

# RSPCA Aberconwy, Montgomeryshire and Wrexham Branch

England & Wales · Charity number 224340

## Details

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<b>Other names</b>	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ABERCONWY BRANCH, RSPCA ABERCONWY BRANCH, RSPCA ABERCONWY DISTRICT BRANCH, RSPCA LLANDUDNO AND DISTRICT BRANCH, ABERCONWY R.S.P.C.A. BRANCH, RSPCA Aberconwy, Montgomeryshire and Wrexham Branch
<b>Status</b>	Registered
<b>Legal form</b>	Other
<b>Registered</b>	1963-11-14
<b>Register</b>	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**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:** The branch supports animals in need in both Conwy and Gwynedd in North Wales. We provide subsidised veterinary services for eligible clients at our welfare clinic in Llandudno Junction and as a partner of the RSPCA North Wales Mobile Clinic. We also support the local Inspectorate to rehabilitate and re-home animals and operate a charity shop in Llandudno to help finance our work.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LLANDUDNO AND DISTRICT.
- Conwy
- Gwynedd

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£323,607	£367,429	-	-
2023-12-31	£256,892	£364,258	-	-
2022-12-31	£269,212	£308,044	-	-
2021-12-31	£236,146	£273,234	-	-
2020-12-31	£202,336	£226,654	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Donna Elizabeth Hutton		2013-01-01
MICHAEL ALAN BIRD		
MR JONATHON FRANCIS		
Zoe Meakins		2021-09-14
fiona Trappe		2020-01-21

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# Accounts

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# Annual General Meeting RSPCA Aberconwy Branch



*Saturday 26th April 2025, 11:00 am*

*Via Google Meet*



# RSPCA ABERCONWY BRANCH

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

## **AGENDA**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 23rd APRIL 2024 – 17:30  
Via Google Meet**

- 1) *Welcome*
- 2) *Apologies for absence*
- 3) *Approval of minutes of 2023 AGM*
- 4) *Matter Arising*
- 5) *Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2024*
- 6) *Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner*
- 7) *Branch Annual Report*
- 8) *Election of Committee*
- 9) *Consideration of resolutions*
- 10) *Group Inspectorate Report*
- 11) *Bryn Y Maen Animal Centre Report*
- 12) *Closing remarks*

## Notice calling an annual general meeting of the RSPCA Aberconwy Branch

Registered charity no: 224340

To	all members of Royal Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch the Regional Chair the Branch Partnership Manager		
From	the Branch Secretary	Name	Zoe Meakins
Address	6 Broad Street Llandudno Junction LL31 9HG	Tel no	01492 584061
		Email	<a href="mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk">AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk</a>

Dear Member,

Please find below an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch to be held on **26th April 2025 at 11:00** which will be streamed via video conferencing. If you would like to attend the AGM, please contact [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk) for guidance as to how to access the meeting online.

### Agenda

1. Opening address and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of minutes of previous AGM
4. Matters arising
5. Accounts for the last financial year
7. 2024 Branch Report
8. Committee election
9. Consideration of resolutions
10. Group Inspectorate Report
11. Bryn y Maen Animal Centre Report

The Branch accounts for 2024 have been prepared and examined by our accountants and are available in digital format for members who can email [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk) to request their copy.

Resolutions and nominations for the committee election must be received by the branch secretary by **28th March 2025**. A nomination form can be requested by emailing [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk).

Please note: The only branch members entitled to propose resolutions, speak, vote and be counted in the quorum at the meeting are those whose names were entered in the list of branch members more than three months before the date of the meeting.

Name Zoe Meakins  
Branch Secretary

Date 19th March 2025



## RSPCA ABERCONWY BRANCH

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### RSPCA Aberconwy Branch Committee

