial year a new Trustee, Lisanne Hillen joined our existing trustees. She brought with her a wealth of knowledge on the Turkish rescue side currently running her own sanctuary (Melez) 3 hours away in Aydin from our existing Ortaca sanctuary. She speaks fluent Turkish as well as English and this has proven invaluable. It also opened up new avenues for more dogs to be re-homed as she was only able to re-home the majority of dogs in the Aydin sanctuary to Holland. Through this working together we were able to find some dogs from the Melez sanctuary homes in the UK but without the related veterinary/vaccination/blood test costs associated with re-homing in the UK. Lisanne has been a great asset to AFOT and also is currently helping with all associated rehoming works.

We also added new volunteers to our Re-homing and Fundraising teams and our aim is to continue to recruit new volunteers to help keep the charity not only steadfast but to keep growing.

The AFOT sanctuary in Ortaca continues to be our main location for our dogs in Turkey, with a couple of local foster homes also taking care of a small number of dogs.

Hyperinflation continues in Turkey, constantly driving up prices of paperwork, veterinary care and transport, despite more fundraising than ever being carried out this has had a knock on effect reducing our ongoing capital quite significantly and have not been able to increase our capital as we had hoped. D However, despite donations been down on last year by £15000 due we assume to the UK cost of living crisis we still continue to gain good support in the UK with a dedicated supporter base.

We experienced ups and downs with regards to adoption interest. By the beginning of the Financial year we had re-introduced physical home

checks only and engaged with one of the National Home checking charities to help us with this in all areas of the UK. We had periods of good activity and during these periods we were very pleased to see some of our long-waiting dogs get adopted, but still have dogs in our care that have been waiting for up to three years to be adopted. We continue to advertise and continually look for more avenues to re-home.

The transport van was sold at the beginning of the financial year and the proceeds went back into the Charity account with the permission of the original donator. We reverted back to employing the services of commercial transporters and increased our adoption donation to help with costs.

Rumours started to circulate at the end of the financial year regarding a new law that was due to be implemented mid 2024 which would result in hundreds of thousands of Turkish dogs being destroyed. This would be looked into during the following financial year.

Our main achievements during the financial year has been the changes to the AFOT Team and the addition of an inspiring new Trustee, together we continue to work hard to rehome dogs with little or no future in Turkey. The new additions to the AFOT team have enabled us to carry out more fundraising activities and create more awareness for the charity. Our reach continues to grow and with our loyal supporter base and our team of new volunteers, we feel confident that we have some strong building blocks in place for an exciting future for AFOT.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AFOT continues to be challenged in terms of building up any meaningful reserves. However at the end of the financial year we were in a better position than the previous year holding deposits sufficient to cover 2 months running costs very easily. Our aim continues to be to increase this to 3 months running costs and to eventually be able to build to at least 6 months reserves and eventually extend this to 12 months.


Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carol Holbrook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30 th December 2024	



Charity Name Animal Friends Of Turkey (AFOT)	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 06/04/2023	To	Period end date 05/04/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations for dogs/cats	12,640	-	-	12,640	24,775
other donations	82,739	-	-	82,739	91,029
events & merchandise	9,495	-	-	9,495	10,122
Gift aid	22,209	-	-	22,209	26,499
Refunds		-	-	-	579
Misc	15,500	-	-	15,500	4,800
Grants		-	-	-	
Dog Refund Reversal		-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	142,583	-	-	142,583	157,804
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	142,583	-	-	142,583	157,804
A3 Payments					
Vet fees	25,736		-	25,736	40,295
Foster, kennels & all food costs	43,224	-	-	43,224	33,615
Sanctuary costs inc repairs (not food)	16,804	-	-	16,804	20,860
Transport	33,812	-	-	33,812	59,675
Events & Merchandise	1,695	-	-	1,695	1,850
Dog Donation Refunds		-	-	-	
Dog Support	636	-	-	636	1,602
Donations made to other charities					
Miscellaneous (Postage etc.)	8,624	-	-	8,624	3,586
Consultancy	1,820	-	-	1,820	
Pay pal fees & international fees	396	-	-	396	1,223
Sub total	132,747	-	-	132,747	162,706
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	132,747	-	-	132,747	162,706
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,836	-	-	9,836	4,901
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	915	-	-	915	5,816
Cash funds this year end	10,751	-	-	10,751	915

