

BAND OF RESCUERS NORTH YORKSHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1183369

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-13

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF CATS AND KITTENS 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

Activities: To care for unwanted, homeless, neglected, abused and injured cats and kittens. To provide and maintain foster homes for the reception, care and treatment of such animals until they find their forever homes. To facilitate the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of cats and kittens and work to keep feral colonies controlled using a trap, neuter, release programme.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£46,358	£36,894	-	-
2024-09-30	£39,971	£38,985	-	-
2023-09-30	£39,616	£32,377	-	-
2022-09-30	£37,201	£31,009	-	-
2021-09-30	£34,083	£29,967	-	-
2020-09-30	£43,808	£43,008	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Kerry Butler		2019-03-01
Claire Louise Welsh		2019-03-01
Kate Elliott		2025-03-20
Rebecca Louise Nurse Macfarlane		2019-03-01

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Accounts



Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report

For the year ending 30 September 2025

Charity registration number: 1183369

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity and Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Objectives

The charity's main objectives are:

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- ⇒ To work with partners and other organisations in developing initiatives to help safeguard and protect the lives of cats and kittens and to promote their wellbeing.

Review of Activities and Achievements

This year represents the date Band of Rescuers in its sixth year as a Charity. During the year Band of Rescuers accommodated and rehomed 127 cats and kittens using our dedicated network of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and transport volunteers. These cats and kittens included rescued strays, unwanted pets for various reasons and tamed feral kittens. We continue to provide long term foster care for a small number of cats that are unable to be rehomed, due to medical support required. These cats will live with us for the rest of their lives.

Ted and Lucy came to us as kittens in a poor state of health when their owner was unable to meet their needs, and Ted particularly was very unwell with a severe flea infestation and dehydration that was life threatening. We were able to seek emergency care, get to the bottom of his health issues over time and with the support of our vet partners, nurse him back to a good state of health. With some ongoing support he will now live a full life and is awaiting his forever home. Lucy has been settled in her new home for some time and is thriving.

Brittany, Bagheera and DP came to us when their owner sadly died. We were able to help the family find one of the cats hiding in the flat, where they had been alone for some time, and bring them into our care. With the support of our foster team at Askham Bryan College the cats were brought back to full health, rehabilitated and subsequently rehomed.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

We continued to support sites with feral colonies, with help to neuter cats and to rehome kittens born outside. We have seen increasing demand for helping with feral colonies in urban towns, as animal abandonment and a lack of neutering are driving significant increases in feline numbers. In one example, Miss Molly came to us as an abandoned pregnant cat living on the streets. She was able to give birth in our care to four lovely kittens, and all are now rehomed with loving families. Miss Molly and her babies are just one example of help we are asked to provide on a regular basis, often on an emergency basis. We will always prioritise these situations where we can to avoid the huge amounts of suffering cats and kittens can face living outside.

These are only a few examples of the cats and kittens that have come through the rescue and each and every one of them now has a better future ahead.

This year, Band of Rescuers has continued to support trap and neuter schemes, neutering 50 cats and either releasing back to site where appropriate or relocate to suitable placements were not. Much suffering was relieved for the cats from these trapping sites and had the charity not been involved, these cats and kittens would have had a very uncertain future. We have also prevented the spread of disease and with every cat neutered it prevents more being born and ultimately more suffering.

During this period, Band of Rescuers has been able to have a number of successful fundraising events including Rawcliffe Carnival, Wiggyfest and Copmanthorpe Carnival amongst many other fundraising events, and we are very grateful to our fundraising team who organise and manage these events. We received a £8,900 grant in the year from the Pets at Home foundation to support feral neutering and our ongoing vet costs and £1,500 gift vouchers to purchase food etc. We continue to promote other schemes such as our 100 club for regular donations, raising funds via Amazon Smile and schemes such as Easy Fundraising.

Band of Rescuers are a charity run entirely by volunteers and couldn't do the work we do without our dedicated team of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and fundraisers. The Trustees would wish to give their heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and to anyone who has contributed in any way to the rescue.

Public Benefit

The charity helps to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention. The charity helps to control suffering cat populations and the spread of disease through vaccination, neutering and education to the benefit of the public and the health of the cats and kittens.

The Trustees confirm that they have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

The financial statements show income for the period of £46,358. The principal source of income of £14,395 is from adoption fees when rehoming the cats and kittens in our care. This fee is invaluable and not only essential to ensure the sincerity of adoptions but goes some way to cover some of the costs of the care of the cats and kittens. We ensure that all cats and kittens (when old enough) are neutered, vaccinated, chipped, treated for fleas and worms and receive any other veterinary treatment as may be required following a health check with our vets.

Much of our remaining income for the period covered came from our fundraising events and from the kind donations from the public, either one off or regular donations and a generous £10,400 grant from the Pets at Home Foundation (including £1,500 gift vouchers).

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

The majority of our expenses for the period were for veterinary and medical costs of £28,814. The charity has agreed rates with a preferred veterinary partner and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Much of the rest of our expenses was money spent on medications, such as flea and worming treatments and for food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

The charity has a profit for the period of £9,464 and funds of £44,285 at the end of the year which is above the reserve level and reflects some late invoicing of veterinary costs that will fall into the following financial year. The charity aims to hold a reserve of at least £20,000 at all times to cover unexpected costs such as veterinary fees and to ensure it can care for all of the cats and kittens in their care at any time, including a small number of long residents where we anticipate costs for several years of ongoing care. With the challenging economic environment, the trustees continue to take a prudent view of reserves and intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. The adequacy of the reserve level is kept under review by the trustees.

Band of Rescuers would wish to thank all fundraisers and anyone who has donated in any way to the rescue to ensure that it can continue to carry out its vital work.

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees recognise the importance of reserves and aims to hold funds in the region of £20,000 where possible. As detailed above, the Trustees intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. Free reserves at 30 September 2025 are £44,285 (2024: £33,650).

