



**Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

**Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report**

**For the year ending 30 September 2022**

Charity registration number: 1183369

## **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.

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### **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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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  
Charlotte Housden (resigned 30 Sept 2022)  
Claire Louise Welsh  
Rebecca Louise Nurse Macfarlane  
Jessica Spence

Independent Examiner: N Clemit ACA, FCCA  
JWPCreers LLP  
Genesis 5  
Church Lane  
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York  
YO10 5DQ

**Declarations**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature**    
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
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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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<b>Total receipts</b>	32,571	4,630	37,201	34,083
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<b>Payments</b>				
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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<b>Total payments</b>	24,129	6,880	31,009	29,967
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<b>Net receipts/(expenditure) in the period</b>	<b>8,442</b>	<b>(2,250)</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>4,116</b>
Transfer between funds	(2,135)	2,135	-	-
<b>Movement in funds</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>4,116</b>
Cash funds brought forward	20,192	212	20,404	16,288
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<b>Cash funds at 30 September 2022</b>	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**

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

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds 2022</b>	<b>Total funds 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
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

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**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	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01 Oct 21				30 Sept 22
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
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>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>20,192</u>	<u>32,571</u>	<u>(24,129)</u>	<u>(2,135)</u>	<u>26,498</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>212</u>	<u>4,630</u>	<u>(6,880)</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>97</u>
	<u>20,404</u>	<u>37,201</u>	<u>(31,009)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,596</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>20,404</u>	<u>37,201</u>	<u>(31,009)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,596</u>

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

**2. Analysis of funds (continued)**

Incubator fund - money received to buy new incubator.

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
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General fund	15,630	28,968	(24,406)	(2,135)	20,192
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>15,630</u>	<u>28,968</u>	<u>(24,406)</u>	<u>(2,135)</u>	<u>20,192</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Incubator fund	658	-	(561)	-	97
Pets at Home Veterinary bills fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	-	115	-	-	115
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>658</u>	<u>5,115</u>	<u>(5,561)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>16,288</u>	<u>34,083</u>	<u>(29,967)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,404</u>

**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 £0 (2021: £75) was paid in aggregate to nil (2021: one) trustee(s) to reimburse them for travelling on behalf of the charity.