

Take Away The Tears
Registered number 1196042

Trustees' report and receipts and payments account
for the year
ended 31 August 2024

Trustees' Annual Report for the period ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended August 2024. 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 charity has managed to secure rental of a new warehouse which is not only financially cheaper but has allowed them to undertake more fundraising with open days and inside dog shows, and also has allowed them to engage with the local community more, providing a social hub suitable for adults with their children and dogs.

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, where possible 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 has continued to animal rescues in Ukraine affected by the war.

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.

The charity has continued to support a disabled dog in the UK by contributing to vet bills, to allow her owners to give her the best quality of life available.

The new warehouse has allowed the charity to undertake more fundraising with open days and inside dog shows, and also has allowed them to engage with the local community more, providing a social hub suitable for adults with their children and dogs.

Financial Review

Financial overview

The charity's incoming resources are £16,327 (2023 - £16,478) and the outgoing resources are £14,755 (2023 - £17,395). The charity reported a net surplus of £1,573 (2023 - a deficit of £917).

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 £4,889, 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.

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

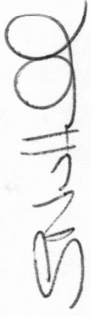
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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 19/06/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



S Nuttall

Take Away the Tears CIO


Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 August 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts		
Donations and grants	8,770	10,936
Gift aid on donations	230	244
Fundraising events	7,327	5,298
Total receipts	<u>16,327</u>	<u>16,478</u>

Payments	2,775	1,452
Cost of fundraising events	600	-
Accountancy fees	25	24
Bank charges	7,683	8,867
Donations	85	105
Fees	255	229
Insurance	-	13
Other legal and professional	267	245
Postage	-	69
Printing costs	2,725	6,255
Rent	119	-
Repairs and maintenance	20	131
Software	200	-
Sundry		
Total payments	<u>14,754</u>	<u>17,395</u>
Net payments / receipts	1,573	917
Funds brought forward	3,062	3,979
Cash funds carried forward	<u>4,635</u>	<u>3,062</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

Bank current account	2,401	963
Paypal account	1,683	1,052
Cash account	551	1,047
	<u>4,635</u>	<u>3,062</u>

Signature 

S Nuttall
Trustee

Date 19/06/2025