

Charity registration number: 223 677

RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	S Moss
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	L Baxendale
	S Foulkes
	D Williams
	D Owen
	C Roberts
Charity Registration Number	223 677
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objectives of the branch are to promote the work of the objectives of the National Society of the RSPCA, within Clwyd and Colwyn area.

The key aims are to provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. Since May 2021 this has been through our clinic, or occasionally, with a voucher scheme for use with private local vets. This work helps those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for their companion animals in need of veterinary treatment.

We also provide a subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals which helps to control dog and cat populations and promotes responsible pet ownership.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

2023 was a very challenging year with ever increasing prices for drugs, equipment, and utilities. January started off very quiet even though the clinic was closed for nearly two weeks over the Christmas period. Paul Mayers is still our main vet. However, we are also covered by Aura Cucuruzac when Paul is unavailable. The clinic operates on animals Monday to Wednesday with a full day of consultations on Thursdays. Later on in the year the Branch Manager extended the operations of animals to also be done on Thursdays, meaning the Clinic extended its operating days to four days per week. The prices for consultations, drugs, and procedures to clients are still below private veterinary practices and there continued to be an acute shortage of veterinary surgeons in the UK.

The clinic remained very busy throughout the rest of 2023.

Our long-term Secretary, Irene Train, retired at our AGM in April. The Trustees thanked Irene for all her years of hard work and commitment to the branch. All Trustees wished Irene a long and happy retirement.

At the AGM Carol Roberts put herself forward to become Branch Secretary. All Trustees thanked Carol for taking on this commitment and wished her well in her role as Secretary.

The number of animals seen this year is as follows:

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Dogs	1,892	2,094	1,555	2,171
Cats	1,049	974	906	1,255
Other	56	70	36	38
Microchipped	55	-	-	

Wildlife numbers

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'Trustees' Report (continued)

Accepted	145	143
Transferred	60	55
Released	60	52
PTS	25	21

Number of animals operated on: 255 (263 separate operations)

Cats protection neutering generated £6,290.

The Trustees are tremendously proud of the contribution made by the dedicated team of the Clwyd and Colwyn Branch to animal welfare.

Financial review

The Branch has become a victim of its own success with more people using the clinic. However, with soaring prices it has been increasingly difficult to ensure that the prices that are being charged are within the means of the clients. This, allied to the maintenance cost of the building and adhering to fire and building regulations, have had a significant impact on our resources.

2024 will be a very challenging financial year for the Branch.

Carol Roberts has again secured a grant of £2,500 from the Rhyl Flats Windfarm to go toward offering supporting financial welfare to clients in need. Carol also applied for two separate grants of £500 from Head Office.

Principal funding sources

The main source of funding for these activities is from a RSPCA Headquarters grant from the house to-house collection. This year we received £22,543.

Our other source of income was from the Prestatyn and the Rhyl shop. We also received a legacy of £21,825 from Ms Hilda Marian Jones.

The Branch is grateful to the small group of volunteers that help in the shops and help raise funds for the clinic.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity (RSPCA Clwyd and Colwyn Branch) is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (updated in 2006, edited in 2012).

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Organisational structure

A committee is elected at the AGM and governs the branch, who are trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees regularly review risks which the charity faces on a regular basis covering operational and financial reviews. The trustees also identify other operational and business risks which have been identified as:


1. Inability to operate the shops or the animal welfare clinic due to fire or other destruction.
2. Loss of reputation through fraud or error.
3. Loss of income through fraud or error.
4. Insufficient funds to cover the cost of animal welfare activities.

The trustees hold meetings monthly at which decisions are made. The management of the clinic is delegated to the clinic manager as is the Prestatyn shop.

Trustees who served during the period:

Lynn Baxendale
Sue Foulkes
Sylvia Moss (Treasurer)
Dianna Owen
Carol Roberts (Secretary)
Irene Train (resigned 27 April 23)
David Williams (Chairman)

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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C Roberts
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....*C Roberts*.....
C Roberts
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

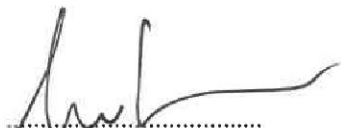
I report in respect of my examination of the RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr Andrew D Erasmus BSc, FCA
for and on behalf of Aston Hughes Ltd
Chartered Accountants

