

SOUTHERN SIGHTHOUND RESCUE

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 15 FEBRUARY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

SOUTHERN SIGHTHOUND RESCUE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Sophie Bailey	Chair of Trustees
Jennifer Castle	
Erica Haddon	Appointed 25 November 2024
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TRUSTEE' REPORT

The trustees of Southern Sighthound Rescue present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 2 January 2019).

Structure and Governance

Charity Constitution

Southern Sighthound Rescue (SSR) was founded on 1 July 2023 by Sarah-Jane Knight, and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England and Wales on 15 February 2024, registration number 1207039. The principal address is Richmond Farm Stables, Rye Farm Lane, Barns Green, West Sussex, RH13 0QB. It is governed by its constitution adopted on 15 February 2024.

The objectives of the CIO, as per its' constitution, are for the public benefit to promote humane behaviour towards dogs, for the relief of suffering and distress, in particular Greyhounds, Whippets, Lurchers and any other Sighthound breed by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for those in need of rescue, care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstance or ill usage, where practical and appropriate re-homing such dogs and to advance animal welfare, responsible dog ownership and the education of the public in matters pertaining to the welfare of Sighthounds, prevention of cruelty and suffering among Sighthounds.

Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees are recruited in accordance with our Constitution. In selecting individuals to be appointed as trustees, the existing trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

Objectives and Activities

We work with greyhound industry trainers to take dogs that are retired or unable to race so that we can re home them into permanent homes. We also work with local councils to take Sighthound specific dogs from council pounds to provide vet treatment, if necessary and eventually re home to permanent homes wherever possible. The current number of stray and unwanted dogs has also resulted in us working with Animal Haven, an animal rescue service in the Republic of Ireland, to take Sighthounds that they do not have room for, in order to re home these dogs into homes in the UK.

All dogs are taken into a kennel environment, assessed for health and behavioural issues, given vet treatment for any health conditions, neutered or spayed, if necessary, chipped and given 24-hour care and attention. Dogs are put up for adoption when they are healthy, and their behaviour has been assessed to ensure they are suitable for re-homing.

Potential adopters have an initial telephone conversation to assess their needs and suitability to adopt a dog. A thorough home check is carried out, together with a visit to the rescue to meet the potential dog.

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Once all parties are satisfied that the adoption is ready to go ahead, the new owners visit the rescue to collect the dog and relevant paperwork. Follow up support is available to the adopters for the life of the animal as well as behavioural advice. We also provide online guidance through a Facebook page on responsible dog ownership and how to care for a Sighthound.

The charity is committed to providing the best veterinary care and also provides a support network for the dogs both whilst in the charity's care and also once they have been rehomed in places which can provide commitment and nurturing as required. The charity takes pride in ensuring that all dogs will enjoy a happy home life by educating adopters and the wider public on how to understand and care for the hounds.

By taking in stray and unwanted dogs, providing medical treatment and training with a view to rehoming them, the charity is encouraging kindness in humans. We are benefitting the general public and local Council Authorities as unwanted dogs are taken into a safe environment which alleviates the risk of them becoming strays and stray dogs are also rehomed. All of the animals are given medical care and a safe and happy environment whilst in our care and the general public who rehome these dogs have the satisfaction of giving a new life to a dog whilst also receiving the health and wellbeing benefits of owning a dog.

Achievements and Performance

The main criteria used to assess the success of the charity's activities is the number of dogs rescued, brought back to full health and rehomed. In the 2024 financial period, we rescued and rehabilitated 96 dogs into their forever homes.

We guide adopters through from the very start of the journey with their new dog, ensuring veterinary interventions when required and addressing any behavioural issues, through either the experience of our CEO and rehoming team or by helping to source a local behaviourist.

Volunteers

We have recruited and retained over 40 volunteers who receive health, welfare and social benefits through their volunteer role. The majority of our volunteers carry out regular dog walks but also

carry out fundraising, administration, rehoming and domestic support.

In addition to providing daily walks, the role of the dog walking volunteer is to give the dogs an opportunity to socialise safely in an environment that is strange to them and to allow the volunteers to assess the behaviour of the dogs, both when on their own and with other dogs. This ensures that we can fully assess their needs and that their adoption profiles are accurate to enable them to be matched with the right family.

In agreeing to help walk Southern Sighthound Rescue dogs as a volunteer dog walker, the following points are essential:

- Dog walkers must listen to the advice of the rescue and how a specific dog must be walked and must adhere to that advice
- Volunteers to be aware that when walking a rescue dog that they are also representing the rescue and must walk the dog in an appropriate manner so as not to bring concern or disrepute to the rescue

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- Should there be any incidents where another dog attacks a rescue dog on a walk the rescue is informed immediately and the dog is taken straight to a vets.

