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

England & Wales · Charity number 209580

Details

Other names	RSPCA Folkestone, RSPCA KENT FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-04-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	RSPCA Kent-Folkestone& District Henwood House Henwood Ashford Kent TN24 8DH
Phone	07936911613
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Website	www.rspcafolkestone.org.uk

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: We have a clinic for those on benefits in the Folkestone and Hythe area. This clinic is based at Havelock House, 180 Dover Road, Folkestone, Kent. It operates three times a week. We also support neutering and microchipping in the area.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT.
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£36,310	£147,762	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,631	£84,014	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,636	£29,967	-	-
2021-12-31	£71,132	£62,645	-	-
2020-12-31	£35,000	£75,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Linda Hicks	Chair	2019-06-07
Alexander Page		2024-07-25
Jeff Hicks		2019-06-07
Maddison Broom		2023-06-22
Olena Shpylova		2024-07-25
Pamela Ninham		2019-06-07
Rebecca Odd		2024-06-13
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Year ended 31 December 2024

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Jeff Hicks
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Siobhan Pery-Knox-Gore
Becky Odd: (appointed June 2024)
Alex Page: (appointed July 2024)
Wendy Peacock: (appointed July 2024, resigned October 2024)

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Magee Gammon, Henwood House,
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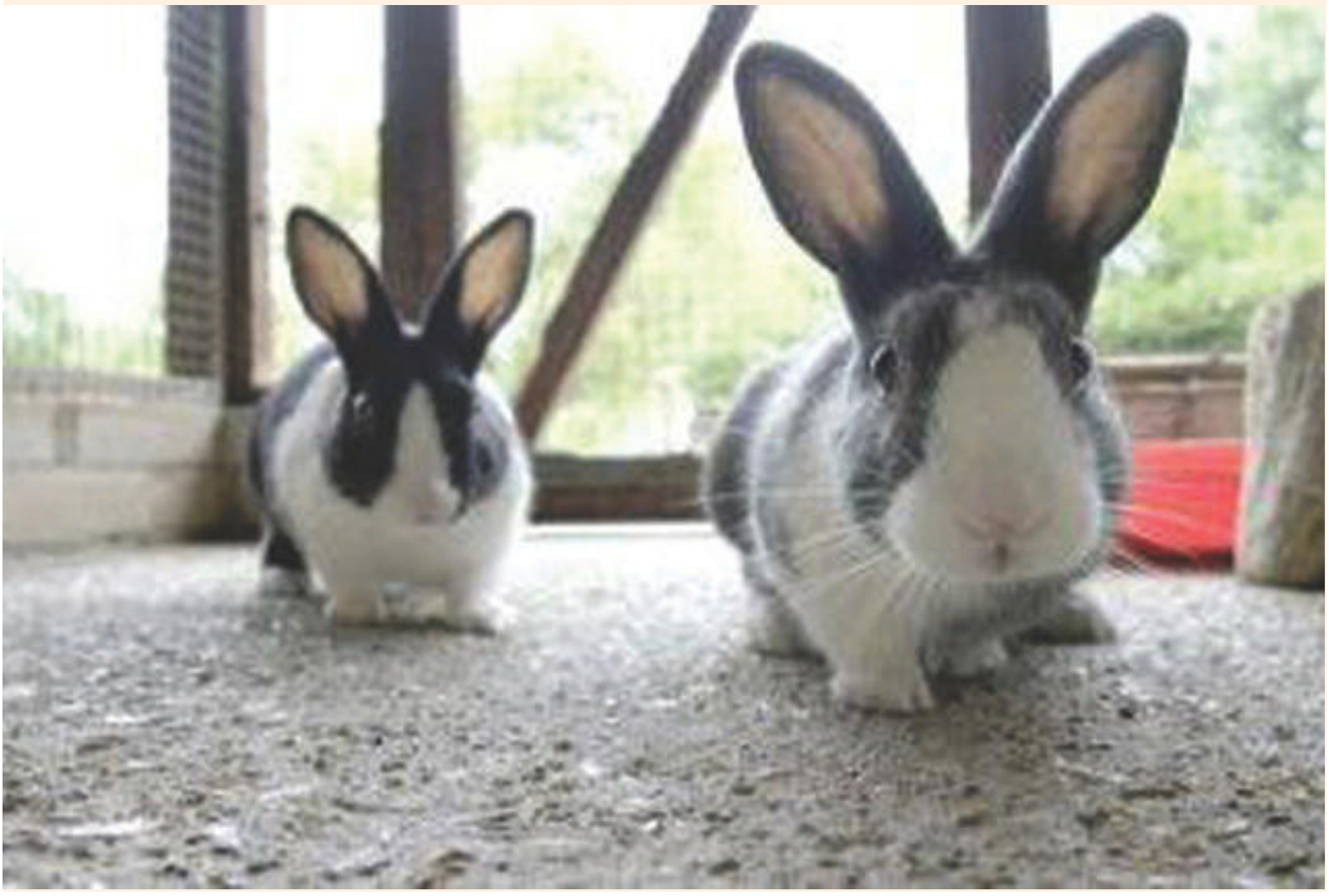


RISK MANAGEMENT

The branch is committed to reviewing and managing the potential risks that the charity faces. The trustees have taken steps to mitigate any risks that our staff and volunteers may face during the course of their duties.

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We have continued to provide financial support for neutering, vaccinations and microchipping. Neutering has both behavioural and health benefits for the animal. During 2024, our vet clinic moved to a new location, better placed for the branch, and our relationship with them has continued. We've also worked to establish relationships with other vet practices throughout the area to continue to provide this essential service to qualifying clients.

We've provided veterinary welfare assistance via our voucher scheme, which benefits those members of the public who are homeless or on low income, by offering them financial help and promoting responsible pet ownership. The Branch also runs two pet food banks, which have been vital during this difficult time. These have been supplied by a combination of donated food and pet food purchased by the Branch.

Our officers have established relationships with other local animal welfare organisations and worked together to manage wildlife emergencies and concerns. They've supported each other's work and drawn on a range of skills to best care for the needs of animals. We've continued to collaborate with neighbouring RSPCA branches and benefit from access to their rehoming centres for emergency accommodation for mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties or have passed away.

With the support of our Outreach & Fundraising Officer, we've been able to engage with the local community to educate and inform about the work of the RSPCA. Understanding the role animals play in our lives and our responsibility for their care. In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to the general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the Branch made a cash deficit on activities of £111,452 (2023: £55,073). After sales and purchases of investments, the branch made an overall cash surplus of £132,655 (2023: deficit of £50,383). The Branch decided to crystallise the investment portfolio in the year.

At the end of the year, cash reserves available for general use amounted to £148,879 (2023: £16,224) and unrestricted reserves totalled £148,879 (2023: £251,791), including the investment portfolio valuation of £Nil (2023: £235,567).

RESERVES POLICY
Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and the receipt of resources and to cover unplanned emergencies and other expenditures.

The cost of living crisis has continued to provide a challenging environment for us all in 2024. The Trustees have noted the increase in deficit spending and are taking appropriate action to manage any long-term finance risk, while continuing to retain our staff, support pet owners and protect our local wildlife.

Approved by the Board of Trustees & signed on their behalf by:



Linda Hicks (Chairman) 12.06.2025

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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
RECEIPTS				
Charitable Activities				
Door to Door	21,816	-	21,816	23,094
Donations	8,966	-	8,966	6,585
Grants	-	2,000	2,000	-
Adoption fees	-	-	-	414
	30,782	2,000	32,782	30,093
Investments				
Bank and other Interest	852	-	852	352
Dividends	2,676	-	2,676	3,186
	3,528	-	3,528	3,538
Gross receipts	34,310	2,000	36,310	33,631
Sale of Investments	309,091	-	309,091	77,844
Total Receipts	343,401	2,000	345,401	111,475
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Vets	78,202	2,000	80,202	39,354
Branch Contribution	7,718	-	7,718	7,891
Staff Costs	44,476	-	44,476	28,440
Motor Costs	4,087	-	4,087	2,988
Telephone	685	-	685	612
Miscellaneous	969	-	969	1,111
Secretarial and Accountancy	2,675	-	2,675	1,419
Legal and Professional Fees	2,127	-	2,127	1,430
Investment Broker Fees	4,537	-	4,537	5,175
Bank Charges	286	-	286	284
Gross payments	145,762	2,000	147,762	88,704
Purchase of Investments	64,984	-	64,984	73,154
Total Payments	210,746	2,000	212,746	161,858
NET (PAYMENTS) / RECEIPTS	132,655	-	132,655	(50,383)
Cash at Bank and In Hand Brought Forward	16,224	-	16,224	66,607
Cash at Bank and In Hand Carried Forward	148,879	-	148,879	16,224

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
FIXED ASSETS				
Investment Portfolio at valuation	-	-	-	235,567
Equipment	26,608	-	26,608	26,608
	26,608	-	26,608	262,175
BANK AND CASH				
Current Account	19,713	-	19,713	9,680
Deposit Account	129,107	-	129,107	2,970
Broker Trading Account	-	-	-	3,155
Broker Income Account	-	-	-	185
Cash in Hand	59	-	59	234
	148,879	-	148,879	16,224

Related Parties:
The Branch constitution is approved by the national RSPCA umbrella body, charity no. 219099, which is considered a related party for accounting purposes. During the financial year, the Branch received a total of £21,816 (2023: £23,094) in funding from the national RSPCA for the Branch's purposes. In addition, the Branch made contributions of £7,718 (2023: £7,891) to the national RSPCA for services rendered. The Branch also receives a number of umbrella body services, including legacy administration under the Branch Legacy Scheme, membership administration and practical guidance and assistance from a Branch Support Specialist employed by the national Society.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

L Hicks

Date: 12.06.25

Linda Hicks, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE

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

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Steven Wanstall

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Magee Gammon Corporate Limited
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Date: 13 Jun 2025

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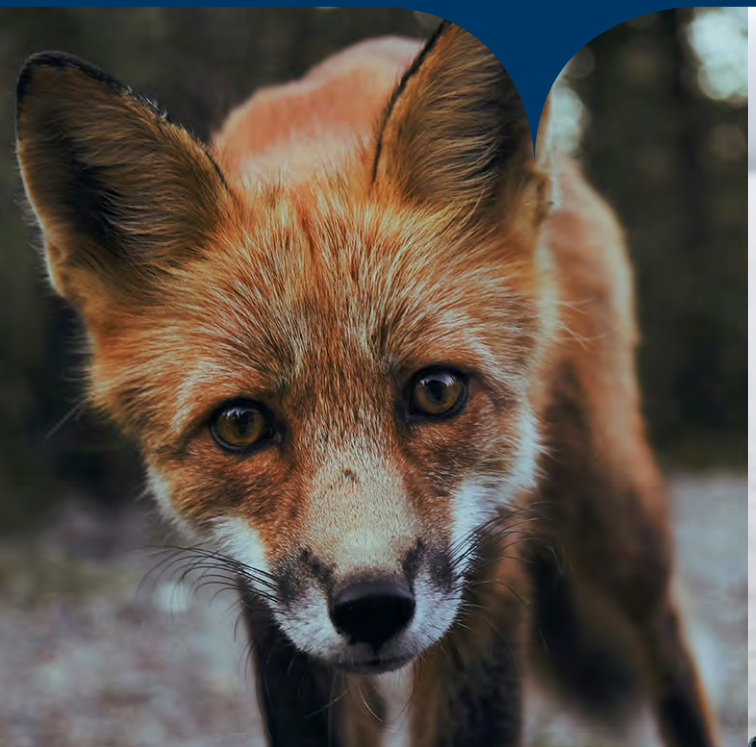
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L Hicks

Linda Hicks (Chairman) 30.05.2024

Highlights of 2023



January

During January we received 34 rescue and assistance calls.

PET FOOD DONATION

January 2023 saw an amazing donation to our pet food banks from The Pet Pantry. Our officer had reached out to them as supplies were running low. Thanks so much to The Pet Pantry for being amazing :-)

We had several calls from the public, concerned about a Staffie who had been found wandering the streets alone near his home on several occasions. After tracking down the owner, our officer was able to give advice and provide a lead, so that the dog could be exercised safely. Our officer further supported the owner in talks with their carer and in providing pet food when needed.

Our officer was able to help an elderly owner who was finding it difficult to administer treatment to his pet bird. In ongoing conversations with the owner, it was decided it would be in their best interest, to rehome his birds. Our officer was able to reach out to a rescue that offered a place and transport the birds to the new home.

February

During February we received 16 rescue and assistance calls.

VOLUNTEERS

February saw two volunteers join us to help out with events and at our pet food banks - in both Hythe and Folkestone. This released our officer to respond to the many call-outs received daily.

We were contacted by several members of the public about a seal on Sandgate Beach. The British Divers Marine Life Rescue was contacted. They are specialists in this type of work and aided in its rescue.

We were also contacted by several members of the public about a homeless man in Folkestone with his cat sleeping out with him. Another local rescue was able to help track him down, and we reached out to help with neutering and micro-chipping the cat. With the owner's consent, the cat was then placed with a friend, who had been home checked, until his circumstances changed.



March

During March we received 44 rescue and assistance calls.

March was a busy month with our Folkestone pet food bank relocating to The Community Fridge at Wood Avenue Library. This meant that we could reach more people in need from this new and busy location. Welfare advice and specialist food were distributed to pet owners.

TEAMWORK

Our officer was approached about this Persian cat who had become ill, with the owner unable to afford its ongoing care. The Folkestone branch contacted the Canterbury branch of RSPCA, who provided a cattery space and the treatment the cat needed, which the Folkestone branch was able to fund.

A gentleman also reached out about this cat who became very stressed at the vet's and needed his nails trimmed.

He was anxious about how best to do this. Our officer made a house call and was able to show and support the owner in nail clipping so he can now do this himself moving forward.





April

During April we received 33 rescue and assistance calls.

EASTER FUN

A Folkestone early years centre had reached out to our officer to spend some time at their Easter fair.

The children drew pictures of animals, while our officer chatted with them about where each animal lived, their needs, and how we can help the animals that we live alongside to have a better life.

During April, our branch was contacted regarding a house with multiple cats, that the resident was struggling to care for. Our Animal Welfare Officer was able to help. One cat had an abscess in her womb after having numerous pregnancies, which could have been fatal but fortunately, she was treated in time. All cats were chipped, neutered and after treatment, rehomed to new loving families.





May

During May we received 47 rescue and assistance calls.

URGENT REHOMING

We were contacted by a lady whose neighbour was taken into hospital and needed her pond fish rehomed. Our officer was able to reach out to the public, carry out home checks, and manage the collection and rehoming of the fish.

Each month, one of our officers broadcasts on a regular radio slot on Radio Folkestone. It allows the branch to talk about the latest rescues and give seasonal advice, as well as address concerns that the public might have.

May saw several cats needing to be rehomed due to the cost of living crisis. A family who had lost their home moved in with a family member and were only allowed to keep one cat due to the rental agreement. Luckily our officer found spaces in nearby RSPCA branches and the cats were micro-chipped, neutered, and rehomed together.



June

During June we received 49 rescue and assistance calls.

