

# ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 205096

## Details

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Other names	RSPCA PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE BRANCH, RSPCA SOLENT BRANCH, THE SOUTHAMPTON CLINIC, THE STUBBINGTON ARK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-03-16
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE BRANCH ARE TO PROMOTE THE WORK AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY [ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (219099)], WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AREA OF THE BRANCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY.

**Activities:** RSPCA Solent Branch covers 400 square miles of Hampshire and operates The Stubbington Ark Animal Centre in Fareham. We support the inspectorate to rescue, rehabilitate, rehome and release back to the wild injured, abandoned, mistreated and stray animals/wildlife. As a separately registered Branch of the RSPCA, we are responsible for raising our own funds to deliver our vital animal welfare work.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE, SOUTHAMPTON AND EASTLEIGH.
- Hampshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,661,815	£1,610,449	£5,280,095	51
2023-12-31	£1,402,115	£1,378,796	£5,222,062	49
2022-12-31	£1,920,414	£1,272,238	£5,205,410	39
2021-12-31	£1,833,916	£1,006,452	£4,557,234	30
2020-12-31	£1,288,201	£928,329	£3,660,308	34

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Davis		2021-12-14
Callum Lee		2023-06-27
Charlotte Pope		2021-12-14
Gail Yvonne Dorman		2021-12-14
Jane Elizabeth Russell		2023-01-17
Susanna Collier		2021-12-14

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# Accounts

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**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO  
ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms G Dorman Ms B Davis Ms S Collier Ms C Pope Ms J Russell Mr C Lee
<b>Charity number</b>	205096
<b>Principal address</b>	174-176 Ranvilles Lane Stubbington Fareham Hampshire PO14 3EZ
<b>Auditor</b>	James Todd & Co Limited Statutory Auditor Drayton House Drayton Lane Chichester West Sussex PO20 2EW
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# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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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 (SORP) 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).

#### **Legal constitution**

The charity is a separate registered unincorporated charitable association but forming part of the RSPCA federated organisation. The charity is governed in accordance with the RSPCA Branch Rules of 2012, with any subsequent minor rule changes amended by the RSPCA National Society allowed for under the RSPCA Branch Rules 2012, subject to the changes being registered with the Charity Commission.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The RSPCA Solent Branch (the Branch) carries out its animal welfare work throughout 400 square miles of Hampshire. The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the RSPCA with particular reference to the area of the Branch in accordance with the policies of the RSPCA.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of its activities and objectives for the year to ensure the charity remains focused on its charitable aims and to continue to deliver benefits to the public. The charity has complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. Legislation and the Animal Welfare Act indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits the society at large and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All the Branch's charitable activities focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for public benefit.

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#### **Public benefit**

The Branch operates a 9-acre animal rescue centre which rescues hundreds of animals every year including domestic, stock and wildlife. The Branch supports RSPCA Inspectors and local authority dog wardens by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned dogs, other domestic and stock animals, including pets whose owners suffer with ill health, financial difficulties or pass away. The Branch also takes in and treats injured wildlife.

The RSPCA Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces legislation against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. The Branch assists by accommodating Inspectorate seized case animals pending prosecution. This work is key to the prevention or suppression of cruelty as part of the RSPCA's objectives which promotes humane sentiments towards animals and involves moral benefit to humankind.

Animals in Branch care receive, as appropriate, veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering and micro-chipping by the Branch in-house veterinary team. Since Covid, many more dogs being rescued have behaviour issues which means they are in the animal centre for a longer period before being available for adoption. To provide the behaviour training prior to rehoming, the Branch employs two Animal Behaviourists and an Animal Trainer which give the animals a greater chance of finding their forever homes.

The Branch rehomes animals at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Whilst the trustees recognise companion animals provide measurable benefits to a person's physical and mental health, the trustees consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of the Branch which is to reduce animal suffering. The Branch charges a reasonable adoption fee for animals which aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of the animals and would fall outside the charity's objects, to rehome to persons who could not afford to properly care for the animal.

The Branch takes in, free of charge, lost animals and attempts to reunite them with their owners. This work benefits the local community, including Local Authorities, by preventing animals straying and posing a risk.

The Branch responds to enquiries, both direct and via the RSPCA call centre, from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing the Branch can intervene to help animals in need.

The Branch provides a range of volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support the work of the Branch, including trusteeship, fostering animals, assisting in the cattery, kennels and working with other types of animals, dog walking, administration, gardening, fundraising and working in the Branch's charity shops. The Branch also works with companies to give their employees the opportunity to volunteer. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding and giving something back to society.

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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### **Achievements and performance**

The Branch opened a new, state-of-the-art cattery, to increase capacity for the intake of cats with advanced pens to deliver excellent care into the future.

The Branch opened one new charity shop in 2024, and the Area Shop Manager has made strong progress identifying potential new sites at the same time as ensuring the continued growth and success of current shops.

The Branch held two successful fairs and a gala dinner during 2024, raising much needed funds for the charity and increasing public awareness of its work.

The Branch purchased 3 renovated container units that has increased the structural quality of areas housing small animals, creatively solving an area of concern.

The Branch converted from an unincorporated charity to a Charity Incorporated Organisation on 01/01/2025, meaning significant effort and resource was placed into activities required for the conversion that will benefit the branch for many years ahead.

To raise additional funds for the charity, the Branch continued operating a successful commercial cat, dog and rabbit boarding operation and in 2024 opened a commercial off-lead dog walking area for the public that has been consistently fully booked.

During 2024 the Branch took in 656 animals comprising of dogs, cats, rabbits and miscellaneous animals including birds, goats, pigs, ferrets and other animals and wildlife. 307 animals were rehomed. The staff and volunteers work tirelessly to care for, treat and rehabilitate the animals with the aim to rehome domestic and stock animals and to release wild animals. This meant providing proper veterinary treatment and care to prepare them for rehoming or release and working to find suitable homes to meet the needs of the domestic animals.

#### **Financial review**

##### **Principal funding resources**

The charity receives no direct financial support from the RSPCA or general funding from other sources and is responsible for raising all the operating costs of its rescue centre.

Funding comes from public donations, of which gifts in wills are a very important element and make up more than 50% of total income. Other income comes from its charity shops, rental income, commercial boarding, fund raising activities and adoption fees.

The trustees continue to review the finances and services to ensure its sustainability for the future. The Branch operates five charity shops to generate much needed funds and aims to open at least one more shop in 2025.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

The Branch will hold a range of investments with the objective of maximising the utilisation of funds. There is appetite for longer term investments if the financial position allows, but the current portfolio is based on short term, low risk investments. The Branch consults the portfolio director for advice whenever new decisions are made, and discusses with them strategies to ensure the objective of maximising fund utilisation is met.

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### Reserves policy

The charity has a reserves policy which is reviewed annually. The aim is to have unrestricted funds in reserve of at least 100% of annual costs to ensure there would be sufficient funds in hand to run the charity for a minimum of twelve months if insufficient income is forthcoming.

Expenditure is majorly focused on operational costs and on keeping the site in a safe condition. The expenditure is in line with the charity's key priorities in respect of the welfare of animals, including veterinary treatment, and ensuring there are sufficient funds to maintain a trained and motivated workforce.

### Future plans

The Branch's future plans include:

- Completing converting the charity from an unincorporated organisation to a Charity Incorporated Organisation on the first day of the new financial year, followed by a settling in period to ensure all operational effects have been accounted for and dealt with appropriately.
- Increasing sustainable income with specific targets for different income streams, supported by an expansion of financial forecasting activities with a focus towards cash flow.
- Recruiting a diverse range of new trustees to support the branch with a wide range of expertise.
- A proposed Community Hub, which will be a place to bring the community together, educated children, promote responsible pet ownership and raise awareness of the local wildlife/habitats, given the extensive residential building in the local areas.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Governing document

The charity was constituted as an unincorporated association during 2024, but will operate as a Charity Incorporated Organisation from 01/01/2025. The charity operates as an independent charity but is a federated RSPCA branch and is subject to their rules for branches.

#### Working names

Within the wider community, the RSPCA Solent Branch is also known as The Stubbington Ark.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:-

Mr D Lott – resigned 23 August 2024  
Ms S Collier  
Ms C Pope  
Ms G Dorman  
Ms B Davis  
Mr C Lee  
Ms B Harvey – resigned 18 June 2024  
Ms J Russell

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### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

A committee of trustees is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from existing members, supporters and via third party advertising.

### Organisational structure

The trustees hold formal Trustee Board meetings every two months.

Day to day operation of the Branch is delegated to the Branch Manager who is assisted by the Animal Centre Manager, Finance Manager, Fundraising Manager and Area Shop Manager.

The Branch works with RSPCA staff in other RSPCA branches in its day-to-day work and also regularly liaises with other animal charities and Local Authorities.

### Induction and training of new trustees

On becoming a trustee, the RSPCA provides an information pack and makes online training resources available.

Where appropriate, mentoring by an established trustee is used for inducting and training new trustees.

### Risk management

#### Charity risk management review – December 2024

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances. The trustees believe that monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, the trustees have established effective systems to mitigate those risks. These systems include:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Action</b>
1) Financial fraud	a) Annual independent accounts audit b) Dual authorisation for online banking and two signatures required for cheques c) Monthly reviews of financial records d) Financial authority document detailing levels of authority
2) Health and safety	a) Documented policies b) Annual insurance maintained c) Effective maintenance of equipment d) Monthly health and safety inspection at all sites e) Health and safety a primary agenda item at all Trustee Board meetings
3) Loss of trustees	a) Ongoing membership and volunteer programme
4) Loss of key members of staff	a) Effective recruitment internal and external b) Development and training of existing staff c) Opportunities for staff to cover for senior staff and /or experience different departments
5) Funds deficit	a) Annual budgets set and reviewed monthly b) Diversified sources of income c) Ongoing fundraising activities d) Reserves policy, which is reviewed annually, aims to have a minimum of 12 months reserves of funds

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report 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.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act with regards to the public benefit statement.

### Patrons

Mr Francis Benali (MBE)

Ms Jane Dunn

Ms Amanda Piper

### Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee, to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 01 / 07 / 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Mr C Lee  
Trustee

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Solent Branch ('the RSPCA Solent Branch') (the 'parent charity' and its subsidiary) for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and parent balance sheets, the consolidated and parent statements of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable group and parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the RSPCA Solent Branch in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the information and, in doing so, consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charitable group or parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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### Identifying potential risks related to irregularities

We obtained an understanding of the laws and regulations that are applicable to the charity and determined those which could reasonably be expected:

- To have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We determined that the most significant were the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102); and
- To not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. We determined that the most significant were health and safety, and employment law.
- We enquired to management as to their own assessment of risks in relation to fraud and irregularities and the internal controls they may have in place to mitigate the risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- We evaluated management's incentives and opportunity for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls).

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### Audit approach to risks identified

- We reviewed how the charity is complying with laws and regulations by making enquiries to management and senior employees. This was corroborated by review of correspondence received from regulatory bodies;
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the Charities Act and accounting standards;
- We enquired to management concerning any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or non compliance;
- We enquired whether management had any knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments to assess whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias. This included assessing the business rational of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- We communicated the risks identified and the audit approach to be taken to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above.

The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*James Todd and Co*

**James Todd & Co Limited**

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**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

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# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	2	846,827	18,000	864,827	668,717	1,893	670,610
Charitable activities	3	71,669	-	71,669	44,950	-	44,950
Other trading activities	4	614,458	-	614,458	605,615	-	605,615
Investments	5	110,861	-	110,861	80,940	-	80,940
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,643,815</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>1,661,815</u>	<u>1,400,222</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>1,402,115</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Raising funds	6	474,545	-	474,545	404,340	-	404,340
Charitable activities	7	1,128,609	7,295	1,135,904	968,921	5,261	974,182
Taxation		-	-	-	274	-	274
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,603,154</u>	<u>7,295</u>	<u>1,610,449</u>	<u>1,373,535</u>	<u>5,261</u>	<u>1,378,796</u>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		40,661	10,705	51,366	26,687	(3,368)	23,319
Transfers		<u>1,250</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>41,911</u>	<u>9,455</u>	<u>51,366</u>	<u>26,687</u>	<u>(3,368)</u>	<u>23,319</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>5,189,441</u>	<u>39,288</u>	<u>5,228,729</u>	<u>5,162,754</u>	<u>42,656</u>	<u>5,205,410</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<u><u>5,231,352</u></u>	<u><u>48,743</u></u>	<u><u>5,280,095</u></u>	<u><u>5,189,441</u></u>	<u><u>39,288</u></u>	<u><u>5,228,729</u></u>

The consolidated statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
SOLENT BRANCH**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,428,419		2,319,562
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	13	1,379,749		389,701	
Stocks	14	16,796		13,884	
Debtors	15	1,015,105		733,812	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>553,270</u>		<u>1,896,474</u>	
			2,964,920		3,033,871
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(113,244)</u>		<u>(124,704)</u>	
Net current assets			2,851,676		2,909,167
			<u>5,280,095</u>		<u>5,228,729</u>
<b>Total funds</b>					
Restricted funds	17		48,743		39,288
Unrestricted funds			5,231,352		5,189,441
			<u>5,280,095</u>		<u>5,228,729</u>

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Trustee


**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
SOLENT BRANCH**

**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,428,419		2,319,562
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	13	1,379,749		389,701	
Stocks	14	16,796		13,884	
Debtors	15	1,014,166		736,221	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>514,484</u>		<u>1,892,450</u>	
			2,925,195		3,032,256
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(92,080)</u>		<u>(129,756)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>2,833,115</u>		<u>2,902,500</u>
			<u>5,261,534</u>		<u>5,222,062</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted funds	17		48,743		39,288
Unrestricted funds			5,212,791		5,182,774
			<u>5,261,534</u>		<u>5,222,062</u>

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# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Cash generated from operations		(313,475)		(22,824)
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(150,540)		(326,164)	
Investments made	(990,050)		(389,701)	
Investment income received	<u>110,861</u>		<u>80,940</u>	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(1,029,729)</u>		<u>(634,925)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u>(1,343,204)</u>		<u>(657,749)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<u>1,896,474</u>		<u>2,554,223</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<u><u>553,270</u></u>		<u><u>1,896,474</u></u>

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

#### 1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Surplus for the year:</b>	51,366	23,319
Depreciation charges	41,683	29,727
Dividends and interest from investments	(110,681)	(80,940)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(400)
Taxation	-	274
(Increase) in stock	(2,912)	(1,695)
(Increase) in debtors	(281,293)	(6,038)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	<u>(11,638)</u>	<u>12,803</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u><u>(313,475)</u></u>	<u><u>(22,824)</u></u>

#### 2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	1 January 2024	Cash flows	31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,896,474</u>	<u>(1,343,204)</u>	<u>553,270</u>
	<u>1,896,474</u>	<u>(1,343,204)</u>	<u>553,270</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## PARENT CHARITY CASH FLOW ACTIVITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations			(348,237)		(26,848)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(150,540)		(326,164)	
Investments made		(990,050)		(389,701)	
Investment income received		<u>110,861</u>		<u>80,940</u>	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			<u>(1,029,729)</u>		<u>(634,925)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			<u>(1,377,966)</u>		<u>(661,773)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>			<u>1,892,450</u>		<u>2,554,223</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u><u>514,484</u></u>		<u><u>1,892,450</u></u>

## NOTES TO PARENT CHARITY CASH FLOW STATEMENT

### 1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	39,472	17,008
Depreciation charges	41,683	29,727
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(400)
Taxation	-	274
Investment income recognised	(110,681)	(80,940)
(Increase) in stock	(2,912)	(1,695)
(Increase) in debtors	(277,945)	(8,447)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(37,675)</u>	<u>17,855</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u><u>(348,237)</u></u>	<u><u>(26,848)</u></u>

### 2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	1 January 2024	Cash flows	31 December 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,892,450</u>	<u>(1,377,966)</u>	<u>514,484</u>
	<u>1,892,450</u>	<u>(1,377,966)</u>	<u>514,484</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

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 with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true & view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities applying for FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RSPCA Solent Branch.

