

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

England & Wales - Charity number 205759

Details

Other names	RSPCA - STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH, RSPCA WORCESTERSHIRE - STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH, RSPCA STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-05-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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: Rescue and rehome, injured, stray and unwanted animals. Assist with neutering & microchip schemes. Help and give advice to the public, via telephone, email and social media.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT.
- Dudley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£65,030	£89,265	-	-
2024-12-31	£51,324	£93,529	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,153	£81,029	-	-
2022-12-31	£72,995	£67,325	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,418	£58,610	-	-
2020-12-31	£37,366	£46,004	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrina Sarah Ann Louise Bowdley		2020-01-18
HEATHER CAIN		
JANE JONES		
Lori Lee Shaffer		2021-04-17
Rosalind Thomas		2021-02-20
Vivienne Jane DODSON		2012-09-16

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**RSPCA STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity number: 205759

Trustees: Mrs A Bowdley (Secretary)
Mrs R Thomas (Treasurer)
Ms H Cain
Mrs J Jones
Mrs V Dodson
Ms L Shaffer

Principal address: RSPCA Stourbridge & District Branch
PO Box 7381
DY9 0WJ

Auditors: DSE Accountants
2 Croft Court,
Croft Lane,
Temple Grafton,
Alcester.
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Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd.
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**RSPCA STOURBRIDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (as updated in 2022). A Committee, elected at the AGM, governs the branches, who are Trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made.

The trustees actively review the risks which the charity faces on a regular basis through regular meetings of the trustees that cover operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks which the branch face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- Having sufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities.
- Having a sufficient number of foster carers
- Having a sufficient number of trustees

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The RSPCA Stourbridge and District Branch is a CIO 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 Stourbridge, Hagley and surrounding areas.

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - 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 our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst 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 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 this report, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES PURSUED FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

We support our local Inspectors by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions.

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We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals that are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through liaison with vets.

We provide vouchers for subsidised neutering for companion cats and dogs on a case-by-case basis. This work helps to control cat/dog populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip companion animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. 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 animals, and therefore would fall outside our objectives, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We take in, where possible, lost animals and take steps to reunite them with owners. This work benefits our local community by preventing animals straying and posing a risk to themselves and to people through road traffic accidents.

We respond to enquiries from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

We offer free animal care advice by telephone, internet or referral to professionals e.g. veterinary surgeons. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Stourbridge and District Branch's animal welfare work during 2025 has included rescuing and rehoming various unwanted animals, advice and financial help with veterinary costs. We have a dedicated group of fosterers who enable us to continue with our vital rehoming work. In 2025 we rehomed 36 cats (45 in 2024).

During 2025 we have continued to work hard at our social media presence. We have seen our followers on Facebook and Instagram sites continue to increase. We also have a YouTube Channel where the public can see videos of animals available for adoption. Through these sites, we continue to create a greater awareness of the branch, giving out regular advice on animal welfare issues, promoting the animals in our care who need homes, advertising lost and found pets and answering lots of messages on animal related issues.

We also continued to run a pet food bank to assist those people on benefits who would otherwise need to surrender their pets. This food bank will run for as long as required and caters for cats, dogs and small furries.

During 2025 we also increased our fundraising activities to include Patreon, a members only platform with volunteers that maintain refreshed content regularly.

Throughout 2025 we continued to use both our local and the main RSPCA website for advertising animals in our care and are still finding that a good source of potential adopters.

We have endeavoured to maintain to our fosterer network – this remains a focus as it is difficult to find good foster homes.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £65,030 (2024 £43,645)

Expenditure in the year amounted to £89,265 (2024 £93,529)

The deficit for the year was £24,235.

Although we have spent more than our income we are lucky enough to have reserves from previous large legacies. These large reserves have meant that we are able to sustain such a loss but need to increase income in the coming years if we are to continue to operate.

RESERVES POLICY

The Branch Trustees regularly monitor financial balances and recognise from time to time they need to cut back on expenditure as necessary until sufficient funds have been raised to supplement these balances. However, we are in the fortunate position that we now have reserves in the bank to cover us for at least the next 2 years. The Branch however are aware that even though they are in a fortunate position currently, they cannot rest on their laurels and must continue to promote awareness of the branch and the work it does, to ensure funding opportunities present themselves again when necessary.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Money not required is deposited in a higher interest building society account with immediate access.

FUTURE PLANS

We intend to continue to make full use of the website and social media to inform local communities about the work the branch carries out, and more importantly, promote the animals we have available for rehoming. Every year we look to make improvements and in 2026 we will continue to look at ways we can improve, including our intention to explore using the Zeffy platform for fundraising more. This appears to be a good way of tracking fundraising activities, with a regular and direct transfer of funds into branch accounts.

During 2026 we will also continue to raise branch awareness and important animal related issues using social media as this continues to be the most engaging, far reaching and cost-effective method of communication. We will continue to explore different fundraising opportunities.

We will continue to support the local community with the pet food bank as long as it is required.

We would still benefit from recruiting a few more fosterers, as this continues to be the limiting factor as to how many animals we're able to help. Changes in fosterer spaces towards the end of 2025 means that branch no longer pays for any cabin or foster spaces. This will therefore significantly benefit the branch financially in 2026, helping to preserve funds.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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 Board of Trustees approved this report on 8 June 2026.

**Mrs Andrina Bowdley
Branch Secretary**

APPROVAL

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch

Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

DSE Accountants
2 Croft Court
Temple Grafton
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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch

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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Officers and Advisers

Proprietor R Thomas

Accountants DSE Accountants
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**Accountants' Report to R Thomas on the Preparation of the Unaudited Financial
Information of
RSPCA Stourbridge Branch**

We have prepared for your approval the financial information of RSPCA Stourbridge Branch for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprises the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to you. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of RSPCA Stourbridge Branch. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than R Thomas for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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DSE Accountants

14 April 2026

2 Croft Court
Temple Grafton
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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Approval of financial information

I approve the financial information which comprises the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, and for providing DSE Accountants with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

I give my authority for the financial information to be submitted to HM Revenue and Customs.

The financial information was approved by the proprietor on 14 April 2026.

SIGNED SECURELY
Rosalind Thomas
19/04/2026 at 4:41:51 PM UTC
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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Donations	20,193		25,159	
Fundraising	456		363	
Head Office	41,524		15,961	
Facebook	-		17	
Adoption Fees	2,857		2,145	
		65,030		43,645
Other income				
Other Income	-		108	
Interest Received	6,316		7,571	
		6,316		7,679
Total income		71,346		51,324
Cost of sales				
Cats	15,124		13,178	
Vets Fees	39,643		38,398	
Facilities for Pets	31,310		34,400	
		(86,077)		(85,976)
Gross loss		(14,731)		(34,652)
Expenses				
Rent	-		320	
Light, heat and power	342		487	
Insurance	238		822	
Printing, postage and stationery	789		698	
Sundry expenses	926		1,806	
Irrecoverable VAT	-		2,367	
Mileage Expenses	286		322	
Accountancy fees	480		480	
Legal and professional fees	47		35	
Bank charges	80		216	
		(3,188)		(7,553)
Net loss		(17,919)		(42,205)

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors	237		-	
Cash at bank and in hand	221,288		239,444	
	221,525		239,444	
Net assets		221,525		239,444
Financed by:				
Capital account				
As at 1 January 2025		(42,205)		-
Loss		(17,919)		(42,205)
		(60,124)		(42,205)
Current account				
As at 1 January 2025		281,649		281,649
		281,649		281,649
		221,525		239,444

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We provide limited subsidised veterinary treatment for animals that are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through liaison with vets.

We set up a very small subsidised cat neutering assistance, with help from a local vet, which we use in cases of extreme need. This was set up due to the suspension of the Cats Protection Neutering Scheme. We also provide vouchers for free neutering for companion dogs on a case-by-case basis. This work helps to control cat/dog populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip companion animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

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We take in, free of charge, lost animals and take steps to reunite them with owners. This work benefits our local community 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 national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Stourbridge and District Branch's animal welfare work during 2024 has included rescuing and rehoming various unwanted animals, advice and financial help with veterinary costs. We have a dedicated group of fosterers who enable us to continue with our vital rehoming work. In 2024 we rehomed 44 cats. This is fewer than 2023 (56 cats and 1 rabbit) During 2024 we have continued to work hard at our social media presence. We have seen our followers on Facebook, twitter and Instagram sites continue to increase. We also have a YouTube Channel where the public can see videos of animals available for adoption. Through these sites, we continue to create a greater awareness of the branch, giving out regular advice on animal welfare issues, promoting the animals in our care who need homes, advertising lost and found pets and answering lots of messages on animal related issues.