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	AFOT bank account 37878068	3,428	-	-
	AFOT bank account 78827868	7,277	-	-
	Pay Pal account	46	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,751	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	van acquired during year	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Animal Friends Of turkey (AFOT)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

05/04/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1182513

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Signed:

M E McGarry

Date:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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ANIMAL FRIENDS OF TURKEY (AFOT)

England & Wales - Charity number 1182513

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Thanks to good fundraising by our fundraising department with specific appeals we were able to open a new sanctuary in Ortaca that would facilitate even more dogs.

We saw the introduction of our new transport facility transporting our own dogs to the UK

We maintained our policy of having no paid staff throughout this financial year. All work within the charity continued to be carried out by a small but active group of volunteers in the UK.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main achievements and challenges of the charity during the 2020-21 year:

The financial year ending 5th April 2023 had both some highs and lows.

Our Turkish volunteer committee were not able to commit to helping AFOT towards the end of the financial year. We had been able to open

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up a new sanctuary thanks to great work by our fundraising Team but our hopes of having two sanctuary's in different locations were dashed because of having no committed Turkish volunteer help. Although the original sanctuary was still operating at the end of the financial year of 2023 a decision had been made to close it shortly thereafter. The new sanctuary had the capability to take more dogs than the original sanctuary had and our aim for the following financial year was to increase it's capability.

We have continued in some instances to keep the form of virtual home-checking using live video streaming technology to allow us to continue our practice of detailed inspections of potential homes which we introduced during the covid restrictions, however we also re-introduced physical home-checking with a view to phasing out the virtual which would only be used in exceptional circumstances by the end of the financial year.

We finally were able to get our transport facility up and running which was very exciting for the whole Team who had worked incredibly hard, however some serious internal and external challenges meant we could not deliver the potential we had hoped for both in terms of finances and deliverance. We therefore made a decision to close the operation of our transport facility 6 months after commencing. The 6 months had been extremely challenging. This was an extremely difficult time for the Charity. Circumstances beyond our control had played an instrumental part, the rising of the cost of living with prices both in Turkey and Europe soaring. Export administration had been extremely challenging with prices rising in this department and governing rules changing each time we exported. We also suffered internal negativity within the transport operation and along with the escalating costs could not validate the continuation. At the end of the financial year we made a decision to sell the van. Permission was granted from the donator allowing the financial asset to go back into the Charity account.

By the end of the financial year Turkey saw price rises in every area of 40-50%. The Trustees were satisfied the right decision had been made with the longevity of the Charity the main priority.

The Charity continues to gain good support in the UK and fundraising will no longer be undertaken in Turkey due to Turkish rules and lack of volunteer help. The Fundraising Team continue to expand and successfully run UK appeals

Our main achievement has been the opening of the new Sanctuary in Ortaca which houses 30 dogs and has potential for more

We continue to rehome dogs with little or no future successfully into homes in the UK, both our reputation and supporter base continues to grow.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AFOT has had a challenging few years and has yet to build up any meaningful reserves. We currently hold deposits sufficient to cover the usual month to month running costs. Our aim always is to build this up to hold at least 6 months reserves and extend to a 12 month period if we are able to and are hopeful that we can do that.


Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carol Holbrook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	4 th December 2023	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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	Paul Tyson	01/02/24



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The financial year ending 5th April 2022 had continued to be a challenging and difficult year post covid with the first half of the year still seeing some restrictions.

New animal laws set by the Turkish government saw thousands more animals in dire situations and the demand for our rescue work was incredibly high, many more animals needing help than we had ever seen previously. Although we had increased the number we could help with the opening of our sanctuary in the previous year, we still found ourselves with overfill's both in the sanctuary and our foster care network. The re-introduction of AFOT's fund-raising events in Turkey did not re-commence again until after they year end and our capability for submitting grants was not yet within our grasp as had been hoped. All of the above stretched our resources, yet we were able to help a great number of animals despite this.

