

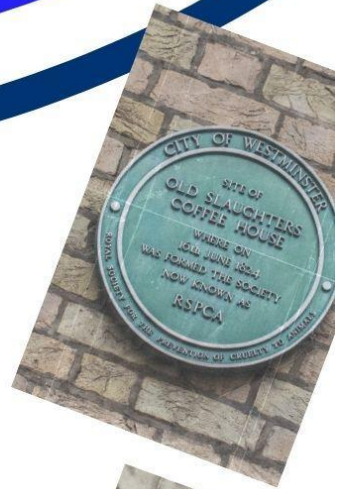


RSPCA
MEDWAY WEST

Annual Report 2024



In 2024 the RSPCA celebrated its 200th anniversary, from its humble beginnings in a London coffee house to the largest and oldest animal welfare charity in the world!



RSPCA 200



Branch Accounts for the last financial year will be available for viewing at the AGM and copies are also available to Branch members, free of charge, from:

**RSPCA The Parsons Memorial Clinic, 174 Walderslade Road,
Chatham, Kent. ME5 0PQ**

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MEDWAY WEST BRANCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of

RSPCA – Medway West Branch

On

Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 6:00pm

At Hartlip Village Hall, The Street, Hartlip, Kent. ME9 7TH

AGENDA

- 1 Chairman's Address and Welcome
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Adoption of Minutes of Last AGM
- 4 Matters Arising
- 5 Adoption of Branch AGM Report and Accounts
- 6 Kent Inspectorate Group Report
- 7 Election of Committee Members
- 8 Election of Auditors
- 9 Any Other Business

**PLEASE LET THE BRANCH KNOW (when returning the attendance slip)
IF YOU CAN SUGGEST ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA.**

Soft drinks and light refreshments will be available together with a selection of RSPCA goods for sale. You are welcome to bring guests but only members will be able to vote and, in order to help us organize refreshments, please complete and return the enclosed attendance slip, which also gives you the opportunity to nominate Committee Members if you wish.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is VITAL that members make every effort to attend the AGM as, if not enough members are present, we will be unable to hold the Meeting and, to comply with Charity regulations, the AGM will have to be re-organized. This means using even more precious funds on administration that we would much rather spend on the animals.

Chairman AGM Report 2024

This year has been a tough one but with the continuation of everyone's hard work and commitment we are moving forward.

At the last AGM we sadly said goodbye to Shellie Hyde the Minutes Secretary, we thank her for all her hard work and wish her well with her future endeavours. Thank you, Jackie Hazelden, for taking on this role and tackling this task this year.

Unfortunately, at the end of 2024 we have had to say goodbye to Tanith, our vet once again, as she takes on her own adventure of setting up her own clinic. While we are re-evaluating our clinic services to the community and animal welfare, we thank the Manor Veterinary Centre who are continuing to support our clients. In September the committee focused on their governance training supported by our Branch Partnership Manager Amanda Rooney. Committee members have embraced the charity toolkit and come together regarding their responsibilities. I would like to thank the committee for their continued hard work and commitment.

November saw an upsetting time in our timeline where the animals were relocated to other Branches. Following a meeting with Jema Harrison the new Field Officer we were informed that some of our procedures needed reviewing. We have taken on board all the action points and are planning a way forward for the Branch.

Moving forward the committee and branch strive for CIO status.

H. Thomas

Honorary Chair

Treasurers/Trustees Report

Treasurers Report

Treasurer's Report 2024

It's been an unusual year for the clinic, there have been extra fundraising events that have been added to our usual successful events and the continuing achievements of our shop in Strood.



Our shop in Strood continues to be a great asset. They made £101,739.25 this year! This is an increase of £2,551.48 from the previous year!!!!

Thanks go out to the dedicated team who keep the shop going, and to Dave and Maureen who are very much involved too.

Kevin and Chantal teamed up with shop staff to do fundraising days at the shop. These events were the One Day Fun Day which was to celebrate 200 years of the RSPCA, Chantal applied for free new merchandise with the new branding and carefully chose merchandise that we have been able to sell at each event. This idea continued with a Halloween themed event and a Christmas Grinch's Grotto. In total these events made an extra £461.05. Well done to everyone who volunteered to help over these events!

We are very grateful for more than one legacy this year, but sad to hear the passing of Jennifer Ann Hillam who kindly left our Branch £200 that was received on 11th December. We were also informed that we will be receiving a very large legacy from June Finch in the region of £78,000.00, but that is likely to be processed at the start of 2025. These legacies will have a huge impact on our future, and we can't thank these special people and their families enough.

Thanks go to Marc Carr and Sue Smith who have hosted more quiz nights this year for us, it takes a lot of planning to make these evenings a success. The pair held 2 quizzes this year and raised a total of £1762.55.