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In 2024, we continued to run a pet food bank to assist those people on benefits who would otherwise need to surrender their pets, due to the on-going cost of living crisis. This food bank will run for as long as required and caters for cats, dogs and small furies.

We have continued to nurture the relationship we have with the online Pet retailer who makes regular pallet donations of food and litter, this allows us to ensure our own fosterers are always well stocked with dry food and litter.

During 2024 we have continued to update our website to make it more accessible and current. We have 1 volunteer who maintains it regularly.

In 2024 we have also continued to use the main RSPCA website for advertising animals in our care needing homes and are still finding that a good resource.

One of our aims is always to recruit more fosterers, mainly for rabbits. This remains a focus as its difficult to find good foster homes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £51,324 (2023 £43,153)

Expenditure in the year amounted to £93,529 (2023 £81,029)

The deficit for the year was £42,205

Although we have spent almost double our income we are lucky enough to have reserves from previous large legacies. These large reserves have meant that we are able to sustain such a loss but need to increase income in the coming years if we are to continue to operate.

RESERVES POLICY

The Branch Trustees regularly monitor financial balances and recognise from time to time they need to cut back on expenditure as necessary until sufficient funds have been raised to supplement these balances.

However due to the legacies received we are in the fortunate position that we now have reserves in the bank to cover us for at least the next 2 years. The Branch however are aware that even though they are in a fortunate position currently, they cannot rest on their laurels and must continue to promote awareness of the branch and the work it does, to ensure funding opportunities present themselves again when necessary.

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Money not required is deposited in a higher interest building society account (specifically for charities) with immediate access.

FUTURE PLANS

We intend to continue to make full use of the website, and social media, to inform local residents about the work the branch carries out but more importantly promote the animals we have available for rehoming. Every year we look to make improvements and in 2025 we will continue to look at ways we can improve.

During 2025 we will also continue to raise branch awareness and important animal related issues using social media as this continues to be the most reliable and cost-effective method of communication. We will also begin increasing the amount of fundraising that we do, both online and in person. We have maintained our link with local press and radio and have been featured in both media.

We will continue to support the local community with the pet food bank as long as it is required.

We would still benefit from recruiting a few more fosterers, as this continues to be the limiting factor as to how many animals we are able to help.

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The Board of Trustees approved this report on 29th April 2025.

Mrs Liz Cormell

Chair

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch

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You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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DSE Accountants

29 April 2025

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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Donations	25,159		17,048	
Fundraising	363		3,142	
Head Office	15,961		16,045	
Facebook	17		1,983	
Adoption Fees	2,145		1,705	
		43,645		39,923
Other income				
Other Income	108		255	
Interest Received	7,571		2,975	
		7,679		3,230
Total income		51,324		43,153
Cost of sales				
Cats	13,178		16,468	
Vets Fees	38,398		34,085	
Facilities for Pets	34,400		20,879	
		(85,976)		(71,432)
Gross loss		(34,652)		(28,279)
Expenses				
Rent	320		550	
Light, heat and power	487		3,717	
Insurance	822		-	
Telephone and fax	-		123	
Printing, postage and stationery	698		631	
Sundry expenses	1,806		2,905	
Irrecoverable VAT	2,367		-	
Mileage Expenses	322		897	
Accountancy fees	480		480	
Legal and professional fees	35		40	
Bank charges	216		254	
		(7,553)		(9,597)
Net loss		(42,205)		(37,876)

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors	-		2,367	
Cash at bank and in hand	239,444		279,282	
	239,444		281,649	
Net assets		239,444		281,649
Financed by:				
Capital account				
Loss		(42,205)		(37,876)
		(42,205)		(37,876)
Current account				
As at 1 January 2024		281,649		319,525
		281,649		319,525
		239,444		281,649



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name RSPCA STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT BRANCH

On accounts for the year ended

31ST DECEMBER 2024 Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 25-04-2025

Name: SAM POOLE

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FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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Mrs R Thomas (Treasurer)
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In 2023 we have also continued to use the main RSPCA website for advertising animals in our care needing homes and are still finding that a good resource.

