ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 208538

Details

Other names	R S P C A ESSEX-SOUTH SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT BRANCH, RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1962-09-22
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: To prevent suffering and to give renewed quality of life to abandoned and mistreated animals in the Essex South and Southend Area

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Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTH ESSEX INCLUDING SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT.
- Essex
- Southend-on-sea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£351,495	£249,109	-	-
2023-12-31	£277,680	£252,883	-	-
2022-12-31	£215,289	£255,109	-	-
2021-12-31	£137,778	£195,178	-	-
2020-12-31	£226,016	£181,904	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SAMANTHA COLLEEN BEAUMONT	Chair	
BONITA LESLEY GOODFELLOW		
Carole Anne Jones		2018-09-20
Jennifer Ripton		2022-11-16
MARILYN SALLY GAIL WARD		
Susan Iris Abrahams		2019-09-17

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Accounts

RSPCA Essex South, Southend & District Branch
Registered Charity No. 208538

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees	**Mrs S C Beaumont**	**(Chairperson)**
	Ms. M S G Ward	**(Treasurer)**
	Ms J Ripton	**(Secretary)**
	Mrs S I Abrahams	
	Mrs B L Goodfellow	
	Mrs C A Jones	
	Mr R J Moran	

**Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the AGM*

Staff:

Shop Managers	**Branch staff**
Mrs T Clements	**Ms M Summers (Animal Support)**
Mrs S Warrington	
Mrs C S Cruikshank	
Mrs L Tinklin	

Registered Address:
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Auditors:
Community 360
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Bankers:

Royal Bank of Scotland
13-15 London Road
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Kent ME19 4JQ

Objects and public benefit statement

The RSPCA Essex South, Southend & District Branch an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), responsible for carrying out animal welfare work in the districts of Southend, Castle Point, Rochford, the towns of Wickford, Battlesbridge and South Woodham Ferrers (part of).

The trustees hold regular meetings throughout the year at which decisions are made. The day to day running of the shops is delegated to the Shop Managers.

The branch operates within a national network of separately registered organisations that pursue the same objectives and which are known collectively as the Royal Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society, namely by all lawful means to prevent cruelty, promote kindness to and alleviate suffering of all animals, with 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. 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, is beneficial to the society at large, and 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 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, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer 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 laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This is key to 'the prevention of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind.

Within the financial means available to us, we provide vouchers to subsidise veterinary treatment for animals, which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through negotiating with local vets, provision of pet food or receiving sign-over of their pet. This work benefits those individuals by giving them financial help to care for their companion animals or relieving them of their need to care for them, as obligated by law.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this by a voucher scheme or working in joint venture with other animal welfare charities. This work helps to control dog/cat populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for re-homing. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering. We re-home at low cost, animals in need 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 service, which is to reduce animal suffering. Our policy to have a set 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 objects, to re-home to those who could not afford them.

We take in, without charge, lost animals and take 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 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 providing cat and dog information contact telephone numbers on our website. We take in many calls to our "0300" telephone number as well as to our shops, which are also able to help or re-direct. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership. Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society / other RSPCA branches / local animal welfare charities through collaborating in providing funding for animal welfare events and promotions.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including trusteeship, retail volunteering, fostering, and fundraising. We do not have our own Rehoming Centre, so we are unable to support volunteer interest on more one-to-one with the animals. However, this can still benefit local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work, which is compassionate and rewarding.

Branch Activities 2024

We experienced another very busy year, with most of our rehoming activities continued to be supervised by our Rehoming coordinator & voluntary elected Trustees working closely with local boarding establishments.

The Branch financial position remained stable, with the Trustees continuing to pursue the prudent financial policies adopted over the previous few years. Wherever possible, the Trustees have sought to get best value for expenditure and negotiate support from other organisations in terms of match funding. We continue to review our operating model to create efficiencies in the way we deliver services. Our expenses for the year totalled £249,109. Income for the year has improved on last year primarily due to legacy income however, we have not expanded our fundraising activities fully. Income totalled £351,495 which was primarily generated through adoption fees, legacies (£185,352), and sales from our shops in the area i.e., Shoeburyness and Rochford. We have allocated funds to specific projects such as increased welfare support and treatment initiatives with some funds ringfenced to support activities to improve our infrastructure.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the charity. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonable open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

We have a small team of employees who are responsible for managing our shops and the day to day rehoming activities. Many roles continue to be managed by a small group of volunteers, thus putting an enormous strain on the current Trustees. We would welcome applications from any members with three months or more membership, especially anyone interested in fundraising to become a Trustee.

The Branch, however still maintained its efforts on behalf of the animals, with fosterers and re-homing trustees/volunteers working steadfastly to meet the increasing workload. Thanks to their efforts, the Branch was able to deal with more than 300 animals either through direct rehoming or welfare assistance. In addition, Food and supplies have been donated to foodbanks via direct donation and Pets at Home VIP scheme. This achievement would not have been possible without the help and support of our boarding establishments, fosterers and veterinary practices.

We still struggle with the general public perception of the structure and responsibilities of the RSPCA. This is both disappointing and frustrating for our local branch as we are a self-funding separate charity which is passionate about the life quality of the animals in our branch area.

Intake and Rehoming activities

CATS: This year we took in **120 cats/kittens**. We continued to work closely with Danahar Animal Centre for boarding and rehoming many of our cats and some dogs. A special 'thank you' should be given to their staff and volunteers involved in the cat rehoming process who do a remarkable job making sure the cats/kittens go into suitable, permanent homes.

Each year we take in pregnant stray cats and have many kittens born into our care. Cats reach sexual maturity at 4 months old (when they are still kittens); and a female cat can have several litters a year. With this in mind, we continue to focus on our cat neutering, to help reduce the risk of cat over-population in our district.

We work closely with a number of local charities to support trap, neuter and release programs as well as supplying food and medical care.

DOGS: It was a busy and challenging year with further increases year on year in the number of dogs needing our assistance. **84 dogs and puppies** were brought into the branch in need, we provided veterinary care and rehabilitation, where necessary and eventually finding suitable new homes for them.

Post Covid-19 lockdown, we have seen more behavioural issues due to the lack of training and socialisation as puppies making rehabilitation and rehoming more time intensive.

In addition, we continue to offer welfare assistance to several needy dogs in the area, providing donated food to those in financial crisis, assisting with training and behaviour advice to enable owners to keep their dogs and emergency veterinary treatment where necessary.

PERMANENT FOSTERING: We support a 20 dogs and cats under permanent foster care agreements, due to behavioural issues or being too elderly or unwell with specific medical needs to enable them to be rehomed.

Rehoming animals in our care

The continued social media presence, mainly the Facebook page, continues to be an excellent platform to reach our target audience for adopters and raising general awareness of the branch. Increasingly, many adopters use 'Find a Pet' on the national RSPCA website, where you can search by 'distance from you'. Out of area adoption is beneficial for our animal rehoming options, although we have found that arranging viewings and subsequent home visits can lengthen and animals stay in comparison with that of a local adopter.

In 2024, we continued to regularly liaise with Press Office at Headquarters to arrange press releases and help promote animals or cases of interest at our branch as well as online events and competitions being organised by headquarters. Additional effort by our branch manager, has led to special fundraising campaigns for individual animals who require significant treatment and long-term support. Our links with local Dog Wardens and other welfare service providers remains strong and continues to help prevent suffering of animals within our district.

As always, we are eternally grateful to our amazing staff and volunteers as, without your continued commitment, we would not be able to help as many animals as we do. Our thanks and acknowledgement also go to our service providers, who always go above and beyond to support us. Working in partnership, we can give animals in our care the second chance they deserve.

The Board of Trustees approved this report on 13 June 2025

S Beaumont

Mrs S Beaumont
Chairperson
RSPCA Essex South, Southend and District Branch

Proposed: R Moran
Seconded: J Ripton

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

Charity registration number 208538

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior period Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies		129,377	1,600	54,375	185,352	122,880
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	153,793	-	3,730	157,523	149,063
Investment income	3	8,620	-	-	8,620	5,737
Total incoming resources		**291,790**	**1,600**	**58,105**	**351,495**	**277,680**
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of raising funds	4	117,655	742	100	118,497	126,755
Charitable activities	5	106,013	-	24,599	130,612	126,128
Total resources expended		**223,668**	**742**	**24,699**	**249,109**	**252,883**
Net movement in funds before transfers		68,122	858	33,406	102,386	24,797
Transfers between funds		(86,919)	280	86,639	-	-
Net movement in funds		(18,797)	1,138	120,045	102,386	24,797
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		208,246	6,842	106,230	321,318	296,521
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		**189,449**	**7,980**	**226,275**	**423,704**	**321,318**

The notes on pages 3 - 7 form part of these financial statements

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**6**	2,936	6,062
Current assets			
Investments	**7**	67,000	67,000
Debtors	**8**	12,570	8,964
Cash at bank and in hand		360,322	256,214
		439,892	332,178
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	19,124	16,922
Net current assets		420,768	315,256
Total assets		**423,704**	**321,318**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	**10**	189,449	208,246
Designated funds	**10**	226,275	106,230
Restricted funds	**10**	7,980	6,842
Total funds		**423,704**	**321,318**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

M Ward - Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives

All assets	straight line

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

1.5 Fund accounting continued

Designated funds
These are funds that the Charity have set aside for a specific purpose.

1.6 Related parties
There were no related party transaction in the financial period.

2. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Restricted Total 2024 £	Designated Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	108,263	-	-	108,263	111,191
Door to door collection	21,816	-	-	21,816	23,094
Other fundraising events	973	-	3,730	4,703	1,482
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	20,681	-	-	20,681	12,815
Pet insurance	-	-	-	-	421
Sponsorship	2,060	-	-	2,060	60
	153,793	**-**	**3,730**	**157,523**	**149,063**

3. Investment income	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bond and interest income	8,620	5,737
	8,620	**5,737**

4. Cost of raising funds	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Restricted Total 2024 £	Designated Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages	82,050	-	-	82,050	93,163
Purchases	1,767	742	-	2,509	1,393
Shop costs	33,045	-	-	33,045	30,789
Telephone	321	-	-	321	879
Fundraising costs	472	-	100	572	531
	117,655	**742**	**100**	**118,497**	**126,755**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Restricted Total 2024 £	Designated Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Postage and stationery	251	-	-	251	362
Advertising	-	-	-	-	57
Vet fees	44,246	-	10,226	54,472	52,377
Vouchers	-	-	11,247	11,247	3,230
Temp care	17,076	-	-	17,076	19,328
Bank charges	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,349
RSPCA HQ fees	1,346	-	-	1,346	3,768
RSPCA Care - Danaher	36,544	-	-	36,544	33,459
Vehicle costs	1,446	-	-	1,446	969
Volunteer costs	915	-	-	915	742
Accountancy fee	375	-	-	375	375
Depreciation	-	-	3,126	3,126	4,279
Hardship	-	-	-	-	474
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	3,000
Other expenses	2,447	-	-	2,447	2,359
	106,013	**-**	**24,599**	**130,612**	**126,128**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6.

6. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
As at 1 January 2024	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Additions				-
As at 31 December 2024	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2024	33,497	1,345	2,038	36,880
Charge for the year	1,658	449	1,019	3,126
As at 31 December 2024	35,155	1,794	3,057	40,006
As at 31 December 2024	**-**	**898**	**2,038**	**2,936**
As at 31 December 2023	**1,658**	**1,347**	**3,057**	**6,062**

7. Current asset investment

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

8. Debtors

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other debtors	12,570	8,964
	12,570	**8,964**

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trade creditors	17,862	13,961
Social security costs	277	1,094
Other creditors	985	1,867
	19,124	**16,922**

10. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/24 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds	**208,246**	**291,790**	**(223,668)**	**(86,919)**	**189,449**
Designated funds					
Designated hardship fund	14,526	-	-	(14,526)	-
Designed shop hardware	3,403	-	(449)	-	2,954
Designated fundraising	1,669	-	(100)	-	1,569
Designated vehicle	2,962	-	(1,019)	95	2,038
Designated purdeys cats	-	3,730	(901)	570	3,399
Designated welfare pec	3,834	-	(9,325)	69,526	64,035
Designated welfare vouche	12,152	54,375	(11,247)	30,000	85,280
Designated winding up	67,000	-	-	-	67,000
Designated delapidations	684	-	(1,658)	974	-
	106,230	**58,105**	**(24,699)**	**86,639**	**226,275**
Restricted funds					
Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Cat neutering	996	-			996
Wilson/Woodview Enhance	-	1,600	(742)	400	1,258
Tai hydro	120	-	-	(120)	-
	6,842	**1,600**	**(742)**	**280**	**7,980**
Total funds	**321,318**	**351,495**	**(249,109)**	**-**	**423,704**

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11. Payments to trustees

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

12 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

13. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies		122,880	-	-	122,880
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	2	149,063	-	-	149,063
Investment income	3	5,737	-	-	5,737
Total incoming resources		**277,680**	**-**	**-**	**277,680**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	4	126,524	-	231	126,755
Charitable activities	5	105,125	1,336	19,667	126,128
Total resources expended		**231,649**	**1,336**	**19,898**	**252,883**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797
Gross transfers between funds					-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797
Net movement in funds		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2023		162,215	8,178	126,128	296,521
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2023		**208,246**	**6,842**	**106,230**	**321,318**

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of RSPCA Essex South and Southend Branch for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed. The charities gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex Date 27/06/25

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Charity registration number 208538

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Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		208,246	6,842	106,230	321,318	296,521
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		**189,449**	**7,980**	**226,275**	**423,704**	**321,318**

The notes on pages 3 - 7 form part of these financial statements

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**6**	2,936	6,062
Current assets			
Investments	**7**	67,000	67,000
Debtors	**8**	12,570	8,964
Cash at bank and in hand		360,322	256,214
		439,892	332,178
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	19,124	16,922
Net current assets		420,768	315,256
Total assets		**423,704**	**321,318**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	**10**	189,449	208,246
Designated funds	**10**	226,275	106,230
Restricted funds	**10**	7,980	6,842
Total funds		**423,704**	**321,318**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

M Ward - Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives

All assets	straight line

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

1.5 Fund accounting continued

Designated funds
These are funds that the Charity have set aside for a specific purpose.