##### 1.2 Charitable funds

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.

##### 1.3 Income

Donation and collection income is included in the accounts when they are received or when it becomes reasonably certain that it will be received, and the value of the incoming resource can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash, or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable, unless the asset has been fully purchased then the income is deferred.

Incoming resources from charitable activities are recognised on the accruals basis and are included net of any VAT that has been charged.

Rents received are measured on an accrual basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1.4 Donated goods

Goods donated for resale by the charity's shops are recognised when they are sold on the basis that it is not practical to measure the fair value of goods donated at the time of donation.

Goods and services donated to the charity for its own use are not recognised in the financial statements as it is not practical to do so and the cost outweighs the benefit. The income recognised from such donations would be offset by an equivalent cost, with net zero impact on the financial statements.

#### 1.5 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.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost. Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. When the asset is received by way of donation, it is recorded at its market value on the date of donation.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold land	not depreciated
Buildings	straight line over 50 years
Plant and machinery	straight line over 3 to 5 years
Motor vehicles	straight line over 5 years

Freehold land and assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

#### 1.7 Investments

Investments are included at cost less impairment.

#### 1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1.9 Basic financial assets

##### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### 1.10 Basic financial liabilities

##### 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### 1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Corporation tax is payable on trading activities.

#### 1.12 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.

#### 1.13 Irrecoverable VAT

Due to the nature of the charity's activities, not all VAT is recoverable as input tax cannot be attributed directly to taxable or exempt supplies. A quarterly partial exemption calculation is completed for the irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.14 Volunteers

In accordance with the charities SORP (FRS102), general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. There are a number of regular volunteers as well as many more who volunteer casually and sometimes for specific fundraising events. Further details on volunteering opportunities are set out in the trustees' report.

#### 1.15 Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no accounting estimates that are considered to have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### 1.16 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 2. Donations and legacies

	Total funds	Total funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	222,830	154,075
Legacies receivable	593,191	501,616
RSPCA grant	25,000	10,000
Other	23,806	4,919
	<u>864,827</u>	<u>670,610</u>

#### 3. Charitable activities

	Animal welfare 2024	Animal welfare 2023
	£	£
Animal adoption fees	26,461	23,079
Boarding fees and police fees	39,632	17,736
Vet fees	5,576	4,135
	<u>71,669</u>	<u>44,950</u>

#### 4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Commercial boarding	139,866	-	139,866	140,790	-	140,790
Fundraising events	32,631	-	32,631	32,091	-	32,091
Shop income	441,961	-	441,961	432,734	-	432,734
<b>Total income</b>	<u>614,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>614,458</u>	<u>605,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605,615</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. Investments	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Rental income	37,140	42,310
Interest receivable	<u>73,721</u>	<u>38,630</u>
	<u>110,861</u>	<u>80,940</u>
6. Expenditure on raising funds Costs of raising voluntary income	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Costs of raising voluntary income – staff costs	77,950	38,290
Direct costs of fundraising activities	6,207	9,699
Staff costs	167,111	142,867
Goods for resale	754	1,388
Rent, rates, water and power	100,070	105,801
Insurance	1,774	2,323
Stationery, postage and telephone	2,460	2,034
Motor expenses and travel	-	555
Maintenance and repairs	16,046	3,554
Refuse collection	6,046	5,655
Bank and credit charges	7,482	8,111
Cleaning	941	929
Advertising	617	100
Miscellaneous expenses	9,373	5,270
Legacy admin fees	8,648	20,213
Allocated centrally incurred support and governance costs	69,066	56,921
	<u>474,545</u>	<u>404,340</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 7. Charitable activities

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	707,761	588,128
Depreciation and impairment	41,683	29,727
Veterinary fees	45,037	55,831
Food	9,733	9,324
Rent, rates, water and power	76,446	96,505
Stationery, postage and telephone	2,461	1,446
Motor expenses and travel	3,297	5,378
Maintenance and repairs	54,732	37,607
Refuse collection	15,851	14,480
Cleaning	12,325	12,706
Clothing	1,142	1,484
Miscellaneous	3,197	1,041
Partial exemption adjustment	3,485	(34,446)
Professional fees	-	22,556
Loss/(profit) on disposal of assets	-	(400)
	<u>977,150</u>	<u>841,367</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	158,754	132,815
	<u>1,135,904</u>	<u>974,182</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,128,609	968,921
Restricted funds	<u>7,295</u>	<u>5,261</u>
	<u>1,135,904</u>	<u>974,182</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 8. Support costs

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	147,174	-	147,174	136,340
Insurance	4,205	-	4,205	4,010
Motor expenses and travel	-	-	-	429
Telephone, postage and stationery	7,033	-	7,033	8,241
Auditors remuneration	10,136	-	10,136	11,080
Bookkeeping	5,023	-	5,023	4,145
Legal and professional fees	15,036	-	15,036	4,857
Repairs and maintenance	37,635	-	37,635	17,337
Miscellaneous expenses	1,578	-	1,578	3,297
	<u>227,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,820</u>	<u>189,736</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>				
Fundraising			69,066	56,921
Animal welfare			158,754	132,815
			<u>227,820</u>	<u>189,736</u>

#### 9. Trustees

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

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### 10. Employees

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,038,120	837,008	1,038,120	837,008
Social security costs	48,973	52,967	48,973	52,967
Other pension costs	12,913	16,031	12,913	16,031
	<u>1,100,006</u>	<u>906,006</u>	<u>1,100,006</u>	<u>906,006</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	<u>49</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>39</u>

#### Defined contribution pension

The amount charged to the statement of financial activities as an expense in the year was £12,913 (2023: £16,032).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

#### 12. Tangible fixed assets – Group and Charity

	Freehold building & land £	Buildings under construction £	Plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	1,670,905	729,678	243,369	24,357	2,668,309
Additions	-	78,838	71,702	-	150,540
Transfer	808,516	(806,516)	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,479,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>315,071</u>	<u>24,357</u>	<u>2,818,849</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2024	126,956	-	207,765	14,026	348,747
Depreciation charged in the year	21,260	-	17,893	2,530	41,683
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>148,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,658</u>	<u>16,556</u>	<u>390,430</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,331,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,413</u>	<u>7,801</u>	<u>2,428,419</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,543,949</u>	<u>729,678</u>	<u>35,604</u>	<u>10,331</u>	<u>2,319,562</u>

Under the rules of the society, the title to freehold land owned by the branch is vested in the headquarters of the society.

#### 13. Current asset investments

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Unlisted investments	1,379,479	389,701	1,379,479	389,701

#### 14. Stock

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Medical goods and stock	16,796	13,884	16,796	13,884

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 15. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	66,994	12,407	66,749	12,407
Legacy debtors	728,900	546,704	728,900	546,704
Other debtors	73,945	18,802	73,251	18,843
VAT	136,807	144,574	136,807	146,942
Prepayments and accrued income	8,459	11,325	8,459	11,325
	<u>1,015,105</u>	<u>733,812</u>	<u>1,014,166</u>	<u>736,221</u>

There were no debtors due after more than one year.

#### 16. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	18,138	12,842	18,138	12,842
Other creditors	-	2,035	3,317	-
Trade creditors	11,039	27,419	11,039	50,506
Accruals and deferred income	84,067	82,408	59,586	66,408
	<u>132,244</u>	<u>124,704</u>	<u>92,080</u>	<u>129,756</u>

There were no creditors due after more than one year.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 17. Movement in funds - Group

	At 01/01/24 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	5,189,441	1,643,815	(1,603,154)	1,250	5,231,352
	<u>5,189,441</u>	<u>1,643,815</u>	<u>(1,603,154)</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>5,231,352</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,568	-	-	-	3,568
F block fund	4,804	-	(148)	-	4,656
Cat fund – Brooks	4,130	2,000	(2,147)	-	3,983
Moose fund	891	-	-	-	891
Fur and feathers	1,002	-	-	-	1,002
Kennels (A block)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Misc project fund	-	11,000	-	(1,250)	9,750
	<u>39,288</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>(7,295)</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>48,743</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,228,729</u>	<u>1,661,815</u>	<u>(1,610,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,280,095</u>
<b>Comparative movement in funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	5,162,754	1,400,222	(1,373,535)	-	5,189,441
	<u>5,162,754</u>	<u>1,400,222</u>	<u>(1,373,535)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,189,441</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,568	-	-	-	3,568
F block fund	9,648	-	(4,844)	-	4,804
Cat fund – Brooks	4,547	-	(417)	-	4,130
Moose fund	-	891	-	-	891
Fur and Feathers	-	1,002	-	-	1,002
	<u>42,656</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>(5,261)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,288</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,205,410</u>	<u>1,402,115</u>	<u>(1,378,796)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,228,729</u>

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#### 17. Movement in funds - Charity

£	At 01/01/24 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	5,182,774	1,629,025	(1,600,258)	1,250	5,212,791
	<u>5,182,774</u>	<u>1,629,025</u>	<u>(1,600,258)</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>5,212,791</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,568	-	-	-	3,568
F block fund	4,804	-	(148)	-	4,656
Cat fund – Brooks	4,130	2,000	(2,147)	-	3,983
Moose fund	891	-	-	-	891
Fur and Feathers	1,002	-	-	-	1,002
Kennels (A block)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Misc project fund	-	11,000	-	(1,250)	9,750
	<u>39,288</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>(7,295)</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>48,743</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,222,062</u>	<u>1,647,025</u>	<u>(1,607,553)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,261,534</u>
<b>Comparative movement in funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	5,162,754	1,334,089	(1,314,069)	-	5,182,774
	<u>5,162,754</u>	<u>1,334,089</u>	<u>(1,314,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,182,774</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,568	-	-	-	3,568
F block fund	9,648	-	-	-	4,804
Cat fund – Brooks	4,457	-	-	-	4,130
Moose fund	-	891	(4,844)	-	891
Fur and Feathers	-	1,002	(417)	-	1,002
	<u>42,656</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>(5,261)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,288</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,205,410</u>	<u>1,335,982</u>	<u>(1,319,330)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,222,062</u>

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#### Pond fund

A restricted fund was created as a result of a donation to be used for the creation and landscaping of a new pond at the animal shelter. This work commenced in the year ended 31 December 2012.

#### Case Dog, F Block funds, Kennels (A block)

These funds were created by companies or individuals sponsoring a redevelopment of an area of The Ark.

#### Maintenance fund

The fund has been created for general maintenance needed at the Stubbington Ark.

#### Moose fund

This fund has been set up to help any potential adopter of Moose the dog with the cost of having a second cruciate ligament repair as this is likely to be needed.

#### Fur and Feathers

This fund is to raise money to replace all the small animal sheds and upgrade the accommodation.

#### Accumulated shelter fund

General repairs and maintenance of the animal shelters.

#### Misc project funds

This is for the building and maintenance of misc animals (small animals such as hamsters, guinea pigs etc)

#### 18. Analysis of net assets between funds – Group

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed assets	2,428,419	-	2,428,419	2,319,562
Current assets	2,916,177	48,743	2,964,920	3,033,871
Current liabilities	(113,244)	-	(113,244)	(124,704)
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>5,231,352</u></b>	<b><u>48,743</u></b>	<b><u>5,280,095</u></b>	<b><u>5,228,729</u></b>

#### Analysis of net assets between funds – Charity

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed assets	2,428,419	-	2,428,419	2,319,562
Current assets	2,876,452	48,743	2,925,195	3,032,256
Current liabilities	(92,080)	-	(92,080)	(129,756)
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>5,212,791</u></b>	<b><u>48,743</u></b>	<b><u>5,261,534</u></b>	<b><u>5,222,062</u></b>

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#### 19. Operating lease commitments

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	69,125	43,750	69,125	43,750
Between two and five years	228,355	167,188	228,355	167,188
In over five years	<u>80,933</u>	<u>4,167</u>	<u>80,933</u>	<u>4,167</u>
	<u>378,413</u>	<u>215,105</u>	<u>378,413</u>	<u>215,105</u>

#### 20. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023:None).

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# Accounts

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr D Lott Ms G Dorman Ms B Davis Ms S Collier Ms C Pope Ms B Harvey Ms J Russell Mr C Lee
<b>Charity number</b>	205096
<b>Principal address</b>	174-176 Ranvilles Lane Stubbington Fareham Hampshire PO14 3EZ
<b>Auditor</b>	Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor 24 Landport Terrace Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 2RG
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 272 London Road Waterlooville Hampshire PO7 7HN
<b>Solicitors</b>	Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP 4 More London Riverside London SE1 2AU

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

#### **Legal constitution**

The charity is a separate registered unincorporated charitable association but forming part of the RSPCA federated organisation. The charity is governed in accordance with the RSPCA Branch Rules of 2012, with any subsequent minor rule changes amended by the RSPCA National Society allowed for under the RSPCA Branch Rules 2012, subject to the changes being registered with the Charity Commission.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The RSPCA Solent Branch (the Branch) carries out its animal welfare work throughout 400 square miles of Hampshire. The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the RSPCA with particular reference to the area of the Branch in accordance with the policies of the RSPCA.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of its activities and objectives for the year to ensure the charity remains focused on its charitable aims and to continue to deliver benefits to the public. The charity has complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. Legislation and the Animal Welfare Act indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits the society at large and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All the Branch's charitable activities focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for public benefit.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### **Public benefit**

The Branch operates a 9-acre animal rescue centre which rescues hundreds of animals every year including domestic, stock and wildlife. The Branch supports RSPCA Inspectors and local authority dog wardens by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned dogs, other domestic and stock animals, including pets whose owners suffer with ill health, financial difficulties or pass away. The Branch also takes in and treats injured wildlife.

The RSPCA Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces legislation against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. The Branch assists by accommodating Inspectorate seized case animals pending prosecution. This work is key to the prevention or suppression of cruelty as part of the RSPCA's objectives which promotes humane sentiments towards animals and involves moral benefit to human kind.

Animals in Branch care receive, as appropriate, veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering and micro-chipping by the Branch in-house veterinary team. Since Covid, many more dogs being rescued have behaviour issues which means they are in the animal centre for a longer period before being available for adoption. To provide the behaviour training prior to rehoming, the Branch employs two Animal Behaviourists and an Animal Trainer which give the dogs a greater chance of finding their forever homes.

