

THE LITTLEST LIVES RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1196322

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-10-29

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION, IN PARTICULAR RABBITS, AND TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS, MEDICAL TREATMENT, INCLUDING VACCINATIONS AND NEUTERING WHERE APPROPRIATE AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN GENERAL AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND SUFFERING AMONG ANIMALS.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

Activities: We take in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned rabbits, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away. Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, are vaccinated and neutered as art of our on-going programme and are then are found new permanent homes. We also offer free animal care advice and education to the general public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Gloucestershire
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£54,428	£46,929	-	-
2024-01-31	£45,678	£42,892	-	-
2023-01-31	£45,503	£45,914	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne Bray	Chair	2020-01-11
Charlotte Lena Elizabeth McDonald		2025-09-11
Jacelyn Hawkey		2021-01-16
Melissa Caroline Lee		2022-09-11

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Accounts



Report of the Trustees

For the period ending 31 January 2025

The trustees present their report along with financial statements of the charity for the period ending 31 January 2025.

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Board of trustees

Miss Joanne Bray - Chairman

Miss Jacelyn Hawkey - Secretary

Mrs Melissa Lee - Treasurer

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Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointed by existing trustees at trustees' meetings

Organisational structure

The charity is managed by 3 trustees. All volunteers report directly to the trustees. The charity works hard to connect with other rabbit rescues across the country thus enabling a greater number of rabbits in need to be helped.

Induction and training of new trustees

During the year the trustees endeavour to keep up to date with all legal and regulatory requirements. In addition, new trustees are required to read the guidance given by the Charity Commission relating to trustee duties and responsibilities.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The purpose of our charity is to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, in particular rabbits, and to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals, medical treatment, including vaccinations and neutering where appropriate and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Our activities

We support our community by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, are vaccinated and neutered as part of our on-going programme and are then assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the spread of disease and population growth.

We offer free animal care advice and education by giving appropriate information to adopters and responding to enquiries from the public. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including trusteeship, fostering, rescue volunteers and fundraising. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

Some of our volunteer placements also help our local South Gloucestershire Council 'Preparing for Adulthood Team' and helping young people at Step Together, providing placements for young people and young people who have learning difficulties or are neurodivergent, gain volunteer experience to build their confidence and skill set.

Public benefit

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These benefits are evidenced through the increasing numbers of animals that need rescuing and the number of people who are using our service.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Review of year – achievements and performance

We've had an extremely busy year and have managed to achieve even more even though the management team are stretched.

Now settled at our new centre, we have managed to expand and add another 2 aviaries in November. This has now filled the remaining space. We also have new volunteers in place, to help every day with cleaning, feeding and looking after the welfare of the rabbits in our care. We were hoping to use some of the units for boarding but the demand for our service has increased year on year and so the aviaries have all been used to house rabbits that been surrendered.

We have continued to take on Duke of Edinburgh students at the weekend, expanding to help young people who have special needs to complete the volunteering part of their certificate.

Our volunteer team has expanded and we now have a faithful fundraising team who attend many events throughout the year, which has helped boost the fundraising income.

Every year we see a huge increase in rabbits that needed rehoming but because we only have a limited number of spaces, our intake has remained steady. Our veterinary costs have significantly increased compared to the previous year because unfortunately quite a few of the rabbits surrendered have been found to have health issues and also veterinary fees have increased

Day to day costs for the main rescue centre and our group of permanent residents remain minimal because of the hard work from our exceptional team of volunteers, who help at the rescue on a daily basis and from all the food and supplies that are donated from our dedicated supporters.

Our regular supporters have remained faithful to us and we have managed to keep our donation income steady.

Financial review

This year the net funds raised from the public to fund the rescue came to £54,428. Most of the funds have come in via donations, adoption fees, fundraising and grants. For the second year in a row, adoption fees have dipped due to a decrease in rabbits being adopted.

The cash held at the end of the year is £17,400.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Charitable activities

Each year, we continue to see an increase in the number of surrender requests, and this year has been no exception. With over 400 requests received, it is simply impossible for us to assist everyone, as we do not have the capacity or space to accommodate them all.