The Trustees hold monthly Trustee meetings and review the financial situation on each occasion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by its constitution dated 11 May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 13 May 2019 with a board of 5 Trustees.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Band of Rescuers is run solely by volunteers with day-to-day decisions being made by the Trustees on a majority basis.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number: 1183369

Principal Office Address: 43 Lowfield Drive
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Trustees: Angela Kerry Butler
Claire Louise Welsh
Rebecca Louise Nurse Macfarlane
Jessica Spence
Kate Elliott (appointed 20 March 2025)

Independent Examiner: Andrew Northern FCA
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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 *Jessica Spence*
Jessica Spence (Trustee)

4 May 2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

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 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; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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5 May 2026

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Adoption fees	14,395	-	14,395	13,265
Donations	11,695	13,398	25,093	13,726
Fundraising	6,115	126	6,241	12,623
Interest receivable	629	-	629	357
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Total receipts	32,834	13,524	46,358	39,971
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Payments				
Equipment	146	216	362	182
Fundraising costs	341	-	341	166
Food	2,615	1,967	4,582	6,253
Veterinary and medical	14,283	14,531	28,814	30,275
Administration costs	2,795	-	2,795	2,109
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Total payments	20,180	16,714	36,894	38,985
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net receipts/(expenditure) in the year	12,654	(3,190)	9,464	986
Transfer between funds	(2,019)	2,019	-	-
Movement in funds	10,635	(1,171)	9,464	986
Cash funds brought forward	33,650	1,171	34,821	33,835
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Cash funds at 30 September 2025	44,285	-	44,285	34,821
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 30 September 2025

Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	14,076	-	14,076	19,765
Fixed term deposit	30,000	-	30,000	15,000
PayPal account	209	-	209	56
Total cash funds	<u>44,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>34,821</u>

Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	<u>2,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,155</u>	<u>541</u>
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *Jessica Spence*

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

4 May 2026

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the funder or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of funds

	----- 2025 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	33,650	32,834	(20,180)	(2,019)	44,285
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Total unrestricted funds	33,650	32,834	(20,180)	(2,019)	44,285
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Restricted funds					
ADCH 2024	-	600	(600)	-	-
Finn (cat) treatment fund	-	53	(62)	9	-
Ted (cat) treatment fund	-	2,070	(3,530)	1,460	-
Tommy (cat) treatment fund	1,171	126	(1,495)	198	-
Kitten Appeal 25	-	275	(278)	3	-
PAH Grant 2025	-	10,400	(10,749)	349	-
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Total restricted funds	1,171	13,524	(16,714)	2,019	-
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Total funds	34,821	46,358	(36,894)	-	44,285
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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2025 (Continued)

2. Analysis of funds (continued)

ADCH 2024 fund – money received toward the vaccination and microchipping of cats.
 Finn (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Finn’s treatment.
 Ted (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Ted’s treatment.
 Tommy (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Tommy’s treatment.
 Kitten appeal 25 fund – money received from an appeal for food for kittens
 PAH Grant 2025 fund – money received toward vet bills, food, and TNR.
 Incubator fund (2024 only) - money received to buy new incubator.
 Hector (cat) treatment fund (2024 only) – money received to cover Hector’s treatment.
 Hunter (cat) treatment fund (2024 only) – money received to cover Hunter’s treatment.
 Food appeal 2024 fund (2024 only) – money received for food expenses.

	----- 2024 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 24
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	33,379	36,764	(35,750)	(743)	33,650
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Total unrestricted funds	33,379	36,764	(35,750)	(743)	33,650
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Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	97	-	(97)	-	-
Finn (cat) treatment fund	359	60	(494)	75	-
Hector (cat) treatment fund	-	200	(817)	617	-
Hunter (cat) treatment fund	-	10	(50)	40	-
Tommy (cat) treatment fund	-	2,732	(1,561)	-	1,171
Food appeal 2024 fund	-	205	(216)	11	-
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Total restricted funds	456	3,207	(3,235)	743	1,171
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Total funds	33,835	39,971	(38,985)	-	34,821
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3. Related Party Note

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year (2024: £nil).

During the year the trustees donated an aggregate £35 to the charity (2024: £nil).

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Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report

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Review of Activities and Achievements

This year represents the date Band of Rescuers in its fifth year as a Charity. During the year Band of Rescuers accommodated and rehomed 120 cats and kittens using our dedicated network of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and transport volunteers. These cats and kittens included rescued strays, unwanted pets for various reasons and tamed feral kittens. We continue to provide long term foster care for a small number of cats that are unable to be rehomed, due to medical support required. These cats will live with us for the rest of their lives.

Holly and Ivy came to us as young kittens, born outside and in some difficult circumstances. They came into foster care at Askham Bryan College, in our partnership with the college who provide a small number of foster spaces for cats. Holly and Ivy received support with behavioural development to grow in confidence and are now thriving with their permanent family.

Izzy and Kirk came to us when their owner became too unwell to look after them any further and was entering palliative care. We supported them with a continued special diet and kept their previous owner up to date with their progress as they settled in. Izzy and Kirk's foster carer worked with them to adapt to the change, giving them time and support to settle into a new home before finding them the right home to live out their lives. They are now happily settled in with a new family.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

We continued to support sites with feral colonies, with help to neuter cats and to rehome kittens born outside. We have seen increasing demand for helping with feral colonies in urban towns, as animal abandonment and a lack of neutering are driving significant increases in feline numbers. In one example we rescued three semi-feral young, heavily pregnant siblings from central Leeds that went on to have 14 kittens between them. The young mums were later neutered and relocated to a safer rural setting, and the kittens successfully rehomed to loving families; avoiding huge amounts of suffering if an intervention had not been taken.

These are only a few examples of the cats and kittens that have come through the rescue and each and every one of them now has a better future ahead.

This year, Band of Rescuers has continued to support trap and neuter schemes, neutering 28 cats and either releasing back to site where appropriate or relocate to suitable placements where not. Much suffering was relieved for the cats from these trapping sites and had the charity not been involved, these cats and kittens would have had a very uncertain future. We have also prevented the spread of disease and with every cat neutered it prevents more being born and ultimately more suffering.

During this period, Band of Rescuers has been able to have a number of successful fundraising events including a charity stall at the Dragon Boat race in York, Wiggyfest and Copmanthorpe Carnival amongst many other fundraising events, and we are very grateful to our fundraising team who organise and manage these events. We received a £2,000 grant in the year from the Barry Green Memorial Fund to support our ongoing costs. We continue to promote other schemes such as our 100 club for regular donations, raising funds via Amazon Smile and schemes such as Easy Fundraising.