The Branch rehomes animals at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Whilst the trustees recognise companion animals provide measurable benefits to a person's physical and mental health, the trustees consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of the Branch which is to reduce animal suffering. The Branch charges a reasonable adoption fee for animals which aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of the animals and would fall outside the charity's objects, to rehome to persons who could not afford to properly care for the animal.

The Branch takes in, free of charge, lost animals and attempts to reunite them with their owners. This work benefits the local community, including Local Authorities, by preventing animals straying and posing a risk.

The Branch responds to enquiries, both direct and via the RSPCA call centre, from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing the Branch can intervene to help animals in need.

The Branch provides a range of volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support the work of the Branch, including trusteeship, fostering animals, assisting in the cattery, kennels and working with other types of animals, dog walking, administration, gardening, fundraising and working in the Branch's charity shops. The Branch also works with companies to give their employees the opportunity to volunteer. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding and giving something back to society.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### **Achievements and performance**

In June 2024 the Branch's new state-of-the-art cattery is due to open to deliver excellent care for cats into the future.

In 2023 the Branch strengthened its team with the appointment of a Fundraising & Marketing Manager, a Finance Manager, a Finance Assistant and an Animal Journey Co-ordinator.

The Branch implemented the Animal Shelter database to modernise all animal data records and for the efficient management of data relating to animals that come into the charity's care.

The Branch held two successful fairs and a dinner dance during 2023, raising much needed funds for the charity and increasing public awareness of its work.

To raise additional funds for the charity, the Branch operates a successful commercial cat, dog and rabbit boarding operation and in 2024 will open a commercial off-lead dog walking area for the public.

During 2023 the Branch took in nearly 700 animals comprising of dogs, cats, rabbits and miscellaneous animals including birds, goats, pigs, ferrets and other animals and wildlife. The staff and volunteers work tirelessly to care for, treat and rehabilitate the animals with the aim to rehome domestic and stock animals and to release wild animals. This meant providing proper veterinary treatment and care to prepare them for rehoming or release and working to find suitable homes to meet the needs of the domestic animals.

#### **Financial review**

##### **Principal funding resources**

The charity receives no direct financial support from the RSPCA or general funding from other sources and is responsible for raising all the operating costs of its rescue centre.

Funding comes from public donations, of which gifts in wills are a very important element. Other income comes from its charity shops, rental income, commercial boarding, fund raising activities and adoption fees.

The trustees continue to review the finances and services to ensure its sustainability for the future. The Branch operates four charity shops and an online shop to generate much needed funds and aims to open two more shops in 2024.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

The Branch will only hold investments in secure low risk funds and will seek the advice of financial advisors.

##### **Reserves policy**

The charity has a reserves policy which is reviewed annually. The aim is to have unrestricted funds in reserve of at least 100% of annual costs to ensure there would be sufficient funds in hand to run the charity for a minimum of twelve months if insufficient income is forthcoming.

The expenditure is in line with the charity's key priorities in respect of the welfare of animals, including veterinary treatment, and ensuring there are sufficient funds to maintain a trained and motivated workforce.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### **Future plans**

The Branch's future plans include:

- The completion of converting the charity from an unincorporated organisation to a Charity Incorporated Organisation by the end of 2024.
- Completion of the build and opening of the new cattery by June 2024.
- Opening a commercial off-lead dog walking area.
- To increase sustainable income with a target of opening up to four new shops within two years.
- To acquire three cargo containers adapted for the miscellaneous animal area, providing appropriate accommodation for animals such as ferrets, mice, rats etc.
- Continue to boost relationships with commercial organisations to raise awareness of the Animal Centre and its activities and animal welfare messages.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an independent charity but is a federated RSPCA branch and is subject to their rules for branches.

##### **Working names**

Within the wider community, the RSPCA Solent Branch is also known as The Stubbington Ark.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:-

Mr D Lott

Ms S Collier

Ms C Pope

Ms G Dorman

Ms L Amies - resigned 27 June 2023

Ms B Davis

Mr C Lee – appointed 27 June 2023

Ms B Harvey – appointed 17 January 2023 – resigned 18 June 2024

Ms J Russell – appointed 17 January 2023

Mr S Jones – appointed 16 February 2023 – resigned 27 June 2023

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

A committee of trustees is elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from existing members, supporters and via third party advertising.

##### **Organisational structure**

The trustees hold formal Trustee Board meetings every two months.

Day to day operation of the Branch is delegated to the Branch Manager who is assisted by the Animal Centre Manager, Finance Manager, Fundraising manager and Area Shop Manager.

The Branch works with RSPCA staff in other RSPCA branches in its day-to-day work and also regularly liaises with other animal charities and Local Authorities.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

On becoming a trustee, the RSPCA provide an information pack and makes on-line training courses available.

Where appropriate, mentoring by an established trustee is used for inducting and training new trustees.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Risk management

#### Charity risk management review – December 2023

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances. The trustees believe that monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, the trustees have established effective systems to mitigate those risks. These systems include:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Action</b>
1) Financial fraud	a) Annual independent accounts audit b) Dual authorisation for online banking and two signatures required for cheques c) Monthly reviews of financial records d) Financial authority document detailing levels of authority
2) Health and safety	a) Documented policies b) Annual insurance maintained c) Effective maintenance of equipment d) Monthly health and safety inspection at all sites e) Health and safety a primary agenda item at all Trustee Board meetings
3) Loss of trustees	a) Ongoing membership and volunteer programme
4) Loss of key members of staff	a) Effective recruitment internal and external b) Development and training of existing staff c) Opportunities for staff to cover for senior staff and /or experience different departments
5) Funds deficit	a) Annual budgets set and reviewed monthly b) Diversified sources of income c) Ongoing fundraising activities d) Reserves policy, which is reviewed annually, aims to have a minimum of 12 months reserves of funds

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report 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.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act with regards to the public benefit statement.

### Auditor

In accordance with the charity's articles, a resolution proposing that Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the charity will be put at a General Meeting.

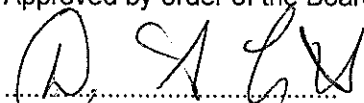
### Patrons

Mr Francis Benali MBE  
Mr Amanda Piper  
Mr Ricky Martin

### Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee, to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 18-06-24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr D Lott  
Trustee

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Solent Branch ('the RSPCA Solent Branch') (the 'parent charity' and its subsidiary) for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and parent balance sheets, the consolidated and parent statements of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable group and parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the RSPCA Solent Branch in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the information and, in doing so, consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charitable group or parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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### Identifying potential risks related to irregularities

We obtained an understanding of the laws and regulations that are applicable to the charity and determined those which could reasonably be expected:

- To have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We determined that the most significant were the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102); and
- To not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. We determined that the most significant were health and safety, and employment law.
- We enquired to management as to their own assessment of risks in relation to fraud and irregularities and the internal controls they may have in place to mitigate the risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- We evaluated management's incentives and opportunity for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls).

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### **Audit approach to risks identified**

- We reviewed how the charity is complying with laws and regulations by making enquiries to management and senior employees. This was corroborated by review of correspondence received from regulatory bodies;
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the Charities Act and accounting standards;
- We enquired to management concerning any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or non compliance;
- We enquired whether management had any knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments to assess whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias. This included assessing the business rational of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- We communicated the risks identified and the audit approach to be taken to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above.

The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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SOLENT BRANCH**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED)  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO  
ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants**

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Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants is eligible for appointment as auditor of the RSPCA Solent Branch by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	2	668,717	1,893	670,610	1,206,892	-	1,206,892
Charitable activities	3	44,950	-	44,950	67,967	-	67,967
Other trading activities	4	605,615	-	605,615	581,283	21,125	602,408
Investments	5	80,940	-	80,940	43,147	-	43,147
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,400,222</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>1,402,115</b>	<b>1,899,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,920,414</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Raising funds	6	404,340	-	404,340	308,390	-	308,390
Charitable activities	7	968,921	5,261	974,182	958,638	210	958,848
Taxation		274	-	274	5,000	-	5,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,373,535</b>	<b>5,261</b>	<b>1,378,796</b>	<b>1,272,028</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,272,238</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>26,687</b>	<b>(3,368)</b>	<b>23,319</b>	<b>627,261</b>	<b>20,915</b>	<b>648,176</b>
Transfers		-	-	-	238,988	(238,988)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>26,687</b>	<b>(3,368)</b>	<b>23,319</b>	<b>866,249</b>	<b>(218,073)</b>	<b>648,176</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		5,162,754	42,656	5,205,410	4,296,505	260,279	4,557,234
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>5,189,441</b>	<b>39,288</b>	<b>5,228,729</b>	<b>5,162,754</b>	<b>42,656</b>	<b>5,205,410</b>

The consolidated statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

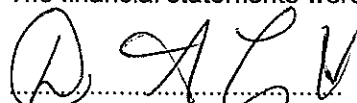
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## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,319,562		2,023,125
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments		389,701		-	
Stocks	13	13,884		12,189	
Debtors	14	733,812		727,774	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,896,474</u>		<u>2,554,223</u>	
		3,033,871		3,294,186	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(124,704)</u>		<u>(111,901)</u>	
Net current assets			2,909,167		3,182,285
			<u>5,228,729</u>		<u>5,205,410</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		39,288		42,656
Unrestricted funds			5,189,441		5,162,754
			<u>5,228,729</u>		<u>5,205,410</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18-06-24

  
Mr D Lott  
Trustee

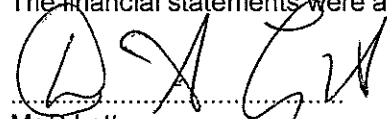
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**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,319,562		2,023,125
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments		389,701		-	
Stocks	13	13,884		12,189	
Debtors	14	736,221		727,774	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,892,450</u>		<u>2,554,223</u>	
		3,032,256		3,294,186	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(129,756)</u>		<u>(111,901)</u>	
Net current assets			2,902,500		3,182,285
			<u>5,222,062</u>		<u>5,205,410</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		39,288		42,656
Unrestricted funds			5,182,774		5,162,754
			<u>5,222,062</u>		<u>5,205,410</u>

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# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	20		(22,824)		1,120,148
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(326,164)		(400,044)	
Investments made		(389,701)		-	
Investment income received		80,940		43,147	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			<b>(634,925)</b>		<b>(356,897)</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			<b>(657,749)</b>		<b>763,251</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>			<b>2,554,223</b>		<b>1,790,972</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<b>2,286,175</b>		<b>2,554,233</b>

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

#### 1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Surplus for the year:</b>	23,319	648,176
Depreciation charges	29,727	101,577
Dividends and interest from investments	(80,940)	(43,147)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(400)	87,888
Taxation	274	5,000
Decrease/(increase) in stock	(1,695)	(786)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(6,038)	332,820
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	12,803	(11,380)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(22,824)</b>	<b>1,120,148</b>

#### 2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	2023	Cash flows	2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,896,474	(657,749)	2,554,223
	<u>1,896,474</u>	<u>(657,749)</u>	<u>2,554,223</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## PARENT CHARITY CASH FLOW ACTIVITIES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	20		(26,848)		1,120,148
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(326,164)		(400,044)	
Investments made		(389,701)		-	
Investment income received		<u>80,940</u>		<u>43,147</u>	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			<u>(634,925)</u>		<u>(356,897)</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(661,773)		763,251
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>			<u>2,554,223</u>		<u>1,790,972</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>1,892,450</u>		<u>2,554,223</u>

## NOTES TO PARENT CHARITY CASH FLOW STATEMENT

### 1 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	17,008	648,176
Depreciation charges	29,727	101,577
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(400)	87,888
Taxation	274	5,000
Investment income recognised	(80,940)	(43,147)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	(1,695)	(786)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(8,447)	332,820
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>17,855</u>	<u>(11,380)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>(26,848)</u>	<u>1,120,148</u>

### 2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	2023	Cash flows	2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,892,450	(661,773)	2,554,223
	<u>1,892,450</u>	<u>(661,773)</u>	<u>2,554,223</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

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 with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true & view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities applying for FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RSPCA Solent Branch.

##### 1.2 Charitable funds

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.

##### 1.3 Income

Donation and collection income is included in the accounts when they are received or when it becomes reasonably certain that it will be received, and the value of the incoming resource can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash, or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable, unless the asset has been fully purchased then the income is deferred.

Incoming resources from charitable activities are recognised on the accruals basis and are included net of any VAT that has been charged.

Rents received are measured on an accrual basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid by the bank.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1.4 Donated goods

Goods donated for resale by the charity's shops are recognised when they are sold on the basis that it is not practical to measure the fair value of goods donated at the time of donation.

Goods and services donated to the charity for its own use are not recognised in the financial statements as it is not practical to do so and the cost outweighs the benefit. The income recognised from such donations would be offset by an equivalent cost, with net zero impact on the financial statements.

#### 1.5 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.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost. Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. When the asset is received by way of donation, it is recorded at its market value on the date of donation.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold land	not depreciated
Buildings	straight line over 50 years
Plant and machinery	straight line over 3 to 5 years
Motor vehicles	straight line over 5 years

Freehold land and assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

At 31 December 2022 the trustees changed the method of depreciating buildings, motor vehicles and plant and equipment to 50 years (previously 100 years) straight line for buildings and 3 to 5 years straight line for motor vehicles and plant and equipment (previously 15% and 25% reducing balance) as these revised methods better reflect the charity's consumption of assets over their useful lives.

The change in depreciation method is a change in accounting estimate and was accounted for in the year ended 31 December 2022 to bring the remaining useful lives in line with the new policy.

#### 1.7 Investments

Investments are included at cost less impairment.

#### 1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1.9 Basic financial assets

##### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### 1.10 Basic financial liabilities

##### 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### 1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Corporation tax is payable on trading activities.

#### 1.12 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.

#### 1.13 Irrecoverable VAT

Due to the nature of the charity's activities, not all VAT is recoverable as input tax cannot be attributed directly to taxable or exempt supplies. A quarterly partial exemption calculation is completed for the irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.14 Volunteers

In accordance with the charities SORP (FRS102), general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. There are a number of regular volunteers as well as many more who volunteer casually and sometimes for specific fundraising events. Further details on volunteering opportunities are set out in the trustees' report.

#### 1.15 Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no accounting estimates that are considered to have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### 1.16 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	154,075	72,326
Legacies receivable	501,616	1,121,973
RSPCA grant	10,000	10,000
Other	4,919	2,593
	<u>670,610</u>	<u>1,206,892</u>

There are no conditions attached to the grants received in the year and preceeding year.