1.6 Related parties
There were no related party transaction in the financial period.

2. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Restricted Total 2024 £	Designated Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	108,263	-	-	108,263	111,191
Door to door collection	21,816	-	-	21,816	23,094
Other fundraising events	973	-	3,730	4,703	1,482
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	20,681	-	-	20,681	12,815
Pet insurance	-	-	-	-	421
Sponsorship	2,060	-	-	2,060	60
	153,793	**-**	**3,730**	**157,523**	**149,063**

3. Investment income	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bond and interest income	8,620	5,737
	8,620	**5,737**

4. Cost of raising funds	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Restricted Total 2024 £	Designated Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages	82,050	-	-	82,050	93,163
Purchases	1,767	742	-	2,509	1,393
Shop costs	33,045	-	-	33,045	30,789
Telephone	321	-	-	321	879
Fundraising costs	472	-	100	572	531
	117,655	**742**	**100**	**118,497**	**126,755**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Restricted Total 2024 £	Designated Total 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Postage and stationery	251	-	-	251	362
Advertising	-	-	-	-	57
Vet fees	44,246	-	10,226	54,472	52,377
Vouchers	-	-	11,247	11,247	3,230
Temp care	17,076	-	-	17,076	19,328
Bank charges	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,349
RSPCA HQ fees	1,346	-	-	1,346	3,768
RSPCA Care - Danaher	36,544	-	-	36,544	33,459
Vehicle costs	1,446	-	-	1,446	969
Volunteer costs	915	-	-	915	742
Accountancy fee	375	-	-	375	375
Depreciation	-	-	3,126	3,126	4,279
Hardship	-	-	-	-	474
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	3,000
Other expenses	2,447	-	-	2,447	2,359
	106,013	**-**	**24,599**	**130,612**	**126,128**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6.

6. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
As at 1 January 2024	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Additions				-
As at 31 December 2024	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2024	33,497	1,345	2,038	36,880
Charge for the year	1,658	449	1,019	3,126
As at 31 December 2024	35,155	1,794	3,057	40,006
As at 31 December 2024	**-**	**898**	**2,038**	**2,936**
As at 31 December 2023	**1,658**	**1,347**	**3,057**	**6,062**

7. Current asset investment

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

8. Debtors

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other debtors	12,570	8,964
	12,570	**8,964**

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trade creditors	17,862	13,961
Social security costs	277	1,094
Other creditors	985	1,867
	19,124	**16,922**

10. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/24 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds	**208,246**	**291,790**	**(223,668)**	**(86,919)**	**189,449**
Designated funds					
Designated hardship fund	14,526	-	-	(14,526)	-
Designed shop hardware	3,403	-	(449)	-	2,954
Designated fundraising	1,669	-	(100)	-	1,569
Designated vehicle	2,962	-	(1,019)	95	2,038
Designated purdeys cats	-	3,730	(901)	570	3,399
Designated welfare pec	3,834	-	(9,325)	69,526	64,035
Designated welfare vouche	12,152	54,375	(11,247)	30,000	85,280
Designated winding up	67,000	-	-	-	67,000
Designated delapidations	684	-	(1,658)	974	-
	106,230	**58,105**	**(24,699)**	**86,639**	**226,275**
Restricted funds					
Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Cat neutering	996	-			996
Wilson/Woodview Enhance	-	1,600	(742)	400	1,258
Tai hydro	120	-	-	(120)	-
	6,842	**1,600**	**(742)**	**280**	**7,980**
Total funds	**321,318**	**351,495**	**(249,109)**	**-**	**423,704**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11. Payments to trustees

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

12 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

13. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies		122,880	-	-	122,880
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	2	149,063	-	-	149,063
Investment income	3	5,737	-	-	5,737
Total incoming resources		**277,680**	**-**	**-**	**277,680**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	4	126,524	-	231	126,755
Charitable activities	5	105,125	1,336	19,667	126,128
Total resources expended		**231,649**	**1,336**	**19,898**	**252,883**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797
Gross transfers between funds					-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797
Net movement in funds		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2023		162,215	8,178	126,128	296,521
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2023		**208,246**	**6,842**	**106,230**	**321,318**

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report on the accounts of RSPCA Essex South and Southend Branch for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed. The charities gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex Date 27/06/25

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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Community
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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Designated Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Prior period Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies		122,880	-	-	122,880	73,636
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	149,063	-	-	149,063	140,469
Investment income	3	5,737	-	-	5,737	1,184
Total incoming resources		**277,680**	**-**	**-**	**277,680**	**215,289**
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of raising funds	4	126,524	-	231	126,755	112,007
Charitable activities	5	105,125	1,336	19,667	126,128	143,102
Total resources expended		**231,649**	**1,336**	**19,898**	**252,883**	**255,109**
Net movement in funds		46,031	(1,336)	(19,898)	24,797	(39,820)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		162,215	8,178	126,128	296,521	336,341
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		**208,246**	**6,842**	**106,230**	**321,318**	**296,521**

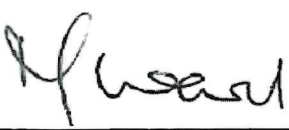
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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**6**	6,062	10,341
Current assets			
Investments	**7**	67,000	67,000
Debtors	**8**	8,964	3,775
Cash at bank and in hand		256,214	234,885
		332,178	305,660
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	16,922	19,480
Net current assets		315,256	286,180
Total assets		**321,318**	**296,521**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	**10**	208,246	162,215
Designated funds	**10**	106,230	126,128
Restricted funds	**10**	6,842	8,178
Total funds		**321,318**	**296,521**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and were signed on their behalf by:



M Ward - Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

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1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives

All assets	straight line

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

1.5 Fund accounting continued

Designated funds

These are funds that the Charity have set aside for a specific purpose.

1.6 Related parties

There were no related party transaction in the financial period.

2. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2023 £	Restricted Total 2023 £	Designated Total 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	111,191	-	-	111,191	97,143
Door to door collection	23,094	-	-	23,094	23,218
Grants	-	-	-	-	
Other fundraising events	1,482	-	-	1,482	1,515
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	12,815	-	-	12,815	18,375
Pet insurance	421	-	-	421	158
Sponsorship	60	-	-	60	60
	149,063	**-**	**-**	**149,063**	**140,469**

3. Investment income	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bond and interest income	5,737	1,184
	5,737	**1,184**

4. Cost of raising funds	Unrestricted Total 2023 £	Restricted Total 2023 £	Designated Total 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Wages	93,163	-	-	93,163	82,008
Purchases	1,393	-	-	1,393	1,753
Shop costs	30,789	-	-	30,789	26,960
Telephone	879	-	-	879	1,188
Fundraising costs	300	-	231	531	98
	126,524	**-**	**231**	**126,755**	**112,007**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2023 £	Restricted Total 2023 £	Designated Total 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Postage and stationery	362	-	-	362	452
Advertising	57	-	-	57	
Vet fees	38,204	-	14,173	52,377	79,459
Vouchers	-	1,336	1,894	3,230	2,404
Temp care	19,328	-	-	19,328	18,272
Animal behaviouralist	-	-	-	-	120
Bank charges	1,349	-	-	1,349	1,027
RSPCA HQ fees	3,768	-	-	3,768	6,743
RSPCA Care - Danaher	33,459	-	-	33,459	25,459
Vehicle costs	969	-	-	969	1,119
Volunteer costs	742	-	-	742	568
Accountancy fee	375	-	-	375	450
Depreciation	1,153	-	3,126	4,279	4,281
Hardship	-	-	474	474	-
Room Hire	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Other expenses	2,359	-	-	2,359	2,748
	105,125	**1,336**	**19,667**	**126,128**	**143,102**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6.

6. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
As at 1 January 2023	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Additions				-
As at 31 December 2023	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2023	30,756	826	1,019	32,601
Charge for the year	2,741	519	1,019	4,279
As at 31 December 2023	33,497	1,345	2,038	36,880
As at 31 December 2023	**1,658**	**1,347**	**3,057**	**6,062**
As at 31 December 2022	**4,399**	**1,866**	**4,076**	**10,341**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. Current asset investment

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

8. Debtors

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Other debtors	8,964	3,775
	8,964	**3,775**

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Trade creditors	13,961	16,500
Social security costs	1,094	1,448
Other creditors	1,867	1,532
	16,922	**19,480**

10. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/23 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds	**162,215**	**277,680**	**(231,649)**	**-**	**208,246**
Designated funds					
Designated hardship fund	15,000	-	(474)	-	14,526
Designated branch support	-	-	-	-	-
Designed shop hardware	3,852	-	(449)	-	3,403
Designated fundraising	1,900	-	(231)	-	1,669
Designated vehicle	3,981	-	(1,019)	-	2,962
Designated welfare pec	18,007	-	(14,173)	-	3,834
Designated welfare voucher	14,046	-	(1,894)	-	12,152
Designated winding up	67,000	-	-	-	67,000
Designated delapidations	2,342	-	(1,658)	-	684
	126,128	**-**	**(19,898)**	**-**	**106,230**
Restricted funds					
Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Dog neutering	1,622	-	-	(1,622)	-
Cat neutering	710	-	(1,336)	1,622	996
Tai hydro	120	-	-	-	120
	8,178	**-**	**(1,336)**	**-**	**6,842**
Total funds	**296,521**	**277,680**	**(252,883)**	**-**	**321,318**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11. Payments to trustees

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

12 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

13. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies		73,636			73,636
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	2	140,369	-	100	140,469
Investment income	3	1,184	-	-	1,184
Total incoming resources		**215,189**	**-**	**100**	**215,289**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	4	77,064	-	34,943	112,007
Charitable activities	5	122,734	450	19,918	143,102
Total resources expended		**199,798**	**450**	**54,861**	**255,109**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		15,391	(450)	(54,761)	(39,820)
Gross transfers between funds					-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		15,391	(450)	(54,761)	(39,820)
Net movement in funds		15,391	(450)	(54,761)	(39,820)
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2022		146,824	8,628	180,889	336,341
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2022		**162,215**	**8,178**	**126,128**	**296,521**

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of RSPCA Essex South and Southend Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed. The charities gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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
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I 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex Date 10th June 2024

RSPCA Essex South,
Southend & District Branch
Registered Charity No. 208538

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees	**Mrs S C Beaumont**	**(Chairperson)**
	Ms. M S G Ward	**(Treasurer)**
	Ms J Ripton	**(Secretary)**
	Mrs S I Abrahams	
	Mrs B L Goodfellow	
	Mrs C A Jones	
	Mr R J Moran	

**Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the AGM*

Staff:

Shop Managers	**Branch staff**
Mrs T Clements	**Mrs K A Butler (Branch Manager) left Jan 2024**
Mrs S D Johnston (retired Dec 2023)	**Ms M Summers (Animal Support)**
Mrs S A Nelson(retired Sep 2023)	
Mrs S Warrington	
Mrs C S Cruikshank (Joined Oct 2023)	
Mrs L Tinklin (Joined Dec 2023)	

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We have a small team of employees who are responsible for managing our shops and the day to day rehoming activities. In 2023, shop managers Sue and Sally chose to retire after many years of service and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the branch. We welcome new shop managers, Sue and Lisa to the team and wish them every success.

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OTHER:

Small pets have also been significantly higher this year with 1 Rabbit and 4 Birds being brought to us for care and rehoming.

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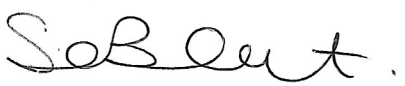
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Proposed: B Goodfellow
Seconded: S Abrahams

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND

England & Wales - Charity number 208538

Accounts

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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	Ms. M S G Ward	**(Treasurer)**
	Ms J Ripton	**(Secretary) NEW Dec 2022**
	Mrs S I Abrahams	
	Mrs B L Goodfellow	
	Mrs C A Jones	
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**Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the AGM*

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Shop Managers	
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Seconded: S I Abrahams

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

Charity registration number 208538

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Prior period Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies		73,636	-	-	73,636	24,175
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	140,369	-	100	140,469	113,555
Investment income	3	1,184	-	-	1,184	48
Total incoming resources		**215,189**	**-**	**100**	**215,289**	**137,778**
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of raising funds	4	77,064	-	34,943	112,007	89,197
Charitable activities	5	122,734	450	19,918	143,102	105,981
Total resources expended		**199,798**	**450**	**54,861**	**255,109**	**195,178**
Net movement in funds		15,391	(450)	(54,761)	(39,820)	(57,400)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		146,824	8,628	180,889	336,341	393,741
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		**162,215**	**8,178**	**126,128**	**296,521**	**336,341**

The notes on pages 3 - 7 form part of these financial statements

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	10,341	2,309
Current assets			
Investments	7	67,000	67,000
Debtors	8	3,775	1,746
Cash at bank and in hand		234,885	282,330
		305,660	351,076
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	19,480	17,044
Net current assets		286,180	334,032
Total assets		**296,521**	**336,341**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	162,215	146,824
Designated funds	10	126,128	180,889
Restricted funds	10	8,178	8,628
Total funds		**296,521**	**336,341**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

M Ward - Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives

All assets	straight line

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

1.5 Fund accounting continued

Designated funds
These are funds that the Charity have set aside for a specific purpose.