One of our aims is always to recruit more fosterers, mainly for rabbits. This remains a focus as its difficult to find good foster homes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £43,153 (2022 £72,995)

Expenditure in the year amounted to £81,029 (2022 £67,325)

The deficit for the year was £37,876.

Although we have spent almost double our income we are lucky enough to have reserves from previous large legacies. These large reserves have meant that we are able to sustain such a loss but need to increase income in the coming years if we are to continue to operate.

RESERVES POLICY

The Branch Trustees regularly monitor financial balances and recognise from time to time they need to cut back on expenditure as necessary until sufficient funds have been raised to supplement these balances.

However due to the legacies received we are in the fortunate position that we now have reserves in the bank to cover us for at least the next 2 years. The Branch however are aware that even though they are in a fortunate position currently, they cannot rest on their laurels and must continue to promote awareness of the branch and the work it does, to ensure funding opportunities present themselves again when necessary.

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Money not required is deposited in a higher interest building society account (specifically for charities) with immediate access.

FUTURE PLANS

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We would still benefit from recruiting a few more fosterers, as this continues to be the limiting factor as to how many animals we are able to help.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
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- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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 Board of Trustees approved this report on 20th May 2024.

Mrs Liz Cormell

Chair

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch

Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

DSE Accountants
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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch

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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Officers and Advisers

Proprietor R Thomas

Accountants DSE
Accountants 2
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**Accountants' Report to R Thomas on the Preparation of the Unaudited Financial
Information of
RSPCA Stourbridge Branch**

We have prepared for your approval the financial information of RSPCA Stourbridge Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook .

This report is made solely to you. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of RSPCA Stourbridge Branch and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical release TECH08/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than R Thomas for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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DSE Accountants

12 April 2024

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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Approval of financial information

I approve the financial information which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in note 1, and for providing DSE Accountants with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

I give my authority for the financial information to be submitted to HM Revenue and Customs. The financial information was approved by the proprietor on 12 April 2024.

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RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	2023	£	2022	£
Turnover				
Donations	17,048		11,112	
Fundraising	3,142		545	
Head Office	16,045		54,875	
Facebook	1,983		3,947	
Adoption Fees	1,705		1,935	
		39,923		72,414
Other income				
Other Income	255		249	
Interest Received	2,975		332	
		3,230		581
Total income		43,153		72,995
Cost of sales				
Cats	16,468		11,178	
Vets Fees	34,085		40,041	
Facilities for Pets	20,879		9,885	
		(71,432)		(61,104)
Gross (loss)/profit		(28,279)		11,891
Expenses				
Rent	550		240	
Light, heat and power	3,717		2,080	
Telephone and fax	123		-	
Printing, postage and stationery	631		440	
Sundry expenses	2,905		1,793	
Mileage Expenses	897		867	
Accountancy fees	480		660	
Legal and professional fees	40		40	
Bank charges	254		101	
		(9,597)		(6,221)
Net (loss)/profit		(37,876)		5,670

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	2	2,367		2,715	
Cash at bank and in hand		279,282		316,810	
		<u>281,649</u>		<u>319,525</u>	
Net assets			<u>281,649</u>		<u>319,525</u>
Financed by:					
Capital account					
As at 1 January 2023			350,047		350,047
			<u>350,047</u>		<u>350,047</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of sales of goods, net of value added tax.

2 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	2,367	2,366
Prepayments	-	349
	<u>2,367</u>	<u>2,715</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
RSPCA STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT BRANCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2023 Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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Signed:

Date: 10-06-2024

Name: SAM POOLE

Relevant professional
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £72,995 (2021 £22,418)

Expenditure in the year amounted to £67,325 (2021 £58,610)

The profit for the year was £5,670.

We have been very lucky to have received a number of large legacies this year along with numerous, frequent donations via social media. This has enabled us to actually be in profit this year.

RESERVES POLICY

The Branch Trustees regularly monitor financial balances and recognise from time to time they need to cut back on expenditure as necessary until sufficient funds have been raised to supplement these balances.

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The Board of Trustees approved this report on 9th May 2023.

