



RSPCA Kent-Folkestone & District Branch

Annual Report 2021

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 Competition 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		
<u>Charitable Activities</u>		
Door to Door	24,134	25,197
Donations	3,478	4,296
Legacies	39,000	500
VAT Refunds	262	535
	<u>66,874</u>	<u>30,528</u>
<u>Investments</u>		
Bank Interest	4	45
Dividends	4,254	4,099
	<u>4,258</u>	<u>4,144</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>71,132</u></u>	<u><u>34,672</u></u>
PAYMENTS		
<u>Charitable Activities</u>		
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
	<u>62,645</u>	<u>74,905</u>
<u>Capital Transactions</u>		
Purchase of Investments	32,300	35,405
Sale of Investments	(28,850)	(36,379)
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>(974)</u>
Total Payments	<u><u>66,095</u></u>	<u><u>73,931</u></u>
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	<u><u>41,938</u></u>	<u><u>36,901</u></u>

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

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Date: 22/06/22

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FOLKESTONE AND DISTRICT BRANCH


STATEMENT OF ASSETS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investment Portfolio at valuation (<i>Cost £247,653, 2020 - £238,951</i>)	291,084	266,656
Equipment	26,138	26,138
	<u>317,222</u>	<u>292,794</u>
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
	<u>41,938</u>	<u>36,901</u>

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