This rise is due to several factors, the most significant being individuals moving home and unable to take their pets with them. This has not only affected the number of foster families we require but has also impacted the number of adoption enquiries.

Another major reason for surrender is the inability to meet rabbits' welfare needs—whether due to lack of time, financial constraints, or unsuitable living arrangements. As a result, our surrender list is, regrettably, longer than ever before.

Despite these challenges, we successfully rehomed 62 rabbits during the last financial year. Unfortunately, the number of our permanent residents has declined due to age and health issues, and now stands at six. We also have several rabbits in permanent foster care, some receiving palliative care due to the poor condition in which they arrived. Many of these cases involve respiratory illnesses or cancer.

All our rabbits are neutered, vaccinated, and receive any necessary veterinary treatment. We are proud to maintain strong partnerships with Highcroft Veterinary Hospital, Vets4Pets Kingswood, Emersons Green Veterinary Practice, Vets4Pets Weston-super-Mare, and, more recently, Watkins and Tasker Vets in Portishead.

At The Littlest Lives Rescue, we never discriminate based on breed, age, or medical condition. If a rabbit cannot be rehomed for any reason, we ensure they are cared for either at our rescue centre or within permanent foster homes.

We currently have no plans to add to our group of permanent residents, as they are all elderly and require significant ongoing care. Importantly, no adoptable rabbit is ever euthanised due to lack of space or time.

Our rescue is managed daily by three dedicated trustees who work tirelessly to ensure that all operations run smoothly, efficiently, and safely.

Once again, our team of volunteers has gone above and beyond this year. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing commitment, hard work, and unwavering support. Every person involved plays a vital role in the success and growth of The Littlest Lives Rescue — and we could not have achieved all that we have without their dedication.

Activities for generating funds

Local events have been very successful for raising money, gaining new supporters and raising awareness.

As in previous years online events, such as raffles, auctions and a photo competition, have been repeated as they have remained popular with our dedicated followers.

Our bonding service has helped in rehoming the rabbits in our care much quicker than before. Now with 3 fully trained volunteers on the team it has made the adoption process much more streamlined and has increased funds at the same time.

Every Easter one of our volunteers has taken on the mammoth task of baking Easter biscuits to sell. For 2024 3,500 biscuits were baked raising £2,988! This is an increase of 165% on last year, which is amazing. We are hoping to do this every Easter and increase sales year on year.

We have focused some of our efforts on corporate relationships and grants, which we will develop further in 2025.

We also have a small amount of merchandise for sale, a yearly tea towel that is created by our followers and a calendar which boosts our income around Christmas.

We have switched from using the Just Giving platform to using Donorbox for collecting donations and running campaigns.

Plans for future periods

After discussion our plans for future periods include concentrating on different revenue schemes, grant funding and connectivity with our donors. Some thoughts are to:

- Create a new monthly fundraising scheme, which will provide continuous funding for our permanent residents. This would include a sponsorship pack with a leaflet of who the permanent residents are, what their money will be used for, a thank you card/letter and promotional items (car sticker)
- Increase donors from the corporate sector. The majority of our fundraising at present is from individuals.
- Concentrate on applying for grant funding, so we can keep the rescue running.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain reserves to cover at least one month's running for the rescue centre, as donations are heavily relied upon in order to fund the ongoing expenditure. As it stands at the year end, free reserves of £17,400 were held, which is 4x the monthly expenditure. This is in excess of the reserve policy minimum.