Organisational and Operational Developments

Progress and achievements were made during the year to improve both the organisational and operational performance of the charity and included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Development of a dog database
- Development of key policies, processes and procedures
- Creation of a Shared Drive for secure data retention
- Creation of a process for Gift Aid reclaim
- Opening a Charity Bank Account with HSBC

Financial Review

Total income for the period 15 February 2024 to 31 December 2024 was £113,560. The funds transferred from the unincorporated Association were £36,603 (unrestricted) for the period 1 July 2023 to 14 February 2024, prior to becoming a CIO.

Total expenditure for the period 15 February 2024 to 31 December 2024 was £65,238. At the end of 31 December 2024 total reserves stood at £49,496.

Our reserves policy has no single method or approach at this time. This will develop as the charity matures and we better understand future requirements. We are confident that with our current reserves we should cope with any unforeseen expense.

This will be continually monitored in line with the development of the charity in order to refine our policy going forward as needed.

Fundraising

All fundraising to date has been carried out by volunteers or supporters of the charity.

This includes volunteers raising money through raffles, online auctions, stalls at local fetes and our own twice yearly craft fair. In addition, funds have been raised by birthday fundraisers through Facebook, other Facebook donation posts specific to stories and dog rescues, donations through the EasyFundraising website and Horsham District Council lottery.

Plans for Future Periods

The Charity's prime concern in 2024 was the continued welfare of the dogs at the Rescue, ensuring successful adoptions and setting up all of the related policies, processes and procedures.

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To help achieve continued success in the future we have identified a number of matters to focus on in 2025 including, but not limited to:

- Improving the facilities at the Rescue to include weatherproof outdoor runs
- Formalising a Risk Assessment and Disaster Management Plan
- Creating a website for adoption, publicity and fundraising purposes
- Further developing the dog database, a formal dog assessment form and process and other records pertinent to the Rescue
- Submitting one or more Gift Aid claims to cover the 2024/2025 period
- Investigating grant funding, once first year accounts are available

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. The public benefit of the charity's activities are outlined under 'Objectives and Activities' above. All activities have been undertaken to further the charity's purpose as per its Constitution.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signature 

Full Name MISS SUSAN JANE WALES

Position SECRETARY

(E.g. Secretary, Chair)

Date 29 / 09 / 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN SIGHTHOUND RESCUE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Southern Sighthound Rescue (the Trust) for the period ended 31 December 2024.

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.



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Date: 15th October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 15 FEBRUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Total 15/02/24 31/12/24
<u>Income from:</u>	Notes	£	£
Donations Grants	2	17,601	17,601
Adoptions	3	30,745	30,745
Fundraising Events	3	22,516	22,516
Other income	4	6,095	6,095
Net asset transfer from unincorporated association.		36,603	36,603
Total Income		113,560	113,560
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		(65,238)	(65,238)
Total expenditure	5 - 6	(65,238)	(65,238)
Net funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		48,323	48,323

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

All income and expenditure shown above relate to continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT - 31 DECEMBER 2024

			Total
			31/12/24
	Notes	£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank PayPal and cash in hand	1	49,496	
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		49,496	
Ceditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,173)	
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Net current assets			48,323
Total net assets			<hr/>
			48,323
Income funds			48,323
Unrestricted funds - general			<hr/>
			48,323

The accounts were approved by the Board on 29/09/2025


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Name SUSAN JANE VALOS

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD 15 FEBRUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2024

1.0 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the 'On Going Concern' basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Income

The first year income includes £36,603 Net asset transferred from the original unincorporated association.

Voluntary income including donations is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP).

Adoption fees and fundraising are recognised on a received basis.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

1.4 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

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It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.5 Debtors amount prepaid.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.6 Cash at bank, PayPal and in hand

Cash at bank, PayPal and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.9 Taxation

The Foundation is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

2. Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Total
		15/02/24 31/12/24
	£	£
Donations	17,601	17,601
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	17,601	17,601
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3. Charitable activities and other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total
		15/02/24 31/12/24
	£	£
Adoption Fees	30,745	30,745
Fundraising	22,516	22,516
	<hr/> 53,261	<hr/> 53,261

4. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total
		15/02/24 31/12/24
	£	£
Kennel Transfers	6,095	6,095
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5. Total expenditure

	Total
	15/02/24 31/12/24
	£
Charitable activities	23,836
Vet Fees	40,728

6. Support costs

Independent Examiners Fee	675
	<hr/> 65,238

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7. Trustees

During the year no trustees entered into any related party transactions with the charity.

8. Employees

The charity had no employees

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Total
	15/02/24
	31/12/24
	£
Independent Examiners Fee	675
Independent Vet Care	423
Bank Charges	18
Amazon	57
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	1,173
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10. Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees.