

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year 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 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objectives follow those of the National RSPCA. This entails preventing cruelty, promoting kindness and alleviating suffering to animals, in particular within the Branch area and in accordance to the policies of the National RSPCA.

RSPCA Bedfordshire North aims to achieve this by rehoming animals which are brought into their care both by RSPCA Inspectors and the general public. These animals are often abandoned or have been mistreated. All animals in Branch care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, microchipping, flea treatment, wormer and are assessed for rehoming.

The Branch continues to offer advice to the public in matters concerning animal welfare, rehoming and adoption.

Public benefit

The trustees have read the general guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to a statement on the benefit to the public. The charity has established activities to achieve its objectives for public benefit. The charity aims to achieve these objectives by promoting the work and objects of the National RSPCA. Providing support to those people whose animals are in need, promoting good care and welfare of animals and by rehoming abandoned or mistreated pets. All of this activity is carried out within the Branch area.

Volunteers

The Branch continues to offer volunteering opportunities within our shops in both Bedford and Kempston.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In 2024 re-homing was very slow with very few animals coming to us via Inspectorate. However we have now recruited a small number of foster carers for both cats and rabbits this has enabled us to continue our work with caring and re homing animals in need. We re-homed a total of 27 cats and 6 rabbits and 3 guinea pigs. The Charity spent £13,125, through our animal welfare veterinary aid scheme, helping many pets/owners during the year. This is considerably more than previous years and shows there is still a huge need for help of this kind.

Fundraising activities

Despite the challenging trading conditions experienced by all retailers our Bedford charity shop continued to maintain a strong level of sales and donations. The Charity's second shop in Kempston is showing encouraging signs with positive customer feedback and steady support. However performance has not yet reached its full potential and further efforts are needed to boost visibility, footfall and revenue.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The total income for the year ended 31st December 2024 was £174,939 (2023: £130,626). This represented an increase from 2023 of 34%.

Expenditure for the year was £152,223 (2023: £138,488). This represented an increase of 10%.

This gave the Branch a surplus of £22,716 for the year (2023: £7,862 deficit).

Reserves policy

The charity currently has £142,935 of unrestricted funds. There were no restricted funds as at 31 December 2024. This equates to around 9 months of normal running costs.

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FUTURE PLANS

The effects of the cost of living crisis are still being felt and we are receiving a greater number of requests for help from people struggling to care for their pets. Through our animal welfare scheme we will continue to offer help with vet bills and our animal food bank is also supporting pet owners struggling to feed their pets.

We are starting to explore other ways of raising funds by way of way of online activity.

It is also our intention to seek more fosters carers so we can increase the number of animals we are able to take in with a view to re home them.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The RSPCA Bedfordshire North Branch is a registered charity, no. 202037 and is governed by National RSPCA Branch Rules dated 1 January 2012

Organisational structure

The charity is organised so that the board of trustees vote in order for decisions to be made. Trustees meet at least six times per year. The day to day running of the branch is overseen by the Trustees, with the support of the Branch Partnership Manager (BPM), who is employed by the National RSPCA. The BPM works very closely with the Branch Manager, other employees and volunteers. Ad hoc expenditure is approved by the Branch Manager; major decisions and expenditure are approved by the Trustees.

Acknowledgements

The trustees would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our work throughout 2024.

To our donors: Thank you for your generosity, which makes our life-saving work possible.

To our customers: Your support through our charity shops and events directly funds animal welfare activities in our community.

To our staff and volunteers: Your dedication, compassion, and hard work are at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for going above and beyond for animals in need.

Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of vulnerable animals in our area.

Related parties

The RSPCA National Society administers the Branch legacy scheme on behalf of the branch, for which they receive a 2.5% fee. This fee is deducted from any legacy when remitted to the branch.

The Branch purchases goods from the RSPCA National Society for its own use & sale within the charity shop. In addition, the Branch receives a share of the national Door to Door fundraising donation.

The Branch also works with the local RSPCA Inspectorate (employed by the National Society) to fulfil its charitable objectives.

The Branch used the cattery services of Mrs A R Doherty, Trustee, during the year. Details of the transactions in the period are detailed in note 14 to the accounts. Alison has now retired from providing boarding facilities and the Trustees offer their thanks for providing these facilities during this and previous years.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The ability to grow sales through our shops is an ongoing and principal risk for the Charity. The number of people facing financial hardship as a result of the cost of living crisis creates a risk in relation to animal welfare. Many people are continuing to find it hard to care for pets acquired during lockdown. The Charity continues to be reliant on donations from the general public which are not guaranteed.

Recruitment and training of volunteers is a continued risk for the Charity.

Once again the Branch Manager worked extremely hard during the year to identify any income generation opportunities and apply for grant funding wherever possible.

The Trustees regularly review finances at Board meetings.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
202037

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9 Thurlow Street
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Trustees

Mrs J Waller (Chairperson)
Mr S R Mason (Treasurer)
Mrs L Swift (Secretary)
Mrs E Parsons
Mrs A R Doherty
Mrs S Haywood

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on18/6/25..... and signed on its behalf by:



~~Mrs E Parsons~~ - Trustee

JANE WALLER

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bedfordshire North Branch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bedfordshire North Branch (the Trust) for the year 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.