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The Trustees confirm that they have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

The financial statements show income for the period of £39,971. The principal source of income of £13,265 is from adoption fees when rehoming the cats and kittens in our care. This fee is invaluable and not only essential to ensure the sincerity of adoptions but goes some way to cover some of the costs of the care of the cats and kittens. We ensure that all cats and kittens (when old enough) are neutered, vaccinated, chipped, treated for fleas and worms and receive any other veterinary treatment as may be required following a health check with our vets.

Much of our remaining income for the period covered came from our fundraising events and from the kind donations from the public, either one off or regular donations.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

The majority of our expenses for the period were for veterinary and medical costs of £30,275. The charity has agreed rates with a preferred veterinary partner and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Much of the rest of our expenses was money spent on medications, such as flea and worming treatments and for food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

The charity has a surplus for the period of £986 and funds of £34,821 at the end of the year which is above the reserve level. The charity aims to hold a reserve of at least £20,000 at all times to cover unexpected costs such as veterinary fees and to ensure it can care for all of the cats and kittens in their care at any time, including a small number of long residents where we anticipate costs for several years of ongoing care. With the challenging economic environment the trustees continue to take a prudent view of reserves and intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. The adequacy of the reserve level is kept under review by the trustees.

Band of Rescuers would wish to thank all fundraisers and anyone who has donated in any way to the rescue to ensure that it can continue to carry out its vital work.

Policy on Reserves

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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 *Jessica Spence* _____

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

23 June 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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23 June 2025

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Adoption fees	13,265	-	13,265	13,333
Donations	12,772	954	13,726	13,144
Fundraising	10,370	2,253	12,623	13,139
Interest receivable	357	-	357	-
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total receipts	36,764	3,207	39,971	39,616
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Payments				
Equipment	85	97	182	542
Fundraising costs	166	-	166	232
Food	5,214	1,039	6,253	4,526
Veterinary and medical	28,176	2,099	30,275	24,788
Administration costs	2,109	-	2,109	2,289
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total payments	35,750	3,235	38,985	32,377
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net receipts/(expenditure) in the year	1,014	(28)	986	7,239
Transfer between funds	(743)	743	-	-
Movement in funds	271	715	986	7,239
Cash funds brought forward	33,379	456	33,835	26,596
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cash funds at 30 September 2024	33,650	1,171	34,821	33,835
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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 30 September 2024

Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	18,594	1,171	19,765	18,813
Fixed term deposit	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
PayPal account	56	-	56	22
Total cash funds	<u>33,650</u>	<u>1,171</u>	<u>34,821</u>	<u>33,835</u>

Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	<u>541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>541</u>	<u>510</u>
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *Jessica Spence*

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

23 June 2025

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the funder or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of funds

	----- 2024 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 24
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	33,379	36,764	(35,750)	(743)	33,650
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Total unrestricted funds	33,379	36,764	(35,750)	(743)	33,650
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	97	-	(97)	-	-
Finn (cat) treatment fund	359	60	(494)	75	-
Hector (cat) treatment fund	-	200	(817)	617	-
Hunter (cat) treatment fund	-	10	(50)	40	-
Tommy (cat) treatment fund	-	2,732	(1,561)	-	1,171
Food appeal 2024 fund	-	205	(216)	11	-
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Total restricted funds	456	3,207	(3,235)	743	1,171
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Total funds	33,835	39,971	(38,985)	-	34,821
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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (Continued)

2. Analysis of funds (continued)

Incubator fund - money received to buy new incubator.
 Finn (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Finn’s treatment.
 Hector (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Hector’s treatment.
 Hunter (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Hunter’s treatment.
 Tommy (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Tommy’s treatment.
 Food appeal 2024 fund – money received for food expenses.
 Tiggy (cat) treatment fund (2023 only) – money received to cover Tiggy’s treatment.
 Tiny Tim (cat) treatment fund (2023 only) – money received to cover Tiny Tim’s treatment.
 Food ADCH fund (2023 only) – money received to cover food expenses.

	----- 2023 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 23
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	26,499	36,590	(28,628)	(1,082)	33,379
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total unrestricted funds	26,499	36,590	(28,628)	(1,082)	33,379
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	97	-	-	-	97
Finn (cat) treatment fund	-	715	(356)	-	359
Tiggy (cat) treatment fund	-	598	(830)	232	-
Tiny Tim (cat) treatment fund	-	213	(1,022)	809	-
Food ADCH fund	-	1,500	(1,541)	41	-
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Total restricted funds	97	3,026	(3,749)	1,082	456
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total funds	26,596	39,616	(32,377)	-	33,835
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3. Related Party Note

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year (2023: £nil).

BAND OF RESCUERS NORTH YORKSHIRE

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity and Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Objectives

The charity's main objectives are:

- ⇒ To care for unwanted, homeless, neglected, abused and injured cats and kittens.
- ⇒ To provide and maintain foster homes for the reception, care and treatment of such animals until they find their forever homes.
- ⇒ To facilitate the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of cats and kittens and work to keep feral colonies controlled using a trap, neuter, release programme; re-homing any feral kittens once socialised if suitable.
- ⇒ To prevent cats and kittens suffering from neglect or abuse by removing them from potentially dangerous situations; offering them a fresh start, a second chance at life.
- ⇒ To provide a focus for learning, to educate and encourage the neutering and microchipping of cats and kittens along with all other welfare issues using a holistic approach.
- ⇒ To help people identify safe rescue spaces as an alternative to advertising cats and kittens online, when no other alternative is possible.
- ⇒ To work with partners and other organisations in developing initiatives to help safeguard and protect the lives of cats and kittens and to promote their wellbeing.

Review of Activities and Achievements

This year represents the date Band of Rescuers in its fourth year as a Charity. During the year Band of Rescuers accommodated and rehomed 125 cats and kittens using our dedicated network of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and transport volunteers. These cats and kittens included rescued strays, unwanted pets for various reasons and tamed feral kittens.

Finn came to us as a tiny kitten who had been abandoned in a skip and was handed in to the vets. He had abnormalities consistent with Manx syndrome which means he is incontinent and requires daily supportive care to remain healthy but otherwise lives a full life. Finn will stay with us in foster care on a long-term placement where he can live out his life in safety, with his special needs fully catered for.