1.6 Related parties
There were no related party transaction in the financial period.

2. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Restricted Total 2022 £	Designated Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	97,143	-	-	97,143	54,410
Door to door collection	23,218	-	-	23,218	24,134
Grants	-	-	-	-	19,451
Other fundraising events	1,415	-	100	1,515	235
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	18,375	-	-	18,375	15,010
Pet insurance	158	-	-	158	255
Sponsorship	60	-	-	60	60
	140,369	**-**	**100**	**140,469**	**113,555**

3. Investment income	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Bond and interest income	1,184	48
	1,184	**48**

4. Cost of raising funds	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Restricted Total 2022 £	Designated Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages	47,065	-	34,943	82,008	64,145
Purchases	1,753	-	-	1,753	1,104
Shop costs	26,960	-	-	26,960	23,101
Telephone	1,188	-	-	1,188	622
Fundraising costs	98	-	-	98	225
	77,064	**-**	**34,943**	**112,007**	**89,197**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Restricted Total 2022 £	Designated Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Postage and stationery	397	-	55	452	319
Communications/website	-	-	-	-	48
Vet fees	67,534	-	11,925	79,459	68,855
Vouchers	-	450	1,954	2,404	333
Temp care	18,272	-	-	18,272	19,201
Animal behaviouralist	120	-	-	120	850
Bank charges	1,027	-	-	1,027	391
RSPCA HQ fees	4,575	-	2,168	6,743	2,900
RSPCA Care - Danaher	25,459		-	25,459	8,642
Vehicle costs	429	-	690	1,119	454
Volunteer costs	568			568	539
Accountancy fee	450	-	-	450	540
Depreciation	1,155	-	3,126	4,281	769
Other expenses	2,748	-	-	2,748	2,140
	122,734	**450**	**19,918**	**143,102**	**105,981**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
As at 1 January 2022	30,181	448	-	30,629
Additions	4,974	2,244	5,095	12,313
As at 31 December 2022	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2022	28,014	306	-	28,320
Charge for the year	2,742	520	1,019	4,281
As at 31 December 2022	30,756	826	1,019	32,601
As at 31 December 2022	**4,399**	**1,866**	**4,076**	**10,341**
As at 31 December 2021	**2,167**	**142**	**-**	**2,309**

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7. Current asset investment

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

8. Debtors

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other debtors	3,775	1,746
	3,775	**1,746**

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Trade creditors	16,500	13,618
Social security costs	1,448	1,613
Other creditors	1,532	1,813
	19,480	**17,044**

10. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/22 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds	**146,824**	**215,189**	**(199,798)**	**-**	**162,215**
Designated funds					
Designated legacy	31,238	-		(31,238)	-
Designated donation	15,000	-		(15,000)	-
Designated hardship fund	-	-		15,000	15,000
Designated branch support	34,276	-	(35,688)	1,412	-
Designed shop hardware	4,301	-	(449)	-	3,852
Designated fundraising	1,800	100	-	-	1,900
Designated vehicle	5,000	-	(1,019)	-	3,981
Designated welfare pec	13,274	-	(14,093)	18,826	18,007
Designated welfare voucher	5,000	-	(1,954)	11,000	14,046
Designated winding up	67,000	-	-	-	67,000
Designated delapidations	4,000	-	(1,658)	-	2,342
	180,889	**100**	**(54,861)**	**-**	**126,128**
Restricted funds					
Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Dog neutering	1,622	-	-	-	1,622
Cat neutering	1,160	-	(450)	-	710
Tai hydro	120	-	-	-	120
	8,628	**-**	**(450)**	**-**	**8,178**
Total funds	**336,341**	**215,289**	**(255,109)**	**-**	**296,521**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

11. Payments to trustees

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

12 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

13. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies		19,920	3,255	1,000	24,175
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	2	94,104	-	19,451	113,555
Investment income	3	48	-	-	48
Total incoming resources		**114,072**	**3,255**	**20,451**	**137,778**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	4	51,257	-	37,940	89,197
Charitable activities	5	92,553	1,870	11,558	105,981
Total resources expended		**143,810**	**1,870**	**49,498**	**195,178**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(29,738)	1,385	(29,047)	(57,400)
Gross transfers between funds		(64,948)	(1,415)	66,363	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		(94,686)	(30)	37,316	(57,400)
Net movement in funds		(94,686)	(30)	37,316	(57,400)
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021		241,510	8,658	143,573	393,741
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2021		**146,824**	**8,628**	**180,889**	**336,341**

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH, SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of RSPCA South, Southend and District Branch for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex  Date 15/06/2023

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

Charity registration number 208538

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Designated Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Prior period Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies		73,636	-	-	73,636	24,175
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	140,369	-	100	140,469	113,555
Investment income	3	1,184	-	-	1,184	48
Total incoming resources		**215,189**	**-**	**100**	**215,289**	**137,778**
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Cost of raising funds	4	77,064	-	34,943	112,007	89,197
Charitable activities	5	122,734	450	19,918	143,102	105,981
Total resources expended		**199,798**	**450**	**54,861**	**255,109**	**195,178**
Net movement in funds		15,391	(450)	(54,761)	(39,820)	(57,400)
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		146,824	8,628	180,889	336,341	393,741
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		**162,215**	**8,178**	**126,128**	**296,521**	**336,341**

The notes on pages 3 - 7 form part of these financial statements

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	10,341	2,309
Current assets			
Investments	7	67,000	67,000
Debtors	8	3,775	1,746
Cash at bank and in hand		234,885	282,330
		305,660	351,076
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	19,480	17,044
Net current assets		286,180	334,032
Total assets		**296,521**	**336,341**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	162,215	146,824
Designated funds	10	126,128	180,889
Restricted funds	10	8,178	8,628
Total funds		**296,521**	**336,341**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

M Ward - Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.3 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.4 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.5 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives

All assets	straight line

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

1.5 Fund accounting continued

Designated funds
These are funds that the Charity have set aside for a specific purpose.

1.6 Related parties
There were no related party transaction in the financial period.

2. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Restricted Total 2022 £	Designated Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	97,143	-	-	97,143	54,410
Door to door collection	23,218	-	-	23,218	24,134
Grants	-	-	-	-	19,451
Other fundraising events	1,415	-	100	1,515	235
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	18,375	-	-	18,375	15,010
Pet insurance	158	-	-	158	255
Sponsorship	60	-	-	60	60
	140,369	**-**	**100**	**140,469**	**113,555**

3. Investment income	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Bond and interest income	1,184	48
	1,184	**48**

4. Cost of raising funds	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Restricted Total 2022 £	Designated Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Wages	47,065	-	34,943	82,008	64,145
Purchases	1,753	-	-	1,753	1,104
Shop costs	26,960	-	-	26,960	23,101
Telephone	1,188	-	-	1,188	622
Fundraising costs	98	-	-	98	225
	77,064	**-**	**34,943**	**112,007**	**89,197**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Restricted Total 2022 £	Designated Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Postage and stationery	397	-	55	452	319
Communications/website	-	-	-	-	48
Vet fees	67,534	-	11,925	79,459	68,855
Vouchers	-	450	1,954	2,404	333
Temp care	18,272	-	-	18,272	19,201
Animal behaviouralist	120	-	-	120	850
Bank charges	1,027	-	-	1,027	391
RSPCA HQ fees	4,575	-	2,168	6,743	2,900
RSPCA Care - Danaher	25,459		-	25,459	8,642
Vehicle costs	429	-	690	1,119	454
Volunteer costs	568			568	539
Accountancy fee	450	-	-	450	540
Depreciation	1,155	-	3,126	4,281	769
Other expenses	2,748	-	-	2,748	2,140
	122,734	**450**	**19,918**	**143,102**	**105,981**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
Cost				
As at 1 January 2022	30,181	448	-	30,629
Additions	4,974	2,244	5,095	12,313
As at 31 December 2022	35,155	2,692	5,095	42,942
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2022	28,014	306	-	28,320
Charge for the year	2,742	520	1,019	4,281
As at 31 December 2022	30,756	826	1,019	32,601
As at 31 December 2022	**4,399**	**1,866**	**4,076**	**10,341**
As at 31 December 2021	**2,167**	**142**	**-**	**2,309**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7. Current asset investment