Currently there are insufficient reserves with the Charity to be able to sustain a further 12 months of activity without reliance on further donations.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity does not hold long term investments as its purpose is to use the annual donations and income received for the ongoing charitable activities.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: Joanne Bray

Position: Chairperson

Date: 03-02-2026

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Littlest Lives Rescue

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Littlest Lives Rescue for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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03 February 2026

Charitable Accounts

For period ending 31 January 2025

Section A - Receipts & Payments

A1 RECEIPTS				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donations	12,330		12,330	17,437
Adoption Fees	4,400		4,400	6,300
Fundraising Initiatives	15,275		15,275	12,182
Sales	1,597		1,597	1,765
Bonding and boarding	2,541		2,541	3,481
Grants	-	18,285	18,285	4,477
Lease refunds	-	-	-	36
TOTAL RECEIPTS	36,143	18,285	54,428	45,678
A3 PAYMENTS				
Veterinary Costs	22,584	12,479	35,063	32,148
Rescue Set up Costs	641	-	641	1,161
Cost of Sales	597	-	597	1,044
Waste Removal	230	-	230	1,258
Marketing & IT	1,131	-	1,131	708
Food and Animal Supplies	1,516	221	1,737	2,812
Professional Fees	420	-	420	900
Plant Maintenance	852	-	852	642
Insurance	953	-	953	867
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	4
Direct Costs	356	-	356	380
Payment Fees	423	-	423	428
Professional Partnerships	161	-	161	444
Subscriptions	99	-	99	95
Entertainment	247	-	247	-
Leases	1,074	-	1,074	-
SUBTOTAL A3 PAYMENTS	31,284	12,700	43,984	42,891
A4 ASSET AND INVESTMENT PURCHASES				
Shed and Aviary	-	2,945	2,945	2,662
SUBTOTAL A4 PAYMENTS	-	2,945	2,945	2,662
TOTAL PAYMENTS	31,284	15,645	46,929	45,553
NET INCREASE FOR YEAR	4,859	2,640	7,499	125

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Cash held in bank	14,760	2,640	17,400	9,901
Assets retained for the charity's own use			Current Value	
Plant & Machinery			5,826	
Computers			256	
Marketing Equipment			463	

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: Joanne Bray

Position: Chairperson

Date: 03-02-2026

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The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Review of year – achievements and performance

We've had an extremely busy year and have managed to achieve so much more since the world has returned to normality.

The move to the new premises has seen lots of building work being carried out and new aviaries being erected to expand the centre. We also have new volunteers in place, to help every day with cleaning, feeding and looking after the welfare of the rabbits in our care. We were hoping to use some of the units for boarding but the demand for our service seems to increase year on year and so the aviaries have all been used to house the permanent residents and rabbits that been surrendered. Our Chairperson Jo has been DBS checked so we are now able to accept Duke of Edinburgh students at the weekend.

Our volunteer team has expanded and we now have a faithful fundraising team who attend many events throughout the year, which has helped boost the fundraising income.

Every year we see a huge increase in rabbits that needed rehoming but because we only have a limited number of spaces, our intake has remained steady. Our veterinary costs have significantly increased compared to the previous year because unfortunately quite a few of the rabbits surrendered have been found to have health issues.

Day to day costs for the main rescue centre and our group of permanent residents remain minimal because of the hard work from our exceptional team of volunteers, who help at the rescue on a daily basis and from all the food and supplies that are donated from our dedicated supporters.

Our regular supporters have remained faithful to us and we have managed to keep our donation income steady.

Financial review

This year the net funds raised from the public to fund the rescue came to £45,678. Most of the funds have come in via donations, adoption fees, fundraising and grants. Adoption fees have dipped this year due to a decrease in rabbits being adopted.

The cash held at the end of the year is £9,901 which is similar to the previous year.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Charitable activities

Every year we see an increase in the number of surrenders. This year is no different and is due to many factors, one being the cost-of-living crisis. It has affected many people from job insecurity to having to move home and we have struggled to meet the demand. It has not only affected the number of foster families we need but unfortunately adoption enquiries. Our surrender list is disappointingly larger than ever. Despite this we have been able help 113 rabbits to find new homes in the last financial year.

Our permanent residents have sadly diminished in number over the last year and currently stands at 11. At Christmas all the remaining residents moved into permanent foster care with one of our Trustees, as they are all elderly and have ongoing health issues.