Jasper came to us as an older cat after his owner died. His behaviour was described as challenging, as he would bite his carers. When he came into our care, we worked with our vet partners to understand the cause of his pain identifying an underlying health condition that was highly treatable and transformed his quality of life and temperament. Jasper now lives happily in his new home.

We continued to support sites with feral colonies, with help to neuter cats and to rehome kittens born outside. This year we made substantial progress on neutering two large colonies outside York, and in one site alone rescuing 19 kittens over a 9-month period, often in poor initial states of health and requiring additional support to recover to full health. Sadly, not all kittens born in these circumstances survive, even with intensive veterinary care, but we endeavour to help as many as possible. 16 of those kittens were successfully rehomed to loving families.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

These are only a few examples of the cats and kittens that have come through the rescue and each and every one of them now has a better future ahead.

This year, Band of Rescuers has continued to support trap and neuter schemes, neutering 54 cats and either releasing back to site where appropriate or relocate to suitable placements where not. Much suffering was relieved for the cats from these trapping sites and had the charity not been involved, these cats and kittens would have had a very uncertain future. We have also prevented the spread of disease and with every cat neutered it prevents more being born and ultimately more suffering.

With the financial support from the charity, CAT77, Band of Rescuers has been able to continue a low-cost neutering scheme, offering low-cost neutering vouchers for the cats of owners on a qualifying benefit. This scheme ceased to be promoted in 2023 (post year-end) as funding was curtailed. We are very grateful for the support CAT77 have been able to give us and will continue to work with them to support neutering where possible on a reduced basis. We remain committed to promoting neutering of cats to relieve animal suffering and will continue to explore opportunities to expand this scheme in future.

During this period, Band of Rescuers has been able to have a number of successful fundraising events including a charity stall at the Dragon Boat race in York, Wiggyfest and Rawcliffe carnival amongst many other fundraising events, with a return to normal after Covid restrictions, and the appointment of a fundraising lead to drive additional fundraising activity. We received a significant £1,500 grant from ADCH to purchase food for the cats in our care and thank the ADCH for their ongoing support. We continue to promote other schemes such as our 100 club for regular donations, raising funds via Amazon Smile and schemes such as Easy Fundraising.

Band of Rescuers are a charity run entirely by volunteers and couldn't do the work we do without our dedicated team of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and fundraisers. The Trustees would wish to give their heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and to anyone who has contributed in any way to the rescue.

Public Benefit

The charity helps to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention. The charity helps to control suffering cat populations and the spread of disease through vaccination, neutering and education to the benefit of the public and the health of the cats and kittens.

The Trustees confirm that they have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

The financial statements show income for the period of £39,616. The principal source of income of £13,333 is from adoption fees when rehoming the cats and kittens in our care. This fee is invaluable and not only essential to ensure the sincerity of adoptions but goes some way to cover some of the costs of the care of the cats and kittens. We ensure that all cats and kittens (when old enough) are neutered, vaccinated, chipped, treated for fleas and worms and receive any other veterinary treatment as may be required following a health check with our vets.

Much of our remaining income for the period covered came from our fundraising events and from the kind donations from the public, either one off or regular donations.

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

The majority of our expenses for the period were for veterinary and medical costs of £24,788. The charity has agreed rates with a preferred veterinary partner and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Much of the rest of our expenses was money spent on medications, such as flea and worming treatments and for food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

The charity has a surplus for the period of £7,239 and funds of £33,835 at the end of the year which is above the reserve level. The charity aims to hold a reserve of at least £20,000 at all times to cover unexpected costs such as veterinary fees and to ensure it can care for all of the cats and kittens in their care at any time, including a small number of long residents where we anticipate costs for several years of ongoing care. With the challenging economic environment the trustees continue to take a prudent view of reserves and intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. The adequacy of the reserve level is kept under review by the trustees.

Band of Rescuers would wish to thank all fundraisers and anyone who has donated in any way to the rescue to ensure that it can continue to carry out its vital work.

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees recognise the importance of reserves and aims to hold funds in the region of £20,000 where possible. As detailed above, the Trustees intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure.

The Trustees hold monthly Trustee meetings and review the financial situation on each occasion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by its constitution dated 11 May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 13 May 2019 with a board of 4 Trustees.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Band of Rescuers is run solely by volunteers with day-to-day decisions being made by the Trustees on a majority basis.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number: 1183369

Principal Office Address: 43 Lowfield Drive
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Trustees: Angela Kerry Butler
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Jessica Spence

Independent Examiner: Frances Howard FCA
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Jessica Spence
Signature _____

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

6 June 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

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 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; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Frances Howard

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26 June 2024

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Adoption fees	13,333	-	13,333	8,917
Donations	11,644	1,500	13,144	9,148
Fundraising	11,613	1,526	13,139	11,362
Legacy	-	-	-	7,774
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total receipts	36,590	3,026	39,616	37,201
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Payments				
Equipment	542	-	542	274
Fundraising costs	232	-	232	383
Food	2,467	2,059	4,526	2,606
Veterinary and medical	23,098	1,690	24,788	25,810
Administration costs	2,289	-	2,289	1,936
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total payments	28,628	3,749	32,377	31,009
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net receipts/(expenditure) in the year	7,962	(723)	7,239	6,192
Transfer between funds	(1,082)	1,082	-	-
Movement in funds	6,880	359	7,239	6,192
Cash funds brought forward	26,499	97	26,596	20,404
	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cash funds at 30 September 2023	33,379	456	33,835	26,596
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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 30 September 2023

Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	18,357	456	18,813	26,490
Fixed term deposit	15,000	-	15,000	-
PayPal account	22	-	22	106
Total cash funds	<u>33,379</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>33,835</u>	<u>26,596</u>

Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	<u>510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>510</u>	<u>481</u>
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *Jessica Spence*

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

6 June 2024

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the funder or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of funds

	----- 2023 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 23
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	26,499	36,590	(28,628)	(1,082)	33,379
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total unrestricted funds	26,499	36,590	(28,628)	(1,082)	33,379
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Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	97	-	-	-	97
Finn (cat) treatment fund	-	715	(356)	-	359
Tiggy (cat) treatment fund	-	598	(830)	232	-
Tiny Tim (cat) treatment fund	-	213	(1,022)	809	-
Food ADCH fund	-	1,500	(1,541)	41	-
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Total restricted funds	97	3,026	(3,749)	1,082	456
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Total funds	26,596	39,616	(32,377)	-	33,835
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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2023 (Continued)

2. Analysis of funds (continued)

Incubator fund - money received to buy new incubator.