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

8. Debtors

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other debtors	3,775	1,746
	3,775	**1,746**

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Trade creditors	16,500	13,618
Social security costs	1,448	1,613
Other creditors	1,532	1,813
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10. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/22 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds	**146,824**	**215,189**	**(199,798)**	**-**	**162,215**
Designated funds					
Designated legacy	31,238	-		(31,238)	-
Designated donation	15,000	-		(15,000)	-
Designated hardship fund	-	-		15,000	15,000
Designated branch support	34,276	-	(35,688)	1,412	-
Designed shop hardware	4,301	-	(449)	-	3,852
Designated fundraising	1,800	100	-	-	1,900
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Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Dog neutering	1,622	-	-	-	1,622
Cat neutering	1,160	-	(450)	-	710
Tai hydro	120	-	-	-	120
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Total funds	**336,341**	**215,289**	**(255,109)**	**-**	**296,521**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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12 Going concern

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Gross transfers between funds		(64,948)	(1,415)	66,363	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		(94,686)	(30)	37,316	(57,400)
Net movement in funds		(94,686)	(30)	37,316	(57,400)
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2021		241,510	8,658	143,573	393,741
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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH, SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT BRANCH

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Independent examiner's statement

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Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex  Date 15/06/2023

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RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Designated Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Prior period Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies		19,920	3,255	1,000	24,175	116,063
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	94,104	-	19,451	113,555	109,091
Investment income	3	48	-	-	48	862
Total incoming resources		**114,072**	**3,255**	**20,451**	**137,778**	**226,016**
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Raising funds	4	225	-	-	225	368
Other trading activity	5	51,032	-	37,940	88,972	72,715
Charitable activities	6	92,553	1,870	11,558	105,981	108,821
Total resources expended		**143,810**	**1,870**	**49,498**	**195,178**	**181,904**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(29,738)	1,385	(29,047)	(57,400)	44,112
Gross transfers between funds		(64,948)	(1,415)	66,363	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		(94,686)	(30)	37,316	(57,400)	44,112
Net movement in funds		(94,686)	(30)	37,316	(57,400)	44,112
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		241,510	8,658	143,573	393,741	349,629
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021		**146,824**	**8,628**	**180,889**	**336,341**	**393,741**

The notes on pages 3 - 7 form part of these financial statements

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**7**	2,309	3,078
Current assets			
Investments	**8**	67,000	67,000
Debtors	**9**	1,746	10,581
Cash at bank and in hand		282,330	330,841
		351,076	408,422
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	17,044	17,759
Net current assets		334,032	390,663
Total assets		**336,341**	**393,741**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	**11**	146,824	241,510
Designated funds	**11**	180,889	143,573
Restricted funds	**11**	8,628	8,658
Total funds		**336,341**	**393,741**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

M Ward - Treasurer

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

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1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.2 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.3 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.4 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives at the following annual rates:

All assets	25% reducing balance

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

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

2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Total 2021 £	Restricted Total 2021 £	Designated Total 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	54,410	-	-	54,410	27,008
Door to door collection	24,134	-	-	24,134	25,173
Grants	-	-	19,451	19,451	38,349
Other fundraising events	235	-	-	235	152
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	15,010	-	-	15,010	18,049
Pet insurance	255	-	-	255	300
Sponsorship	60	-	-	60	60
	94,104	**-**	**19,451**	**113,555**	**109,091**

3. Investment income

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Bond and interest income	48	862
	48	**862**

4. Raising funds

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fundraising costs	225	368
	225	**368**

5. Fundraising trading costs

	Unrestricted Total 2021 £	Restricted Total 2021 £	Designated Total 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Wages	30,432	-	33,713	64,145	49,788
Purchases	1,104	-	-	1,104	582
Shop costs	18,874	-	4,227	23,101	21,748
Telephone	622	-	-	622	597
	51,032	**-**	**37,940**	**88,972**	**72,715**

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

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Total 2021 £	Restricted Total 2021 £	Designated Total 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Postage and stationery	319	-	-	319	93
Communications/website	48	-	-	48	313
Vet fees	55,760	1,720	11,375	68,855	54,523
Vouchers	-	150	183	333	633
Temp care	19,201	-	-	19,201	38,618
Animal behaviouralist	850	-	-	850	-
Bank charges	391	-	-	391	197
RSPCA HQ fees	2,900	-	-	2,900	10,459
RSPCA Care - Danaher	8,642		-	8,642	-
Vehicle costs	454	-	-	454	335
Volunteer costs	539			539	-
Accountancy fee	540	-	-	540	450
Depreciation	769	-	-	769	1,026
Other expenses	2,140	-	-	2,140	2,174
	92,553	**1,870**	**11,558**	**105,981**	**108,821**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff employed during the period was 6.

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Totals £
Cost			
As at 1 January 2021	30,181	448	30,629
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2021	30,181	448	30,629
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2021	27,292	259	27,551
Charge for the year	722	47	769
As at 31 December 2021	28,014	306	28,320
As at 31 December 2021	**2,167**	**142**	**2,309**
As at 31 December 2020	**2,889**	**189**	**3,078**

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8. Current asset investment

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

9. Debtors

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Taxation	-	3,375
Accrued income	-	823
Other debtors	1,746	6,383
	1,746	**10,581**

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Accrued income	-	3,000
Trade creditors	13,618	11,871
Social security costs	1,613	1,140
Other creditors	1,813	1,748
	17,044	**17,759**

11. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/21 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds	241,510	114,072	(143,810)	(64,948)	146,824
Designated legacy	73,990	-	-	(42,752)	31,238
Designated donation	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Designated hardship fund	1,417	-	-	(1,417)	-
Designated hardware	2,052	-	-	(2,052)	-
Designated branch support	14,965	-	(21,689)	41,000	34,276
Designed shop hardware	600	-	(299)	4,000	4,301
Designated coronavirus	33,749	19,451	(15,952)	(37,248)	-
Designated fundraising	1,800	-	-	-	1,800
Designated vehicle	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Designated welfare pec	-	1,000	(11,558)	23,832	13,274
Designated welfare voucher		-	-	5,000	5,000
Designated winding up	-	-	-	67,000	67,000
Designated delapidations	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Restricted funds					
Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Dog neutering	1,622	-	-	-	1,622
Cat neutering	1,310	-	(150)	-	1,160
Earl	-	3,135	(1,720)	(1,415)	-
Tai hydro	-	120	-	-	120
Total funds	**393,741**	**137,778**	**(195,178)**	**-**	**336,341**