Miss T Aldwin ACA

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Date: 30 June 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	37,860	-	37,860	33,321
Other trading activities	3	135,858	-	135,858	96,221
Investment income	4	1,128	-	1,128	1,012
Other income		93	-	93	72
Total		<u>174,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,939</u>	<u>130,626</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	129,804	-	129,804	107,078
Charitable activities	6				
Adoption & welfare		19,068	-	19,068	29,467
Other	7	3,351	-	3,351	1,943
Total		<u>152,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,223</u>	<u>138,488</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		22,716	-	22,716	(7,862)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		120,219	-	120,219	128,081
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>142,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,935</u>	<u>120,219</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

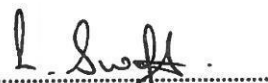
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	12,804	-	12,804	13,979
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	31,695	-	31,695	21,049
Cash at bank and in hand		113,594	-	113,594	100,963
		<u>145,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,289</u>	<u>122,012</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(15,158)	-	(15,158)	(15,772)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>130,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,131</u>	<u>106,240</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>142,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,935</u>	<u>120,219</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>142,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,935</u>	<u>120,219</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				142,935	120,219
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>142,935</u>	<u>120,219</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on18/6/25..... and were signed on its behalf by:


Mrs J Waller - Trustee


Mrs L Swift - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 '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 financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities

Due to a change in accounting software, presentation of depreciation on fixed assets has been included within support costs. In prior years it was included within governance costs.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	11,313	1,637
Gift aid	2,911	1,660
Legacies	1,515	-
Grants	-	6,027
Subscriptions	305	903
Door to door donation	21,816	23,094
	<u>37,860</u>	<u>33,321</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other grants	-	6,027
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,027</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	355	2,281
Shop income	131,570	86,237
Adoption income	3,660	7,590
Rags income	36	87
Online sales	237	26
	<u>135,858</u>	<u>96,221</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,128</u>	<u>1,012</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost of goods sold	298	2,015
Branch contribution	<u>551</u>	<u>551</u>
	<u>849</u>	<u>2,566</u>

Other trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	59,409	50,492
Rent & rates	52,325	29,089
Light & heat	3,171	7,022
Insurance	507	1,535
Other motor & travel	-	1,035
Telephone & internet	1,763	1,669
Other office costs	797	699
IT software & consumables	1,830	1,926
Refuse & cleaning	348	1,261
General expenses	1,259	1,310
Storage rental	2,888	2,308
Bank charges	2,379	2,580
Repairs & maintenance	<u>2,279</u>	<u>3,586</u>
	<u>128,955</u>	<u>104,512</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>129,804</u>	<u>107,078</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Adoption & welfare			
	<u>16,665</u>	<u>2,403</u>	<u>19,068</u>

7. OTHER

	2024 £	2023 £
Support costs	<u>5,754</u>	<u>3,560</u>

Other costs include Independent Examiners fees of £900 (2023: £1220)

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

Two trustees (2023: one trustee) were reimbursed expenses during the year totalling £83.47 (2023: £70.00).

9. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	58,571	49,897
Other pension costs	838	595
	<u>59,409</u>	<u>50,492</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Office	1	1
Shop	4	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	27,316	6,005	33,321
Other trading activities	96,221	-	96,221
Investment income	1,012	-	1,012
Other income	72	-	72
Total	<u>124,621</u>	<u>6,005</u>	<u>130,626</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	107,078	-	107,078
Charitable activities			
Adoption & welfare	23,462	6,005	29,467
Other	1,943	-	1,943
Total	<u>132,483</u>	<u>6,005</u>	<u>138,488</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 (7,862)	 -	 (7,862)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	128,081	-	128,081
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u><u>120,219</u></u>	 <u><u>-</u></u>	 <u><u>120,219</u></u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2024	3,898	-	21,593	903	26,394
Additions	-	324	67	837	1,228
	<u>3,898</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>21,660</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>27,622</u>
At 31 December 2024	3,898	324	21,660	1,740	27,622
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2024	339	-	11,263	813	12,415
Charge for year	649	62	1,555	137	2,403
	<u>988</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>12,818</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>14,818</u>
At 31 December 2024	988	62	12,818	950	14,818
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,910</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>8,842</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>12,804</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,330</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>13,979</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	1,723	-
Other debtors	24,139	14,731
Prepayments and accrued income	5,833	6,318
	<u>31,695</u>	<u>21,049</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	14,003	13,006
Taxation and social security	255	1,866
Other creditors	900	900
	<u>15,158</u>	<u>15,772</u>

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14. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	51,000	51,000
Between one and five years	182,667	198,667
In more than five years	118,616	153,616
	<u>352,283</u>	<u>403,283</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	120,219	22,716	142,935
	<u>120,219</u>	<u>22,716</u>	<u>142,935</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,219</u>	<u>22,716</u>	<u>142,935</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	174,939	(152,223)	22,716
	<u>174,939</u>	<u>(152,223)</u>	<u>22,716</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>174,939</u>	<u>(152,223)</u>	<u>22,716</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	128,081	(7,862)	120,219
	<u>128,081</u>	<u>(7,862)</u>	<u>120,219</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,081</u>	<u>(7,862)</u>	<u>120,219</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	124,621	(132,483)	(7,862)
Restricted funds			
Restricted	6,005	(6,005)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>130,626</u>	<u>(138,488)</u>	<u>(7,862)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	128,081	14,854	142,935
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,081</u>	<u>14,854</u>	<u>142,935</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	299,560	(284,706)	14,854
Restricted funds			
Restricted	6,005	(6,005)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>305,565</u>	<u>(290,711)</u>	<u>14,854</u>

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16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the previous year, the charity used the services of Mrs A Doherty (Trustee) for boarding services for animals. The charity purchased services amounting to £NIL (2023: £9,425) during the year.