Our summer open day was great fun and well attended by the public, this year we put on various games as well as the usual Bric 'n' Brac and toy stalls. The takings were up on last year's figures and together we made £1071.74 this year, well done to all, and thanks to the Kent and Medway Cosplay Group who made people smile, they once again helped to attract passersby to come and buy a few bargains. Thanks also to all those who gave up their time to make it such a success.

The Christmas Table that Dave organizes remains very popular with visitors to the clinic and brought in another £232.25 for the Branch.

We truly appreciate it when our supporters take the time to donate while at the clinic or charity shop, any spare change into one of our donation pots soon mounts up, and every penny truly counts!

This year we have targeted social media and created a Saturday Special which encourages donations. Social media has brought us a further £1750.69 in donations. Thus, fundraising has gone to help support the animals in our care and clients that have needed support with their pets.

We have had a difficult ending to this year with the termination of our animal licence and the closing of the clinic.

But I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support in looking towards next year and moving things forward for animal welfare.

Please remember that if you know of a friend/colleague or even yourself who has a passion for animal welfare we would love to hear from them/you. Maybe they/you would consider joining our committee? For more information, please email trustees@rspcamedway.co.uk

L Warren

Honorary Treasurer

Trustees Report

Organisational Structure

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was founded on the 16th June 1824 and granted the “Royal” prefix by Queen Victoria in 1840. The current constitution of the RSPCA was created with the adoption of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1932. The work of the society is governed by the RSPCA Act and by the Rules of the Society. Membership of the Society is by subscription and may be on a life, annual or junior basis.

The Society is managed by an elected Council who, subject to the rules, control the affairs, funds, property and proceedings of the Society. They are assisted in the administration of the Society by a central organisation, headquarters and branches.

The Branch is governed by a committee who are trustees of the Branch. They have individual and collective responsibility for the management of the Branch and its funds. Subject to the overall supervision of the Society, the committee controls and monitors all the fundraising and animal welfare initiatives of the Branch including the work of The Parsons Memorial Clinic and Rehoming centre.

Objectives and public benefit statement

The RSPCA Medway West Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work in the areas of Chatham, Rochester, Gillingham and the Isle of Grain.

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society – to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means – with particular reference to the area of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. **We have complied with the duty under the charities act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.**

Advancement of animal welfare

Under the Charities Act 2006, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

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

Charitable activities pursued for the public benefit

Details of the Medway West Branch activities can be found within the individual Trustees reports.

We support our local Inspector[s] by *[taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or 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 work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objectives and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.*

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through our Branch Clinic. *This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment.* During 2024 we treated 581 animals.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this through our Branch Clinic. *This work helps to control dog/cat populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip companion animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.*

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

We rehome animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. *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 charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objectives to rehome to those who could not afford them.*

We take in, free of charge, lost animals and take steps to reunite them with owners. *This works 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 at our clinic and on our website. *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 and other local animal welfare charities by taking in and rehoming animals from other Branch areas and boarding case animals for the National Society if required.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including trusteeship, fundraising, providing work experience placements for schools, colleges and back to work initiatives. *This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.*

The cost of maintaining the Clinic, providing appropriate levels of care for animals awaiting rehoming and undertaking pro-active animal welfare in the local community meant that the Branch spent £164,323.00 during the year.

The Branch funded this activity from incoming resources of £159,620.00 this included over the counter income from the clinic itself, adoption donations, fund raising, legacies and interest.

Risk Analysis

The Branch has carried out a review to identify major risks and has taken steps to mitigate them. (Original copies of the Risk Management Policies and Reserves may be viewed at The Parsons Memorial Clinic)

The major risks identified are:

1. Loss of reputation through error or fraud.
2. Loss of income through error or fraud.
3. Insufficient trustees for the Branch to continue.
4. Insufficient volunteers for fundraising and animal care activities.
5. Insufficient funds to cover the costs of the clinic and other animal welfare activities.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that the Branch's policies, procedures and controls are adequate to mitigate financial and reputation loss through error or fraud to maintain the future financial viability of the Branch. Steps are to be taken to address the issues of the recruitment of further trustees and volunteers.

Reserves Policy

The Branch holds reserves in order that levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. The Branch has designated funds of £37,000 for shop and clinic repairs, computer upgrades and for our welfare and veterinary assistance.

Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for the Branch's general purposes after all commitments have been met.

The Branch has unrestricted reserves of £212,603.00.

Such reserves represent approximately 16 months expenditure based on gross expenditure, minus funds spent on repairs and upgrading.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that the existing reserves are sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources.

Investment Policy

As of 31st December 2024 the Branch investment policy was:

That the higher rate account balances should not fall below the reserves level.