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12. Payments to trustees

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

13 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

14. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Designated Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies		116,063	-	-	116,063
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	2	70,742	-	38,349	109,091
Investment income	3	862	-	-	862
Total incoming resources		**187,667**	**-**	**38,349**	**226,016**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	4	368	-	-	368
Other trading activities	5	28,539	-	44,176	72,715
Charitable activities	6	84,594	-	24,227	108,821
Total resources expended		**113,501**	**-**	**68,403**	**181,904**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		74,166	-	(30,054)	44,112
Gross transfers between funds		-	360	(360)	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		74,166	360	(30,414)	44,112
Net movement in funds		74,166	360	(30,414)	44,112
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2020		167,344	8,298	173,987	349,629
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2020		**241,510**	**8,658**	**143,573**	**393,741**

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH, SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts of RSPCA South, Southend and District Branch for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

Date 17th August 2022.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND

England & Wales - Charity number 208538

Accounts

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

Charity registration number 208538

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Designated Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Prior period Total Funds 2019 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies		116,063	-	-	116,063	124,539
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	2	70,742	-	38,349	109,091	130,327
Investment income	3	862	-	-	862	1,134
Total incoming resources		**187,667**	**-**	**38,349**	**226,016**	**256,000**
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Raising funds	4	368	-	-	368	370
Other trading activity	5	28,539	-	44,176	72,715	76,297
Charitable activities	6	84,594	-	24,227	108,821	120,360
Total resources expended		**113,501**	**-**	**68,403**	**181,904**	**197,027**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		74,166	-	(30,054)	44,112	58,973
Gross transfers between funds		-	360	(360)	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		74,166	360	(30,414)	44,112	58,973
Net movement in funds		74,166	360	(30,414)	44,112	58,973
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		167,344	8,298	173,987	349,629	290,656
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		**241,510**	**8,658**	**143,573**	**393,741**	**349,629**

The notes on pages 3 - 7 form part of these financial statements

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH AND SOUTHEND BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	3,078	4,104
Current assets			
Investments	8	67,000	67,000
Debtors	9	10,581	6,701
Cash at bank and in hand		330,841	295,894
		408,422	369,595
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	17,759	24,070
Net current assets		390,663	345,525
Total assets less current liabilities		**393,741**	**349,629**
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	11	241,510	167,344
Designated funds	11	143,573	173,987
Restricted funds	11	8,658	8,298
Total funds		**393,741**	**349,629**

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

M Ward - Treasurer

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.Recommended Practice (SORP) issued in October 2000, revised 2005.

1.2 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.3 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the Charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with Charitable and statutory requirements.

1.4 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives at the following annual rates:

All assets	25% reducing balance

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the Charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the Charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

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2. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Total 2020 £	Restricted Total 2020 £	Designated Total 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Activities for generating funds					
Shop income	27,008	-	-	27,008	77,950
Door to door collection	25,173	-	-	25,173	26,739
Grants	-	-	38,349	38,349	-
Other fundraising events	152	-	-	152	77
Animal welfare					
Rehoming	18,049	-	-	18,049	20,411
Pet insurance	300	-	-	300	163
Neutering	-	-	-	-	4,927
Sponsorship	60	-	-	60	60
	70,742	**-**	**38,349**	**109,091**	**130,327**

3. Investment income

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Bond and interest income	862	1,134
	862	**1,134**

4. Raising funds

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fundraising costs	368	370
	368	**370**

5. Fundraising trading costs

	Unrestricted Total 2020 £	Restricted Total 2020 £	Designated Total 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Wages	14,782	-	35,006	49,788	49,897
Purchases	582	-	-	582	507
Shop costs	12,578	-	9,170	21,748	25,007
Telephone	597	-	-	597	886
	28,539	**-**	**44,176**	**72,715**	**76,297**

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

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Total 2020 £	Restricted Total 2020 £	Designated Total 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Postage and stationery	56	-	37	93	32
Communications/website	313	-	-	313	40
Vet fees	44,931	-	9,592	54,523	59,580
Vouchers	633	-	-	633	1,967
Temp care	27,966	-	10,652	38,618	38,728
Animal behaviouralist	-	-	-	-	407
Bank charges	197	-	-	197	214
RSPCA HQ fees	7,004	-	3,455	10,459	13,823
Vehicle costs	44	-	291	335	1,031
Accountancy fee	450	-	-	450	450
Depreciation	1,026	-	-	1,026	1,368
Other expenses	1,974	-	200	2,174	2,720
	84,594	**-**	**24,227**	**108,821**	**120,360**

No staff member was paid more than £60,000 in the year.

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Totals £
Cost			
As at 1 January 2020	30,181	448	30,629
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2020	30,181	448	30,629
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2020	26,329	196	26,525
Charge for the year	963	63	1,026
As at 31 December 2020	27,292	259	27,551
As at 31 December 2020	**2,889**	**189**	**3,078**
As at 31 December 2019	**3,852**	**252**	**4,104**

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

8. Current asset investment

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Unlisted investments	67,000	67,000
	67,000	**67,000**

9. Debtors

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Taxation	3,375	1,647
Accrued income	823	-
Other debtors	6,383	5,054
	10,581	**6,701**

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Accrued income	3,000	3,000
Trade creditors	11,871	17,382
Social security costs	1,140	90
Other creditors	1,748	3,598
	17,759	**24,070**

11. Funds analysis

	At 01/01/20	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31/12/20
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	167,344	187,667	(113,501)	-	241,510
Designated legacy	141,950	-	-	(67,960)	73,990
Designated donation	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Designated hardship fund	9,463	-	(13,046)	5,000	1,417
Designated hardware	2,052	-	-	-	2,052
Designated branch support	5,522	1,491	(12,048)	20,000	14,965
Designed shop hardware	-	-	-	600	600
Designated coronavirus	-	36,858	(43,109)	40,000	33,749
Designated fundraising	-	-	(200)	2,000	1,800
Restricted funds					
Pip & Peg	5,726	-	-	-	5,726
Dog neutering	1,622	-	-	-	1,622
Cat neutering	950	-	-	360	1,310
Total funds	**349,629**	**226,016**	**(181,904)**	**-**	**393,741**

12. No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

13. Comparitive Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Designated Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies		124,539	-	-	124,539
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	2	130,327	-	-	130,327
Investment income	3	1,134	-	-	1,134
Total incoming resources		**256,000**	**-**	**-**	**256,000**
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	4	370	-	-	370
Charitable activities					
Trading costs	5	65,422	-	10,875	76,297
Charitable activities	6	104,010	-	16,350	120,360
Total resources expended		**169,802**	**-**	**27,225**	**197,027**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		86,198	-	(27,225)	58,973
Gross transfers between funds		2,156	-	(2,156)	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/losses		88,354	-	(29,381)	58,973
Net movement in funds		88,354	-	(29,381)	58,973
Total funds brought forward at 1 Jan 2019		78,990	8,298	203,368	290,656
Total funds carried forward at 31 Dec 2019		**167,344**	**8,298**	**173,987**	**349,629**

RSPCA ESSEX SOUTH, SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT BRANCH

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Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex  Date 11th August 2021

RSPCA Essex South, Southend & District Branch

Registered Charity No. 208538

Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Trustees	**Mrs S Beaumont**	**(Chairperson)**
	Ms. M S G Ward	**(Treasurer)**
	Ms A James-Pittau	**(Secretary)**
	Mrs B Boddie	
	Ms S Abrahams	
	Mrs M Drage	
	Mr R Moran	
	Ms A Roberts	
	Mrs A Jones	
	Ms L Wakeling	

**Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the AGM*

Staff:

Shop Managers	**Animal Support**
Mrs T Clements	**Mrs K Butler**
Mrs S Johnston	
Mrs S Nelson	
Mrs S Warrington	

Registered Address:

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Essex SS1 1PR

Santander
Bootle
Merseyside
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CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) Bank
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent ME19 4JQ

Objects and public benefit statement
The RSPCA Essex South, Southend & District Branch an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), responsible for carrying out animal welfare work in the districts of Southend, Castle Point, Rochford, the towns of Wickford, Battlesbridge and some of South Woodham Ferrers.