GULL SEASON BEGINS

In June we were called out to two gull chicks. One had an injured leg that needed veterinary care, and the other just needed a checkover. He'd fallen from a nearby roof and there was no way to return him. But he had a place to stay safe on the ground and parents were feeding and looking over him, so he was left in their care.

We were called to a goat with its head stuck in the fence. The owners were not on site, so it was released by one of our officers, and a note was left with contact details.

June saw a call to a baby hedgehog that was found by a member of the public, after removing a pile of dried leaves. He was rushed to a vet who treated him straight away. He survived for 3 days but passed away in his sleep.

It's so important to be aware of the wildlife living in our gardens, parks, and all around us, and understand how we can help them live a safe and happy life.

July

During July we received 165 rescue and assistance calls.

Two gulls were spotted on the ground in gardens, after some strong winds. Our officer visited the area and they seemed unable to fly, so were taken for a vet visit. The vet found nothing physically wrong, so they were given some time to rest before being released.

We were called to a young gull stuck in a chimney. With the help and permission of the landlord, we were able to remove the front of the fireplace and retrieve the gull. After a checkover, our officer was confident that the gull was well enough for release. The parents were watching and calling for the chick. After release, they were reunited on the field behind the property.

EDUCATION

Our officer visited a school to discuss with the children, the benefits of working in the community. The children were excited to talk about their own animals and wildlife. They asked questions about the job and how they could pursue working in the RSPCA when they grew up.











August

During August we received 122 rescue and assistance calls.

In August our officer received two call-outs from members of the public, within a week of each other, to poorly foxes in Folkestone. They were both very lethargic and suffering from mange. We were able to catch them and transfer them to RSPCA Mallydams where they were treated and rehabilitated. Once recovered, our officer was able to release them near the area they came from, so they returned home safely.

A SOCIAL MEDIA STAR

This little hedgehog was found outside during the day in Hawkinge, looking exhausted and underweight. He was collected and taken to the vet to be treated and recovered before release. He featured in his own Facebook post with advice and information from the RSPCA website to recognise when a hedgehog requires your help.

September

During September we received 207 rescue and assistance calls.

SAFE & SOUND

We were very grateful to receive help from our local fire service when attending a call-out to a kitten. He had climbed out of an upper-story window and got stuck on the roof. After a quick checkover from our officer, the kitten and owner were happily reunited. Advice was given on how best to keep the kitten safe so this won't happen again in the future.

Margot the cat was taken in as a stray. She was an older cat and had some issues with her back legs, which made her a little wobbly - but this just added to her charm. She is now in a loving home with her new owners who think that Margot is just the best cat they could have ever asked for:

"She's super affectionate, she's a lap cat too! Constantly by my side, we can tell she loves the atmosphere, it's perfect and calm for her and she's settled like an absolute dream, I feel like she's 100% herself and loving her life."



October

During October we received 131 rescue and assistance calls.

CUTENESS OVERLOAD

October saw a litter of kittens getting their vaccinations.

They had been found by a member of the public, in a shed, where their mum had chosen to give birth.

We checked Mum for a micro-chip without any luck. We asked the local vets and reached out to the public to find her owner. When we received no response, mum and babies were taken in and cared for locally. Once they'd been weaned and were old enough for their vaccinations, they quickly found their forever homes. We wonder why?













November

During November we received 112 rescue and assistance calls.

CHIP-CHECK CAMPAIGN

In November there was a collaboration between Folkestone & Hythe District Council and our branch for their Paws for Thought event at Littlestone. Officers from the Folkestone branch and the RSPCA North West Kent branch provided free dog microchipping and chip checks.

The chip-check proved invaluable as 80% of owners discovered that their details were out of date, meaning that a lost dog might not easily be reunited with its owners. This sparked our valuable #chipncheck campaign on our social media sites.

Meet Frank - he's just 12 weeks old and one of an unplanned litter. Our branch reminded the public of the importance of neutering. For a female cat, it is a simple operation known as 'spaying'. From four months old a female will start to attract the attention of tomcats, who'll want to mate with her. No cat should be pregnant while she's still a kitten herself.

December

During December we received 124 rescue and assistance calls.

FUNDRAISING FUN

We celebrated Santa Paws' with our charity partners, Pets at Home - Folkestone. That meant our fabulous volunteers, trustees, and staff spent time in the store spreading awareness of our branch and giving people the chance to win a pet basket for their fur baby this Christmas. Plus, customers were able to donate at the till throughout December to help animals in need.

December also saw the return of the Folkestone Living Advent Calendar. We were invited to attend two door openings. We gave out some RSPCA goodies and collected donations from the public, which were gratefully received.

We also welcomed in two abandoned cat brothers Mickey & Dave, who we placed in one of our wonderful Foster homes s o they weren't homeless for Christmas.







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FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
RECEIPTS		
Charitable Activities		
Door to Door	23,094	23,850
Donations	6,585	6,515
Legacies	-	20,070
Adoption fees	414	483
Rebates	-	4
	30,093	50,922
Investments		
Bank and other Interest	352	55
Dividends	3,186	3,659
	3,538	3,714
Total Receipts	33,631	54,636
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities		
Vets	39,354	8,346
Branch Contribution	7,891	7,066
Staff Costs	28,440	30,251
Motor Costs	2,988	2,372
Telephone	612	561
Miscellaneous	1,111	438
Secretarial and Accountancy	1,419	1,614
Insurance	-	632
Legal and Professional Fees	1,430	35
Investment Broker Fees	5,175	5,726
Bank Charges	284	301
	88,704	57,342
Capital Transactions		
Purchase of Investments	73,154	63,327
Purchase of Assets	-	470
Sale of Investments	(77,844)	(91,172)
	(4,690)	(27,375)
Total Payments	84,014	29,967
NET (PAYMENTS) / RECEIPTS	(50,383)	24,669
Cash at Bank and In Hand Brought Forward	66,607	41,938
Cash at Bank and In Hand Carried Forward	16,224	66,607

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FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investment Portfolio at valuation (*Cost £219,668, 2022 - £221,198)*	235,567	223,576
Equipment	26,608	26,608
	262,175	250,184
BANK AND CASH		
Current Account	9,680	32,584
Deposit Account	2,970	25,192
Broker Trading Account	3,155	7,860
Broker Income Account	185	705
Cash in Hand	234	266
	16,224	66,607

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Signed on behalf of the trustees:

L Hicks

Date: 30.05.24

Linda Hicks, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE

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

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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Date: 31 May 2024

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS KENT FOLKESTONE AND DISTRI

England & Wales - Charity number 209580

Accounts

RSPCA Kent-Folkestone & District Branch

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts. Year ended 31 December 2022

Registered Office: Henwood House, Henwood, Ashford TN24 8DH. Charity Number: 209580









TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The object of the charity is to promote kindness and good care and prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Kent-Folkestone and District Branch is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 209580 and is governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

OUR TRUSTEES FOR 2022

Trustees are elected by the local RSPCA membership. The trustees who served during the year, and at the report approval date, are as follows:

Nicholas Robbins: Chairman (resigned 21 October 2022)
Linda Hicks: Chairman (appointed 17 November 2022)
Clare McGill: Secretary (resigned June 2022)
Olivia Treadwell: Secretary (appointed June 2022)
Andre Knuchel-Takano: Treasurer
Pam Ninham
Jeff Hicks
Sian Hughes
Martyn Whybrow (resigned April 2022)
Jane Robbins (resigned 21 October 2022)
Charles Evans (resigned June 2022)
Jane Makin Maclean (resigned June 2022)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER, ACCOUNTANTS & PAYROLL
Magee Gammon, Henwood House,
Henwood, Ashford TN24 8DH

BANKERS
Natwest Bank Plc

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as a separately registered Branch of the RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches (as updated in December 2021). In the normal course of business, Committee members are elected at every Annual General Meeting, from the members of the Branch, to carry on the work for the ensuing year. Candidates must receive 50% of the votes of the members present.