That current account balances should not fall below £35,000.00 (£30,000 for the Branch account and £5,000.00 for the clinic account)

The Trustees recognise that this policy should be reviewed on an annual basis following the publication of the audited annual accounts for the previous year.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act 1993, the Trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Medway West Branch at the end of the year and of its incoming resources and the application of such resources during the year. In preparing the statement, the Trustees are required to:

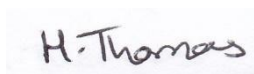
1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the statement of accounts.
4. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue its operations.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity at that time and enable the Trustees to ensure that any statement of account prepared by them complies with the regulation under section 42(1) of the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

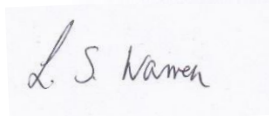
Signed on behalf of The Medway West Branch

Hon. Chairman



Helen Thomas

Hon. Treasurer



Lois Warren

Date: 8/4/24

Clinic Annual Report for 2024

During 2024, 581 owned animals were treated at the clinic (379 dogs, 182 cats, 15 rabbits and 5 miscellaneous)

178 animals were referred to The Manor Veterinary Centre for emergency treatments, operations, dentals, x-rays and blood tests (120 dogs, 54 cats and 4 miscellaneous)

The Branch also provided financial assistance for 8 cats and 2 rabbits to be treated at the request of the Inspectorate.

2 dogs, 57 cats and 33 rabbits were identichipped and 8 dogs, 14 cats, 25 rabbits and 1 guinea pig were neutered.

In February this year The Manor Veterinary Centre informed us they could no longer supply us with a vet for our weekly clinics as due to the shortage of vets nationally they were struggling to cover both their own practice and our clinic, but they would still continue to see our clients at a discounted rate. Even at a discounted rate many of our clients faced huge increases especially on monthly repeat prescriptions for heart, liver and kidney diseases so we desperately needed to find a vet. Thankfully our much-loved vet Tanith Wells who left both us and The Manor Veterinary Centre in 2023 came to the rescue and offered to cover our weekly clinics. This was a great relief for all concerned and we cannot thank her enough for her support.

However, at the end of the year the decision was made to temporarily suspend the weekly clinics. The temporary closure meant that the Branch would be able to upgrade the facilities and services we could offer to the community and ensure that all changes complied with current legislation. Through this transition period clients will still be able to access discounted veterinary services in conjunction with The Manor Veterinary Centre and also through the Branch Welfare assistance scheme where applicable.

As in previous years we have continued to run our pet food bank to help the general public and the Inspectorate.

Our assistant Manager Kevin Morton successfully completed a Health and Safety Course and a PAT testing course this year and is currently studying towards a SQP certificate.

Our Admin assistant Chantal Morton has as always worked extremely hard in keeping the website, Facebook and Instagram pages up to date, alongside her day-to-day admin. duties and covering reception. Chantal has been with us since 1998 first as a voluntary animal care assistant and then since 2002 as our Admin assistant, and we are greatly indebted to her for her outstanding contribution to the Branch.

Chantal is supported on reception by Kevin Morton, Dave Downard and Jill Watts who all contribute greatly to the smooth running of the Branch and clinic, a truly wonderful team.

Thanks also go to our Chairperson Helen Thomas for promoting our Saturday Specials.

Finally, I would like to thank all our committee members (trustees), our Branch Partnership Manager Amanda Rooney, our amazing Inspectorate team led by Chief Inspector Nick Wheelhouse and to all our members and supporters who help us in so many ways.

Michele Carr

Branch, Clinic and Animal Centre Manager

Rehoming Annual Report for 2024

During 2024 the Branch admitted 88 domestic animals (2 dogs, 21 cats, 31 rabbits and 34 miscellaneous) The miscellaneous comprised of guinea pigs, hamsters, 2 racing pigeons, 1 cockatiel and a bearded dragon.

1 rabbit was returned to the centre, and 3 kittens were born in care.

We rehomed 78 animals (1 dog, 7 cats, 32 rabbits and 38 miscellaneous)

Sadly 1 rabbit and 7 miscellaneous died, and 1 cat and 1 rabbit euthanised on veterinary advice.

1 dog and 1 miscellaneous were transferred to other non- RSPCA establishments and 17 cats, 14 rabbits and 7 guinea pigs transferred to other RSPCA accommodation.

At the beginning of November all remaining animals on site which were the 14 rabbits, and 7 guinea pigs mentioned above were moved to other RSPCA centres to enable the Branch to upgrade the existing animal accommodation and clear the site for essential tree and other general maintenance.

During the year the animals have been cared for by our permanent team of volunteers Brenda Coveney, Sandy Smart, Nic Banham, Suzy Bale, Jake Morton, and Katie Attwood assisted by students on animal management course placements from various colleges and the occasional members of public who kindly donate a few hours of their spare time. To all of the above we are extremely grateful for their time and dedication.