#### 3. Charitable activities

	Animal welfare 2023	Animal welfare 2022
	£	£
Animal adoption fees	23,079	27,061
Boarding fees and police fees	17,736	33,589
Vet fees	4,135	7,317
	<u>44,950</u>	<u>67,967</u>

#### 4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Commercial boarding	140,790	-	140,790	121,342	-	121,342
Fundraising events	32,091	-	32,091	66,401	21,125	87,526
Shop income	432,734	-	432,734	393,540	-	393,540
<b>Total income</b>	<u>605,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605,615</u>	<u>581,283</u>	<u>21,125</u>	<u>602,408</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**5. Investments**

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Rental income	42,310	41,790
Interest receivable	<u>38,630</u>	<u>1,357</u>
	<u>80,940</u>	<u>43,147</u>

**6. Expenditure on raising funds  
Costs of raising voluntary income**

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Costs of raising voluntary income – staff costs	38,920	29,544
Direct costs of fundraising activities	9,699	1,972
Staff costs	142,867	129,578
Goods for resale	1,388	581
Rent, rates, water and power	105,801	98,639
Insurance	2,323	1,688
Stationery, postage and telephone	2,034	2,095
Motor expenses and travel	555	1,088
Maintenance and repairs	3,554	3,584
Refuse collection	5,655	6,710
Bank and credit charges	8,111	3,892
Cleaning	929	768
Advertising	100	364
Miscellaneous expenses	5,270	804
Legacy admin fees	20,213	-
Allocated centrally incurred support and governance costs	56,921	27,083
	<u>404,340</u>	<u>308,390</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**7. Charitable activities**

	Animal welfare 2023 £	Animal welfare 2022 £ Restated
Staff costs	588,128	461,686
Depreciation and impairment	29,727	101,577
Veterinary fees	55,831	25,618
Food	9,324	6,008
Rent, rates, water and power	96,505	80,136
Insurance	-	(1,376)
Stationery, postage and telephone	1,446	1,659
Motor expenses and travel	5,378	856
Maintenance and repairs	37,607	27,853
Refuse collection	14,480	12,818
Cleaning	12,706	7,649
Clothing	1,484	2,646
Miscellaneous	1,041	10,931
Partial exemption adjustment	(34,446)	19,847
Professional fees	22,556	-
Staff fundraising costs	-	1,135
Loss/(profit) on disposal of assets	(400)	87,888
Bad debts written off	-	1,044
	<u>841,367</u>	<u>850,515</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	132,815	108,333
	<u>974,182</u>	<u>958,848</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	968,921	958,638
Restricted funds	<u>5,261</u>	<u>210</u>
	<u>974,182</u>	<u>958,848</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**8. Support costs**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	136,340	-	136,340	80,783
Insurance	4,010	-	4,010	3,337
Motor expenses and travel	429	-	429	3,158
Telephone, postage and stationery	8,241	-	8,241	3,346
Auditors remuneration	11,080	-	11,080	6,488
Bookkeeping	4,145	-	4,145	-
Legal and professional fees	4,857	-	27,413	1,564
Repairs and maintenance	17,337	-	17,337	3,298
Miscellaneous expenses	3,297	-	3,297	6,359
	<u>189,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>212,292</u>	<u>108,333</u>

**9. Trustees**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**10. Employees**

	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	837,008	682,079	837,008	682,079
Social security costs	52,967	27,351	52,967	27,351
Other pension costs	16,031	11,738	16,031	11,738
	<u>906,006</u>	<u>721,168</u>	<u>906,006</u>	<u>721,168</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>

**Defined contribution pension**

The amount charged to the statement of financial activities as an expense in the year was £16,032 (2022: £11,378).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

#### 12. Tangible fixed assets – Group and Company

	Freehold building & land £	Buildings under construction £	Plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2023	1,670,905	448,650	210,883	14,060	2,344,498
Additions	-	281,028	32,486	12,650	326,164
Disposals	-	-	-	(2,353)	(2,353)
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,670,905</u>	<u>729,678</u>	<u>243,369</u>	<u>24,357</u>	<u>2,668,309</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2023	111,086	-	196,227	14,060	321,373
Depreciation charged in the year	15,870	-	11,538	2,319	29,727
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(2,353)	(2,353)
At 31 December 2023	<u>126,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,765</u>	<u>14,026</u>	<u>348,747</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,543,949</u>	<u>729,678</u>	<u>35,604</u>	<u>10,331</u>	<u>2,319,562</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,559,819</u>	<u>448,650</u>	<u>14,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023,125</u>

#### 12. Tangible fixed assets - continued

Under the rules of the society, the title to freehold land owned by the branch is vested in the headquarters of the society.

#### 13. Stock

	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Medical goods and stock	13,884	12,189	13,884	12,189

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**14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	12,407	3,166	12,407	3,166
Legacy debtors	546,704	623,288	546,704	623,288
Other debtors	18,802	7,289	18,843	7,289
VAT	144,574	80,000	146,942	80,000
Prepayments and accrued income	11,325	14,031	11,325	14,031
	<u>733,812</u>	<u>727,774</u>	<u>736,221</u>	<u>727,774</u>

There were no debtors due after more than one year.

**16. Creditors: amounts due within one year**

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Other taxation and social security	12,842	4,789	12,842	4,789
Other creditors	2,035	-	-	-
Trade creditors	27,419	79,677	50,506	79,677
Accruals and deferred income	82,408	22,435	66,408	22,435
Corporation tax		5,000	-	5,000
	<u>124,704</u>	<u>111,091</u>	<u>129,756</u>	<u>111,091</u>

There were no creditors due after more than one year.

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**17. Movement in funds - Group**

£	At 01/01/23 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	5,162,754	1,400,222	(1,373,535)	-	5,189,441
	<u>5,162,754</u>	<u>1,400,222</u>	<u>(1,373,535)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,189,441</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,568	-	-	-	3,568
F block fund	9,648	-	(4,844)	-	4,804
Cat fund – Brooks	4,547	-	(417)	-	4,130
Moose fund	-	891	-	-	891
Fur and feathers	-	1,002	-	-	1,002
	<u>42,656</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>(5,261)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,288</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,205,410</u>	<u>1,402,115</u>	<u>(1,378,796)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,228,729</u>
<b>Comparative movement in funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	4,035,682	1,899,289	(1,272,028)	499,811	5,162,754
Designated fund					
- <b>Cattery fund</b>	160,823	-	-	(160,823)	-
Designated fund					
- <b>Maintenance fund</b>	100,000	-	-	(100,000)	-
	<u>4,296,505</u>	<u>1,889,289</u>	<u>(1,272,028)</u>	<u>238,988</u>	<u>5,162,754</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Cattery fund	223,988	15,000	-	(238,988)	-
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,778	-	(210)	-	3,568
F block fund	8,070	1,578	-	-	9,648
Cat fund – Brooks	-	4,547	-	-	4,547
	<u>260,729</u>	<u>21,125</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>(238,988)</u>	<u>42,656</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>4,557,234</u>	<u>1,920,414</u>	<u>(1,272,238)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,205,410</u>

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**18. Movement in funds - Charity**

£	At 01/01/23 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	<u>5,162,754</u>	<u>1,334,089</u>	<u>(1,314,069)</u>	-	<u>5,182,774</u>
	<u>5,162,754</u>				<u>5,182,774</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,568	-	-	-	3,568
F block fund	9,648	-	(4,844)	-	4,804
Cat fund – Brooks	4,547	-	(417)	-	4,130
Moose fund	-	891	-	-	891
Fur and Feathers	-	<u>1,002</u>	-	-	<u>1,002</u>
	<u>42,656</u>	<u>1,893</u>	<u>(5,261)</u>	-	<u>39,288</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>5,205,410</u></u>	<u><u>1,335,982</u></u>	<u><u>(1,319,330)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>5,222,062</u></u>
<b>Comparative movement in funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	4,035,682	1,899,289	(1,272,028)	499,811	5,162,754
Designated fund - <b>Cattery fund</b>	160,823	-	-	(160,823)	-
Designated fund - <b>Maintenance fund</b>	<u>100,000</u>	-	-	<u>(100,000)</u>	-
	<u>4,296,505</u>	<u>1,899,289</u>	<u>(1,272,028)</u>	<u>238,988</u>	<u>5,162,754</u>
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Cattery fund	223,988	15,000	-	(238,988)	-
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	<u>260,729</u>	<u>21,125</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>(238,988)</u>	<u>42,656</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>4,557,234</u></u>	<u><u>1,920,414</u></u>	<u><u>(1,272,238)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>5,205,410</u></u>

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#### Pond fund

A restricted fund was created as a result of a donation to be used for the creation and landscaping of a new pond at the animal shelter. This work commenced in the year ended 31 December 2012.

#### Case Dog, F Block funds

These funds were created by companies or individuals sponsoring a redevelopment of an area of The Ark.

#### Cattery fund

A cattery fund was created to fund the removal of the condemned existing cattery and the building of a new replacement cattery.

#### Maintenance fund

The fund has been created for general maintenance needed at the Stubbington Ark.

#### Moose fund

This fund has been set up to help any potential adopter of Moose the dog with the cost of having a second cruciate ligament repair as this is likely to be needed.

#### Fur and Feathers

This fund is to raise money to replace all the small animal sheds and upgrade the accommodation.

#### 19. Analysis of net assets between funds – Group

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed assets	2,319,562	-	2,319,562	2,023,125
Current assets	2,994,583	39,288	3,033,871	3,294,186
Current liabilities	(124,704)	-	(124,704)	(111,901)
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>5,189,441</u></b>	<b><u>39,288</u></b>	<b><u>5,228,729</u></b>	<b><u>5,205,410</u></b>

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - Charity

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed assets	2,319,562	-	2,389,562	2,023,125
Current assets	2,992,968	39,288	3,032,256	3,294,186
Current liabilities	(129,756)	-	(129,756)	(111,901)
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>5,182,774</u></b>	<b><u>39,288</u></b>	<b><u>5,222,062</u></b>	<b><u>5,205,410</u></b>

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**20. Operating lease commitments**

	Group		Charity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	43,750	43,750	43,750	43,750
Between two and five years	167,188	175,000	167,188	175,000
In over five years	4,167	40,105	4,167	40,105
	<u>215,105</u>	<u>258,855</u>	<u>215,205</u>	<u>258,855</u>

**21. Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022:None).

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## TRUSTEES REPORT REFERNCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr D Lott Ms L Amies Ms G Dorman Ms B Davis Ms S Collier Ms C Pope Ms B Harvey (Appointed 17 January 2023) Ms J Russell (Appointed 17 January 2023) Mr S Jones (Appointed 17 January 2023)
<b>Charity number</b>	205096
<b>Principal address</b>	174 - 176 Ranvilles Lane Stubbington Fareham Hampshire PO14 3EZ
<b>Auditor</b>	Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor 24 Landport Terrace Portsmouth Hampshire England PO1 2RG
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 272 London Road Waterlooville Hampshire PO7 7HN
<b>Solicitors</b>	Warner Goodman LLP 8/9 College Place London Road Southampton Hampshire SO15 2FF

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

#### **Legal constitution**

The charity is a separate registered unincorporated charitable association but forming part of the RSPCA federated organisation. The charity is governed in accordance with the RSPCA Branch Rules of 2012, with any subsequent minor rule changes amended by the RSPCA National Society allowed for under the RSPCA Branch Rules 2012, subject to the changes being registered with the Charity Commission.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The RSPCA Solent Branch (the Branch) carries out its animal welfare work throughout 400 square miles of Hampshire. The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the RSPCA with particular reference to the area of the Branch in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of its activities and objectives for the year to ensure the charity remains focused on its charitable aims and continues to deliver benefits to the public. The charity has complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. Legislation and the Animal Welfare Act indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits the society at large and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail in the following pages, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for public benefit.

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#### **Public benefit**

The Branch operates a nine acre animal rescue centre rescuing in the region of 1,000 animals per annum including domestic, stock and wildlife. The Branch supports RSPCA Inspectors and local authority dog wardens by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned dogs, other domestic and stock animals, including pets whose owners suffer with ill health, financial difficulties or pass away. The Branch also takes in and treats injured wildlife.

The RSPCA Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces legislation against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. The Branch assists by accommodating Inspectorate seized case animals pending prosecution. This work is key to the prevention or suppression of cruelty as part of the RSPCA's objectives which promotes humane sentiments towards animals and involves moral benefit to human kind as a whole.

Animals in Branch care receive, as appropriate, veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering and micro-chipping by the Branch in-house veterinary team. Since Covid, the Branch has seen a significant increase in domestic animals being rescued with behaviour issues requiring assessment and behaviour training prior to rehoming. To deal with the increase in behaviour problems, the Branch employs two Animal Behaviourists which helps give a greater chance of finding an animal its forever home.

The work of the Branch helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering and also helps to control the populations of unwanted cats, dogs, rabbits and other small pets.

The Branch rehomes animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Whilst the trustees recognise companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, the trustees consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of the Branch which is to reduce animal suffering. The policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of the animals and would fall outside the charity's objects, to rehome to persons who could not afford to properly care for the animal.

The Branch takes in, free of charge, lost animals and attempts to reunite them with owners. This work benefits the local community (including Local Authorities) by preventing animals straying and posing a risk.

The Branch responds to enquiries, both direct and via the RSPCA call centre, from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing the Branch can intervene to help animals in need.

The Branch provides a range of volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support the work of the Branch, including trusteeship, fostering, assisting in the cattery, kennels and with other types of animals, dog walking, administration, gardening, fundraising and working in the Branch's charity shops. The Branch also works with companies to give their employees the opportunity to volunteer. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding and giving something back to society.

The dedicated group of volunteers and supporters worked tirelessly during 2022.

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#### **Achievements and performance**

In May 2022 the Branch commenced the ambitious project of building a new state-of-the-art cattery to ensure the Branch is able to continue to deliver excellent care for animals into the future. The cattery should be completed by summer 2023.

In November 2021 the Branch brought the veterinary clinic in-house employing a vet and vet nurse to provide veterinary treatment for the animals in Branch care. By the end of 2022 a second vet was employed due to the volume of rescued animals requiring treatment.

The Branch held two successful fairs during 2022 raising much needed funds for the charity and increasing public awareness of the work of the charity.

In late 2022 the Branch registered a trading company to develop its commercial boarding of cats, dogs and rabbits.

During 2022 the Branch took in 957 animals comprising of 246 dogs, 230 cats, 87 rabbits and 260 miscellaneous animals which included birds, alpacas, pigs, ferrets, tortoises and other animals, and 134 wildlife. The staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to care for, treat and rehabilitate the animals with the aim to rehome domestic and stock animals and release wild animals. This meant providing proper veterinary treatment and care to prepare them for rehoming or release and working to find suitable homes to meet the needs of the domestic animals.

#### **Financial review**

##### **Principal funding resources**

The Branch is self-funding, receiving no direct financial support from the RSPCA. Funding is mostly donations from the general public, legacies and from charitable and trading activities e.g. adoption fees, shop income and commercial boarding.

The Branch continues to review its finances and services to ensure its sustainability for the future. The Branch operates four charity shops and an on-line shop to generate much needed funds.

##### **Reserves policy**

The reserves policy for the Branch is to have sufficient unrestricted funds in reserve in the event of up to 50% of annual income ceasing. This ensures there would be sufficient funds in hand to run the Branch facilities for a minimum of six months at current levels.