The trustees hold regular meetings throughout the year at which decisions are made. The day to day running of the shops is delegated to the Shop Managers.

The branch operates within a national network of separately registered organisations that pursue the same objectives and which are known collectively as the Royal Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society, namely by all lawful means to prevent cruelty, promote kindness to and alleviate suffering of all animals, 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, is beneficial to 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 this report, focus on promoting kindness and preventing 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, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer 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 laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This is key to 'the prevention of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

Within the financial means available to us, we provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals, which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through negotiating with local vets, provision of pet food or receiving sign-over of their pet. This work benefits those individuals by giving them financial help to care for their companion animals or relieving them of their need to care for them, as obligated by law.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this by a voucher scheme or working in joint venture with other animal welfare charities. This work helps to control dog/cat populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for re-homing. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering. We re-home at low cost, animals in need 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 service, which is to reduce animal suffering. Our policy to have a set 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 objects, to re-home to those who could not afford them.

We take in, without charge, lost animals and take 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 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 providing cat and dog information contact telephone numbers on our website. We take in many calls to our shops, which are also able to help or re-direct. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership. Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society / other RSPCA branches / local animal welfare charities through collaborating in providing funding for animal welfare events and promotions.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including trusteeship, retail volunteering, fostering and fundraising. We do not have our own Rehoming Centre, so we are unable to support volunteer interest on more one-to-one with the animals. However, this can still benefit local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work, which is compassionate and rewarding.

Branch Activities 2020

We experienced another very challenging year, when the majority of our rehoming activities continued to be supervised by voluntary elected Trustees with the support of one part time employee.

Covid-19 has led to significant changes in the way we operated during the year with the majority of the rehoming effort moving to online and remote to meet the new guidelines. At the time of the first lockdown we transferred all of the dogs in our care into foster to ensure they were in a home environment to support their rehabilitation which ensured they were successfully rehomed as soon as Government restrictions were lifted. Rehoming processes are now more complex due to social distancing rules and we continue to work with our boarding establishments and veterinary suppliers to amend our operating processes.

The Branch financial position remained sound, with the Trustees continuing to purse the prudent financial policies adopted over the previous few years. Wherever possible, the Trustees have sought to get best value for expenditure and negotiate support from other organisations in terms of match funding or free services. Income for the year was severely impacted due to Covid-19 as fundraising was very limited and our shops had to remain closed for the majority of the year. Income totalled £226,000 which was primarily generated through legacies of £116,000 together with Covid Grants, adoption fees, fundraising efforts and sales from our shops in the area i.e. Shoeburyness and Rochford. We have allocated the legacy income to specific welfare projects such as Covid-19, welfare support and neutering.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the charity. They have general responsibility for taking

such steps as are reasonable open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Committee would like to thank the staff and volunteers at the shops and the commitment of all the volunteers in the community for their hard work and support.

We would welcome applications from any members with three months or more membership, especially anyone interested in fundraising to become a Trustee as many roles continue to be duplicated, thus putting an enormous strain on the current Trustees.

The Branch, however still maintained its efforts on behalf of the animals, with fosterers and re-homing trustees/volunteers working steadfastly to meet the increasing workload. Thanks to their efforts, the Branch was able to deal with more than 270 animals either through direct rehoming or welfare assistance. This achievement would not have been possible without the help and support of our boarding establishments, fosterers and veterinary practices.

We still struggle with the general public perception of the structure and responsibilities of the RSPCA. This is both disappointing and frustrating for our local branch as we are a self-funding separate charity which is passionate about the life quality of the animals in our branch area.

CATS: This year we rehomed 158 cats/kittens. A special 'thank you' should be given to Wendy and her team at the boarding establishment as well as the volunteers involved in the cat rehoming process who do a remarkable job making sure the cats/kittens go into suitable, permanent homes.

Cats reach sexual maturity at 4 months old (when they are still kittens); and a female cat can have several litters a year. With this in mind, we continue to focus on our Cat Neutering Voucher Scheme, to help reduce the risk of cat over-population in our district.

This year we created an online application process for the scheme, making it easier to promote/share on social media, and more accessible to cat owners living in our district. The scheme is simple, in that a voucher is issued which covers the cost of the neutering procedure and associated costs at an Earls Hall Vets Group branch. There are no restrictions on gender of the cat, number of vouchers issued to an owner, or whether the owner is on low income or not. A link to the application form is 'pinned' on the branch's Cat Rehoming Facebook page, so it is easier for potential applicants to find.

DOGS: It was a busy and challenging year again, taking in 48 dogs and puppies in need, providing veterinary care and rehabilitation, where necessary and eventually finding suitable new homes for them.

In addition, we have provided welfare assistance to a number of needy dogs in the area, providing donated food to those in financial crisis, assisting with training and behaviour advice to enable owners to keep their dogs and emergency veterinary treatment where necessary.

We support a 29 dogs and cats under permanent foster care agreements, due to behavioural issues or being too elderly or unwell with specific medical needs to enable them to be rehomed.

Rehoming animals in our care

The continued social media presence, mainly the Facebook page, continues to be an excellent platform to reach our target audience for adopters and raising general awareness of the branch. Increasingly, many adopters use 'Find a Pet' on the national RSPCA website, where you can search by 'distance from you'. Out of area adoption is beneficial for our animals rehoming options, although we have found that arranging viewings and subsequent home visits can lengthen and animals stay in comparison with that of a local adopter.

In 2020, we continued to regularly liaise with Press Office at Headquarters to arrange press releases and help promote animals or cases of interest at our branch as well as online events and competitions being organised by headquarters. Additional effort has been placed in supporting pets and their owners during lockdown with hints and tips on managing behaviours issues due to the change in the way we live during Covid-19. Our links with local Dog Wardens and other welfare service providers remains strong and continues to help prevent suffering of animals within our district.

As always, we are eternally grateful to our amazing staff and volunteers as, without your continued commitment, we would not be able to help as many animals as we do. Our thanks and acknowledgement also go to our service providers, who always go above and beyond to support us. Working in partnership, we are able to give animals in our care the second chance they deserve.

The Board of Trustees approved this report on 12 April 2021

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