Our thanks also go to Dave Coveney and Kevin Morton for keeping us supplied with shavings, hay, straw and readigrass.

Although Dave and Maureen Downard only foster birds for us occasionally now they have continued to help with fundraising activities by sorting donated goods from home which are then either sent to our charity shop or stored for events like our Tabletop Sale with unwanted and unopened gifts being put aside for our raffle prizes and our Christmas Table. Maureen also donates a lot of time and effort baking a huge selection of cakes for our cake stalls which always go down well.

We are extremely grateful for all their hard work as the funds they help to generate go towards the care and veterinary treatment for the animals in care. Continuing to raise funds is a huge priority especially as veterinary costs are at an all-time high. With the discounts given by our veterinary partners including Fern Cottage Vets this enables us to get all our rabbits neutered before rehoming and we can make sure that all monies raised are put to good purpose.

Michele Carr

Branch, Clinic and Animal Centre Manager

Wildlife Annual Report for 2024

During 2024 the Branch admitted 49 Wildlife casualties comprising of blackbirds, woodpigeons, feral pigeons, collared doves, starlings, swifts, robins, magpies, thrushes, gulls, crows, sparrows, 1 goldfinch, 1 fox and wild mice.

37 were treated and successfully released and 3 transferred to other wildlife establishments.

Sadly 9 died due to illness or the result of their injuries and 2 put to sleep on veterinary advice.

Charity Shop Annual Report for 2024

Our charity shop in Strood once again managed to increase their takings from the previous year thanks to Emma, Wendy, Jan, Paula, Amy, Tina, Laura, Nick, Jo, Deborah and Michelle and their numerous supporters.

The Branch is extremely grateful to all of them for their hard work and dedication.

Although the shop was opened not only to provide funds for the animals in our care but also to benefit the local community, sadly some certain individuals do not share our vision, at the beginning of the year there was an attempted break in at the rear of the shop and then a few weeks later the large shop front window was deliberately smashed with a brick. With the Kent Messenger covering the story coupled with an appeal online our wonderful supporters donated enough to cover the huge cost of a new window.

Along with the popular half price sales throughout the year the shop also held a Halloween event in October and a Christmas event in December where the Grinch paid us a visit, all a lot of fun.

We would like to thank our regular customers and donors for their continuing support and to anyone who has not had a chance to visit us yet please pop in and grab a bargain.

Michele Carr

Branch, Clinic, and Animal Centre Manager



Kent Annual Branch Report

Branch Report 2024 - Inspectorate Group Kent

Chief Inspector Nick Wheelhouse 12709

Deputy Chief Inspector Tina Nash 10608

ARO Wayne Baker 18586

ARO May Bell 18856

ARO Brian Milligan 11516

ARO Georgia Shelton 18860

ARO Adam Tasker 17473

ARO Poppy Turk 18583

ARO Becca Wilkie 18857

Inspector Clive Hopwood 16768

Inspector Kirsten Ormerod 16741

Inspector Rosie Russon 723

Inspector Deborah Rutherford 15892

Welcome to the 2024 Kent Group annual branch report.

A few team changes in 2024 we said goodbye to three officers: Inspector Grace Harris-Bridge, who left to retrain as a veterinary surgeon and Inspector Dave Grant and ARO Lynn White who have both retired from the Society. We thank them for their hard work in 2024 and wish them our best! Rosie Russon continued her secondment within the Wilberforce team in 2024, providing vital training packages and face to face training for officers on the changes to the Wilberforce system and has since returned to the group at the beginning of 2025. We also saw the start of the recruitment of three new AROs to the Kent group, who completed their training during Spring and Summer and fully joined the group at the end of 2024, welcoming AROs Wayne Baker, Adam Tasker and Poppy Turk to the group, who have all hit the ground running. We also welcomed three more new AROs, whose training started in November 2024, to the group - AROs May Bell, Georgia Shelton and Becca Wilkie who are currently completing their training and will be fully up and running just in time for Summer 2025.

As always, the start of the year 2024 gave us the opportunity to catch up on essential Health & Safety and mandatory training to prepare us for the year ahead and officers setting their own priorities for the year, including equine training, small animal care and completing developmental courses.

The cost of living crisis still is ever so present in the area. The food banks are continually being used and we have brought more pet food to pet owners in the area who have fallen on difficult times. We have been able to utilise various funds from branches and the Regional Inspectorate Welfare Fund. This has been able to help many people over the years which has been greatly appreciated by most we have helped. But the main thing it has helped the lives of the pets they had and improved their lives as well as the owners.

Unfortunately whilst seeing an increase in support for owned pets and providing support through vouchers and foodbanks etc we still saw case investigations maintaining numbers into 2024, with some cases coming from neighbouring groups, which we have continued to support. Dealing with case investigations is not an easy part of the job faced by the Inspectorate and the decision to progress to a case investigation is not something that is taken lightly. Officers will always do what they can to keep an animal in situ and support the owners to make improvements, particularly with the cost of living crisis continuing, however the increase in cases has shown that, although the cost of living is affecting more and more pet owners in the community, there is still an increase in serious cases of neglect and cruelty.