Finn (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Finn’s treatment.

Tiggy (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Tiggy’s treatment.

Tiny Tim (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Tiny Tim’s treatment.

Food ADCH fund – money received to cover food expenses.

	----- 2022 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 22
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	20,192	32,571	(24,129)	(2,135)	26,499
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Total unrestricted funds	20,192	32,571	(24,129)	(2,135)	26,499
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Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	97	-	-	-	97
Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	115	2,606	(3,500)	779	-
Arthur (cat) treatment fund	-	299	(500)	201	-
Oliver (cat) treatment fund	-	816	(1,930)	1,114	-
Vet costs fund	-	909	(950)	41	-
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Total restricted funds	212	4,630	(6,880)	2,135	97
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Total funds	20,404	37,201	(31,009)	-	26,596
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3. Related Party Note

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received reimbursement for expenses incurred during the year (2022: £nil).

BAND OF RESCUERS NORTH YORKSHIRE

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity and Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Objectives

The charity's main objectives are:

- ⇒ To care for unwanted, homeless, neglected, abused and injured cats and kittens.
- ⇒ To provide and maintain foster homes for the reception, care and treatment of such animals until they find their forever homes.
- ⇒ To facilitate the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of cats and kittens and work to keep feral colonies controlled using a trap, neuter, release programme; re-homing any feral kittens once socialised if suitable.
- ⇒ To prevent cats and kittens suffering from neglect or abuse by removing them from potentially dangerous situations; offering them a fresh start, a second chance at life.
- ⇒ To provide a focus for learning, to educate and encourage the neutering and microchipping of cats and kittens along with all other welfare issues using a holistic approach.
- ⇒ To help people identify safe rescue spaces as an alternative to advertising cats and kittens online, when no other alternative is possible.
- ⇒ To work with partners and other organisations in developing initiatives to help safeguard and protect the lives of cats and kittens and to promote their wellbeing.

Review of Activities and Achievements

This year represents Band of Rescuers' third year as a Charity. During the year, Band of Rescuers accommodated and rehomed 98 cats and kittens using our dedicated network of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and transport volunteers. These cats and kittens included rescued strays, unwanted pets for various reasons and tamed feral kittens.

Barry and Harry came to us as abandoned strays who had been living on the streets for some time. As unneutered males they were prone to fighting and came to us with a need for medical treatment and rehabilitation. In time we were able to restore both boys to a healthy condition so they could be adopted as loving pets.

Sparrow came to us as a young kitten, with facial deformities as a result of inter-breeding. We were able to get him specialist veterinary care to understand his very rare condition and corrective surgery to reduce a mass and save his eyesight. He is now thriving in his forever home.

We have supported a site in Wetherby with a large feral colony. We have helped arrange neutering to control the population size and where kittens have been born, bring them into our care where possible for socialisation and rehoming. From this site, we brought 9 kittens into our care that had been born outside. Because of the conditions they had been living in, these kittens came to us in a poor state of health and we provided nursing care and medical treatment. Fortunately, we were able to get 7 of these kittens back to full health and into permanent homes.

These are only a few examples of the cats and kittens that have come through the rescue and each and every one of them now has a better future ahead.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

This year, Band of Rescuers has continued to support trap and neuter schemes, neutering 17 cats and either releasing back to site where appropriate or relocate to suitable placements where not. Much suffering was relieved for the cats from these trapping sites and had the charity not been involved, these cats and kittens would have had a very uncertain future. We have also prevented the spread of disease and with every cat neutered it prevents more being born and ultimately more suffering.

With the financial support from the charity, CAT77, Band of Rescuers has been able to continue a low-cost neutering scheme, offering low-cost neutering vouchers for the cats of owners on a qualifying benefit. We are committed to promoting neutering as a way of controlling the cat population and preventing unwanted cats and kittens.

During this period, Band of Rescuers has been able to have a number of successful fundraising events including a charity stall at the Dragon Boat race in York and a number of other fundraising events. We received a significant £7,744 legacy which we have used to provide food and medical treatment for cats in our care. With the easing of Covid 19 restrictions we were able to return to more fundraising events, and held a number of online fundraisers to support medical costs for cats with intensive treatment needs. We continue to promote other schemes such as our 100 club for regular donations, raising funds via Amazon Smile and schemes such as Easy Fundraising.

Band of Rescuers are a charity run entirely by volunteers and couldn't do the work we do without our dedicated team of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and fundraisers. The Trustees would wish to give their heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers and to anyone who has contributed in any way to the rescue.

Public Benefit

The charity helps to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention. The charity helps to control suffering cat populations and the spread of disease through vaccination, neutering and education to the benefit of the public and the health of the cats and kittens.

The Trustees confirm that they have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

The financial statements show income for the period of £37,201. The principal source of income of £8,917 is from adoption fees when rehoming the cats and kittens in our care. This fee is invaluable and not only essential to ensure the sincerity of adoptions but goes some way to cover some of the costs of the care of the cats and kittens. We ensure that all cats and kittens (when old enough) are neutered, vaccinated, chipped, treated for fleas and worms and receive any other veterinary treatment as may be required following a health check with our vets.

Much of our remaining income for the period covered came from our fundraising events and from the kind donations from the public, either one off or regular donations.

The majority of our expenses for the period were for veterinary and medical costs of £25,810. The charity has agreed rates with a preferred veterinary partner, and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Much of the rest of our expenses was money spent on medications, such as flea and worming treatments and for food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

The charity has a profit for the period of £6,192 and funds of £26,596 at the end of the year which is above the reserve level. The charity continues to work on increasing its fundraising team to expand its fundraising capacity in general. The charity aims to always hold a reserve of at least £20,000 to cover unexpected costs such as veterinary fees and to ensure it can care for all of the cats and kittens in their care at any time, including a small number of long residents where we anticipate costs for several years of ongoing care. With the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and weakening economic outlook the trustees take

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Trustees' Report (Continued)

a prudent view of reserves and intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. The adequacy of the reserve level is kept under review by the trustees.

Band of Rescuers would wish to thank all fundraisers and anyone who has donated in any way to the rescue to ensure that it can continue to carry out its vital work.