The elected Branch Committee can co-opt not more than three members onto the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. All Committee members must be Society members for a minimum of three months on appointment. The Committee members are trustees of the Branch and are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made and implemented or conveyed to our staff for action.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

A health and safety policy that outlines the Branch's duty of care in respect of the health and safety of all persons visiting the Branch's working premises (e.g. volunteers, contractors, members of the public) is available for reference by all staff and volunteers and is reviewed regularly to take into account any changes.

It is a legal and important requirement that the RSPCA Kent-Folkestone & District Branch, in the conduct of its business operations, ensures a safe and healthy working environment for all its employees, contractors, visitors and volunteers in compliance with all current Health and Safety Legislation. The RSPCA Kent-Folkestone & District Branch accepts the fact that this implies the corresponding duty of ensuring that the necessary branch, equipment, and training is provided to fulfil this obligation.

An effective Health and Safety Policy requires the full collaboration and co-operation of all employees; therefore, all employees are required to familiarise themselves with the content of the documents and to accept their own personal responsibility for Health and Safety at work.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

A safeguarding policy was reviewed and revised by a trustee with a specialism in safeguarding, recognising our collective responsibility for safeguarding children and adults at risk of abuse and exploitation.

FUNDRAISING POLICY

A fundraising policy has been reviewed and adopted by the trustees to ensure compliance with the Fundraising Code of Practice and all relevant legislation. This recognises the care required in handling donations and funds raised and ensures governance is in place to prevent risk of fraud.

LONE WORKER POLICY

The trustees have developed a lone worker policy to support our staff and volunteers to feel safe and supported at work this is reviewed regularly by our HR consultant and the relevant Line Manager, to take into account any changes.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

This policy ensures that Trustees always make decisions in the Branch's interests alone and to further its specific charitable purposes.

WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

RSPCA Kent-Folkestone & District Branch has developed a Whistleblowing Policy to demonstrate its commitment to open and accountable management. This policy is designed to allow staff, volunteers and trustees to disclose information that they believe shows malpractice, unethical conduct or illegal practices in the undertaking of our work, without being penalised in any way.

HOME WORKING & PERSONAL DEVICES POLICY

RSPCA Kent-Folkestone & District Branch allows employees to work from home on occasions that are agreed in advance with their line manager. There is no automatic right to work from home. When deciding whether to allow an employee to work from home the primary consideration will always be the efficient completion of work duties.

The trustees have worked with Kent-based specialists, TQB Limited, for advice and support on their Human Resources, Health and Safety and Governance policies.

During 2023 the trustees have chosen to appoint Peninsula, a specialist provider of Human Resources and Health & Safety support. This will offer the branch 24/7 access to advice and a greater opportunity for training to ensure the branch, its volunteers and staff are up to date and compliant with current requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The branch have a commitment to review and manage the potential risks that the charity faces. The trustees have taken steps to mitigate against any risks that our staff and volunteers may face during the course of their duties.

The Branch have identified the following risks:

- Loss of income through error or fraud
- Loss of reputation
- Loss of income through outside forces
- Insufficient trustees to continue as a viable branch
- Risk of claims by volunteers or the public
- Adverse publicity
- Risk of inadvertent non-compliance with complex legislation such as GDPR
- Insufficient suitable homes for the animals rescued and rehabilitated, particularly the elderly and abused
- Health and safety of staff and volunteers working with abused and neglected animals and their owners in the most difficult areas of animal welfare
- Insufficient resources to help all the animals that need us



STRATEGIC AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The object of the charity is to promote kindness and good care and 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. Our activities to achieve the objectives include the following:

During 2022, Kent-Folkestone and District Branch, have continued to provide vital support to the community. Our Animal Welfare Officer has become invaluable, being called on for wildlife rescues, as well as offering advice and assistance to pet owners. She has worked alongside the Inspectorate, supporting their work and in March was joined by a new Outreach & Fundraising Officer, who will be working with us for three days a week.

We have continued to provide financial support for neutering as well as vaccinations and microchipping. Since our Folkestone clinic was closed by the veterinary centre where it was based, we've worked to establish relationships with several vet practices throughout the area in order to continue to provide this essential service to those in receipt of welfare payments. Neutering has both behavioural and health benefits for the animal.

We've also provided veterinary welfare assistance via our voucher scheme, to those on low incomes.

This work benefits those members of the public on low income by giving them financial help and promoting responsible pet ownership. The Branch also runs two pet food banks, which have been vital during this difficult time. These have been supplied by a combination of donated food and pet food purchased by the Branch.

Our officers have established relationships with other local animal welfare organisations and worked together to manage wildlife emergencies and concerns. They've supported each others work and drawn on a range of skills to best care for the needs of animals.

We've continued to collaborate with neighbouring RSPCA branches and benefit from access to their rehoming centres for emergency accommodation for mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties or have passed away.

With the support of our Outreach & Fundraising Officer we've been able to engage with the local community, particularly within schools, to educate and inform about the work of the RSPCA. Understanding the role animals play in our lives and our responsibilty for their care.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the Branch made a cash deficit of £2,706 (2021: surplus of £8,487). After sales and purchases of investments and purchases of tangible assets, the Branch made a cash surplus of £24,669 (2021: £5,037).

At the end of the year, cash reserves available for general use amounted to £66,607 (2021: £41,938) and the valuation of the investment portfolio was £223,576 (2021: £291,084). Overall unrestricted reserves totalled £290,183 (2021: £333,022).

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of resources and to cover unplanned emergencies and other expenditures. The trustees are aware of the current cost of living crisis, which will provide a challenging environment in the year to come.

The Branch has however maintained a strong financial position and is resilient. With this in mind, during 2023, the trustees will be looking at ways to allocate funds to further support pet owners and continue to protect our local wildlife.

Approved by the board of Trustees & signed on their behalf by:

L Hicks

Linda Hicks (Chairman) 12.06.2023



Highlights of 2022



January

During January we received 48 rescue and assistance calls. There were no neglect or abuse cases reported.

DAISY

A member of public posted on Facebook about her concern for a stray living in her garden shed for more than a month.

Our Animal Welfare Officer attended and scanned for a chip, and it turned out Daisy, had been reported missing by her very worried family 2 months earlier.

Here is Daisy pictured happily back at home over 6 miles away from where she was found.

February

During February we received 40 rescue and assistance calls. There was 1 neglect or abuse cases reported.

PET FOOD BANKS

We were very grateful to receive our first pallet of food from the Pets at Home Foundation.

Lucy was helped by 3 community wardens to transport the large quantity of dog food to our storage area in preparation for distribution to our local pet food banks.



March

During March we received 48 rescue and assistance calls. There were 2 neglect or abuse cases reported - one involving reports of a kitten with an untreated broken leg and another concerning the use of a prong collar on a dog in Folkestone.

FARM LIFE

Lucy was very lucky to be invited to a local farm to learn all things farm life, from common conditions in lambs, to the process of lambing season as well the care of calves and pigs.

She was able to assist with the tube feeding of colostrum for abandoned lambs before witnessing the process of how farmers get the sheep and lambs to bond again.



More in March

OUTREACH & FUNDRAISING OFFICER

March was our first full month with Georgie in her new role. Georgie has been shadowing Lucy during school talks, networking meetings, sign over visits, as well as getting involved with the pending food bank set up.

As you can see Georgie is now looking great in full uniform too!