We have continued in most instances to keep the form of virtual home-checking using live video streaming technology to allow us to continue our practice of detailed inspections of potential homes which we introduced during the covid restrictions. During the second half of the year this proved to continue to be successful and has allowed us to quicken up our checking procedures and permitted the re-homing section to visually see potential adopters, their resident animals and their homes and location rather than receive a written report. All of this has been constructive.

The previous year had seen travel restrictions in Turkey due to the stand the activists had made, This had resulted in the implementation of new animal export rules and regulations being changed regularly by the authorities, eventually culminating in the domestic animal export regulations banning any UK transport company from exporting even though they were DEFRA recognised.

We therefore were unable to continue to use our regular UK transporter from transporting from Turkey who had always given us a subsidised charity price and this left the Charity with a serious issue as the prices the few legal Turkish Transport companies were charging was more than double what we had been previously paying and far exceeded anything the charity could afford per dog and almost impossible long term. One solution was to have our own charity transport facility. The Trustees looked into this, evaluating costings etc and came to the conclusion that long term this should in effect be cost effective.

Under the leadership of the newly recruited fundraising committee we were able to launch a national appeal for our own transport facility which would be governed by Turkish law enabling us to deliver AFOT animals in AFOT transport. The appeal was hugely successful and we were able to purchase and

start work on refitting a vehicle for this purpose.

Thanks to the efforts of the new fundraising operation and consequent appeal we were able to prepare our transport facility in preparation for the summer of 2022 despite the costs in complying with the Turkish regulation side of things being much more expensive than we had predicted or facilitated for.

We maintained our policy of having no paid staff throughout this financial year. All work within the charity continues to be carried out by a small but active group of volunteers based in the UK and Turkey.


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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	13/01/2023	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	06/04/2021	To	05/04/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations for dogs/cats	18,305	-	-	18,305	29,568
other donations	101,733	-	-	101,733	46,300
events & merchandise	2,506	-	-	2,506	9,177
Gift aid	7,941	-	-	7,941	9,759
Refunds	179	-	-	179	992
Misc	781	-	-	781	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,000
Dog Refund Reversal	-	-	-	-	1,395
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	131,445	-	-	131,445	98,191
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	131,445	-	-	131,445	98,191
A3 Payments					
Vet fees	19,845	-	-	19,845	12,791
Foster, kennels & all food costs	25,595	-	-	25,595	16,149
Sanctuary costs inc repairs (not food)	18,316	-	-	18,316	6,907
Transport	76,392	-	-	76,392	45,452
Events & Merchandise	1,600	-	-	1,600	526
Dog Donation Refunds	380	-	-	380	3,215
Dog Support	112	-	-	112	-
Miscellaneous (Postage etc.)	782	-	-	782	1,069
Donations made to other charities	100	-	-	100	215
PayPal Fees	298	-	-	298	437
Sub total	143,419	-	-	143,419	86,761
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	143,419	-	-	143,419	86,761
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,974	-	-	- 11,974	11,430
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,790	-	-	17,790	-
Cash funds this year end	5,816	-	-	5,816	11,430

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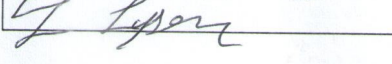
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June Campbell	Resigned 4/2/2021

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1. Extended the reach of the charity's rescue operation to areas outside the immediate Fethiye region when alerted to cases of dire and urgent need.
2. Expansion of the charity's rescue care network with the opening and establishment of a Sanctuary on the outskirts of Fethiye.
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The financial year ending in April 2021 was without doubt the most difficult and most challenging the charity has faced in its short history. AFOT ended the previous year on a high, completing yet another year of growth and development. The increasing demand for our rescue work and the limitations of our foster care network led us into taking the big step of opening a new Sanctuary on the outskirts of Fethiye. Once fully complete, the Sanctuary would allow us to double our care network by taking up to a further 30 dogs into our rescue care. The aim at the beginning of 2020 was that the Sanctuary would work hand in glove with our foster network.