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees recognise the importance of reserves and aims to hold funds in the region of £20,000 where possible. As detailed above, the Trustees intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure.

The Trustees hold monthly Trustee meetings and review the financial situation on each occasion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by its constitution dated 11th May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 13th May 2019 with a board of 4 Trustees.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

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Trustees: Angela Kerry Butler
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Independent Examiner: N Clemit ACA, FCCA
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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  *Jessica Spence*
Signed on 05/07/23 @ 21:15

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

1 July 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

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 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; or
3. the accounts do 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.

 *N P Clemit*
Signed on 06/07/23 @ 08:21

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5 July 2023

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 30 September 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Adoption fees	8,917	-	8,917	10,025
Donations	9,148	-	9,148	16,862
Fundraising	6,732	4,630	11,362	6,460
Legacies	7,774	-	7,774	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	736
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Total receipts	32,571	4,630	37,201	34,083
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Payments				
Equipment	274	-	274	2,277
Fundraising costs	383	-	383	25
Food	2,606	-	2,606	2,389
Veterinary and medical	18,930	6,880	25,810	23,411
Administration costs	1,936	-	1,936	1,865
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Total payments	24,129	6,880	31,009	29,967
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Net receipts/(expenditure) in the period	8,442	(2,250)	6,192	4,116
Transfer between funds	(2,135)	2,135	-	-
Movement in funds	6,307	(115)	6,192	4,116
Cash funds brought forward	20,192	212	20,404	16,288
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Cash funds at 30 September 2022	26,499	97	26,596	20,404
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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 30 September 2022

Debtors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
Crowdfunding	-	-	-	2,519
Gift Aid	-	-	-	920
Donation	-	-	-	500
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Total debtors	-	-	-	3,319
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Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	26,393	97	26,490	20,348
PayPal account	106	-	106	56
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Total cash funds	26,499	97	26,596	20,404
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Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	481	-	481	450
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature  *Jessica Spence*
Signed on 05/07/23 @ 21:15

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

1 July 2023

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the funder or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of funds

	----- 2022 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 22
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	20,192	32,571	(24,129)	(2,135)	26,498
	<u>20,192</u>	<u>32,571</u>	<u>(24,129)</u>	<u>(2,135)</u>	<u>26,498</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>20,192</u>	<u>32,571</u>	<u>(24,129)</u>	<u>(2,135)</u>	<u>26,498</u>
Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	97	-	-	-	97
Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	115	2,606	(3,500)	779	-
Arthur (cat) treatment fund	-	299	(500)	201	-
Oliver (cat) treatment fund	-	816	(1,930)	1,114	-
Vet costs fund	-	909	(950)	41	-
	<u>212</u>	<u>4,630</u>	<u>(6,880)</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>97</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>212</u>	<u>4,630</u>	<u>(6,880)</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>97</u>
Total funds	<u>20,404</u>	<u>37,201</u>	<u>(31,009)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,596</u>

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2022 (Continued)

2. Analysis of funds (continued)

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Sparrow (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Sparrow’s treatment.

Arthur (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Arthur’s treatment.

Oliver (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Oliver’s treatment.

Vet costs fund – money received to cover general veterinary costs.

	----- 2021 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 21
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Unrestricted funds					
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Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	658	-	(561)	-	97
Pets at Home Veterinary bills fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	-	115	-	-	115
	<u>658</u>	<u>5,115</u>	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>658</u>	<u>5,115</u>	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212</u>
Total funds	<u>16,288</u>	<u>34,083</u>	<u>(29,967)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,404</u>

3. Related Party Note

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BAND OF RESCUERS NORTH YORKSHIRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1183369

Accounts



Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report

For the year ending 30 September 2021

Charity registration number: 1183369

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

This year, Band of Rescuers has continued to support trap and neuter schemes, neutering 43 cats and either releasing back to site where appropriate or relocate to suitable placements where not. 20 of these cats came from one site along with a number of kittens which we helped to socialise and rehome when old enough. During the year we invested in upgraded housing for feral cats, purchasing a new dedicated holding pen. Much suffering was relieved for the cats from these trapping sites and had the charity not been involved, these cats and kittens would have had a very uncertain future. We have also prevented the spread of disease and with every cat neutered it prevents more being born and ultimately more suffering.

With the financial support from the charity, CAT77, Band of Rescuers has been able to continue a low-cost neutering scheme, offering low-cost neutering vouchers for the cats of owners on a qualifying benefit. We are committed to promoting neutering as a way of controlling the cat population and preventing unwanted cats and kittens.

During this period, Band of Rescuers has been able to have a number of successful fundraising events including a charity stall at the Dragon Boat race in York and a number of other fundraising events. We received a significant £5,000 grant from the Pets at Home Foundation to support our veterinary costs. With the Covid 19 pandemic still affecting our ability to raise funds at physical events, most of our fundraising activity has been through online channels. We continue to promote other schemes such as our 100 club for regular donations, raising funds via Amazon Smile and schemes such as Easy Fundraising.

Band of Rescuers are a charity run entirely by volunteers and couldn't do the work we do without our dedicated team of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and fundraisers. The Trustees would wish to give their heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers and to anyone who has contributed in any way to the rescue.

Public Benefit

The charity helps to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention. The charity helps to control suffering cat populations and the spread of disease through vaccination, neutering and education to the benefit of the public and the health of the cats and kittens.

The Trustees confirm that they have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

The financial statements show total receipts for the year of £34,083. The principal source of income of £10,025 is from adoption fees when rehoming the cats and kittens in our care. This fee is invaluable and not only essential to ensure the sincerity of adoptions but goes some way to cover some of the costs of the care of the cats and kittens. We ensure that all cats and kittens (when old enough) are neutered, vaccinated, chipped, treated for fleas and worms and receive any other veterinary treatment as may be required following a health check with our vets.

Much of our remaining income for the period covered came from our fundraising events and from the kind donations from the public, either one off or regular donations.