All our rabbits are neutered and vaccinated and receive any necessary required vet treatment. We continue to have a good relationship with Highcroft Veterinary Hospital, Vets4pets in Kingswood, Emersons Green Veterinary Practice and Vets4pets in Weston-Super-Mare. We do not discriminate against the rabbits we help based on their breed, age or medical condition. If for any reason a rabbit cannot be rehomed, we will look after them at the rescue centre or in permanent foster. We have no plans to join any new rabbits into our group of permanent residents at The Littlest Lives Rescue. They are all elderly

and caring for such a large group has its own challenges. No adoptable rabbit is ever unnecessarily euthanised due to space or time constraint.

We have 3 dedicated trustees on the team, who also manage the rescue on a daily basis. We are continuing to work hard to keep the running of all the areas of the rescue efficient and safe.

Again, this year our team of volunteers have excelled themselves and more than ever we are indebted to everyone, for their on-going commitment, continued hard work and support they give to The Littlest Lives Rescue. Everyone involved is key to the existence and growth of The Littlest Lives Rescue and we could not have achieved the things we have so far without their help.

Activities for generating funds

This year everything seems to have gone 'back to normal' after a few years of uncertainty. Local events have been very successful for raising money, gaining new supporters and raising awareness.

As in previous years online events, such as raffles, auctions and a photo competition, have been repeated as they have remained popular with our dedicated followers.

We only carry out a small amount of boarding as the space we have available has been given over to the rabbits that need care.

Our bonding service has helped in rehoming the rabbits in our care much quicker than before. Now with 3 fully trained volunteers on the team it has made the adoption process much more streamlined and has increased funds at the same time.

Every Easter one of our volunteers has taken on the mammoth task of baking Easter biscuits to sell. For 2023 1,406 biscuits were baked raising £1,125! We are hoping to do this every Easter and increase sales year on year.

We have focused some of our efforts on corporate relationships and grants, which we will develop further in 2024.

We also have a small amount of merchandise for sale, a yearly tea towel that is created by our followers and a calendar which boosts our income around Christmas.

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Plans for future periods

After discussion our plans for future periods include concentrating on different revenue schemes, grant funding and connectivity with our donors. Some thoughts are to:

- Set up email marketing to keep in touch with donors/supporters
- Create a new monthly fundraising scheme, which will provide continuous funding for our permanent residents. This would include a sponsorship pack with a leaflet of who the permanent residents are, what their money will be used for, a thank you card/letter and promotional items (car sticker)
- Increase donors from the corporate sector. The majority of our fundraising at present is from individuals.
- Concentrate on applying for grant funding, so we can keep the rescue running.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain reserves to cover at least one month's running for the rescue centre, as donations are heavily relied upon in order to fund the ongoing expenditure. As it stands at the year end, free reserves of £9,901 were held, which is 3x the monthly expenditure. This is in excess of the reserve policy minimum.

Currently there are insufficient reserves with the Charity to be able to sustain a further 12 months of activity without reliance on further donations.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity does not hold long term investments as its purpose is to use the annual donations and income received for the ongoing charitable activities.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: Joanne Bray

Position: Chairman

Date: 28-10-2024

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Littlest Lives Rescue

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28 October 2024

Charitable Accounts

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A1 RECEIPTS				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations	17,437		17,437	17,868
Adoption Fees	6,300		6,300	10,235
Fundraising Initiatives	12,182		12,182	6,058
Sales	1,765		1,765	2,817
Bonding and boarding	3,481		3,481	1,358
Grants	1,644	2,833	4,477	7,167
Lease refunds	36		36	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	42,845	2,833	45,678	45,503
A3 PAYMENTS				
Veterinary Costs	29,815	2,333	32,148	25,335
Rescue Set up Costs	1,162		1,162	5,687
Cost of Sales	1,044		1,044	2,165
Waste Removal	1,258		1,258	-
Marketing & IT	708		708	1,936
Food and Animal Supplies	2,812		2,812	1,550
Professional Fees	900		900	1,005
Plant Maintenance	642		642	674
Insurance	867		867	617
Motor Expenses	4		4	542
Direct Costs	380		380	672
Payment Fees	428		428	213
Professional Partnerships	444		444	-
Subscriptions	95		95	40
Entertainment	-		-	42
Leases	-		-	1,406
SUBTOTAL A3 PAYMENTS	40,559	2,333	42,892	41,884
A4 ASSET AND INVESTMENT PURCHASES				
Aviary, Gazebo, Nebuliser	2,162	500	2,662	4,029
SUBTOTAL A4 PAYMENTS	2,162	500	2,662	4,029
TOTAL PAYMENTS	42,721	2,833	45,554	45,913
NET INCREASE FOR YEAR	124	-	124	410