Our expenditure is in line with our key priorities in that payment for veterinary treatment is one of the main items. We also ensure that there are sufficient funds to maintain a well-trained and motivated workforce.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

The Branch will only hold investments in secure low risk funds and always seeks the advice of financial advisers.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Plans for future periods

The Branch future plans include:

- Completion of the build of the new cattery by July 2023.
- Recruitment of a Fundraising and Marketing Manager by May 2023 to develop and implement a robust income generation plan to raise funds and aid the sustainability of the Branch.
- To actively work to expand its retail programme to increase sustainable income with a target of up to four new shops within two years. Active searches in the Branch area to find suitable premises is ongoing.
- Exploring opportunities to refurbish/rebuild the miscellaneous animal area providing modern accommodation for animals such as ferrets, mice, rats, etc.
- Implement the Animal Shelter database to modernise all animal data records and for the efficient management of data relating to animals that come into the charity's care.
- To boost relationships with commercial organisations and become a member of the local Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness of the Animal Centre and its activities and animal welfare messages.
- Engage with the RSPCA with the intention of moving the charity from an unincorporated organisation to a Charity Incorporated Organisation by the end of 2024.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Governing document

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr D Lott

Ms L Amies

Ms G Dorman

Ms N Light

(Resigned 6 January 2022)

Ms B Davis

Ms S Collier

Ms C Pope

Mr A Browning

(Resigned 28 June 2022)

Mr C Lee

(Resigned 16 January 2023)

Ms B Harvey

(Appointed 17 January 2023)

Ms J Russell

(Appointed 17 January 2023)

Mr S Jones

(Appointed 17 February 2023)

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

A committee of trustees is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from existing members, supporters and via third party advertising.

#### Working names

Within the wider community the RSPCA Solent Branch is also known as The Stubbington Ark.

#### Organisational structure

The trustees hold formal Trustee Board meetings every two months.

Day-to-day operation of the Branch is delegated to the Branch Manager who is assisted by the Animal Centre Manager and Area Shop Manager.

The Branch works with RSPCA staff other RSPCA branches in its day-to-day work and also regularly liaises with other animal charities and Local Authorities.

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### Induction and training of new trustees

On becoming a trustee, the Society provides an information pack and makes a training course available.

Where appropriate, mentoring by an established trustee is also used for inducting and training new trustees.

### Risk management

#### Charity risk management - December 2022

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, the trustees have established effective systems to mitigate those risks. These systems include:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Action</b>
1) Financial fraud	a) Annual independent accounts audit b) Dual authorisation for online banking and two signatures required for cheques c) Monthly reviews of financial records d) Financial authority document detailing levels of authority
2) Health and safety	a) Documented policies b) Annual insurance maintained c) Effective maintenance of equipment d) Independent audit of health and safety at all sites e) Health and safety a primary agenda item at all Trustee Board meetings f) Effective processes relating to Avian Flu at the Animal Rescue Centre
3) Loss of trustees	a) Ongoing membership and volunteer programme
4) Loss of key members of staff	a) Effective recruitment internal and external b) Development and training of existing staff c) Opportunities for staff to cover for senior staff and /or experience different departments
4) Funds deficit	a) Annual budgets set, reviewed monthly b) Diversified sources of income c) Ongoing fundraising activities d) Reserves policy aims to have six months reserves of non-sustainable income and reviewed annually

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report 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.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act with regards to the public benefit statement.

### Auditor

In accordance with the charity's articles, a resolution proposing that Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the charity will be put at a General Meeting.

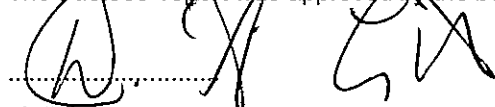
### Patrons

Mr F Dinenage MBE  
Mr F Benali MBE  
Mr R Martin  
Ms A Pryer

### Disclosure of information to auditor

So far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees.



Mr D Lott  
Trustee

Date: ..... 27.06.23 .....

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Solent Branch (the 'RSPCA Solent Branch') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprises the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the RSPCA Solent Branch in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

# **THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

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#### **Identifying potential risks related to irregularities**

We obtained an understanding of the laws and regulations that are applicable to the charity and determined those which could reasonably be expected:

- To have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We determined that the most significant were the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102); and
- To not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. We determined that the most significant were health and safety, and employment law.
- We enquired to management as to their own assessment of risks in relation to fraud and irregularities and the internal controls they may have in place to mitigate the risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- We evaluated management's incentives and opportunity for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls).

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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#### Audit approach to risks identified

- We reviewed how the charity is complying with laws and regulations by making enquiries to management and senior employees. This was corroborated by review of correspondence received from regulatory bodies;
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the Charities Act and accounting standards;
- We enquired to management concerning any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or non compliance;
- We enquired whether management had any knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments to assess whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias. This included assessing the business rational of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- We communicated the risks identified and the audit approach to be taken to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above.

The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants**

19 SEPTEMBER 2023

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

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Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants is eligible for appointment as auditor of the RSPCA Solent Branch by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £ Restated	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £ Restated
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2	1,206,892	-	1,206,892	1,354,513	-	1,354,513
Charitable activities	3	67,967	-	67,967	73,629	-	73,629
Other trading activities	4	581,283	21,125	602,408	368,427	70,249	438,676
Investments	5	43,147	-	43,147	37,347	-	37,347
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,899,289</b>	<b>21,125</b>	<b>1,920,414</b>	<b>1,833,916</b>	<b>70,249</b>	<b>1,904,165</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	308,390	-	308,390	260,340	-	260,340
Charitable activities	7	958,638	210	958,848	746,112	787	746,899
Taxation		5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,272,028</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1,272,238</b>	<b>1,006,452</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1,007,239</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>627,261</b>	<b>20,915</b>	<b>648,176</b>	<b>827,464</b>	<b>69,462</b>	<b>896,926</b>
Transfers		238,988	(238,988)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>866,249</b>	<b>(218,073)</b>	<b>648,176</b>	<b>827,464</b>	<b>69,462</b>	<b>896,926</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		4,296,505	260,729	4,557,234	3,469,041	191,267	3,660,308
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>5,162,754</b>	<b>42,656</b>	<b>5,205,410</b>	<b>4,296,505</b>	<b>260,729</b>	<b>4,557,234</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,023,125		1,812,546
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	13	12,189		11,403	
Debtors	14	727,774		980,594	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,554,223		1,790,972	
		<u>3,294,186</u>		<u>2,782,969</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(111,901)</u>		<u>(38,281)</u>	
Net current assets			3,182,285		2,744,688
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>5,205,410</u>		<u>4,557,234</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		42,656		260,729
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	-		260,823	
General unrestricted funds		5,162,754		4,035,682	
			<u>5,167,754</u>		<u>4,296,505</u>
			<u>5,205,410</u>		<u>4,557,234</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27.6.23





Mr D Lott  
Trustee

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	20		1,120,148		322,047
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(400,044)		(49,603)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		-		5,412	
Investment income received		43,147		37,347	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			<b>(356,897)</b>		<b>(6,844)</b>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			<b>763,251</b>		<b>315,203</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,790,972		1,475,769
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<b>2,554,223</b>		<b>1,790,972</b>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022*

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

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 with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the RSPCA Solent Branch.

#### **1.2 Charitable funds**

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.

#### **1.3 Income**

Donation and collection income is included in the accounts when they are received or when it becomes reasonably certain that it will be received, and the value of the incoming resource can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash, or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable, unless the asset has been fully purchased then the income is deferred.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Incoming resources from charitable activities are recognised on the accruals basis and are included net of any VAT that has been charged.

Rents received are measured on an accrual basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### 1.4 Donated goods

Goods donated for resale by the charity's shops are recognised when they are sold on the basis that it is not practical to measure the fair value of goods donated at the time of donation.

Goods and services donated to the charity for its own use are not recognised in the financial statements as it is not practicable to do so and the cost outweighs the benefit. The income recognised from such donations would be offset by an equivalent cost, with a net zero impact on the financial statements.

#### 1.5 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.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost. Fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised. When the asset is received by way of donation it is recorded at its market value on the date of donation.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land	not depreciated
Buildings	straight line over 50 years
Plant and equipment	straight line over 3 to 5 years
Motor vehicles	straight line over 5 years

Freehold land and assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

At 31 December 2022 the trustees changed the method of depreciating buildings, motor vehicles and plant and equipment to 50 years (previously 100 years) straight line for buildings and 3 to 5 years straight line for motor vehicles and plant and equipment (previously 15% and 25% reducing balance) as these revised methods better reflect the charity's consumption of the assets over their useful lives.

The change in depreciation method is a change in accounting estimate and is accounted for in this period to bring the remaining useful lives in line with the new policy.

If depreciation had continued based on the previous policies, then the depreciation charges would have been £7,935 for buildings depreciation, £8,598 for plant and equipment and £116 for motor vehicles.

Investments are included at cost less impairment.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### 1.8 Basic financial assets

##### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### 1.9 Basic financial liabilities

##### 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### 1.10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. Corporation tax is payable on trading activities.

#### 1.11 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.

#### 1.12 Irrecoverable VAT

Due to the nature of the charity's activities, not all VAT is recoverable as input tax cannot be attributed directly to taxable or exempt supplies. A quarterly partial exemption calculation is completed for the irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.13 Volunteers

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102), general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements. There are a number of regular volunteers as well as many more who volunteer casually and sometimes for specific fundraising events. Further details on volunteering opportunities are set out in the trustees' report.

#### 1.14 Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

There are no accounting estimates that are considered to have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### 1.15 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	72,326	138,969
Legacies receivable	1,121,973	1,127,415
Government grants	-	62,645
RSPCA Grant	10,000	-
Other	2,593	25,484
	<u>1,206,892</u>	<u>1,354,513</u>

There are no conditions attached to the grants received in the year and proceeding year.

### 3 Charitable activities

	Animal welfare 2022	Animal welfare 2021
	£	£
		Restated
Animal adoption fees	27,061	22,071
Boarding fees and police fees	33,589	38,454
Vet fees	7,317	13,104
	<u>67,967</u>	<u>73,629</u>

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Unrestricted Funds Restated	Restricted funds	Total Restated
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Commercial boarding	121,342	-	121,342	48,506	48,506
Fundraising events	66,401	21,125	87,526	51,079	121,328
Shop income	393,540	-	393,540	268,842	268,842
	<u>581,283</u>	<u>21,125</u>	<u>602,408</u>	<u>368,427</u>	<u>438,676</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**5 Investments**

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Rental income	41,790	37,075
Income from unlisted investments	-	120
Interest receivable	1,357	152
	<u>43,147</u>	<u>37,347</u>

**6 Expenditure on raising funds  
Costs of raising voluntary income**

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£ Restated
Costs of raising voluntary income – staff costs	29,544	11,805
Direct costs of fundraising activities	1,972	956
Staff costs	129,578	128,570
Goods for resale	581	554
Rent, rates, water and power	98,639	75,557
Insurance	1,688	1,274
Stationery, postage and telephone	2,095	1,951
Motor expenses and travel	1,088	54
Maintenance and repairs	3,584	4,510
Refuse collection	6,710	4,805
Bank and credit charges	3,892	294
Cleaning	768	2,559
Advertising	364	-
Miscellaneous expenses	804	547
Allocated centrally incurred support and governance costs	27,083	26,815
	<u>308,390</u>	<u>260,340</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 7 Charitable activities

	Animal welfare 2022 £	Animal welfare 2021 £ Restated
Staff costs	461,686	340,046
Depreciation and impairment	101,577	20,784
Veterinary fees and drugs	25,618	105,040
Food	6,008	5,424
Rent, rates, water and power	80,136	51,818
Insurance	(1,376)	1,080
Stationery, postage and telephone	1,659	1,350
Motor expenses and travel	856	1,268
Maintenance and repairs	27,853	52,953
Refuse collection	12,818	5,511
Cleaning	7,649	5,660
Clothing	2,646	1,491
Miscellaneous	10,931	4,184
Partial exemption adjustment	19,847	34,804
Staff fundraising costs	1,135	-
Profit on disposal of assets	87,888	5,261
Bad debts written off	1,044	500
	<u>850,515</u>	<u>638,854</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	108,333	107,258
	<u>958,848</u>	<u>746,899</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	958,638	746,112
Restricted funds	210	787
	<u>958,848</u>	<u>746,899</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 8 Support costs

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
Staff costs	80,783	71,946
Insurance	3,337	2,754
Motor expenses and travel	3,158	3,580
Telephone, postage and stationery	3,346	3,975
Auditors remuneration	6,488	6,488
Legal and professional fees	1,564	8,006
Repairs and maintenance	3,298	7,087
Miscellaneous expenses	6,359	3,452
	<u>108,333</u>	<u>107,258</u>

### 9 Trustees

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	39	33
	<u>39</u>	<u>33</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	682,079	538,495
Social security costs	27,351	22,428
Other pension costs	11,738	9,521
	<u>721,168</u>	<u>570,444</u>

#### Defined contribution pension

Amount charged to the statement of financial activities as an expense in the year £11,738 (2021: £9,521).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land £	Building under construction £	Plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2022	1,748,050	48,606	276,559	14,060	2,087,275
Additions	-	400,044	-	-	400,044
Disposals	(77,145)	-	(65,676)	-	(142,821)
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,670,905</u>	<u>448,650</u>	<u>210,883</u>	<u>14,060</u>	<u>2,344,498</u>
<b>Depreciation and Impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2022	52,306	-	208,827	13,596	274,729
Depreciation charged in the year	58,780	-	42,333	464	101,577
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(54,933)	-	(54,933)
At 31 December 2022	<u>111,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>196,227</u>	<u>14,060</u>	<u>321,373</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,559,819</u>	<u>448,650</u>	<u>14,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023,125</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,695,744</u>	<u>48,606</u>	<u>67,732</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>1,812,546</u>

Under the rules of the society, the title to freehold land owned by the branch is vested in the headquarters of the society.

### 13 Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Medical goods and goods for resale	<u>12,189</u>	<u>11,403</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>14 Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	3,166	2,215
Legacy debtors	623,288	931,801
Other debtors	7,289	34,597
VAT	80,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	14,031	11,981
	<u>727,774</u>	<u>980,594</u>

There were no debtors due after more than one year.

<b>15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxation and social security	4,789	8,749
Trade creditors	79,677	19,091
Accruals and deferred income	22,435	10,441
Corporation tax	5,000	-
	<u>111,901</u>	<u>38,281</u>

There were no creditors due after more than one year.

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**16. Movement in funds**

	At 01/01/22 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31/12/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	4,035,682	1,899,289	(1,272,028)	499,811	5,162,754
Designated fund – Cattery fund	160,823	-	-	(160,823)	-
Designated fund – Maintenance fund	<u>100,000</u>	-	-	<u>(100,000)</u>	-
	4,296,505	1,899,289	(1,272,028)	238,988	5,162,754
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Cattery fund	223,988	15,000	-	(238,988)	-
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,073	-	-	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,778	-	(210)	-	3,568
F block fund	8,070	1,578	-	-	9,648
Cat fund – Brooks	-	4,547	-	-	4,547
	<u>260,729</u>	<u>21,125</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>(238,988)</u>	<u>42,656</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,557,234</u>	<u>1,920,414</u>	<u>(1,272,238)</u>	-	<u>5,205,410</u>
<b>Comparative movement in funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds	3,208,218	1,833,916	(1,006,452)	-	4,035,682
Designated fund- Cattery fund	160,823	-	-	-	160,823
Designated fund – Maintenance fund	<u>100,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>100,000</u>
	3,469,041	1,833,916	(1,006,452)	-	4,296,505
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Cattery fund	153,739	70,249	-	-	223,988
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,137	-	(64)	-	13,073
Case dog fund	3,778	-	-	-	3,778
F block fund	<u>8,793</u>	-	<u>(723)</u>	-	<u>8,070</u>
	<u>191,267</u>	<u>70,249</u>	<u>(787)</u>	-	<u>260,729</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,660,308</u>	<u>1,904,165</u>	<u>1,007,175</u>	-	<u>4,557,234</u>

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### Pond fund

A restricted fund was created as a result of a donation to be used for the creation and landscaping of a new pond at the animal shelter. This work commenced in the year ended 31 December 2012.