The majority of our expenses for the period were for veterinary and medical costs of £23,411. The charity has agreed rates with a preferred veterinary partner and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Much of the rest of our expenses was money spent on medications, such as flea and worming treatments and for food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

The charity has a surplus for the year of £4,116 and funds of £20,404 at the end of the year which is above the reserve level. The charity continues to work on increasing its fundraising team to expand its fundraising capacity in general. The charity aims to hold a reserve of at least £15,000 at all times to cover unexpected costs such as veterinary fees and to ensure it can care for all of the cats and kittens in their care at any time. With the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and weakening economic outlook the trustees take a prudent view of reserves and intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. The adequacy of the reserve level is kept under review by the trustees.

Band of Rescuers would wish to thank all fundraisers and anyone who has donated in any way to the rescue to ensure that it can continue to carry out its vital work.

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees recognise the importance of reserves and aims to hold funds in the region of £15,000, where possible. As detailed above, the Trustees intend to hold reserves to cover at least six months expenditure.

The Trustees hold monthly Trustee meetings and review the financial situation on each occasion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by its constitution dated 11 May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 13 May 2019 with a board of 6 Trustees.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Band of Rescuers is run solely by volunteers with day-to-day decisions being made by the Trustees on a majority basis.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Trustees' Report (Continued)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number: 1183369

Principal Office Address: 43 Lowfield Drive
Haxby
York
YO32 3QT

Trustees:

Angela Kerry Butler	
Charis Rachael Elliott	(resigned 3 May 2021)
Charlotte Housden	
Claire Louise Welsh	
Kathryn Diane Bowerman	(resigned 3 May 2021)
Rebecca Louise Nurse Macfarlane	
Jessica Spence	(appointed 25 May 2021)

Independent Examiner:

JWPCreers LLP
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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  *Jessica Spence*
Signed on 26/07/22 @ 09:06

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

22 July 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

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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").

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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:

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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.



N P Clemit

Countersigned on 26/07/22 @ 10:44

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26 July 2022

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 30 September 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Adoption fees	10,025	-	10,025	24,175
Donations	11,812	5,050	16,862	9,562
Fundraising	6,395	65	6,460	8,989
Sale of donated items	-	-	-	530
Other Revenue	736	-	736	552
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Total receipts	28,968	5,115	34,083	43,808
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Payments				
Equipment	1,716	561	2,277	2,039
Fundraising costs	25	-	25	1,534
Food	2,389	-	2,389	3,023
Veterinary and medical	18,411	5,000	23,411	33,016
Administration costs	1,865	-	1,865	3,396
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Total payments	24,406	5,561	29,967	43,008
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Net receipts/(expenditure) in the period	4,562	(446)	4,116	800
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Transfer of reserves on inception	-	-	-	15,488
Cash funds brought forward	15,630	658	16,288	-
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Cash funds at 30 September 2021	20,192	212	20,404	16,288
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2020 was the first year of reporting and represented a 16 month accounting period.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 30 September 2021

Debtors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
Crowdfunding	-	2,519	2,519	-
Gift Aid	300	-	300	-
Donation	500	-	500	-
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Total debtors	800	2,519	3,319	-
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Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	20,136	212	20,348	16,163
PayPal account	56	-	56	125
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Total cash funds	20,192	212	20,404	16,288
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Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	450	-	450	420
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature  *Jessica Spence*
Signed on 26/07/22 @ 09:06

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

22 July 2022

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

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Basis of Accounting

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Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes.

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2. Analysis of funds

	----- 2021 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 21
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	15,630	28,968	(24,406)		20,192
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total unrestricted funds	15,630	28,968	(24,406)	-	20,192
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	658	-	(561)	-	97
Pets at Home Veterinary bills fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	-	115	-	-	115
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Total restricted funds	658	5,115	(5,561)	-	212
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Total funds	16,288	34,083	(29,967)	-	20,404
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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2021 (Continued)

2. Analysis of funds (continued)

Incubator fund - money received to buy new incubator.

Pets at Home Veterinary bills fund – money received to cover cost of veterinary treatment.

Sparrow (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Sparrow’s treatment and any surplus funds can then be used for general funds.

	----- 2020 -----			
	Funds introduced	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 Sept 20
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,488	43,150	(43,008)	15,630
	<u>15,488</u>	<u>43,150</u>	<u>(43,008)</u>	<u>15,630</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u><u>15,488</u></u>	<u><u>43,150</u></u>	<u><u>(43,008)</u></u>	<u><u>15,630</u></u>
Restricted funds				
Incubator fund	-	658	-	658
	<u>-</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>658</u>
Total restricted funds	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>658</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>658</u></u>
Total funds	<u><u>15,488</u></u>	<u><u>43,808</u></u>	<u><u>(43,008)</u></u>	<u><u>16,288</u></u>

Received donation of £658 towards the purpose of buying an incubator.

3. Related Party Note

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During the period £75 (2020: £281) was paid in aggregate to one (2020: three) trustee to reimburse them for travelling on behalf of the charity.



Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report

For the year ending 30 September 2021

Charity registration number: 1183369

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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

This year, Band of Rescuers has continued to support trap and neuter schemes, neutering 43 cats and either releasing back to site where appropriate or relocate to suitable placements where not. 20 of these cats came from one site along with a number of kittens which we helped to socialise and rehome when old enough. During the year we invested in upgraded housing for feral cats, purchasing a new dedicated holding pen. Much suffering was relieved for the cats from these trapping sites and had the charity not been involved, these cats and kittens would have had a very uncertain future. We have also prevented the spread of disease and with every cat neutered it prevents more being born and ultimately more suffering.

With the financial support from the charity, CAT77, Band of Rescuers has been able to continue a low-cost neutering scheme, offering low-cost neutering vouchers for the cats of owners on a qualifying benefit. We are committed to promoting neutering as a way of controlling the cat population and preventing unwanted cats and kittens.

During this period, Band of Rescuers has been able to have a number of successful fundraising events including a charity stall at the Dragon Boat race in York and a number of other fundraising events. We received a significant £5,000 grant from the Pets at Home Foundation to support our veterinary costs. With the Covid 19 pandemic still affecting our ability to raise funds at physical events, most of our fundraising activity has been through online channels. We continue to promote other schemes such as our 100 club for regular donations, raising funds via Amazon Smile and schemes such as Easy Fundraising.

Band of Rescuers are a charity run entirely by volunteers and couldn't do the work we do without our dedicated team of volunteer foster carers, home visitors and fundraisers. The Trustees would wish to give their heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers and to anyone who has contributed in any way to the rescue.