Throughout the year avian influenza kept a tight hold on both wild and domestic bird populations and the group had many calls for ill and stricken birds, particularly swans / geese and seabirds which fall into the highest risk category. We were particularly saddened to see first hand the way the disease decimated the wild gannet population along the coast in Kent. Although the group is glad that they do carry the means to end suffering humanely - it still takes its toll when dealing with and seeing such vast numbers of suffering wildlife - and for their extra hard work and professionalism dealing with this disease, I am grateful. As we progressed towards the end of 2024 this eased, with Mallydams Wildlife centre continuing to increase their intake of wildlife.

Without the support of the Regional Board and Branch networks, we would simply not be as effective in rescuing animals in all sorts of predicaments. The field officers are under significant pressure and your continued patience and support is very much appreciated. Your work in supporting members of the public with funding, helping rehome unwanted animals, and caring for the sick and traumatised is to be commended. It can be a thankless task but I can assure you my team and I fully appreciate the hard work you and your teams put in.

In Kent we helped rescue, collect and rehabilitate thousands more animals from situations that would have resulted in severe injury and suffering. Within the Kent group you have officers who specialise in wildlife and care, specialist flood rescue, Inland boat rescue, and equine rescue to name but a few.

Our thanks goes out to our team of Animal Rescue Volunteers, who continue to provide support to the Inspectorate Group, Branch Network and Animal Centres. They will often travel huge distances to move animals to new homes or other centres. Their work is

invaluable in supporting the Inspectorate group, allowing officers time to continue to work on incidents of cruelty and neglect and allowing us to respond quicker to these calls.

We wish to offer our thanks to Kent Police for their invaluable assistance in exercising their powers of entry, search, seizure and occasionally arrest of people who mistreat their animals. Our thanks also goes to Kent Fire and Rescue Service for the many occasions that they have helped with rescues of animals that have got themselves trapped or in difficulty and we have needed their equipment and manpower to resolve the situation.

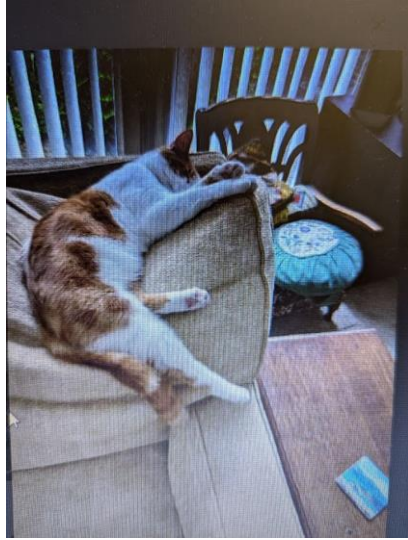
Of course we have not forgotten the RSPCA animal centres that take in our animals, care for them and eventually rehome them. Our sincere thanks to the Branch catteries and kennels that board, care for and rehome our animals, usually at very short notice and at the most inconvenient times, and to the experts who care for our sick and injured wildlife until they have been rehabilitated and are able to be released back into the wild.

We are also supported by Veterinary Practices from all across Kent. The support they provide helps us bring justice for animals, and support for the sick & injured. We work with other charities such as World Horse Welfare, The British Horse Society, Folly Wildlife Hospital and numerous more. We are most grateful to them all.

Finally, on behalf of everyone in the Kent group, a big thank you to all of the Branches, members and volunteers for making us feel so welcome at your meetings and for all the difficult and invaluable work you have done throughout 2024. Without you dedicating your time and efforts we would not be able to achieve all that we do.

Here are some of the many jobs we dealt with in 2024 in your branch areas...

Ashford, Tenterden and District



Deputy Chief Inspector Tina Nash successfully resolved a multi-cat household in New Romney where over 30 cats were removed with the majority being rehomed via RSPCA Ashford. Some of the cats were extremely nervous but here is one of them successfully settling into their new home.



Inspector Dave Grant came to the rescue of this beautiful male Devon Rex cat who was signed over after being found in an unsuitable environment. He was cared for by RSPCA Ashford and was affectionately named 'Dave'.

Canterbury and District



Animal Rescue Officer Adam Tasker rescued this juvenile gannet who was found injured in Dover Docks. Once caught he was found to have abrasions to his wing so may have crash landed in recent storms. Adam transferred the gannet to RSPCA Mallydams for further assessment and treatment.



Inspector Deb Rutherford attended a field in Canterbury late in the evening to rescue a sheep caught up in brambles. Thankfully the sheep was unharmed and the farmer notified and the sheep was checked over the following morning.