### Case Dog, F Block funds

These funds were created by companies or individuals sponsoring a redevelopment of an area of The Ark.

### Cattery fund

A cattery fund has been created to fund the removal of the existing cattery and the building of a new replacement cattery. The fund consists of two elements - restricted fund and designated fund. The restricted fund is fund raising specifically for the cattery and restricted to that use only. The designated funds are funds transferred from the charity's General Fund and designated to fund any shortfall in the funding of the cattery where the restricted fund is insufficient. Any monies not used from the designated fund for the cattery will be returned to the General Fund for all and any use of the charity.

### Maintenance fund

The fund has been created for general maintenance needed at the Stubbington Ark.

## 17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 31/12/2022	Total funds 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,023,125	-	2,023,125	1,812,546
Current assets	3,251,530	42,656	3,294,186	2,782,969
Current liabilities	(111,901)	-	(111,901)	(38,281)
	<u>5,162,754</u>	<u>42,656</u>	<u>5,205,410</u>	<u>4,557,234</u>

## 18 Operating lease commitments

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	43,750	54,167
Between two and five years	175,000	175,000
In over five years	40,105	83,854
	<u>258,855</u>	<u>313,021</u>

## 19 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021: none).

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20	Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
	Surplus for the year	648,176	896,926
	<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(43,147)	(37,347)
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	87,888	13,097
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	101,577	20,784
	Taxation	5,000	-
	<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
	(Increase) in stocks	(786)	(244)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	332,820	(562,288)
	(Decrease) in creditors	(11,380)	(8,881)
	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<u>1,120,148</u>	<u>322,047</u>

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr D Lott	
	Ms L Amies	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
	Ms G Dorman	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
	Ms N Light	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
	Ms B Davis	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
	Ms S Collier	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
	Ms C Pope	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
	Mr A Browning	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021*

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. 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 2015).

### **Legal Constitution**

The charity is governed in accordance with the RSPCA branch rules dated 18 February 2009 (as updated in 2012).

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The RSPCA Solent Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (The Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work in Portsmouth, Southampton and areas of the Solent. The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to that of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our activities and objectives for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims and to continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011 the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. The legislation and the Animal Welfare Act indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. While this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits the society at large and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail in the following pages of the report, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for public benefit.

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### **Public benefit**

We support our local Inspectors by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer with ill health, financial difficulties or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces the law against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to the prevention or suppression of cruelty as part of the RSPCA's objectives which promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and assessing for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering and also helps to control the populations of unwanted cats, dogs, rabbits and other small pets.

We rehome animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this branch which is to reduce animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of the animals and therefore would fall outside our objects to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We take in free of charge lost animals and take reasonable steps to reunite them with owners. This work benefits our local community (including local authorities) by preventing animals straying and posing a risk to themselves and to people through road traffic accidents.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing we can intervene to help animals in need.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our working including trusteeship, fostering, home visiting, animal care, dog walking, fundraising and working in our charity shops. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

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### **Achievements and performance**

In July 2020 the Charity Commission granted a Certificate of Incorporation of the Trustees of the Charity

A Branch Manager is employed to oversee the whole operation of the Branch. The Branch Manager build upon the success of the Branch and has overseen the impacts and effects of Covid on the Branch and staff and has guided the Branch out of the negative impact of Covid. The Branch Manager will continue to develop the Branch with the aim for the Branch to achieve sustainability going forward and for the Animal Centre to become a Centre of Excellence.

In 2021 the Branch continue to be affected by Covid but took in 1190 animals including and dogs, cats, rabbits and 274 miscellaneous wildlife and some stock animals.

Although activities were severely restricted by Covid, when permitted, the Branch continued to network animals to other local RSPCA branches. The Branch also took in case animals (pending cruelty prosecutions) and worked with the Inspectorate to accommodate animals from other areas.

Covid had a significant negative impact on income from the Branch shops as it was necessary to close the shops as per the Government's lockdown requirements.

In between lockdowns, the Branch was able to hold a very successful summer fete which was opened by Fred Dinage, a local television personality and Patron of the Branch. As well as raising much needed funds the fete helped raise the profile of the Branch.

Prior to Christmas the Branch held an indoor winter fete which again was a success and both fetes will be repeated in 2022.

The Branch continues to review its finances and services to ensure its sustainability for the future and to maximise its animal welfare objectives. The Trustees and management team work on a strategic plan, budgets and are actively trying to increase income generation.

The Branch relies on its dedicated group of volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly in the Branch Animal Centre, shops and fundraising activities although this was severely restricted by Covid requirements

Throughout the year, staff and volunteers worked hard to treat, rehabilitate and rehome domestic animals or release wild animals that came into the Branch care. This meant providing proper veterinary treatment and care to prepare them for rehoming or release and working to find suitable homes to meet the needs of the domestic animals.

### **Financial review**

#### **Reserves policy**

The Branch Reserves Policy is to have sufficient funds in reserve with the aim to run the Branch for twelve months at current levels in the event all legacies cease. The Branch currently has funds, which are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted, to fulfill this policy, equivalent to the total prior year legacies and this will be reviewed annually.

Our expenditure is in line with our key priorities in that payment for veterinary treatment is one of the main items, we also ensure that there are sufficient funds to maintain a well-trained and motivated workforce.

However, the Trustees are aware that the reserves policy is not currently being achieved without the receipt of legacies. The ongoing cost cutting programme that has continued into 2020 along with an increased emphasis on income generation aims to redress the balance going forward and create a substantial model for the future, including sufficient reserves to meet the policy.

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### **Principal funding source**

Approximately 50% of current Branch funding comes from legacies and the remaining from donations by the general public and fundraising activities such as fetes and open days and from business activities i.e. adoption fees, shop income and commercial boarding. The Branch does not receive any general funding from other sources.

### **Investment policy and objectives**

The Branch investment policy is to only hold investments in secure low risk funds and always seek the advice of financial advisers.

### **Plans for future periods**

Covid continued to cause disruption during 2021 especially with its charity shops being closed due to lockdown for part of the year. Limited fundraising took place albeit the Branch were able to run a summer and winter fete which brought funds and recognition, and adoptions started to increase towards the end of 2021.

It is hoped, during 2022, the after-effects of Covid will continue to diminish and allow the Branch to return to more normality and able to carry out its plans during 2022.

The fundraising plans for 2022 include the launch of an annual fundraising week as well as summer and winter fairs and other events.

In 2021 the Branch ventured into online sales of donated items which is hoped will develop and increase income.

The Trustees and management team are actively working on a new strategy to create a more sustainable long-term future for the Branch including greater animal welfare delivery to the area's neediest animals and a robust income generation plan.

The Branch is reviewing its retail program and exploring increasing its charity shops and searches of the Branch area to find suitable premises are being explored.

The Branch planned to build a new cattery in the second half of 2021, unfortunately this was delayed due to the Covid situation, but it is intended to start and complete the build by winter of 2022. The new cattery will provide a modern state of the art facility for the cats in the Branch's care.

The Trustees are in the process of setting up a Trading Company to expand the Branch's commercial boarding activities to raise more funds for animal welfare and it should be in place during the summer.

The Trustees aim, for the forthcoming year is to continue to provide a high level of care for animals and ensure the sustainability of the Branch whilst increasing income generation and maintaining a tight control over Branch finances. The dedicated staff receive training as required as well as continuing to work with our invaluable team of volunteers.

In December the Branch returned to local Trustee control recruiting nine Trustees of high caliber.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

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The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M Tomlinson	(Resigned 14 December 2021)
Mr P Baxter	(Resigned 14 December 2021)
Mr D Lott	
Ms L Amies	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Ms G Dorman	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Ms N Light	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Ms B Davis	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Ms S Collier	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Ms C Pope	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Mr A Browning	(Appointed 14 December 2021)
Mr C Lee	(Appointed 14 December 2021)

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

A committee of Trustees is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from existing members, supporters and by advertising on the Society's website and using volunteer recruitment websites

### **Working names**

Within the wider community the RSPCA Solent Branch is also known as The Stubbington Ark.

### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees hold formal Trustee meetings every two months where decisions are taken and minuted.

Day-to-day operation of the Branch is delegated to the Branch Manager who is assisted by the Animal Centre Manager and Business and Income Generation Manager.

The Branch works with the National Society headquarters staff and other RSPCA Branches in its day-to-day work and regularly liaises with other animal charities and Local Authorities.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

On becoming a Trustee, the Society provides an information pack, and makes a training course available.

Where appropriate, mentoring by an established Trustee is also used for inducting and training new Trustees.

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### Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity, its investments and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks. These systems include:

### Risk Action

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|----------------------|--|
| 1) Financial Fraud   | a) Annual independent accounts audit<br>b) 2 signatures required for cheques<br>c) Monthly reviews of financial records<br>d) Dual authorisation on-line banking |
| 2) Health and Safety | a) Documented policies at each site<br>b) Annual insurance maintained  |
| 3) Loss of Trustees  | a) Ongoing volunteer programme<br>b) Branch development plan   |
| 4) Funds Deficit     | a) Annual budgets set, reviewed monthly<br>b) Diversified sources of income<br>c) Ongoing fundraising activities   |

### 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.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act with regards to the public benefit statement.

### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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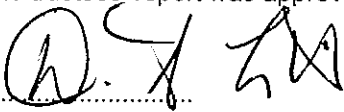
### Patrons

Mr F Dinenage MBE  
Mr F Benali MBE


### Disclosure of information to auditor

So far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



.....  
Mr D Lott  
Trustee



.....  
Mr C Lee  
Trustee

Date: 21 - June 2022

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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#### Disclaimer of opinion

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of The royal society for the prevention of cruelty to animals solent branch (the 'RSPCA Solent Branch') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our qualified opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for disclaimer of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the RSPCA Solent Branch in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

We have not been able to satisfy ourselves as to the completeness of the legacy income within the total income figure. This is because sufficient appropriate audit evidence was not available. In all other aspects we have been able to satisfy ourselves as to the income being recorded correctly.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Arising from the limitation on our work referred to above:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- we were unable to determine whether sufficient accounting records had been maintained.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the RSPCA Solent Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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#### Identifying potential risks related to irregularities

We obtained an understanding of the laws and regulations that are applicable to the charity and determined those which could reasonably be expected:

- To have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We determined that the most significant were the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102); and
- To not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. We determined that the most significant were health and safety, and employment law.
- We enquired to management as to their own assessment of risks in relation to fraud and irregularities and the internal controls they may have in place to mitigate the risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- We evaluated management's incentives and opportunity for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls). Also, evaluated if there is an increased risk of fraud arising due to the potential impact of COVID-19 on the activities of the charitable company and the reporting thereon.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

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#### Audit approach to risks identified

- We reviewed how the charity is complying with laws and regulations by making enquiries to management and senior employees. This was corroborated by review of correspondence received from regulatory bodies;
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the Charities Act and accounting standards;
- We enquired to management concerning any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or non compliance;
- We enquired whether management had any knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments to assess whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias. This included assessing the business rational of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- We communicated the risks identified and the audit approach to be taken to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above.

The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the auditors.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants

23 June 2022

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

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Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants is eligible for appointment as auditor of the RSPCA Solent Branch by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	1,354,513	-	1,354,513	668,208	668,208
Charitable activities	3	122,135	-	122,135	113,631	113,631
Other trading activities	4	319,921	70,249	390,170	298,330	462,926
Investments	5	37,347	-	37,347	43,436	43,436
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,833,916</b>	<b>70,249</b>	<b>1,904,165</b>	<b>1,123,605</b>	<b>1,288,201</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	6	3,087	-	3,087	2,107	2,107
Charitable activities	7	990,268	787	991,055	903,376	926,222
Other	11	13,097	-	13,097	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,006,452</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1,007,239</b>	<b>905,483</b>	<b>928,329</b>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>827,464</b>	<b>69,462</b>	<b>896,926</b>	<b>218,122</b>	<b>359,872</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		3,469,041	191,267	3,660,308	49,517	3,300,436
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>4,296,505</b>	<b>260,729</b>	<b>4,557,234</b>	<b>191,267</b>	<b>3,660,308</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## BALANCE SHEET

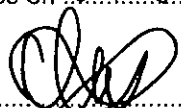
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		1,812,546		1,796,824
Investments	13		-		5,412
			<u>1,812,546</u>		<u>1,802,236</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	14	11,403		11,159	
Debtors	15	980,594		418,306	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,790,972		1,475,769	
		<u>2,782,969</u>		<u>1,905,234</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(38,281)</u>		<u>(47,162)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>2,744,688</u>		<u>1,858,072</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>4,557,234</u>		<u>3,660,308</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	17		260,729		191,267
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	18	260,823		260,823	
General unrestricted funds		4,035,682		3,208,218	
			<u>4,296,505</u>		<u>3,469,041</u>
			<u>4,557,234</u>		<u>3,660,308</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21 June 2022



Mr D Lott  
Trustee



Mr C Lee  
Trustee

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	22		322,047		444,730
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(49,603)		(6,820)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		5,412		36,558	
Investment income received		37,347		43,436	
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities</b>			(6,844)		73,174
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			315,203		517,904
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,475,769		957,865
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>1,790,972</u>		<u>1,475,769</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

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 2015)', 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 with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

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

#### 1.2 Charitable funds

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.

#### 1.3 Income

Donation and collection income is included in the accounts when they are received or when it becomes reasonably certain that it will be received, and the value of the incoming resource can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash, or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable, unless the asset has been fully purchased then the income is deferred.

Incoming resources from charitable activities are recognised on the accruals basis and are included net of any VAT that has been charged.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Rents received are measured on an accrual basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.4 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.

No costs were apportioned during the year.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost, assets costing less than £100 are not capitalised. When the asset is received by way of donation it is recorded at its market value on the date of donation.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land	not depreciated
Buildings	straight line over 100 years
Plant and equipment	15% on reducing balance
Building under construction	not depreciated
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance

Freehold land and property was deemed to be held at cost on date of transition to FRS 102. Half is in relation to Land therefore has an infinite life and not depreciated the remaining amount was deemed to have a useful life of 100 years therefore depreciation was charged to the SOFA on a straight-line basis.

Investments are included at cost less impairment.

#### 1.6 Fixed asset investments

Investments are included at cost less impairment.

#### 1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Donated stocks is valued at the expected proceeds less the expected cost of sales in accordance with SORP (FRS 102).

#### 1.8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### 1.9 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.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

(Continued)

### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.10 Irrecoverable VAT

Due to the nature of the Charity's activities not all VAT is recoverable as input tax cannot be attributed directly to taxable or exempt supplies. A quarterly partial exemption calculation is completed for the irrecoverable VAT.

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	138,969	110,123
Legacies receivable	1,127,415	411,018
Government grants	62,645	102,334
Other	25,484	44,733
	<u>1,354,513</u>	<u>668,208</u>

There are no conditions attached to the grants received in the year and proceeding year.