Public Benefit

The charity helps to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention. The charity helps to control suffering cat populations and the spread of disease through vaccination, neutering and education to the benefit of the public and the health of the cats and kittens.

The Trustees confirm that they have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial Review

The financial statements show total receipts for the year of £34,083. The principal source of income of £10,025 is from adoption fees when rehoming the cats and kittens in our care. This fee is invaluable and not only essential to ensure the sincerity of adoptions but goes some way to cover some of the costs of the care of the cats and kittens. We ensure that all cats and kittens (when old enough) are neutered, vaccinated, chipped, treated for fleas and worms and receive any other veterinary treatment as may be required following a health check with our vets.

Much of our remaining income for the period covered came from our fundraising events and from the kind donations from the public, either one off or regular donations.

The majority of our expenses for the period were for veterinary and medical costs of £23,411. The charity has agreed rates with a preferred veterinary partner and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Much of the rest of our expenses was money spent on medications, such as flea and worming treatments and for food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Trustees' Report (Continued)

The charity has a surplus for the year of £4,116 and funds of £20,404 at the end of the year which is above the reserve level. The charity continues to work on increasing its fundraising team to expand its fundraising capacity in general. The charity aims to hold a reserve of at least £15,000 at all times to cover unexpected costs such as veterinary fees and to ensure it can care for all of the cats and kittens in their care at any time. With the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and weakening economic outlook the trustees take a prudent view of reserves and intend to hold reserves to cover at least 6 months expenditure. The adequacy of the reserve level is kept under review by the trustees.

Band of Rescuers would wish to thank all fundraisers and anyone who has donated in any way to the rescue to ensure that it can continue to carry out its vital work.

Policy on Reserves

The Trustees recognise the importance of reserves and aims to hold funds in the region of £15,000, where possible. As detailed above, the Trustees intend to hold reserves to cover at least six months expenditure.

The Trustees hold monthly Trustee meetings and review the financial situation on each occasion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by its constitution dated 11 May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 13 May 2019 with a board of 6 Trustees.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Band of Rescuers is run solely by volunteers with day-to-day decisions being made by the Trustees on a majority basis.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Trustees' Report (Continued)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number: 1183369

Principal Office Address: 43 Lowfield Drive
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York
YO32 3QT

Trustees:

Angela Kerry Butler

Charis Rachael Elliott (resigned 3 May 2021)

Charlotte Housden

Claire Louise Welsh

Kathryn Diane Bowerman (resigned 3 May 2021)

Rebecca Louise Nurse Macfarlane

Jessica Spence (appointed 25 May 2021)

Independent Examiner:

JWPCreers LLP
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Church Lane
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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  *Jessica Spence*
Signed on 26/07/22 @ 09:06

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

22 July 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

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 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; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Countersigned on 26/07/22 @ 10:44

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26 July 2022

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Receipts and Payments Account

Year Ended 30 September 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Adoption fees	10,025	-	10,025	24,175
Donations	11,812	5,050	16,862	9,562
Fundraising	6,395	65	6,460	8,989
Sale of donated items	-	-	-	530
Other Revenue	736	-	736	552
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Total receipts	28,968	5,115	34,083	43,808
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Payments				
Equipment	1,716	561	2,277	2,039
Fundraising costs	25	-	25	1,534
Food	2,389	-	2,389	3,023
Veterinary and medical	18,411	5,000	23,411	33,016
Administration costs	1,865	-	1,865	3,396
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Total payments	24,406	5,561	29,967	43,008
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Net receipts/(expenditure) in the period	4,562	(446)	4,116	800
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Transfer of reserves on inception	-	-	-	15,488
Cash funds brought forward	15,630	658	16,288	-
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Cash funds at 30 September 2021	20,192	212	20,404	16,288
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2020 was the first year of reporting and represented a 16 month accounting period.

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 30 September 2021

Debtors

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
Crowdfunding	-	2,519	2,519	-
Gift Aid	300	-	300	-
Donation	500	-	500	-
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Total debtors	800	2,519	3,319	-
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Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	20,136	212	20,348	16,163
PayPal account	56	-	56	125
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Total cash funds	20,192	212	20,404	16,288
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Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors	450	-	450	420
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature  *Jessica Spence*
Signed on 26/07/22 @ 09:06

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

22 July 2022

Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the funder or when funds are raised for a specific purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Board of Trustees for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of funds

	----- 2021 -----				
	Balance at 01 Oct 20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 30 Sept 21
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	15,630	28,968	(24,406)		20,192
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Total unrestricted funds	15,630	28,968	(24,406)	-	20,192
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Restricted funds					
Incubator fund	658	-	(561)	-	97
Pets at Home Veterinary bills fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	-	115	-	-	115
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Total restricted funds	658	5,115	(5,561)	-	212
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Total funds	16,288	34,083	(29,967)	-	20,404
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Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2021 (Continued)

2. Analysis of funds (continued)

Incubator fund - money received to buy new incubator.

Pets at Home Veterinary bills fund – money received to cover cost of veterinary treatment.

Sparrow (cat) treatment fund – money received to cover Sparrow’s treatment and any surplus funds can then be used for general funds.

	----- 2020 -----			
	Funds introduced	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 Sept 20
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,488	43,150	(43,008)	15,630
	<u>15,488</u>	<u>43,150</u>	<u>(43,008)</u>	<u>15,630</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>15,488</u>	<u>43,150</u>	<u>(43,008)</u>	<u>15,630</u>
Restricted funds				
Incubator fund	-	658	-	658
	<u>-</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>658</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>658</u>
Total funds	<u>15,488</u>	<u>43,808</u>	<u>(43,008)</u>	<u>16,288</u>

Received donation of £658 towards the purpose of buying an incubator.

3. Related Party Note

No trustee or persons related or connected by business to them have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

During the period £75 (2020: £281) was paid in aggregate to one (2020: three) trustee to reimburse them for travelling on behalf of the charity.



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Dear Sirs

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of trustees with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charity's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charity was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2021 audited.
- 3 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 11 June 2020, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 4 All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 5 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
- 6 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Assets and liabilities

- 7 The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 8 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
- 9 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

- 10 The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

Legal claims

- 11 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

12 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

13 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

14 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

15 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

16 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Yours faithfully



Jessica Spence

Signed on 26/07/22 @ 09:05

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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Date 22 July 2022