Isle of Thanet



Inspector Deb Rutherford went to the abandoned Subway building in Ramsgate High Street and successfully released around 20 pigeons unharmed from the building!



Inspector Kirsten Ormerod and Animal Rescue Officer Adam Tasker rescued 21 pigeons from the same location in Broadstairs where sadly a house clearance disturbed a number of nests. The pigeons of various sizes and ages all appeared unharmed. They were all transferred to RSPCA Mallydams for further care until old enough to be released.

Medway West



Inspector Kirsten Ormerod attended a property in Gillingham for reports of a collapsed cat. On arrival she met 'Mougins' who was clearly an elderly boy who had seemingly lost his way and moved into a member of the public's garden after going on an adventure across 2 very busy main roads.. Thanks to his microchip he was successfully reunited with his thankful owner who advised Kirsten he had been missing for 4 days and they were starting to fear the worst.



Deputy Chief Inspector Tina Nash attended a property in Gillingham where 2 foxes were found in a flat having fallen through skylights and then they couldn't get back out. Tina managed to catch both feisty foxes, gave them both a good check over and they were thankfully re-released in a park nearby unharmed

Kent North West



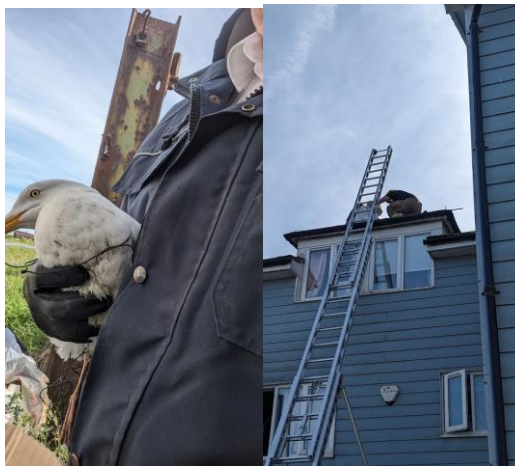
Inspector Kirsten Ormerod rescued 2 german shepherds and a cat from a property in Gravesend where sadly their owner had moved out and left them behind. The dogs named Sheba and Keira who are mother and daughter were especially terrified and in poor condition and had clearly not been outside or on a lead in a long time. They were initially taken to a private boarding establishment for veterinary care and TLC. They are an extremely bonded pair and it became clear they needed to stay together.

Thanks to RSPCA Kent North West Branch the decision was made to sign them over to the breed specific charity German Shepherd Rescue Elite where they went straight into foster care. A special thank you goes to the branch for supporting Kirsten with this. The first 2 photos were the day they were rescued and the 2nd is a much happier and healthier pair now!

Folkestone and District



Inspector Kirsten Ormerod responded to reports of a small oil spill on the south coast in Folkestone. Kirsten managed to rescue 3 guillemots who were lethargic and covered in oil. They were transferred to RSPCA Mallydams. A further 2 more were rescued in Broadstairs and also transferred to RSPCA Mallydams.



Inspector Clive Hopwood responded to reports of a gull caught on netting on a flat roof section of a townhouse. Fire and Rescue cut it out and brought it down. A quick check over and rest of netting removed and the gull was happily released nearby unharmed.

Kent West, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge



Animal Rescue Officer Adam Tasker investigated reports of a cockerel being abandoned in an overturned supermarket container in a field next to the A21 in Tonbridge. After making enquiries Adam was able to rescue him and transfer him to a private boarding facility into much more appropriate accommodation! He has now been named Hovis and since been rehomed.



Inspector Kirsten Ormerod collected this fledgling jackdaw that she found in a cage in a member of the public's front room in Tonbridge surrounded by dogs and cats. She was advised that a member of the public rescued it a week ago and was attempting to rehab it herself. Kirsten took it to Folly Wildlife who said it was extremely skinny but would hopefully make a full recovery.

Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone



Animal Rescue Officer Adam Tasker rescued poor 7 month old Lola the cat who Adam found living in filthy conditions in a dog crate in a dark room in Tunbridge Wells. Thankfully Lola was signed over to Adam immediately and removed from the property and taken in by Maidstone Branch to find a new, loving home.



Inspector Kirsten Ormerod investigated reports of 6 hamsters (mixture of male and female) that were approximately 8-10 weeks old found in a cardboard box at a bus stop on South Park Road in Maidstone. They were brought in to RSPCA Leybourne. Although understandably stressed they were physically ok but the females were pregnant and babies soon arrived. They have now all been successfully rehomed.



Bingo night - June TBC**

Table Top - 9th August

Quiz October - TBC**

Halloween Event - TBC**

Christmas Event - TBC**

Christmas table - Early Nov - Late Dec.