April

A VISIT FROM GEORGE

Georgie attended a talk at Age UK Hythe. As St Georges day, was coming up she took along George, the Rabbit as a guest. She spoke about our branch and what we achieve within the community and how we help rehome animals such as George. There were lots of questions about the Branch and how to care for rabbits.

We ended the visit with a competition to produce the best drawing of George. The staff chose a winner and they received a Kit Kat for the prize!





May

CAREER MORNINGS

Georgie continued her great work by attending a career morning at Folkestone Primary School. Then on to a second at St Marys Church of England Primary School.

She was able to talk to the children about how our branch works in the community and how they can help us to continue our good work localy. Hopefully inspiring some future RSPCA officers. GO TEAM ANIMAL!!

... AND HEDGEHOGS

To Celebrate National Hedgehog week and promote good care of our wildlife, we arranged to visit The Romney Resource Centre to chat with young adults 14-25.

We discussed the decline of hedgehogs living in rural areas in Great Britain, and how we can help battle against this by providing a safe environment for them.



June

During June we received 300 rescue and assistance calls. Including various calls from injured pigeons, gull chicks out of nests, abandoned kestrels and a Hythe swan injured by fishing litter. As well as bat pups found on an industrial estate and stray snakes.

FOOD BANKS

In June our food banks were up and running with a weekly location within Folkestone and a fortnightly location in Hythe.

We organised these to be held in locations where coffee mornings are being held to try and help remove any stigma and or embarrassment with using our service.

We also offer the opportunity for pet owners to discuss any welfare needs regarding their pets.

July

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July marks RSPCA Folkestone Branch - Animal Welfare Officer being in her role for 3 years. Happy Anniversary!

With the support of the Branch trustees, having Lucy working in our region has been a huge success. She is now supported by Georgie, our Outreach & Media Officer.

THE HYTHE VENETIAN FETE

Our float in the fete was a great success yet again. Georgie did a great job in managing the build and decoration. A number of local community projects helped in creating painted wooden animals that populated the scene, and an abundance of lights and greenery added to the finished effect. We didn't win any prizes but we did have fun and collected lots of donations on the evening.







August

PET FOOD BANKS

Our pet food banks have continued to be well attended and are vital to pet owners, who may be struggling with feeding their pets due to the cost of living currently.

High quality dog, cat and rabbit food is available with the additional advantage of being able to discuss any pet-health concerns with our local officer.

LITTER-PICKING

We had a great time litter-picking with The Romney Marsh Litter Pickers. On average, the RSPCA receives 10 calls a day about animals affected by litter. This number spikes in the summer months. Protecting animals from harmful rubbish is easy. Dispose of your rubbish responsibly by recycling, reusing or simply putting it in the bin. We are making choices that could save many lives.

September

During September we received 166 rescue and assistance calls. Including calls regarding concerns for stray cats, injured foxes and lost ducks. There was 1 neglect or abuse cases reported.

WELFARE ADVICE

This Peahen was caught by an inspector on the Romney Marsh. She presented with a very swollen eye, but unfortunately due to avian flu, finding somewhere for her to board and receive treatment was a challenge.

Luckily Paws by the Coast agreed to take her on for boarding and was able to use their contacts to get her seen at a local vets.

Both paid for by the branch.



October

During October we received 139 rescue and assistance calls. These included over 20 calls for clinic or veterinary assistance, nearly 20 injured pigeons and 15 requests for help with rehoming. There were 3 neglect or abuse cases reported.

A PRICKLY CUSTOMER

Lucy was called to a trapped hedgehog at Temple Ewell Primary school. He'd become stuck in a very small gap between but with patience and persistence we managed to encourage the hedgehog to reverse out of the tight spot so that he could be rescued.

As you can see he was a good size, and with no noticeable injuries, was released back into the school gardens with ongoing monitoring from the school staff.





November

FERAL COLONY

Our Animal Welfare Officer was called out to 4 unneutered stray cats that were living on a caravan site. On arrival, she learned that there were in fact at least 15 unneutered cats. She connected with Animal Samaritans and Cats Protection, who agreed to help get them all neutered. Traps were set and all but two of the strays caught and neutered at Hythe and Manor Vets.

We also learned that a garage opposite had a colony of unneutered cats but when approached the owners were unwilling to receive help for neutering. We will continue to work with them, to encourage neutering, once we have finished managing this colony.

December

THE LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

The Folkestone Living Advent Calendar is a 24 day festival of music, drama, dance, opera, storytelling, puppetry and fun. It starts on December 1st and takes place at a different ‘door’ in Folkesone, every evening at 6pm until December 24th.

We were invited to attend, two of the advent door openings as the partner chairty.

At each event, we were able to tell the crowd about our branch and what we do. We gave out RSPCA magazines as Christmas presents, and to spread the word about the charity’. We raised a total of £102.81 through donations at these two events.







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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
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Rebates	4	-
VAT Refunds	-	262
	50,922	66,874
Investments		
Bank Interest	55	4
Dividends	3,659	4,254
	3,714	4,258
Total Receipts	54,636	71,132
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Charitable Activities		
Vets	8,346	17,157
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Current Account	32,584	817
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Broker Trading Account	7,860	6,777
Broker Income Account	705	4,010
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L Hicks

Date: 12.06.2023

Linda Hicks, Chair

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Date: 13 June 2023

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C/O Magee Gammon, Henwood House, Ashford TN24 8DH. Charity Number: 209580









OUR TRUSTEES FOR 2021

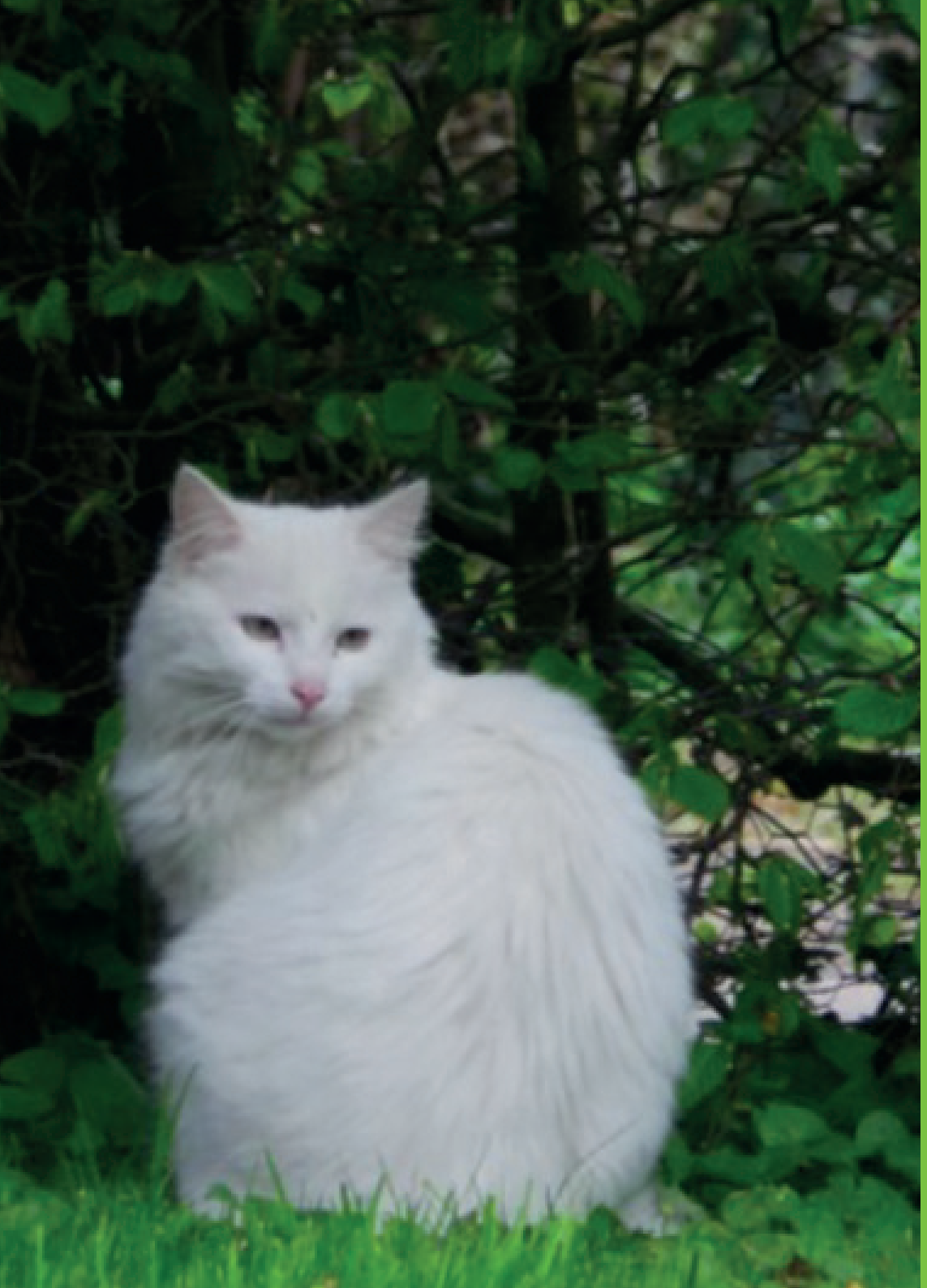
Nicholas Robbins (Chair)
Katarina Kamasova (Treasurer) Resigned Jan 21
Clare McGill (Secretary)
Andre Knuchel-Takano
Charles Evans
Linda Hicks
Jeff Hicks
Jane Makin Maclean
Pam Ninham
Jane Robbins
Olivia Treadwell
Martin Whybrow (Resigned May 2022)
Brod Paul (Resigned August 2021)

