

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
CEREDIGION BRANCH

CHARITY № 223675

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 223675

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: C/o Parc Llwyd
Aberporth
Cardigan
Ceredigion
SA43 2DU

TRUSTEES: Mrs J Evans (Chair)
Mrs F Miller (Treasurer)
Mrs B Davies (Secretary)
Mrs S Learoyd
Mrs P Lowe
Mrs E Davies
Mrs K Clark
Mrs J Davies
Miss B Clements

BANKERS: Lloyds Bank, 14 High Street, Cardigan, SA43 1JW

ACCOUNTANTS: Kyffin & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
The Old Convent
Llanbadarn Road
Aberystwyth
Ceredigion
SY23 1WX

REPORT

1. Structure, governance and management

The Ceredigion Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association. It operates as an autonomous branch of the national RSPCA and is subject to its rules for Branches. A committee of Trustees is elected at the AGM to govern the Branch. The Trustees hold bi-monthly meetings and are responsible for reviewing operational and financial procedures according to Charity Commission guidelines.

2. Objectives and principal activities

The purpose of the Branch is to promote the work and objects of the national RSPCA with particular reference to Ceredigion.

The Trustees have reviewed this work and outcomes during 2020 to ensure that they remain focussed on the charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public.

3. Achievements and performance

RSPCA Ceredigion Branch has continued work during 2020 while observing COVID guidelines and while the main Society is undergoing drastic restructuring. Due to COVID restriction Trustees met 4 times (3 virtually) and the AGM was delayed with Charity Commission approval. This has meant that the 2019 Report & Accounts still need to be accepted at the next AGM together with the 2020 Report & Accounts.

COVID has virtually wiped out street and store collections and made rescuing and rehoming cats even more challenging. However, with the help of our wonderful trustees and volunteers, we achieved the following:

- gave financial help to more than 145 pet owners for vet bills through voucher scheme

- found homes for more than 42 cats
- continued the subsidised dog neutering scheme with Priory Vets (Cardigan) & John Downes (Aberystwyth)
- maintained a help line answering more than 1500 calls
- neutered and microchipped more than 47 dogs and 50 cats
- raised more than £2000 through street collections & boxes
- publicised animal welfare issues and local news on *catsceredigion* facebook
- continued reduced trap, neuter & return assistance
- provided financial help with rabbit neutering, vaccinations & microchipping with Priory and Downes vets
- donated to the Australia Wildfire Fund
- assisted local Inspector by taking in abandoned cats
- Sally Learoyd continued to liaise with the Wales Board as Branch representative
- circulated 2 updates to members about ongoing work
- continued to monitor the local puppy breeding situation via planning applications & work with RSPCA on improvements

4. Branch volunteers

Thanks are due to the following who have worked hard this year to help the Branch continue to look after animals and function:

- Janet Copeland - cat publicity photos & facebook
- Christine Davidson - trapping & home checks
- Val Frennett - fostering & trapping
- Jo Hutchings - facebook and publicity
- Rachel Jones - fosterer
- Rose Khan - assisting Jane (fosterer)

- Janet Rowlands - fosterer
- Steve Woods - street & store collections
- Colin Kendall - fosterer with Jane

5. Financial review

These have been agreed by our accountants Kyffin & Co and are attached. Items of interest: purchase of 2 chalets for cat fostering £6,707; donation to Australian Wildfire Fund £2,133.00; COVID donation to Wales Board £2,200.00; accountant £550.00; insurance £524.00; share of RSPCA D2D collection £24,622.00; VAT £2,693.00; Gift Aid £64.

The reserves policy is to maintain free reserves equal to one year's unrestructured expenditure.

The investment policy also remains unchanged with the fixed rate bond earning 1.5% interest and maturing in April 2022.

6. Future plans

We plan to continue the current animal welfare work; promote animal welfare; extend the subsidised dog neutering schemes with more vets in Ceredigion and look for more Trustees.

Signed:.....*J Evans*.....*F Miller*.....
 Mrs J Evans Chair Mrs F Miller - Treasurer

Date:.....*6.5.21*.....*7 May 2021*.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF:
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We report on the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that an Audit is not required under of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an Audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the Account present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Have not been met; or

2. To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

..... 2 May 2021
Date

Kyffin & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2020</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2019</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>				
Subscriptions, Donations & Fund Raising	33,020		32,167	
Bank & Investment Interest	509		56	
VAT Reclaimed	2,872		1,335	
HMRC: Gift Aid Refunds	64		60	
Legacy Received	-		11,214	
	-----	36,465	-----	44,832
<i>Payments:</i>				
Quota (Headquarters)	-		-	
Contributions to All Wales Emergency Boarding Fund/ Covid 19Appeal & RSPCA Australia	6,333		3,000	
Veterinary Fees (Including Purchase of Medicines, Syringes etc)	24,450		26,023	
Fostering, Food & Expenses re: Rescued Animals	10,699		13,019	
Expenditure on Cat Housing /Cat Chalets	8,210		4,277	
Postage, Stationery, Photocopying, Telephone & Travel Expenses	661		1,682	
Insurance	532		-	
Accountancy & Book Keeping	900		808	
Advertising & Sponsorship	379		670	
Miscellaneous Expenses (including Hire of Hall)	-		235	
Bank Charges	15		-	
	-----	(52,179)	-----	(49,714)
OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(15,714)		(4,882)
Increase in Investments		(474)		(18)
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		(16,188)		(4,900)
Cash Funds at Beginning of Year		45,072		49,972
Cash Funds at End of Year		£ 28,884		£ 45,072
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2020</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2019</i>	
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
Balance at Bank - Lloyds Current Account		2,484		8,709
Balance at Bank - Scottish Widows Bank Charities				
7 Day Account		26,391		36,354
Cash in Hand		9		9
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		£ 28,884		£ 45,072
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INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investment Bonds - Julian Hodge Bank		£ 31,840		£ 31,366
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LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses		£ 325		£ 325
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Approved by the Committee of the RSPCA - Ceredigion Branch