Mrs Liz Cornell
Chair

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch

Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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DSE Accountants

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17 April 2023

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Donations	11,112		3,735	
Fundraising	545		3,073	
Head Office	54,875		11,647	
Facebook	3,947		2,176	
Adoption Fees	1,935		1,280	
		72,414		21,911
Other income				
Other Income	249		-	
Interest Received	332		507	
		581		507
Total income		72,995		22,418
Cost of sales				
Cats	11,178		30,284	
Vets Fees	40,041		16,570	
Facilities for Pets	9,885		8,804	
		(61,104)		(55,658)
Gross profit/(loss)		11,891		(33,240)
Expenses				
Rent	240		-	
Light, heat and power	2,080		-	
Telephone and fax	-		37	
Printing, postage and stationery	440		589	
Sundry expenses	1,793		1,472	
Mileage Expenses	867		166	
Accountancy fees	660		648	
Legal and professional fees	40		40	
Bank charges	101		-	
		(6,221)		(2,952)
Net profit/(loss)		5,670		(36,192)

RSPCA Stourbridge Branch
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors	2,715		2,715	
Cash at bank and in hand	316,810		322,379	
	319,525		325,094	
Current liabilities			(11,239)	
Net assets	-	319,525	-	313,855
		319,525		313,855
Financed by:				
Capital account				
As at 1 January 2022		350,047		350,047
		350,047		350,047
		350,047		350,047



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

RSPCA STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT BRANCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

25-04-2023

Name:

SAM POOLE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity number: 205759

Trustees: Ms L Cormell (Chair)
Mrs A Bowdley (Secretary)
Mrs R Thomas (Treasurer)
Mrs M Edwards
Ms H Cain
Mrs J Jones
Mrs V Dodson
Mrs D Roberts
Ms D Bateman
Ms L Shaffer

Principal address: RSPCA Stourbridge & District
Branch
PO Box 7381
DY8 9GX

Auditors: DSE Accountants
Shrubbery House
47 Prospect Hill
Redditch
B97 4BS

Bankers: HSBC
114 High Street
Stourbridge
DY8 1DS

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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 (as updated in 2006). A Committee, elected at the AGM governs the branches, who are Trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made.

The trustees actively review the risks, which the charity faces on a regular basis through regular meetings of the trustees that cover operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks which the branch face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- Having sufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities.
- Having a sufficient number of foster carers
- Having a sufficient number of trustees

OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The RSPCA Stourbridge and District 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 Stourbridge, Hagley and surrounding areas.

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - 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 our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL WELFARE

Under the Charities Act 2006, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst 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 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 this report, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES PURSUED FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

We support our local Inspectors by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and

advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals that are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through liaison with vets.

We participate in a joint neutering scheme, with Cats Protection, run throughout the West Midlands and Wales. We also provide vouchers for free neutering for companion dogs on a case by case basis. This work helps to control cat/dog populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip companion animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. 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 animals, and therefore would fall outside our objectives, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We take in, free of charge, lost animals and take steps to reunite them with owners. This work benefits our local community 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 national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

We offer free animal care advice by telephone, internet or referral to professionals e.g. veterinary surgeons. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Stourbridge and District Branch's animal welfare work during 2020 has included rescuing and rehoming various unwanted animals, advice and financial help with veterinary costs. We have a dedicated group of fosterers who enable us to continue with our vital rehoming work. In 2020 we rehomed 44 cats. This is fewer than 2019 (53) but believe that this reduction was due in most part to Covid restrictions, along with the nature of the cats we had in our care.

During 2020 we have continued to work hard at our social media presence, especially because of the restrictions brought about by Covid. We have seen our followers on both the Facebook and twitter sites continue to increase, and we

now have a channel on Instagram. We also have a YouTube Channel where the public can see videos of animals available for adoption. Through these sites, we continue to create a greater awareness of the branch, giving out regular advice on animal welfare issues, promoting the animals in our care who need homes, advertising lost and found pets and answering lots of messages on animal related issues.

In 2020, we faced the challenge of government Covid restrictions, so have moved fundraising online exclusively. This has not only brought in funds for the Branch but raised awareness of the Branch in the local area.

We have continued to nurture the relationship we have with the online Pet retailer who makes regular pallet donations of food and litter, this allows us to ensure our own fosterers are always well stocked with dry food and litter.

During 2020 we have continued to update our website to make it more accessible and current. We have 2 volunteers who now maintain it regularly.

In 2020 we have also continued to use the main RSPCA website for advertising our animals needing homes and are still finding that a good resource.