Accountants: Magee Gammon, Henwood House, Ashford TN24 8DH

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association and holds an AGM each year.

Trustees are elected by the local RSPCA membership.

The object of the charity is to promote kindness and good care and prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means, in accordance with the policies of the Society.



January

AUDREY

Our Animal Welfare Officer was able to assist a volunteer from another charity with the trapping of this cat, Audrey, that had been visiting the Holiday Inn, Folkestone.

Audrey had escaped from the owner's car during a house move and had been missing for over 3 months.

They were delighted to have Audrey back after losing hope of ever seeing her again, and travelled through the night to come and get her.

This month was also a good one for rabbit, Blue and Cat, Daisy, who were rehomed by RSPCA Folkestone this month. Happy endings all round!

February

Our Animal Welfare Officer, Lucy, has done lots of great work visiting schools to help educate children on animal welfare and the work of the RSPCA.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, this has become more of a challenge.

In February Lucy rose to that challenge by ‘attending’ Temple Ewell primary via Zoom.

She was able to announce the winners of the Young Animal Welfare Competiton and congratulate them on their great efforts in creating their posters.

GENERATION KIND

The children enthusiastically asked Lucy about her role and daily tasks, so an all round great experience.



March

In the month of March RSPCA Folkestone Branch received 63 requests for assistance.

22 of these calls were for wildlife concerns consisting of: 8 foxes, 4 ducks, 3 gulls, 3 pigeons, a rabbit, seal, swan, parakeet, redwing and hedgehog.

These included concerns for foxes with mange, orphaned ducklings, and requests for assistance with veterinary help.

There were also 4 neglect/abuse cases reported this month.



More in March

WE ARE NOW CONTACTLESS!

Our new ‘Square’ payment device arrived, was set up and registered to our bank account.

Now when people would like to make a donation, but don’t have any cash, they can use their card.

This keeps us up to date with technology and means that it’s easier to donate anywhere.





April

A WILD MONTH!

In April we received 62 assistance requests, these included calls about fox cubs, fledglings and ducklings.

FOXY LOXY

Four of these calls were about foxes needing aid. One of them was this little fella who had got a bit lost. With help from our AWO he was released near the fox den to find mumma

TOP TREATMENT

As well as all that Lucy also helped with a seal, a buzzard, ferret, cats and budgies taking them for veterinary treatment or ongoing care at Mallydams, Our Hero!

CHEEP CHEEP

One of the 8 calls for birds was a Robin that had decided to check-into the Hythe Imperial Hotel and build her nest for this lucky baby. Our AWO was able to locate the nest and the manager kindly followed her advice, closing off the space until the fledgling was ready to leave.

More in April

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT!

Also this month our branch connected with The Litter Picking Watch Romney Marsh, a group that shares the same enthusiasm as our branch, to reduce litter for not only the environment but for wildlife too.

We have our branch stickers on the new fishing litter bins which are being placed around the area, and are planning future collaborations to raise awareness and team-up for litter picking events.

Our Animal Welfare Officer saw first-hand what can happen when chemicals are discharged into a pond or waterway. The environmental team were contacted and came out to test the water, but the damage was done, with over 60 dead fish.

We were also called to a young deer trapped in a building site which wasn't properly secured.









May

This month included concerns for overturned sheep, poisoning of foxes, and pigs kept in small enclosures. So lots of advice and cross-agency working, involving the National society and local farmers.



June

WE LOVE ALL ANIMALS, GREAT AND SMALL

One of our most unusual calls to date was received in June after a packaging company discovered a box of live ants!

They had been 'tubed' since at least January. The Veterinary Invertebrate Society, who is involved with a insect rescue, agreed to collect the ants and try to save as many as possible. They did well, and the rescued ants went to a Keeper at Longleat.

THERE REALLY IS NO JOB TOO SMALL!

July

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July marks RSPCA Folkestone branch - Animal Welfare Officer being in her role for 2 years. Happy Anniversary!

With the support of the branch trustees, having Lucy working in our region has been a huge success.

The following figures show how vital our AWO is:
Responded to 1,039 calls
Rehomed 38 cats and rabbits
Carried out 31 school talks, reaching 1343 children

MAISIE

In July there was sadly a call to this abandoned cat Maisie. She was reported after being spotted sitting in her garden in the rain for days after her owners sold their house and left her behind.

Luckily, Maisie had a happy ending when the new home owners agreed to adopt her.







August

One of many calls in August, was to a bird found completely covered in oil behind a fast-food restaurant in Cheriton.

The young pigeon was unable to move his wings or any of his feathers as they were completely stuck together.

He was taken to Abbeywell Vets for assessment, and after a week of daily baths, was recovering well. He was then transported to Mallydams to continue his treatment and recovery.

YOU GO LITTLE MAN!

September

WELFARE ADVICE

This September we were contacted, via Social Media, by a member of public concerned for a queen cat and her 7 kittens.

The cat was being left outside for hours at a time, whilst nursing. They also had concerns that there were 3 other un-neutered and unvaccinated male cats in the home.

We visited the property and welfare advice was given regarding providing a suitable environment for the mum and kittens, as well as discussing the importance of neutering and vaccination.

Follow up checks and further advice, regarding dietary requirements, was given. We also organised the neutering of the males through their local Cats Protection branch.

Working together to meet the needs of animals.



October

Social Services contacted RSPCA Folkestone this October requesting assistance for a family with a multi-cat household. The owner suffered with mental and physical health issues and had 35 indoor cats at a property in Folkestone. We were concerned for the welfare of not only the cats, but the family too, due to such a high number of cats, with health risks from parasites infections.

The branch agreed to help with neutering and veterinary assistance, based on the cats being signed over for rehoming.