**** Please keep an eye on our social media channels for dates and further information.**



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RSPCA – MEDWAY WEST BRANCH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2024-2025

Elected at AGM held on 14th May 2024 (In alphabetical order)

Ms Taryn Chambers

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260 Walderslade Road, Chatham. ME5 0PA

STAFF MEMBERS

Ms Michele Carr (Branch, Clinic and Animal Centre Manager)

Mr Kevin Morton (Assistant Manager)

Mrs Chantal Morton (Branch and Clinic General Administrative Assistant)

Mrs Emma Smith (Shop Manager)

Mrs Wendy Medhurst (Shop Assistant)

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FOR
RSPCA KENT – MEDWAY WEST**

CHARITY NO: 209192

RSPCA KENT – MEDWAY WEST

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RSPCA KENT - Medway West
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RSPCA KENT - Medway West
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4 April 2025

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RSPCA KENT - Medway West
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Donated services and facilities	<p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p> <p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA</p>
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2024

2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.4 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000 The depreciation rates currently in use for fixed assets held for use by the charity are as follows:- <table> <tr> <td>Freehold Property</td><td>2% on the reducing balance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fixtures and Equipment</td><td>25% on the reducing balance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Motor Vehicle</td><td>25% on the reducing balance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Computer Equipment</td><td>25% on the reducing balance</td></tr> </table>	Freehold Property	2% on the reducing balance	Fixtures and Equipment	25% on the reducing balance	Motor Vehicle	25% on the reducing balance	Computer Equipment	25% on the reducing balance
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Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value. Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock. Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.								
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.								

RSPCA KENT - Medway West
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Note 3 Analysis of income		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	33,520	37,653
	Gift Aid	-	-
	Legacies	-	2,498
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-
	Other	-	-
		<u>33,520</u>	<u>40,151</u>
Charitable activities:	Consultations, vaccines, operations and drugs	17,308	19,191
	Rent received	3,900	3,900
		<u>21,208</u>	<u>23,091</u>
Other trading activities:	Sale of goods	103,485	102,080
	100 club	-	-
		<u>103,485</u>	<u>102,080</u>
Income from investments:	Interest income	969	709
		<u>969</u>	<u>709</u>
Other:	Other	438	494
		<u>438</u>	<u>494</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>159,620</u>	<u>166,526</u>

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Note 4 Analysis of expenditure		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Expenditure on raising funds:			
	Incurring seeking donations	18,818	18,368
	Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-
	Staging fundraising events	-	-
	Operating charity shops	12,506	11,714
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	996	567
	Other trading activities	1,846	1,661
	Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	10,164	9,196
		<u>44,329</u>	<u>41,506</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
	RSPCA HQ	-	-
	Veterinary Accounts	10,076	13,892
	Drugs ,ID chips & Clinic consumables	15,653	14,152
	Governance costs	94,265	85,184
		<u>119,994</u>	<u>113,228</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u><u>164,323</u></u>	<u><u>154,734</u></u>

RSPCA KENT - Medway West
Notes to the Accounts
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Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	2,000	1,775
Other legal & professional fees paid to the independent examiner	3,188	3,105
	<u>5,188</u>	<u>4,880</u>

Note 6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	89,078	80,305
Social security costs	-	-
Total staff costs	<u>89,078</u>	<u>80,305</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

6.2

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Charitable Activities	4	4
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

7.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Computer Equipment	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1st January 2024	169,172	9,083	9,041	11,769	199,064
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
31st December 2024	<u>169,172</u>	<u>9,083</u>	<u>9,041</u>	<u>11,769</u>	<u>199,064</u>

7.2 Depreciation and impairments

1st January 2024	71,207	9,042	8,659	11,672	100,580
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	1,959	9	95	22	2,085
31st December 2024	<u>73,166</u>	<u>9,051</u>	<u>8,754</u>	<u>11,694</u>	<u>102,665</u>

7.3 Net book value

Net book value at 1st January 2024	97,965	41	382	97	98,485
Net book value at 31st December 2024	<u>96,006</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>96,400</u>

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Note 8 Stocks
8.1 Analysis of stocks held

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Stock of medicines and drugs	5,367	6,046
Stock of goods in shop	401	685
	<u>5,768</u>	<u>6,731</u>

Note 9 Debtors and prepayments
9.1 Analysis of debtors

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	9,679	604
Prepayments and accrued income	2,484	2,174
Other debtors	979	1,333
	<u>13,141</u>	<u>4,111</u>

Note 10 Creditors and accruals

10.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,606	2,991
Taxation and social security	2,070	1,937
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>4,676</u>	<u>4,928</u>

Note 11 Cash at bank and in hand

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Short term deposits	49,955	48,985
Cash at bank and on hand	199,649	211,555
	<u>249,603</u>	<u>260,540</u>