One of our aims is always to recruit more fosterers. This remains a focus as its difficult to find good foster homes, however we were successful in recruiting 5 new fosterers during 2020, along with a fosterer who took on end of life care for an elderly cat.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £37,366 (2019 £45,257)

Expenditure in the year amounted to £46,004 (2019 £51,201)

The deficit for the year was £8,638.

This year incoming revenue was still low compared to expenditure however due to the large legacies left to the branch in 2015/16 however this is currently not a cause for concern

RESERVES POLICY

The Branch Trustees regularly monitor financial balances and recognise from time to time they need to cut back on expenditure as necessary until sufficient funds have been raised to supplement these balances.

However due to the legacies received we are in the fortunate position that we now have reserves in the bank to cover us for at least the next 3 years. The Branch however are aware that even though they are in a fortunate position currently, they cannot rest on their laurels and must continue to promote awareness of the branch and the work it does, to ensure funding opportunities present themselves again when necessary.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Money not required is deposited in a higher interest building society account (specifically for charities) with immediate access.

FUTURE PLANS

We intend to continue to make full use of the new website to inform local residents about the work the branch carries out but more importantly promote the animals we have available for rehoming. Every year we look to make improvements to the website and in 2021 we will continue to look at ways we can improve.

During 2021 we will also continue to raise branch awareness and important animal related issues using social media as this continues to be the most reliable and cost-effective method of communication. We will also begin increasing the amount of fundraising that we do. We have just started developing a link with the local press and will continue to utilise and nurture this link.

One thing we need to focus on during 2021 is the recruitment of a few more fosterers, as this continues to be the limiting factor as to how many animals we are able to help.

We have plans to increase fundraising activities, once restrictions have lifted enough to enable us to do so, and will make use of both online and in-person events to do this.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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 Board of Trustees approved this report on 10th October 2021.

Mrs Liz Cornell
Chair

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Stourbridge Branch

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

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2 Croft Court, Croft Lane, Temple Grafton, Alcester,
Warwickshire, B49 6PW

RSPCA - Stourbridge Branch

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Total Funds 2020	Funds 2019
INCOMING RESOURCES					
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:					
Voluntary income	1	5,771	-	5,771	11,876
Activities for generating funds	2	25,244	-	25,244	26,779
Investment income	3	2,524	-	2,524	2,256
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES					
	4	3,827	-	3,827	4,346
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES				37,366	37,366
45,257					
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	6	-	-	46,004	51,201
GOVERNANCE COSTS	7	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED					
46,004		-46,004	51,201		
Net incoming/outgoings resources		(8,638)	-	(8,638)	(5,944)
Gains on investment assets					
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(8,638)	-	(8,638)	(5,944)
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2020		358,685	-	358,685	364,629
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		358,685		350,047	350,047

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
L . <u>VOLUNTARY INCOME</u>		
Donations and collections	5,771	
11,876		
<u>Legacies Grants</u> _____	-	-

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS		
Fundraising events	25,244	26,779
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Homing Donations	1,103	1,660
Other income	2,724	2,686
	5,771	11,876
3. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Bank interest	2,524	2,256
	=====	=====
	3,827	===== 4,346
6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	_____	_____
Veterinary fees and Drugs	21,201	37,076
Food and Supplies	3,911	4,220

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Insurance	524	524
Stationery and Postage	476	293
Motor and Telephone	221	779
Sundries	2,434	1,945
Printing, Advertising and Website costs	202	
Support costs	16,735	6,364
Donations	300	
5. COST OF GENERATING FUNDS.	-	-

ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS *

Bank charges		
Accountancy fees	402	300
Branch contribution	16,333	6,064
	46,004	51,201
	16,735	6,364

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS	-	-
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Royal Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals Stourbridge
Branch

Balance Sheet
31 December 2020

	2020	2019
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand	347,332	359,735
Debtors	<u>2,715</u>	<u>1,281</u>
	350,047	361,016
Current liabilities		
Bank loans and overdrafts		
Creditors		2,331
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 Net current assets	 <u>350,047</u>	 <u>358,685</u>
 Total assets less current liabilities	 <u>£ 350,047</u>	 <u>£ 358,685</u>
 Capital account		
Brought forward at 1 January 2020	358,685	364,629
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(8,638)</u>	(5,944)
	<u>£ 350,047</u>	£ 358,685