During October we had 4 of the females neutered, 3 vet checked for skin conditions and 5 signed over to us.

We then asked the Regional Board for 'multi-cat funding' as this was going to be a huge expense. Our aim was to have them all vet checked and neutered, and the owner to reduce the household to 6 cats. Welfare advice would be given and follow up checks by the Animal Welfare Officer to ensure the cats remain healthy, safe and happy.





November

SEAL OF APPROVAL!

In November a call came in regarding a young grey seal pup on Sandgate beach, Folkestone.

Although the pup looked a good weight, the redness around the mouth was concerning. After assessment it was decided he needed treatment, so the seal was transported to Mallydams. Once seen by a vet, we were informed that he had an oral infection.

December

HERE TO HELP

This December our branch was contacted by a district nurse and social services regarding a pet owner due to go into hospital. We were then contacted by the owner, who requested a sign-over for his 2 cats and 1 dog due to his medical issues meaning he would no longer be able to care for them.

Topsie & Pickle are very shy cats but seemed in good health.

The dog, Reggie, was an entire male with a lot of health problems including dry-eye, causing green mucus in both his eyes. He had multiple masses on his body (which tested positive for cancer), an inguinal testicle and nails that had grown so long that they grew into his paw pads causing them to be very sore. Despite this Reggie was a very friendly, well-behaved and affectionate dog.

Reggie is now undergoing treatment and with foster carer. The cats went up for adoption to find their furever home.







FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Branch Secretary will provide a full copy of his report and valuation at the AGM.

Magee Gammon have drafted the Independent Examiner's Report for 2021, which will be considered for approval by the Trustees . A copy of the Report is available on request.

Reserves Policy: Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of resources and to cover unplanned emergencies and other expenditure. The trustees are fully aware of the current economic background with the effects of Covid-19 and geopolitical events, this will provide a challenging environment in the year to come.



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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
RECEIPTS		
Charitable Activities		
Door to Door	24,134	25,197
Donations	3,478	4,296
Legacies	39,000	500
VAT Refunds	262	535
	66,874	30,528
Investments		
Bank Interest	4	45
Dividends	4,254	4,099
	4,258	4,144
Total Receipts	71,132	34,672
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities		
Vets	17,157	14,418
Branch Contribution	11,293	27,779
Staff Costs	21,090	20,827
Motor Costs	2,037	1,381
Telephone	547	534
Miscellaneous	40	447
Secretarial and Accountancy	2,372	2,322
Insurance	1,432	1,207
Legal and Professional Fees	80	40
Investment Broker Fees	6,321	5,657
Bank Charges	276	293
	62,645	74,905
Capital Transactions		
Purchase of Investments	32,300	35,405
Sale of Investments	(28,850)	(36,379)
	3,450	(974)
Total Payments	66,095	73,931
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	5,037	(39,259)
Cash at Bank and In Hand Brought Forward	36,901	76,160
Cash at Bank and In Hand Carried Forward	41,938	36,901

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE

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

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Roland Parry FCA

Magee Gammon Corporate Limited
Henwood House
Henwood
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Kent
TN24 8DH

Date: 22/06/22

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

STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investment Portfolio at valuation (*Cost £247,653, 2020 - £238,951*)	291,084	266,656
Equipment	26,138	26,138
	317,222	292,794
BANK AND CASH		
Current Account	817	5,169
Deposit Account	30,137	18,133
Broker Trading Account	6,777	5,056
Broker Income Account	4,010	8,248
Cash in Hand	197	295
	41,938	36,901

Related Parties:
The Branch constitution is approved by the national RSPCA umbrella body, charity no. 219099, which is considered a related party for accounting purposes. During the financial year, the Branch received a total of £24,134 (2020: £25,197) in grant funding from the national RSPCA for the Branch's purposes. In addition, the Branch made contributions of £11,293 (2020: £27,779) to the nation RSPCA for services rendered. The Branch also receives a number of umbrella body services, including legacy administration under the Branch Legacy Scheme, membership administration and practical guidance and assistance from a Branch Support Specialist employed by the national Society

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Nicholas Robbins, Chair

Date: 23/06/22

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS KENT FOLKESTONE AND DISTRI

England & Wales - Charity number 209580

Accounts



RSPCA Folkestone & District Annual Report 2020

RSPCA Folkestone & District Branch
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January

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The seal on the right has been one of our biggest rescue involvements to date with regards media coverage.

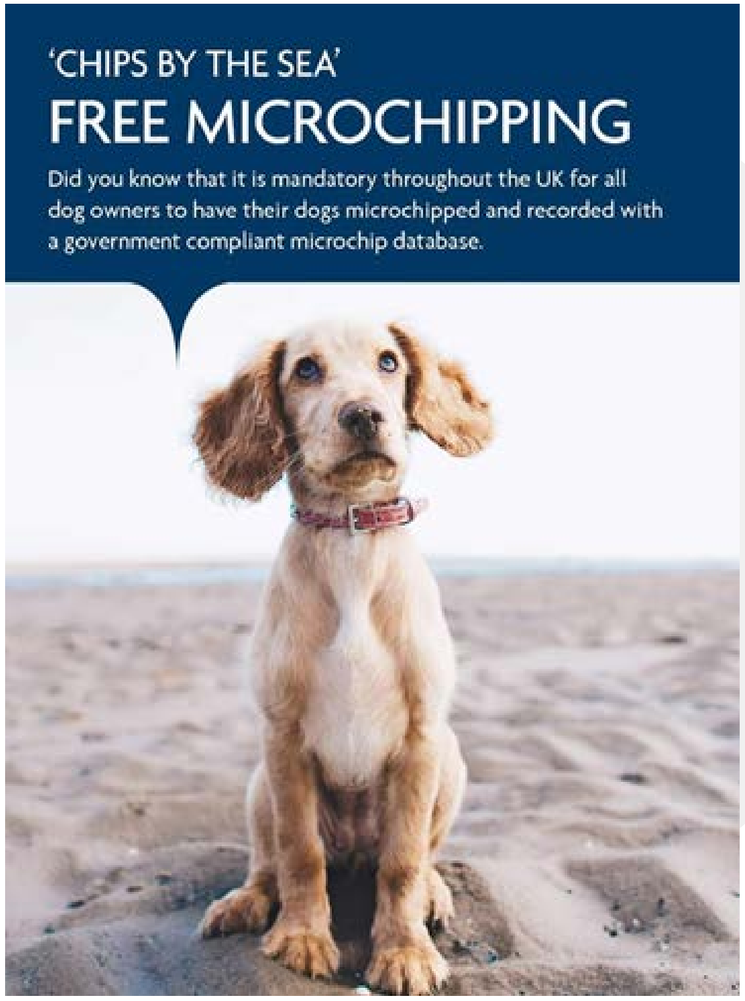
Although unsuccessful in restraining and capturing the seal for treatment, the positive impact from the local members of the public towards the rescue and our branch has been extraordinary.

We even received a £1,000 donation in January after someone saw the great work that the Folkestone branch had been doing.



February

Launched 'Chips By The Sea' Campaign



We launched this campaign to promote free of charge microchips to all pets with owners in receipt of benefits at our Havelock Clinic. We have the poster to the left up at the clinic and have been spreading the word through social media.

The aim is to encourage all animals to be microchipped to reduce lost/stolen pets ending up in kennels as well as reducing veterinary costs to the branch for injured 'strays'.

We would have liked to have organised pop-up events in the Summer to encourage further microchipping as well as offering a 'chip scan & update' service for owners with pets that are already microchipped.

Unfortunately, Covid 19 meant we were unable to host events and our Havelock Clinic had to temporarily close.