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Note 12 Charity funds

12.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances 1st January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances 31st December 2024 £
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Total Funds			<u>364,939</u>	<u>159,620</u>	<u>(164,323)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360,236</u>

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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Donated goods	<p>Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.</p> <p>The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.</p> <p>Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.</p> <p>Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.</p>
Donated services and facilities	<p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p> <p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA</p>
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

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2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

2.4 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000 The depreciation rates currently in use for fixed assets held for use by the charity are as follows:- <table> <tr> <td>Freehold Property</td><td>2% on the reducing balance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fixtures and Equipment</td><td>25% on the reducing balance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Motor Vehicle</td><td>25% on the reducing balance</td></tr> <tr> <td>Computer Equipment</td><td>25% on the reducing balance</td></tr> </table>	Freehold Property	2% on the reducing balance	Fixtures and Equipment	25% on the reducing balance	Motor Vehicle	25% on the reducing balance	Computer Equipment	25% on the reducing balance
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Fixtures and Equipment	25% on the reducing balance								
Motor Vehicle	25% on the reducing balance								
Computer Equipment	25% on the reducing balance								
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value. Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock. Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.								
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.								

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Note 3 Analysis of income		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	33,520	37,653
	Gift Aid	-	-
	Legacies	-	2,498
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-
	Other	-	-
		<u>33,520</u>	<u>40,151</u>
Charitable activities:	Consultations, vaccines, operations and drugs	17,308	19,191
	Rent received	3,900	3,900
		<u>21,208</u>	<u>23,091</u>
Other trading activities:	Sale of goods	103,485	102,080
	100 club	-	-
		<u>103,485</u>	<u>102,080</u>
Income from investments:	Interest income	969	709
		<u>969</u>	<u>709</u>
Other:	Other	438	494
		<u>438</u>	<u>494</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>159,620</u>	<u>166,526</u>

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Note 4 Analysis of expenditure		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
		Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Expenditure on raising funds:			
	Incurring seeking donations	18,818	18,368
	Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-
	Staging fundraising events	-	-
	Operating charity shops	12,506	11,714
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	996	567
	Other trading activities	1,846	1,661
	Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	10,164	9,196
		<u>44,329</u>	<u>41,506</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
	RSPCA HQ	-	-
	Veterinary Accounts	10,076	13,892
	Drugs ,ID chips & Clinic consumables	15,653	14,152
	Governance costs	94,265	85,184
		<u>119,994</u>	<u>113,228</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u><u>164,323</u></u>	<u><u>154,734</u></u>

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Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	2,000	1,775
Other legal & professional fees paid to the independent examiner	3,188	3,105
	<u>5,188</u>	<u>4,880</u>

Note 6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	89,078	80,305
Social security costs	-	-
Total staff costs	<u>89,078</u>	<u>80,305</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

6.2

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Charitable Activities	4	4
Total	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

7.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Computer Equipment	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
1st January 2024	169,172	9,083	9,041	11,769	199,064
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
31st December 2024	<u>169,172</u>	<u>9,083</u>	<u>9,041</u>	<u>11,769</u>	<u>199,064</u>

7.2 Depreciation and impairments

1st January 2024	71,207	9,042	8,659	11,672	100,580
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	1,959	9	95	22	2,085
31st December 2024	<u>73,166</u>	<u>9,051</u>	<u>8,754</u>	<u>11,694</u>	<u>102,665</u>

7.3 Net book value

Net book value at 1st January 2024	97,965	41	382	97	98,485
Net book value at 31st December 2024	<u>96,006</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>96,400</u>

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Note 8 Stocks
8.1 Analysis of stocks held

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Stock of medicines and drugs	5,367	6,046
Stock of goods in shop	401	685
	<u>5,768</u>	<u>6,731</u>

Note 9 Debtors and prepayments
9.1 Analysis of debtors

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	9,679	604
Prepayments and accrued income	2,484	2,174
Other debtors	979	1,333
	<u>13,141</u>	<u>4,111</u>

Note 10 Creditors and accruals

10.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,606	2,991
Taxation and social security	2,070	1,937
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>4,676</u>	<u>4,928</u>

Note 11 Cash at bank and in hand

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
Short term deposits	49,955	48,985
Cash at bank and on hand	199,649	211,555
	<u>249,603</u>	<u>260,540</u>

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Note 12 Charity funds

12.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances 1st January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances 31st December 2024 £
General purpose fund	Unrestricted fund	N/a	364,939	159,620	(164,323)	-	-	360,236
Total Funds			<u>364,939</u>	<u>159,620</u>	<u>(164,323)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360,236</u>

12.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances 1st January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances 31st December 2023 £
General purpose fund	Unrestricted fund	N/a	353,147	166,526	(154,734)	-	-	364,939
Total Funds			<u>353,147</u>	<u>166,526</u>	<u>(154,734)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,939</u>