### 3 Charitable activities

	Animal Welfare 2021	Animal Welfare 2020
	£	£
Animal adoptions	22,071	28,201
Boarding fees and police fees	86,960	72,513
Vet fees	13,104	12,917
	<u>122,135</u>	<u>113,631</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	51,079	70,249	121,328	97,918	164,596	262,514
Shop income	268,842	-	268,842	200,412	-	200,412
Other trading activities	319,921	70,249	390,170	298,330	164,596	462,926

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Rental income	37,075	40,573
Income from unlisted investments	120	2,467
Interest receivable	152	396
	37,347	43,436

### 6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising and publicity	3,087	2,107
Other fundraising costs	3,087	2,107

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 7 Charitable activities

	Animal Welfare 2021 £	Animal Welfare 2020 £
Staff costs	570,444	543,892
Depreciation and impairment	20,784	24,478
Veterinary fees and drugs	105,040	118,064
Food	5,424	6,202
Rent, rates, water and power	127,375	129,304
Insurance	5,078	4,162
Stationery, postage and telephone	7,276	8,645
Motor expenses and travel	4,902	5,065
Maintenance and repairs	63,131	26,527
Refuse collection	17,403	19,891
Cleaning	8,219	8,267
Clothing	1,491	621
Miscellaneous	4,184	7,644
Partial exemption adjustment	34,804	21,440
Staff fundraising costs	862	367
Profit on disposal of assets	(7,836)	(36,421)
Bad debts written off	500	-
	<u>969,081</u>	<u>888,148</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	4,671	4,219
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	17,303	33,855
	<u>991,055</u>	<u>926,222</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	990,268	903,376
Restricted funds	787	22,846
	<u>991,055</u>	<u>926,222</u>

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8 Support costs	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Animal welfare	4,671	-	4,671	4,219	-	4,219
Audit fees	-	7,950	7,950	-	6,980	6,980
Legal and professional	-	9,353	9,353	-	26,875	26,875
	<u>4,671</u>	<u>17,303</u>	<u>21,974</u>	<u>4,219</u>	<u>33,855</u>	<u>38,074</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>4,671</u>	<u>17,303</u>	<u>21,974</u>	<u>4,219</u>	<u>33,855</u>	<u>38,074</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £7,950 (2020- £6,980) for audit fees.

### 9 Trustees

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	33	34
	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>
Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	538,495	508,191
Social security costs	22,428	27,051
Other pension costs	9,521	8,650
	<u>570,444</u>	<u>543,892</u>

#### Defined contribution pension

Amount charged to the SOFA as an expense in the year £9,521 (2020 £8,650).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 11 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
		£
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	13,097	-
	<u>13,097</u>	<u>-</u>

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land	Building under construction	Plant and Motor equipment	vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2021	1,748,050	-	373,855	14,060	2,135,965
Additions	-	48,606	997	-	49,603
Disposals	-	-	(98,293)	-	(98,293)
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,748,050</u>	<u>48,606</u>	<u>276,559</u>	<u>14,060</u>	<u>2,087,275</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2021	43,600	-	282,101	13,440	339,141
Depreciation charged in the year	8,706	-	11,922	156	20,784
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(85,196)	-	(85,196)
At 31 December 2021	<u>52,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,827</u>	<u>13,596</u>	<u>274,729</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,695,744</u>	<u>48,606</u>	<u>67,732</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>1,812,546</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,704,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,754</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>1,796,824</u>

Under the rules of the society, the title to freehold land owned by the branch is vested in the headquarters of the society.

All fixed assets are used in the direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**13 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>Unlisted investments £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2021	5,412
Disposals	(5,412)
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At 31 December 2021	-
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<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2021	-
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At 31 December 2020	5,412
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**14 Stocks**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Finished goods and goods for resale	11,403	11,159
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**15 Debtors**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	2,215	5,407
Other debtors	966,398	395,862
Prepayments and accrued income	11,981	17,037
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	980,594	418,306
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There were no debtors due after more than one year.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	8,749	7,741
Trade creditors	19,091	11,573
Accruals and deferred income	10,441	27,848
	<u>38,281</u>	<u>47,162</u>

There were no creditors due after more than one year.

### 17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Balance at January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Accumulated shelter fund	-	11,820	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	-	13,137	-	(64)	13,073
Case dog fund	-	3,778	-	-	3,778
F block fund	-	8,793	-	(723)	8,070
Cattery fund	-	153,739	70,249	-	223,988
	<u>-</u>	<u>191,267</u>	<u>70,249</u>	<u>(787)</u>	<u>260,729</u>

#### Pond Fund

A restricted fund was created as a result of a donation to be used for the creation and landscaping of a new pond at the animal shelter. This work commenced in the year ended 31 December 2012.

#### Case Dog, A Block, Dog and B Block funds

These funds were created by companies or individuals sponsoring a redevelopment of an area of The Ark.

#### Maintenance Fund

The fund has been created for general maintenance needed at the Stubbington Ark.

#### Cattery Fund

A Cattery Fund has been created to fund the removal of the condemned existing cattery and the building of a new replacement cattery. The fund consists of two elements; restricted fund and designated fund. The restricted fund is funding raised specifically for the Cattery and restricted to that use only. The designated funds are funds transferred from the Charity's General Fund and designated to fund any shortfall in the funding of the cattery where the restricted fund is insufficient. Any monies not used from the designated fund for the cattery will be returned to the General Fund for all and any use of the Charity.

# THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance fund	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
Cattery fund	-	60,823	100,000	160,823	-	160,823
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>60,823</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>260,823</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,823</u>

### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,812,546	-	1,812,546	1,796,824	-	1,796,824
Investments	-	-	-	5,412	-	5,412
Current assets/ (liabilities)	2,483,959	260,729	2,744,688	1,666,805	191,267	1,858,072
	<u>4,296,505</u>	<u>260,729</u>	<u>4,557,234</u>	<u>3,469,041</u>	<u>191,267</u>	<u>3,660,308</u>

### 20 Operating lease commitments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	54,167	56,682
Between two and five years	175,000	185,417
In over five years	83,854	127,604
	<u>313,021</u>	<u>369,703</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<b>22 Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus for the year	896,926	359,872
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(37,347)	(43,436)
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	13,097	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	20,784	24,478
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in stocks	(244)	(4,492)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(562,288)	97,014
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(8,881)	11,294
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<u>322,047</u>	<u>444,730</u>
<b>23 Analysis of changes in net funds</b>		
The RSPCA Solent Branch had no debt during the year.		

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England & Wales - Charity number 205096

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
**FOR**  
**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

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# **THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. 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 2015).

### **LEGAL CONSTITUTION**

The charity is governed in accordance with the RSPCA branch rules dated 18 February 2009 (as updated in 2012).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The RSPCA Solent Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (The Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work in Portsmouth, Southampton and areas of the Solent. The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to that of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our activities and objectives for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims and to continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011 the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. The legislation and the Animal Welfare Act indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. While this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits the society at large and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail in the following pages of the report, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for public benefit.

#### **Public benefit**

We support our local Inspectors by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer with ill health, financial difficulties or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces the law against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to the prevention or suppression of cruelty as part of the RSPCA's objectives which promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and assessing for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering and also helps to control the populations of unwanted cats, dogs, rabbits and other small pets.

We rehome animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this branch which is to reduce animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of the animals and therefore would fall outside our objects to rehome to those who could not afford them.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit, continued**

We take in free of charge lost animals and take reasonable steps to reunite them with owners. This work benefits our local community (including local authorities) by preventing animals straying and posing a risk to themselves and to people through road traffic accidents.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing we can intervene to help animals in need.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our working including trusteeship, fostering, home visiting, animal care, dog walking, fundraising and working in our charity shops. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

In July 2020 the Charity Commission granted a Certificate of Incorporation of the Trustees of the Charity.

In November 2020 the Branch recruited a Branch Manager to oversee the whole operation of the Branch. The Branch Manager will build upon the success of recent years and guide the Branch out of the negative impact of Covid. The Branch Manager will continue to develop the Branch with the aim for the Branch to achieve sustainability going forward and for the Animal Centre to become a centre of excellence.

In 2020 the Branch was affected by Covid and only rehomed 90 dogs, 201 cats, 43 rabbits and 153 miscellaneous birds and other animals including goats, pigs, ferrets, ducks as well as releasing 151 wildlife back into the wild.

Although activities were severely restricted by Covid, when permitted, the Branch continued to network animals to other local RSPCA branches. The Branch also took in case animals (pending cruelty prosecutions) and worked with the Inspectorate to accommodate animals from other areas.

Covid had a significant negative impact on income from the Branch shops as it was necessary to close the shops as per the Government's lockdown requirements.

Due to lockdowns and the Covid restrictions, fundraising activities were severely restricted during 2020, but the branch did raise some funds from activities on social media including the 1000 Animal Lovers Campaign, where supporters were asked to raise funds of £100 in any way they wanted, some of which included making craft items and baking sales. A campaign called Ark Relay was launched where people were asked to text donate £5 and inform us how far they had walked or ran. This total was added together in the hope of reaching 1000km. The Business and Income Generation Manager featured on a local Radio station to promote the work of the branch in the Solent area and to talk about new fundraising ideas.

During the summer the Branch also took part in the RSPCA's One Fun Day which, due to the pandemic, was held virtually. In November the Branch produced a winter video highlighting the work of the Animal Centre and to raise awareness of the Branch.

The Branch continues to review its finances and services to ensure its sustainability for the future and to maximise its animal welfare objectives. The Trustees and management team work on a strategic plan, budgets and are actively trying to increase income generation.

The Branch relies on its dedicated group of volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly in the Branch Animal Centre, shops and fundraising activities although this was severely restricted by Covid requirements.

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE continued**

Throughout the year, staff and volunteers worked hard to treat, rehabilitate and rehome domestic animals or release wild animals that came into the Branch care. This meant providing proper veterinary treatment and care to prepare them for rehoming or release and working to find suitable homes to meet the needs of the domestic animals.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Principal funding sources**

Our funding comes mostly from donations from the general public, legacies and our business activities eg adoption fees, clinic fees and shop income. We do not receive any general funding from any other source.

#### **Investment policy and objectives**

We only hold investments in secure low risk funds and always seek the advice of our financial advisers.

#### **Reserves policy**

The reserves policy of this branch is to have sufficient funds in reserve that should all income cease, there would be sufficient funds in hand to run the branch facilities for one year at current levels. Reserves are those funds which are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted.

Our expenditure is in line with our key priorities in that payment for veterinary treatment is one of the main items, we also ensure that there are sufficient funds to maintain a well-trained and motivated workforce.

However, the Trustees are aware that the reserves policy is not currently being achieved without the receipt of legacies. The ongoing cost cutting programme that has continued into 2020 along with an increased emphasis on income generation aims to redress the balance going forward and create a substantial model for the future, including sufficient reserves to meet the policy.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

The outbreak of Covid-19 has caused much disruption during 2020 and, with the charity shops being closed, little fundraising took place face to face and few adoptions of animals which significantly reduced income. At this stage it is unknown at this stage what the effects the coronavirus will have on our ability to carry out our plans during 2021.

The Trustees are hopeful that the rollout of the Covid vaccination programme will relax the lockdown regulations and allow shops and Animal Centre to reopen and expand fundraising opportunities.

The fundraising plans for 2021 include launching the Fur and Feathers campaign in which the Branch is aiming to raise much needed funds to enable the rebuild of the Small Animal and Wildlife department. Events include a Fun day, a Fright night and Christmas Fair.

The Branch is looking to venture into eBay and the online sales of donated items, this way of selling has proved popular, so we hope to increase our funds and online presence.

The Trustees and management team are actively working on a new strategy to create a more sustainable long term future for the Branch including greater animal welfare delivery to the area's neediest animals and a robust income generation plan.

The Branch is actively working to expand its retail programme to increase sustainable income with a target of three new shops within two years. Active searches of the Branch area to find suitable premises will commence once the Covid restrictions are lifted.

The Branch will undertake the building of a new cattery in the summer and autumn months of 2021 (this could be delayed due to the Covid situation). The new cattery will provide a modern state of the art facility for the cats in the Branch's care.

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### **FUTURE PLANS continued**

The Trustees intend to set up a Trading Company to expand the Branch's commercial boarding activities to raise more funds for animal welfare.

The Management team, including Supervisors, are continuing to build relationships with local media and boost the Branch's social media presence to ensure it raises awareness of both the Animal Centre and its activities and animal welfare messages.

The Trustees aim, for the forthcoming year is to continue to provide a high level of care for animals and ensure the sustainability of the Branch whilst increasing income generation and maintaining a tight control over Branch finances. The dedicated staff receive training as required as well as continuing to work with our invaluable team of volunteers.

During 2021 the Trustees will be working to return the Branch to local control. Because of the size of the Branch, it is recognised the recruitment of a full board of Trustees with the appropriate skills and experience to govern a large charity with a commercial/fundraising arm, will be challenging. The Trustees will implement a targeted, skill-based recruitment drive, from both the membership and wider public, and a period of training and mentoring with the aim to have an effective future management of the Branch and the robust delivery of animal welfare services in the area. Members will vote at the AGM to appoint the appropriate Trustee applicants in accordance with Branch rules

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

#### **Working Names**

Within the wider community the RSPCA Solent Branch is also known as The Stubbington Ark.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

A committee of Trustees is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are recruited from existing volunteers and supporters and by recommendation. The Branch also uses the local volunteer centre and volunteer recruitment websites.

#### **Organisational structure**

The trustees hold monthly meetings at which decisions are made. Day to day running of the animal centre is delegated to the Animal Centre Manager, the day to day of fundraising and shops to the Business and Income Generations Manager.

The Branch works with Headquarters staff and other RSPCA Branches in its day to day work and also regularly liaises with other animal charities and Local Authorities.

#### **Induction and training of new trustees**

On becoming a Trustee HQ send out an information pack, and there is also an HQ prepared training course available. Mentoring by an established Trustee is also used for inducting and training new Trustees.

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**Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity, its investments and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring that controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks. These systems include:

**Risk**

1) Financial Fraud

2) Health and Safety

3) Loss of Trustees

4) Funds Deficit

**Action**

a) Annual independent accounts audit

b) 2 signatures required for cheques

c) Monthly reviews of financial records

d) Dual authorisation on-line banking

a) Documented policies at each site

b) Annual insurance maintained

a) Ongoing volunteer programme

b) Branch development plan

a) Annual budgets set, reviewed monthly

b) Diversified sources of income

c) Ongoing fundraising activities

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

205096

**Principal address**

174 - 176 Ranvilles Lane

Stubington

Fareham

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PO14 3EZ

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Long term we will be looking to return the branch to local control once it is in a financially sound position. Due to the size of the branch, the challenge of recruiting a full board of trustees with the appropriate skills and experience to govern a large charity with a commercial/fundraising arm, is one which we feel requires a targeted, skill-based recruitment drive and a period of training and mentoring to ensure future management of the Branch and robust delivery of animal welfare services in the area

**Trustees**

Mr M Tomlinson

Mr P Baxter

Mr D Lott – appointed 24 March 2020

**Patrons**

Mr Fred Dinenge

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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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.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act with regards to the public benefit statement.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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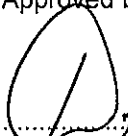
**Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors**


So far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.