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash held in bank	9,901		9,901	9,960
Assets retained for the charity's own use			Current Value	
Plant & Machinery			4,172	
Computers			410	
Marketing Equipment			772	

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature:



Full name: Joanne Bray

Position: Chairman

Date: 28-10-2024

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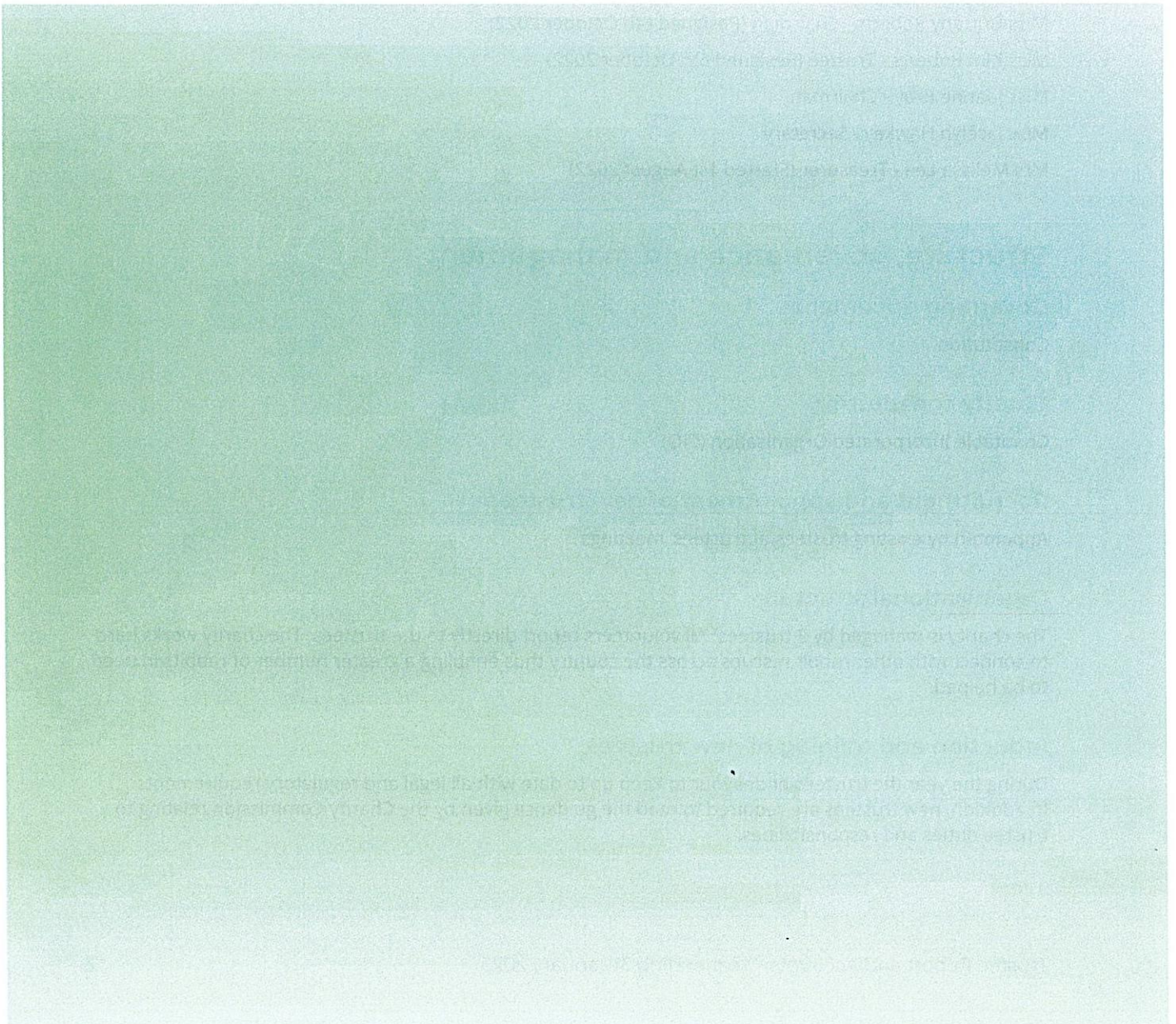
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The purpose of our charity is to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention, in particular rabbits, and to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals, medical treatment, including vaccinations and neutering where appropriate and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Our activities