The new centre would allow us to take urgent cases into a place of safety where they could be settled, treated if needed and assessed in the early weeks of care. Once settled into the Sanctuary, all dogs are set firmly on a path towards readiness for rehoming. It was always planned that each dog would then be moved on to one of our foster carers. This would ensure that every dog would have the vital experience of domestic living within a home and family environment before placement in their new forever home.

The first dogs were moved into the Sanctuary early in that first quarter of 2020. Then as we moved towards the new financial year the first of two major events struck – the Covid-19 global pandemic.

This hit us hard in a number of ways. Firstly, the imposition of lockdowns in the UK and Turkey brought with it logistical problems in both countries. The charity runs a rigorous vetting programme for all applications received from families wishing to offer a forever home for our dogs. This includes a physical homecheck carried out by one of our growing network of homecheckers across the UK. The restrictions preventing individuals from entering households brought an end to this face-to-face practice. We were forced to introduce a form of virtual homechecking using live video streaming technology to allow us to continue our practice of detailed inspections of potential homes.

In Turkey, our original plans to encourage volunteers to pay regular visits to our Sanctuary to help out there were blocked by similar lockdown restrictions. It also made the movement of dogs from place to place tricky at times. The other major impact of Covid-19 for us in Turkey was that it brought an end to our ability to organise on the ground fundraising events within the ex-Pat community there.

Furthermore, the on-off imposition of travel restrictions in various countries on the route across Europe brought interruptions to our regular transport of dogs to their new forever homes in the UK.

The charity implemented a number of measures to try to counteract the worst elements of the impact of the pandemic. We were forced to remain nimble on our feet in dealing with the logistics of cross-European travel by taking advantage of whatever window that changes in regulations allowed. We managed to get the Sanctuary up and running although not to optimum level in those early months.

We launched a new UK-based fundraising operation under the leadership of a newly recruited committee member to help mitigate the effects of lost fundraising events in Turkey. Alongside this we took our first steps in attempting to attract additional revenues through grant applications.

These latter activities proved to be essential in protecting the charity from the worst effects of the pandemic on our finances. This was vital given the lack of reserves held by the charity.

This was the new reality for AFOT through the first six months. Then came the second major event to hit us and all rescue charities and groups similar to AFOT working in Turkey.

October 2020 saw the animal rescue community in Turkey rocked by the launch of a co-ordinated and sustained campaign of attack from a group of activists opposed to the export of dogs from Turkey for rehoming abroad.

The activists had been inspired by a Turkish exile living in the US by the name of Gamze Erkok. This lady had railed against the exportation of dogs by foreign nationals from that part of the world for many years. In the past she has launched campaigns in Cyprus, Romania and Greece against ex-pat rescue groups there. In 2020 she turned her focus on Turkey itself where there are many ex-pat British communities dotted along the main tourist areas of the south coast. In nearly all of these areas there are ex-pats who have organised rescue groups and aid programmes to help the thousands of street dogs that live there. AFOT is one of the more prominent UK-based rescue groups operating within these communities.

On a weekend in October 2020 Gamze Erkok organised a three-hour live video call via one of the social media channels with a number of her followers based in Turkey. During that call she was joined by a man who claimed to have inside intelligence on “illegal trafficking of dogs for profit and exploitation” from Turkey to the UK. He claimed “English” foreign nationals were stealing dogs and selling them for thousands of pounds for use in experiments, for sale to the UK skin and fur trade and for use as “sex toys” by rapists.

The result was an immediate and an overwhelming and viral social media campaign that quickly spread these accusations across Turkey. On the Monday after the weekend call, the authorities in Ankara and along the south coast received a volley of complaints. The volume and severity of the complaints resulted in the authorities imposing immediate restrictions on non-private exportation of dogs from Turkey. This was despite the ludicrous nature of the allegations. The restrictions were not directed at the rescue charities or groups themselves but at the pet transport companies that these groups rely on for their rehoming activity.