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29 March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	51,773	51,773
Charitable activities	3	92,125	92,125
Other trading activities	4	13,727	13,727
Investment income	5	9,514	9,514
Total Income		<u>167,139</u>	<u>167,139</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(16,316)	(16,316)
Charitable activities		<u>(222,976)</u>	<u>(222,976)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(239,292)</u>	<u>(239,292)</u>
Net movement in funds		(72,153)	(72,153)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>486,440</u>	<u>486,440</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>414,287</u></u>	<u><u>414,287</u></u>
	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	85,906	85,906
Charitable activities	3	89,922	89,922
Other trading activities	4	16,602	16,602
Investment income	5	2,485	2,485
Total Income		<u>194,915</u>	<u>194,915</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(14,259)	(14,259)
Charitable activities		<u>(206,006)</u>	<u>(206,006)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(220,265)</u>	<u>(220,265)</u>
Net movement in funds		(25,350)	(25,350)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		<u>511,790</u>	<u>511,790</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>486,440</u></u>	<u><u>486,440</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.


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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	203,420	224,088
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	14	223,958	269,962
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(13,091)</u>	<u>(7,610)</u>
Net current assets		<u>210,867</u>	<u>262,352</u>
Net assets		<u>414,287</u>	<u>486,440</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>414,287</u>	<u>486,440</u>
Total funds	16	<u>414,287</u>	<u>486,440</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


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S Moss
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

RSPCA - Clwyd and Colwyn Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Other trading activities

Shop income is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided). Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Land and buildings	2% straight line basis
Furniture and equipment	33% straight line basis on office equipment and 25% reducing balance method on fixtures & fittings
Motor vehicles	25% straight line basis

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	29,162	29,162	29,591
Legacies	22,336	22,336	55,630
Regular giving and capital donations	275	275	685
	<u>51,773</u>	<u>51,773</u>	<u>85,906</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Clinic donations	92,125	92,125	89,922

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Trading income;			
Shop income from sale of donated goods and services	13,727	13,727	16,602
	<u>13,727</u>	<u>13,727</u>	<u>16,602</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	9,514	9,514	2,485

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2023	Total 2022
Note	£	£	£
Veterinary fees and drugs	94,176	94,176	73,209
Welfare assistance	16,430	16,430	9,000
Mobile clinic	2,088	2,088	6,000
Motor expenses	1,451	1,451	4,255
Rates	1,608	1,608	2,215
Light and heat	4,279	4,279	2,893
Repairs and maintenance	467	467	8,455
Travelling	-	-	150
Insurance	719	719	1,979
Telephone and fax	1,984	1,984	1,618
Computer software and maintenance costs	1,324	1,324	1,299
Printing, postage and stationery	489	489	765
Sundry expenses	309	309	5,427
Legal and professional fees	8,261	8,261	795
Bank charges	1,742	1,742	2,284
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	13,168	13,168	14,955
Staff costs	73,407	73,407	69,706
Governance costs	1,074	1,074	1,001
	<u>222,976</u>	<u>222,976</u>	<u>206,006</u>

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	1,074	1,074	1,001
	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,001</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Loss on disposal of fixed assets held for the charity's own use	86	(1,131)
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>13,082</u>	<u>16,086</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	70,380	66,424
Social security costs	1,285	1,213
Pension costs	<u>1,742</u>	<u>2,069</u>
	<u>73,407</u>	<u>69,706</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Clinic	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,001</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	246,802	56,127	17,709	320,638
Disposals	-	-	(10,115)	(10,115)
At 31 December 2023	<u>246,802</u>	<u>56,127</u>	<u>7,594</u>	<u>310,523</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	42,511	43,916	10,123	96,550
Charge for the year	<u>4,936</u>	<u>8,146</u>	<u>(2,529)</u>	<u>10,553</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>47,447</u>	<u>52,062</u>	<u>7,594</u>	<u>107,103</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	<u>199,355</u>	<u>4,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203,420</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>204,291</u>	<u>12,211</u>	<u>7,586</u>	<u>224,088</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	<u>223,958</u>	<u>269,962</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	1,057	1,352
VAT grant repayable	66	870
Accruals	<u>11,968</u>	<u>5,388</u>
	<u>13,091</u>	<u>7,610</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	486,440	167,139	(239,292)	414,287
	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted				
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>				
General funds	511,790	194,915	(220,265)	486,440

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	203,420	203,420
Current assets	223,958	223,958
Current liabilities	(13,091)	(13,091)
Total net assets	414,287	414,287

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	224,088	224,088
Current assets	269,962	269,962
Current liabilities	(7,610)	(7,610)
Total net assets	486,440	486,440