

**Take Away The Tears**  
**Registered number 1196042**

**Trustees' report and receipts and payments account**  
**for the period**  
**5 October 2021 to 31 August 2022**

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period 5th October 2021 to 31st August 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period 5 October 2021 to August 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements and the requirements of the charity's governing document.

### Objectives & Activities

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The objects and activities for which Take Away The Tears is established are:

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals needing care and attention and, in particular, to provide funds and equipment to maintain rescue facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals

Take Away The Tears has provided equipment and supplies that animal rescuers need to look after the animals in their care, whether that be food, items for the animals' physical or mental well-being or kennel equipment. The charity has supported neutering programmes and helped with emergency vet bills and in disasters, such as the devastating fires in Cyprus and the war in Ukraine. Pet food is also donated locally within the Newcastle area, to help individuals struggling to feed their pets in the ongoing financial crisis.

The trustees are acutely aware of the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission, all activities benefit the wellbeing of animals in need and therefore benefit rescuers, animal lovers, animal owners and the public in general who care about animal welfare and provide a means for the wider public to be able to help these animals in need.

### Achievements and Performance

Take Away The Tears has alleviated the suffering of many animals by providing what has been needed for them to sustain an acceptable quality of life, in many cases the donations have enhanced their quality of life substantially. The charity has supported programmes to help with ongoing care of animals and to educate the public on matters of animal welfare.

The charity has supported UK animal rescues that have been hit by a decline in donations due to the financial crisis.

The charity continues to support animal rescues in Romania and Cyprus where needed, including a cat colony and a spay and neuter campaign.

Support was given to animal rescues in Ukraine affected by the war, including fundraising to provide food, as well as planning and organization of the physical donations of pet food the charity received from members of the public for Ukraine. These donations were collected, stored and transported to where they were needed.

The charity has supported families in the Newcastle area struggling to feed their pets thus allowing these pets to remain in their homes rather than being surrendered to already overflowing rescue centres.

## **Financial Review**

### **Financial overview**

The charity's incoming resources are £32,846 and the outgoing resources are £28,867. The charity reported a net surplus of £3,979.

The trustees carry out an annual review of the level of income reserves which they feel is appropriate to maintain in order to meet the charity's objectives effectively. The charity held fund balances at the year end of £3,979, all of which were unrestricted funds and held in forms considered appropriate to the charitable company's activities and future commitments.

### **Reserves policy**

The policy is to hold three months fixed expenditure, which is our warehouse rent at £525 per month.

The trustees are therefore in a position to cover other expected charitable expenditure under an adverse scenario.

### **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees have identified the principal risks facing the charity and, in their opinion, have addressed those risks by appointment of informed trustees who can provide detailed and appropriate guidance to all other officers, and by the appointment of external independent examiners.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Constitution**

Take Away The Tears is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The relevant governing document is the Constitution dated 16 January 2021

### **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The first charity trustees consist of the two original directors of the CIC and an additional person experienced in working with a rescue organisation. All have previous Trustee experience.

All future trustees will be appointed by the current trustees at a properly convened charity meeting. Regard will be given to their skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the CIO.

### **Plans for future periods**

There are no plans to change the work that Take Away The Tears does, nor to change the way support is provided to beneficiaries. The exact support provided will continue to be determined on a needs basis for as long as the charity has funds it can use.

### **Members' liability**

The Members of the charity have no liability to the charity in the event of winding up.

## Reference and Administrative details

**Trustees:** Susan Nuttall  
Janice Ross  
Wendy Bruty

**Registered office:** 75-79 Howard Street  
North Shields  
NE30 1AF

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22/6/23 and signed on their behalf by:



S Nuttall

**Independent examiner's report for the period 5 October 2021 to 31 August 2022****Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Take Away The Tears (the charity)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Charity") for the period ended 31 August 2022.

**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").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Rona Kerr FCCA

Date: 28/06/2023

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## Receipts and payments account for the period 5 October 2021 to 31 August 2022

2022

## Receipts

Donations and grants	28,194
Gift aid on donations	251
Fundraising events	<u>4,401</u>
Total receipts	<u><u>32,846</u></u>

## Payments

Cost of fundraising events	657
Bank charges	30
Donations	21,922
Fees	208
Insurance	229
Other legal and professional	15
Postage	353
Printing costs	405
Rent	4,750
Software	<u>298</u>
Total payments	<u><u>28,867</u></u>

Net receipts 3,979

Cash funds this year 3,979

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

Bank current account	1,098
Paypal account	1,456
Cash account	1,425
	<u><u>3,979</u></u>

Signature

S Nuttall  
Trustee

Date