When the suspension first came in, we along with other groups and charities affected by it worked hard to get as much information as possible as to how long it would remain in place. We were advised by the local State Vet in Fethiye that the authorities were dismissive of the allegations themselves but had felt compelled to act given the volume and vehemence of the complaints. We were asked to remain patient and it was expected that the suspension would be lifted in 2-3 weeks.

This situation actually continued until May of 2021. However, in the intervening months the commercial transporters were able to work with the local State Vet's office to find a way of operating despite the suspension. This involved applying for paperwork from State Vets in other areas of Turkey and there were those among them who were happy to help.

Some also utilised some of the allowed procedures for private adoptions and many dogs were reclassified in this way. This was harder but through these methods we were eventually able to move some dogs although the flow and regularity of these trips was extremely curtailed. As a charity, we worked tirelessly to get the suspension lifted. This involved:

- Working with other rescue groups to lobby the authorities in Ankara
- Lobbying Ministers and MPs in the UK in an effort to get pressure applied via the Foreign Office
- Launching our own PR campaign both in the UK and Turkey to place a spotlight on our work

We received huge backing from our army of supporters who rallied behind us to help us through this difficult period. This included help through additional donations and also in the huge lobbying effort to secure the support of local MPs and Ministers. We are grateful for the support that came from many MPs and Government Ministers including the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak, who helped encourage investigation by the Foreign Office.

The collision of the two major events of the Covid-19 pandemic and the disruption to the pet transporters required us to remain on our toes throughout as we attempted to negotiate our path through a world with ever shifting rules and regulations. We were successful in this.

We maintained our policy of having no paid staff throughout this financial year. All work within the charity continues to be carried out by a small but active group of volunteers based in the UK and Turkey. The Sanctuary, for instance, is run and managed by two live-in volunteers.

The fact that we were able to maintain some level of transport throughout this turbulent period is testament to the hard work of this small band of volunteers who run the charity. Also, thanks to efforts of our new fundraising operation and the incredible backing we continued to receive from our supporters, we were able to keep our heads well above the waterline. Indeed, incredibly we ended the year with growth in our overall income through the 12-months despite the challenges.

This was due in main part to our own fundraising efforts together with the handful of small grants we managed to win during the year. However, the most critical element was the continued generosity of our supporters who kept us going through their regular monthly donations and their support for the various appeals we ran during the 12 months. We will always be indebted to these wonderful people as they are the ones who keep us going.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AFOT is still relatively young and has yet to build up any meaningful reserves. We currently hold deposits sufficient to cover the usual day-to-day running costs over a six-month period. We aim to build this up to initially extend to 12 months cover is we are able.

Details of any funds materially in deficit


None

Section F

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carol Holbrook	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	4/1/2022	



One of the many dogs saved this year. Rupert – emaciated and close to death with severe breathing difficulties when found. Today he is adored and happy with his new family in Somerset



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/6/2020	To	Period end date 4/5/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations for dogs/cats	29,568	-	-	29,568
other donations	46,300	-	-	46,300
events & merchandise	9,177	-	-	9,177
Gift aid	9,759	-	-	9,759
Refunds	992	-	-	992
Grants	1,000	-	-	1,000
dog refund reversal	1,395	-	-	1,395
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	98,191	-	-	98,191
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,191	-	-	98,191
A3 Payments				
Vet fees	12,791	-	-	12,791
Foster, kennels & all food costs	16,149	-	-	16,149
Sanctuary costs inc repairs (not food)	6,907	-	-	6,907
transport	45,452	-	-	45,452
website + postage	1,069	-	-	1,069
Events + merchandise sales	526	-	-	526
Dog donation refunds	3,215	-	-	3,215
Pay pal/other fees	437	-	-	437
Donations made to other charities	215	-	-	215
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	86,761	-	-	86,761
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	86,761	-	-	86,761
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,430	-	-	11,430
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,360	-	-	6,360
Cash funds this year end	17,790	-	-	17,790

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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	AFOT bank account 78827868	10,014	-
	Pay Pal account	358	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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B5 Liabilities			-
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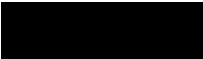
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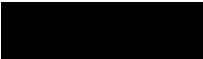
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