We support our community by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, are vaccinated and neutered as part of our on-going programme and are then assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the spread of disease and population growth.

We offer free animal care advice and education by giving appropriate information to adopters and responding to enquiries from the public. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including trusteeship, fostering, rescue volunteers and fundraising. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

Public benefit

The direct benefits that flow from our objects, are to support our community by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away. To promote humane behaviour towards animals by offering free animal care, and to provide advice and education by giving appropriate information to adopters and responding to general enquiries. Also providing volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, benefiting the local community and companies by completing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

These benefits are evidenced through the increasing numbers of animals that need rescuing and the number of people who are using our service.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Review of year – achievements and performance

Since setting up as a registered charity, the time at The Littlest Lives Rescue has certainly been an eventful one, but we have managed to achieve so much. Despite the pandemic and the upset it caused, we have continued to work and take in cases as needed. Our regular supporters have remained faithful to us and we have managed to keep our donation income steady.

This year has seen a move to new premises. When taking on the challenge of the rescue, we underestimated the demand for our service and even though there are other organisations in the area, we are the only one which focuses on rabbits, rather than all small animals. Our Chair Person Brittany Roberts also resigned from the charity in October 2022, meaning we were forced to move to a new location. Therefore after a search to find somewhere more local to the remaining trustees, we found a new site which was larger and more accessible.

We have seen a huge increase in rabbits that needed rehoming but because we only have a limited number of spaces, our veterinary costs compared to the previous year have remained the same.

Day to day costs for the main rescue centre and our group of permanent residents remain minimal because of the hard work from our exceptional team of volunteers, who help at the rescue on a daily basis and from all the food and supplies that are donated from our dedicated supporters.

Financial review

Since becoming a registered charity the net funds raised from the general public to fund the rescue came to £45,503. This is a 35% increase for a year on year comparison. The majority of the funds have come in via donations, adoption fees, fundraising and we have received new income for the first time by way of grants. The cash held at the end of the year is £9,959 which is similar to the previous year.

This year some monies were restricted to particular activities. We raised £2,230 through a Just Giving Campaign, with the funds being used for the new rescue centre setup. We also secured £7,167 in grants which was to be used towards veterinary expenses for 6 months.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Charitable activities

As mentioned above we have seen a massive increase in surrenders this year and this is due to many factors. We are still reeling from rabbits bought as impulse purchases during the pandemic but now the cost of living crisis is affecting many people from job insecurity to having to move home. We have struggled to meet the demand, as we have lost foster families from people going back to work and now from the cost of living. Our surrender list is disappointingly larger than ever. Despite this we have been able help 136 rabbits to find new homes since becoming a registered charity.

Our permanent residents have remained steady in number and currently stands at 14. Three have moved into permanent foster as they each have ongoing health issues.

All our rabbits are neutered and vaccinated and receive any necessary required vet treatment. We continue to have a good relationship with Emerson's Green Veterinary Practice, Highcroft Veterinary Hospital, Vets4pets in Kingswood, and Vets4pets in Weston-Super-Mare. We do not discriminate against the rabbits we help based on their breed, age or medical condition. If for any reason a rabbit cannot be rehomed, we will look after them at the rescue centre or in permanent foster. We have no plans to join any new rabbits into our group of permanent residents at The Littlest Lives Rescue. They are all elderly and caring for such a large group has its own challenges. No adoptable rabbit is ever unnecessarily euthanised due to space or time constraint.