March

Generation Kind

In the previous year, our Animal Welfare Officer, Lucy, had done lots of great school work. This time, before Covid restrictions hit, she was invited to assist area colleague, Emma, with her first secondary school assembly for a careers day.

Lucy was also involved with an interactive day at St. Mary's Primary School, talking about everything to do with foxes.

In addition, we managed to attend a nursery to talk to the children about the five welfare needs for kindness to animals and showing them the RSPCA van and equipment.

From March, new social distancing rules meant Lucy was only able to attend emergency call outs or call outs that did not involve public interaction i.e. wildlife calls.



Impact to our Animal Welfare Officer's role due to Covid 19

Lucy has had to ensure she is protecting herself with the correct PPE at all times and regularly sanitising. During lockdowns she has had to limit her interaction with the public by only entering houses in emergency situations. When restrictions have eased, any entering property has still been kept minimal where possible, with full PPE and the occupier is requested to wear a face mask during interaction too.

At times, the role has been more challenging with regards to attending veterinary practices, due to them having fewer staff at times and having to have consultations outside.

Networking has been harder and, of course, we have not been able to arrange planned events such as microchipping stands in town and fundraising. As many of the shops that have our donation tins have been closed, this has caused a reduction in donations for the branch.



May

Leo

Leo here was collected in a trap in Seabrook after a local resident was concerned about a large bald patch and a potential wound.
He was taken to a vets for a sedation where the wound was inspected and appeared to look like an old clipper cut. We also discovered at this point that he was not microchipped or neutered.
Leo was boarded locally in the hope of an owner being found through social media and websites.
Unchipped cats are usually given seven days to be claimed but on this occasion we decided to give Leo's owner an extra week to be found.
Geo was about to be sent for rehoming at Canterbury after two weeks of boarding when his owner finally came forward after spotting him on our repost on Facebook the day before.
Patience pays off!

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June





Fledgling season is well and truly upon us!

Out of the 85 calls we received in June, 46 were for bird rescues.

Just over half the calls received for birds were for gulls totalling 24 in June alone. A small number of these had unfortunately been injured but the majority of the call outs were for fallen fledglings.

This month also saw four trips to RSPCA centre, Mallydams-Hastings, with one trip comprising 20 birds being transported for rehabilitation and care.

July

Lucy was called out to this handsome fox after he was noticed out during the day and very disorientated in a member of the public's garden.

Inspector Tina kindly offered to assist with this. However, Lucy was able to carry out her first fox capture successfully alone.

He was unfortunately diagnosed with suspected poisoning and had lost his sight, so euthanasia was decided by Burnham House Vets.



August

Meet Ash







We collected Ash from Folkestone after a member of the public reported him as a stray with a "bad" eye. His eye had ulcerated and was clearly near eruption. He was taken to Burnham House Vets where emergency surgery for enucleation was decided before waiting for an owner to come forward on welfare grounds.

With the help from our volunteer, Amy, we were able to set up a fundraiser on Facebook to help with the costs for Ash's surgery.

After a long journey with us, Ash has finally found his new forever home.





September

Bob

We received a very unusual call out regarding a stray tortoise found in Sellindge.
Bob seemed to be in good health but somehow had lost his way and found himself walking down a country lane.

He was taken to Burnham House Vets where luckily his owner came forward within 24 hours and they were reunited.

As you may be able to see from the photo, he was so big that he had to be transported in a dog crate!

October

Smudge

Smudge was found after a garage fire in Folkestone and was suspected to be pregnant.

We took her to Burnham House Vets where they scanned her and discovered that she was not actually pregnant.
Unfortunately she had not been microchipped either so we were not able to locate the owners.

After advertising her adoption on social media platforms, Smudge secured herself a new home that she went to in December and settled in really well.



November

Litter Campaign.

Trustee Linda created powerful posters to advertise how dangerous and damaging litter can be to animals.
The posters state that the RSPCA receives 5,000 calls a year regarding animals hurt by litter and promotes how easy it is to protect animals from harmful rubbish by taking your litter home.

The campaign reached 8,370 people on social media!

358 Likes
36 Shares













Poppy Wreath

- Chairman Nicholas and Welfare Officer Lucy attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial on The Leas in Folkestone.
- They laid a wreath on behalf of our branch to remember and show respect for those fallen in war.
- Our wreath read "In Remembrance of all & of those with hoof, wing & paw who serve mankind in war".
- Both commented that it felt an honour to be able to pay respects on behalf of the branch.

December

Hythe Life Magazine

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Trustee Martin's write up which featured in Hythe Life Magazine this month.

This feature has already had a positive impact with a few members of the public stopping and speaking to our Welfare Officer saying how much they enjoyed reading about the work we do!





Trustees and Volunteers

In January 2020 we held the Volunteer Recruitment Drive at the Radnor Arms in Folkestone where we had over 28 people sign up to be involved in volunteering at our Branch.

As a result of this event, Amy and Olivia have become Trustees and are acting as Treasurer and Social Media Contact in 2021 respectively and Ann is a Transport Volunteer.

Nominated Trustees 2020

Nicholas Robbins, Jenni Kimpton, Martin Whybrow, Linda Hicks, Jane Makin, James Evans, Jeff Hicks, Jane Robbins, Pam Ninham, Charles Evans, Clare Mcgill, Amy France & Olivia Treadwell.

Volunteers include:

Anne Wariner, André Knuchel-Takano, Katarina Kamasova.

Financial Review

The Branch Secretary will provide a full copy of his report and valuation at the AGM.

Magee Gammon have drafted the Independent Examiner's Report for 2020, which will be considered for approval by the Trustees. A copy of the Report is available on request.

The Trustees estimate that they may need to arrange funds from the Stock Market Investment in August 2021 in the event of receiving no funding from the National Society throughout 2020/2021. This will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on an ongoing basis.

Reserves Policy- reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of resources and to cover unplanned emergencies and other expenditure. The trustees are fully aware of the current economic background with Covid-19, this will provide a challenging environment in the year to come.



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FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
RECEIPTS		
Charitable Activities		
Grants	-	14,000
Door to Door	25,197	26,739
Donations and Legacies	4,796	2,086
VAT Refunds	535	1,422
Animal Centre	-	101
	30,528	44,348
Investments		
Bank Interest	45	66
Dividends	4,099	4,317
	4,144	4,383
Total Receipts	34,672	48,731
PAYMENTS		
Charitable Activities		
Vets	14,418	10,520
Branch Contribution	27,779	27,535
Staff Costs	20,827	9,723
Motor Costs	1,381	2,188
Telephone	534	146
Miscellaneous	447	1,158
Secretarial and Accountancy	2,322	1,569
Insurance	1,207	524
Legal and Professional Fees	40	320
Investment Broker Fees	5,657	5,516
Bank Charges	293	99
	74,905	59,298
Capital Transactions		
Purchase of Investments	35,405	-
Sale of Investments	(36,379)	(5,135)
Purchase of Equipment	-	26,138
	(974)	21,003
Total Payments	73,931	80,301
NET PAYMENTS	(39,259)	(31,570)
Cash at Bank and In Hand Brought Forward	76,160	107,730
Cash at Bank and In Hand Carried Forward	36,901	76,160

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FIXED ASSETS		
Investment Portfolio at valuation (*Cost £238,951, 2019 - £234,058*)	266,656	254,084
Equipment	26,138	26,138
	292,794	280,222
BANK AND CASH		
Current Account	5,169	3,428
Deposit Account	18,133	58,588
Broker Trading Account	5,056	8,178
Broker Income Account	8,248	5,710
Cash in Hand	295	256
	36,901	76,160

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Signed on behalf of the trustees:

N R Robbins

Date: 19/08/21

Nicholas Robbins, Chair

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Date: 19 AUGUST 2021