**Auditors**

The auditors, Leonard Gold Chartered Accountants will be proposed for reappointment.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 July 2021..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
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D Lett - Trustee





**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of RSPCA Solent Branch ('the charity') for the year ending 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our qualified opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for qualified opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We have not been able to satisfy ourselves as to the completeness of the legacy income within the total income figure. This is because sufficient appropriate audit evidence was not available. In all other aspects we have been able to satisfy ourselves as to the income being recorded correctly.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of the audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8 the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free for material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or to have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

**Identifying potential risks related to irregularities**

- We obtained an understanding of the laws and regulations that are applicable to the charity and determined those which could reasonably be expected:
  - To have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We determined that the most significant were the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102); and
  - To not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty. We determined that the most significant were health and safety, and employment law.
- We enquired to management as to their own assessment of risks in relation to fraud and irregularities and the internal controls they may have in place to mitigate the risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- We evaluated management's incentives and opportunity for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls). Also, evaluated if there is an increased risk of fraud arising due to the potential impact of Covid-19 on the activities of the charitable company and the reporting thereon.

**Audit approach to risks identified**

- We reviewed how the charity is complying with laws and regulations by making enquiries to management and senior employees. This was corroborated by review of correspondence received from regulatory bodies;
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the Charities Act and accounting standards;

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- We enquired to management concerning any actual or potential litigation and claims;
- We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud or non compliance;
- We enquired whether management had any knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- We tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments to assess whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias. This included assessing the business rational of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- We communicated the risks identified and the audit approach to be taken to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above.

The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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**Dated:** 1 September 2021

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SOLENT BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	668,208	-	668,208	391,627
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Animal welfare	5	113,631	-	113,631	180,132
Other trading activities	3	298,330	164,596	462,926	454,827
Investment income	4	<u>43,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,436</u>	<u>37,668</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,123,605</b>	<b>164,596</b>	<b>1,288,201</b>	<b>1,064,254</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	2,107	-	2,107	3,616
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Animal welfare	7	<u>903,376</u>	<u>(22,846)</u>	<u>926,222</u>	<u>1,019,071</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>905,483</b>	<b>(22,846)</b>	<b>928,329</b>	<b>1,022,687</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>218,122</b>	<b>141,750</b>	<b>359,872</b>	<b>41,567</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>3,250,919</b>	<b>49,517</b>	<b>3,300,436</b>	<b>3,258,869</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>3,469,041</u></b>	<b><u>191,267</u></b>	<b><u>3,660,308</u></b>	<b><u>3,300,436</u></b>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	14	1,796,824	1,814,482
Investments	15	<u>5,412</u>	<u>30,567</u>
		1,802,236	1,845,049
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	16	11,159	11,403
Debtors	17	418,306	528,596
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,475,769</u>	<u>969,928</u>
		1,905,234	1,509,927
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	18	(47,162)	(54,540)
		<u>1,858,072</u>	<u>1,455,387</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>1,858,072</u>	<u>1,455,387</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>3,660,308</u>	<u>3,300,436</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,660,308</u>	<u>3,300,436</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	21		
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>			
General fund		3,208,218	3,150,919
Maintenance fund		100,000	100,000
Cattery fund		<u>160,823</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>3,469,041</u>	<u>3,250,919</u>
<b>Restricted funds:</b>			
Accumulated shelter fund		11,820	11,820
Pond fund		13,137	13,274
Paws4Help		-	10,651
Case dog fund		3,778	3,778
Kennel Block Fund		8,793	9,196
Cattery Fund		<u>153,739</u>	<u>798</u>
		<u>191,267</u>	<u>49,517</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>3,660,308</u>	<u>3,300,436</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>459,356</u>	<u>541,992</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>		<u>459,356</u>	<u>541,992</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,820)	(33,491)
Sale of investment assets		61,576	500
Interest received		396	225
Dividends received		<u>2,467</u>	<u>2,811</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<u>57,619</u>	<u>(29,955)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		516,975	512,037
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	2	<u>958,794</u>	<u>446,757</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	2	<u>1,475,769</u>	<u>958,794</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	359,872	41,567
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	24,478	24,450
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(36,421)	4,132
Interest received	(396)	(225)
Dividends received	(2,467)	(2,811)
Decrease in stocks	244	2,868
Increase in debtors	(110,290)	483,394
Increase in creditors	<u>3,756</u>	<u>(12,384)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>459,356</u>	<u>540,991</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	372	931
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	1,475,397	968,996
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,133)</u>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>1,475,769</u>	<u>958,794</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**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 2015)', 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 with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

**Income**

Donation and collection income is included in the accounts when they are received or when it becomes reasonably certain that it will be received, and the value of the incoming resource can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash, or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable, unless the asset has been fully purchased then the income is deferred.

Income received as a result of generating funds is recognised when received.

Incoming resources from charitable activities are recognised on the accruals basis and are included net of any VAT that has been charged.

Rents received are measured on an accrual basis.

**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.

**Allocation and apportionment of costs**

No costs were apportioned during the year.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued**

**Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost, assets costing less than £100 are not capitalised. When the asset is received by way of donation it is recorded at its market value on the date of donation.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold land	-	not depreciated
Buildings	-	straight line over 100 years
Plant and machinery	-	15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% on reducing balance

Freehold land and property was deemed to be held at cost on date of transition to FRS 102. Half is in relation to Land therefore has an infinite life and not depreciated the remaining amount was deemed to have a useful life of 100 years therefore depreciation was charged to the SOFA on a straight-line basis.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Donated stock is valued at the expected proceeds less the expected cost of sales in accordance with SORP (FRS 102).

**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.

**Investments**

Investments are included at cost less impairment.

**Irrecoverable VAT**

Due to the nature of the Charity's activities not all VAT is recoverable as input tax cannot be attributed directly to taxable or exempt supplies. A quarterly partial exemption calculation is completed for the irrecoverable VAT.

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other income	44,733	2,058
Donations and collections (including Gift Aid)	110,123	134,878
Legacies	411,018	248,426
Grants	<u>102,334</u>	<u>6,265</u>
	<u>668,208</u>	<u>391,627</u>

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other grants	<u>102,334</u>	<u>6,265</u>

There are no conditions attached to the grants received in the year and proceeding year.

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising	262,514	83,255
Animal centre shop sales	2,643	5,480
Charity shop sales	<u>197,769</u>	<u>366,092</u>
	<u>462,926</u>	<u>454,827</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Rents received	40,574	34,632
Dividends on investments	2,466	2,811
Deposit account interest	<u>396</u>	<u>225</u>
	<u>43,436</u>	<u>37,668</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		2020	2019
	Activity	£	£
Animal adoptions	Animal welfare	28,201	36,918
Boarding fees and police fees	Animal welfare	72,513	115,945
Vets fees (neutering)	Animal welfare	<u>12,917</u>	<u>27,269</u>
		<u>113,631</u>	<u>180,132</u>

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**6. RAISING FUNDS**

**Other trading activities**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Purchases	<u>2,107</u>	<u>3,616</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs (See note 8)	Support costs (See note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£
Animal welfare	<u>888,148</u>	<u>38,074</u>	<u>926,222</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	543,892	533,857
Veterinary fees and drugs	118,066	134,816
Food	6,202	9,463
Rent, rates, water and power	129,304	147,124
Insurance	4,162	2,812
Stationery, postage and telephone	8,645	8,061
Motor expenses and travel	5,065	6,177
Maintenance and repairs	26,525	54,619
Refuse collection	19,891	27,035
Cleaning	8,267	8,776
Clothing	621	357
Miscellaneous	7,644	3,985
Partial exemption adjustment	21,440	26,330
Staff fundraising costs	367	1,535
Bad debts written off	-	525
Depreciation	24,478	24,450
Profit on disposal of assets	<u>(36,421)</u>	<u>4,132</u>
	<u>888,148</u>	<u>994,054</u>

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance	Professional	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Animal welfare	<u>4,219</u>	<u>26,875</u>	<u>6,980</u>	<u>38,074</u>

**10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>6,980</u>	<u>10,612</u>

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**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**12. STAFF COSTS**

**Total Staff costs comprised:**

	2020
	£
Wages and Salaries	508,191
Social Security Costs	27,051
Pension Costs	<u>8,650</u>
	<u>543,892</u>

No employee earned £60,000 pa or more.

The average number of employees during the year was 34 (2019: 36).

**Defined contribution pension**

Amount charged to the SOFA as an expense in the year £8,650 (2019 £8,092).

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	371,627	20,000	391,627
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Animal welfare	180,132	-	180,132
Other trading activities	454,029	798	454,827
Investment income	<u>37,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,668</u>
<b>Total</b>	1,043,456	20,798	1,064,254
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3,616	-	3,616
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Animal welfare	<u>994,754</u>	<u>24,317</u>	<u>1,019,071</u>
<b>Total</b>	998,370	24,317	1,022,687
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	45,086	(3,519)	41,567
Transfer between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	45,086	(3,519)	41,567
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>3,205,833</u>	<u>53,036</u>	<u>3,258,869</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>3,250,919</u>	<u>49,517</u>	<u>3,300,436</u>

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**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2020	1,748,050	367,035	14,060	2,129,145
Additions	-	6,820	-	6,820
Disposals	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,748,050</u>	<u>373,855</u>	<u>14,060</u>	<u>2,135,965</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2020	34,893	266,537	13,233	314,663
Charge for year	8,707	15,564	207	24,478
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
	<u>43,600</u>	<u>282,101</u>	<u>13,440</u>	<u>339,141</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,704,450</u>	<u>91,754</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>1,796,824</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,713,157</u>	<u>100,498</u>	<u>827</u>	<u>1,814,482</u>

Under the rules of the society, the title to freehold land owned by the branch is vested in the headquarters of the society.

All fixed assets are used in the direct furtherance of the charity's objectives.

**15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Unlisted investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2020	30,567
Disposals	<u>(25,155)</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,412</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,412</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>30,567</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Shares	5,412	30,567
	<u>5,412</u>	<u>30,567</u>

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**16. STOCKS**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Finished goods	<u>11,159</u>	<u>11,403</u>

**17. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,407	6,667
Other debtors	390,059	495,636
VAT	5,803	7,539
Prepayments	<u>17,037</u>	<u>18,754</u>
	<u>418,306</u>	<u>528,596</u>

There were no debtors due after more than one year.

**18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 19)	-	11,133
Trade creditors	11,573	18,768
Social security and other taxes	7,741	6,778
Accruals and deferred income	<u>27,848</u>	<u>17,861</u>
	<u>47,162</u>	<u>54,540</u>

There were no creditors due after more than one year.

**19. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdraft	<u>-</u>	<u>11,133</u>

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**20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,796,824	-	1,796,824	1,814,482
Investments	5,412	-	5,412	30,567
Current assets	1,713,967	191,267	1,905,234	1,509,927
Current liabilities	<u>(47,162)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,162)</u>	<u>(54,540)</u>
	<u>3,469,041</u>	<u>191,267</u>	<u>3,660,308</u>	<u>3,300,436</u>

**21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.01.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	3,150,919	157,299	(100,000)	3,208,218
Maintenance fund	100,000	-	-	100,000
Cattery fund	<u>-</u>	<u>60,823</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>160,823</u>
	<u>3,250,919</u>	<u>218,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,469,041</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Accumulated shelter fund	11,820	-	-	11,820
Pond fund	13,274	(137)	-	13,137
Paws4Help	10,651	(10,651)	-	-
Case dog fund	3,778	-	-	3,778
F block fund	9,196	(403)	-	8,793
Cattery fund	<u>798</u>	<u>152,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>153,739</u>
	<u>49,517</u>	<u>141,750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,267</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,300,436</u>	<u>359,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,660,308</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,123,605	(905,483)	218,122
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Pond fund	-	(137)	(137)
Paws4Help	-	(10,651)	(10,651)
Case dog fund	-	-	-
F block fund	-	(403)	(403)
Cattery fund	<u>164,596</u>	<u>(11,655)</u>	<u>152,941</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,408,509</u>	<u>(928,329)</u>	<u>359,872</u>

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**21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Pond Fund

A restricted fund was created as a result of a donation to be used for the creation and landscaping of a new pond at the animal shelter. This work commenced in the year ended 31 December 2012.

Paws4Help

The fund has been created for a campaign to raise funds to redevelop the cattery.

Case Dog, A Block, Dog and B Block funds

These funds were created by companies or individuals sponsoring a redevelopment of an area of The Ark.

Maintenance Fund

The fund has been created for general maintenance needed at the Stubbington Ark.

Cattery Fund

A Cattery Fund has been created to fund the removal of the condemned existing cattery and the building of a new replacement cattery. The fund consists of two elements; restricted fund and designated fund. The restricted fund is funding raised specifically for the Cattery and restricted to that use only. The designated funds are funds transferred from the Charity's General Fund and designated to fund any shortfall in the funding of the cattery where the restricted fund is insufficient. Any monies not used from the designated fund for the cattery will be returned to the General Fund for all and any use of the Charity.

**22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**23. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

The financial statements take into consideration events occurring between 31 December 2020 and their approval by the trustees.

**24. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 December 2020 the total of the Charity's future following payments are committed to be paid:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Less than one year	56,682	8,500
One to five years	185,417	156,250
More than five years	<u>127,604</u>	<u>-</u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Other income	44,733	2,058
Donations and collections (including Gift Aid)	110,123	134,878
Legacies	411,018	248,426
Grants	<u>102,334</u>	<u>6,265</u>
	668,208	391,627
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising	262,514	83,255
Animal centre shop sales	2,643	5,480
Charity shop sales	<u>197,769</u>	<u>366,092</u>
	462,926	454,827
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	40,573	34,632
Dividends on investments	2,467	2,811
Deposit account interest	<u>396</u>	<u>225</u>
	43,436	37,668
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Animal adoptions	28,201	36,918
Boarding fees and police fees	72,513	115,945
Vets fees (neutering)	<u>12,917</u>	<u>27,269</u>
	<u>113,631</u>	<u>180,132</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	1,288,201	1,064,254
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Animal centre goods for resale	2,107	3,616
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	508,191	504,782
Social security	27,051	20,983
Pensions	8,650	8,092
Veterinary fees and drugs	118,066	134,816
Food	6,202	9,463
Rent, rates, water and power	129,304	147,124
Insurance	4,162	2,812
Stationery, postage and telephone	8,645	8,061
Motor expenses and travel	5,065	6,177
Maintenance and repairs	26,525	54,619
Carried forward	841,861	896,929

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	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	841,861	896,929
Refuse collection	19,891	27,035
Cleaning	8,267	8,776
Clothing	621	357
Miscellaneous	7,644	3,985
Partial exemption adjustment	21,440	26,330
Staff fundraising costs	367	1,535
Bad debts written off	-	525
Freehold property	8,706	8,706
Plant and machinery	15,565	15,468
Motor vehicles	207	276
Profit on sale of assets	<u>(36,421)</u>	<u>4,132</u>
	888,148	994,054
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	4,219	4,350
Professional fees	<u>26,875</u>	<u>10,055</u>
	31,094	14,405
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>6,980</u>	<u>10,612</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	928,329	1,022,687
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<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>359,872</u>	<u>41,567</u>

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