We have 3 dedicated trustees on the team, who also manage the rescue on a daily basis. We are continuing to work hard to keep the running of all the areas of the rescue efficient and safe.

Again, this year our team of volunteers have excelled themselves and more than ever we are indebted to everyone, for their on-going commitment, continued hard work and support they give to The Littlest Lives Rescue. Everyone involved is key to the existence and growth of The Littlest Lives Rescue and we could not have achieved the things we have so far without their help.

Activities for generating funds

Local events have been resurrected this year and have been very successful for raising money, gaining new supporters and raising awareness. We have lost all our boarding income because any spaces we have available have been given over to rescues.

As per the previous year we have still been concentrating on online events, such as raffles, auctions and a photo competition, all of which have remained popular with our followers.

We now provide a bonding service and have spent time training a handful of volunteers to help. This allows us to rehome the rabbits in our care much quicker, as we aren't reliant on external sources which are few and far between.

We have focused some of our efforts on corporate relationships and grants, which we will pursue further in 2023.

We also have a small amount of merchandise for sale and create a calendar each year which boosts our income around Christmas. Next year we are hoping to build on our merchandise offering in order to help generate more funds for the rescue.

We still utilise the Just Giving platform for any extra funds that are required for unexpected veterinary bills.

Plans for future periods

After discussion our plans for future periods include concentrating on different revenue schemes, grant funding and connectivity with our donors. Some thoughts are to:

- Set up email marketing to keep in touch with donors/supporters
- Create a new monthly fundraising scheme, which will provide continuous funding for our permanent residents. This would include a sponsorship pack with a leaflet of who the permanent residents are, what their money will be used for, a thank you card/letter and promotional items (car sticker)
- Increase donors from the corporate sector. The majority of our fundraising at present is from individuals.
- Concentrate on applying for grant funding, so we can keep the rescue running.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to retain reserves to cover at least one month's running for the rescue centre, as donations are heavily relied upon in order to fund the ongoing expenditure. As it stands at the year end, free reserves of £9,959 were held, which is 3x the monthly expenditure. This is in excess of the reserve policy minimum.

Currently there are insufficient reserves with the Charity to be able to sustain a further 12 months of activity without reliance on further donations.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity does not hold long term investments as its purpose is to use the annual donations and income received for the ongoing charitable activities.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: Joanne Bray

Position: Chairman

Date: 02-10-2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Littlest Lives Rescue**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Littlest Lives Rescue

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Littlest Lives Rescue (the Trust) for the period ended 31 January 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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.



Matthew Dobbins FCA

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Date: 02/10/2023

Charitable Accounts

For period ending 31 January 2023

Section A - Receipts & Payments

A1 RECEIPTS			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Donations	15,638	2,230	17,868
Adoption Fees	10,235		10,235
Fundraising Initiatives	6,058		6,058
Sales	2,817		2,817
Bonding and boarding	1,358		1,358
Grants		7,167	7,167
TOTAL RECEIPTS	36,106	9,397	45,503
A3 PAYMENTS			
Veterinary Costs	20,699	4,667	25,336
Rescue Set up Costs	957	4,730	5,687
Cost of Sales	2,165		2,165
Office Costs	1,936		1,936
Leases	1,406		1,406
Food and Animal Supplies	1,550		1,550
Professional Fees	1,005		1,005
Plant Maintenance	674		674
Insurance	617		617
Motor Expenses	542		542
Direct Costs	672		672
Payment Fees	213		213
Entertainment	42		42
Subscriptions	40		40
SUBTOTAL A3 PAYMENTS	32,488	9,397	41,884
A4 ASSET AND INVESTMENT PURCHASES			
Aviary & Shed	4,029		4,029
SUBTOTAL A4 PAYMENTS	4,029		4,029
TOTAL PAYMENTS			45,914
NET INCREASE FOR YEAR	411		411

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
Cash held in bank	9,959		9,959
Assets retained for the charity's own use			Current Value
Plant & Machinery			3,561
Computers			555

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: Joanne Bray

Position: Chairman

Date: 02-10-2023