#### Honorary Officers:

*Chair*

*Donna Hutton*

*Secretary*

*Zoe Meakins*

*Treasurer*

*Jonathan Francis*

*Regional Board Representative*

*Donna Hutton*

#### Committee/Trustees during 2024

*Johnathan Francis*

*Donna Hutton*

*Mike Bird*

*Fiona Trappe*

*Sue Broadhurst*

*Sheila Francis*

*Wendy Ashurst*

*Zoe Meakins*

*Gini Rivers*

*Gwen Rogers*

*Pat Hebron*

**Aberconwy Branch Committee AGM Minutes**  
**Tuesday 23 April 2023 17:30**  
**Via Google Meet**

Item	Links and Notes
Welcome	<p><i>DH thanked the committee for attending the AGM</i></p> <p><i>Present: Donna Hutton (DH) Chair</i></p> <p><i>Carl Lloyd (CL)</i></p> <p><i>Gavin Bevan (GB)</i></p> <p><i>Fiona Trappe (FT)</i></p> <p><i>Mike Bird (MB)</i></p> <p><i>Johnathan Francis (JF)</i></p> <p><i>Alun Rees</i></p> <p><i>Ann Rees</i></p> <p><i>Amy Chambers (ByM) (AC)</i></p> <p><i>Leanne Hardy (Inspectorate) (LH)</i></p> <p><i>DH welcomed people to the meeting and reflected on the changes and progress over the past year, very proud of what had been achieved. DH thanked everyone for their hard work. She outlined the route forward – expansion talks to start on Monday 29 April.</i></p> <p><i>Gini is taking a break for 6 months from the branch but is still a member.</i></p>
Apologies for absence	<p><i>Gini Rivers</i></p> <p><i>Gwen Rogers</i></p>
Approval of minutes of 2020 AGM	<p><i>Committee read minutes of 2023 AGM. FT proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, ZM seconded the proposal.</i></p> <p><i>The committee accepted the minutes.</i></p>
Matters arising	<p><i>All to be dealt with in agenda items later in the meeting.</i></p>
Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2021	<p><i>The accounts were presented by JF to the committee and viewed by the meeting. Accounts proposed by JF and seconded by FT. These accounts were duly accepted by the meeting in line with the auditor's report. Please follow the link to view.</i></p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SqmGMoj-t43lwVrFq5j-RsdrvFixBM7f">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SqmGMoj-t43lwVrFq5j-RsdrvFixBM7f</a></p> <p><i>JF highlighted the big expenditure projects including the new Rhos shop, the refit of the Craig y Don shop and the payment of medical supplies where the invoice had gone astray. FT highlighted the need to develop strategies to avoid future deficits and to generate income. DH confirmed this would be an integral part of the expansion talks.</i></p>
Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner	<p><i>The meeting voted to appoint Mr Pratt once again to act as auditor for the branch. JF proposed and MB seconded.</i></p>

<p>Branch Committee's report 2024</p>	<p>DH thanked CL for submitting the report. The report was accepted by the meeting, with ZM proposing and FT seconding.</p> <p>Two issues of note are the Orme goats - generate negative publicity more than any other issue. LH and CL confirmed that they were sitting on the Great Orme goat management group. Although safeguarding the goats is important, the need for collective responsibility amongst all stakeholders was crucial, so CL and LH do not lead on this.</p> <p>The report can be found at this link:  <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JG0Svl20BNx7jz_fvfad7CnGj-ldCu_E/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JG0Svl20BNx7jz_fvfad7CnGj-ldCu_E/edit</a></p>
<p>Election of committee</p>	<p>The meeting voted for committee member appointments. GB created an online ballot and all members were duly elected to serve for the coming year.</p>
<p>Consideration of resolutions</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Group inspectorate report</p>	<p>LH presented the report to the meeting. She highlighted issues of note - including several staffing secondments, maternity, progression of staff and notable rescues including a pig, a swan and two fallow deer.</p> <p>DH thanked LH for all her and her team's work. FT asked if there was anything the team needed. LH said that dog spaces were a priority as reaching saturation point. Collaborative working would be a great way forward, so the committee agreed to a group meeting. Increasingly, it is becoming necessary to try and keep animals in their homes and support owners rather than sign them over. This needs to be out target market - owners who need support and education rather than intentional cruelty.</p> <p>The report can be found here:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iKDuwZwbW1VJo9Yuoz838CnJpS8LUiAW">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iKDuwZwbW1VJo9Yuoz838CnJpS8LUiAW</a></p>
<p>Bryn y Maen animal centre report</p>	<p>AC from Bryn y Man resented the report, and highlighted some staffing changes, upcoming dates including the dog show in May, the number of animals cared for in preceding 12 months (715, of which 336 have been rehomed)</p> <p>The report can be found here:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iKDuwZwbW1VJo9Yuoz838CnJpS8LUiAW">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iKDuwZwbW1VJo9Yuoz838CnJpS8LUiAW</a></p>
<p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>DH thanked people for attending the meeting and their ongoing time and support, especially volunteers. She also reminded the meeting of the upcoming anniversary celebrations. The meeting closed at 18.40</p>



## RSPCA ABERCONWY BRANCH

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### **Presentation of Examined 2024 Branch Accounts and Appointment of Auditors for 2024**

*[Please click here to see the examined 2024 accounts](#)*

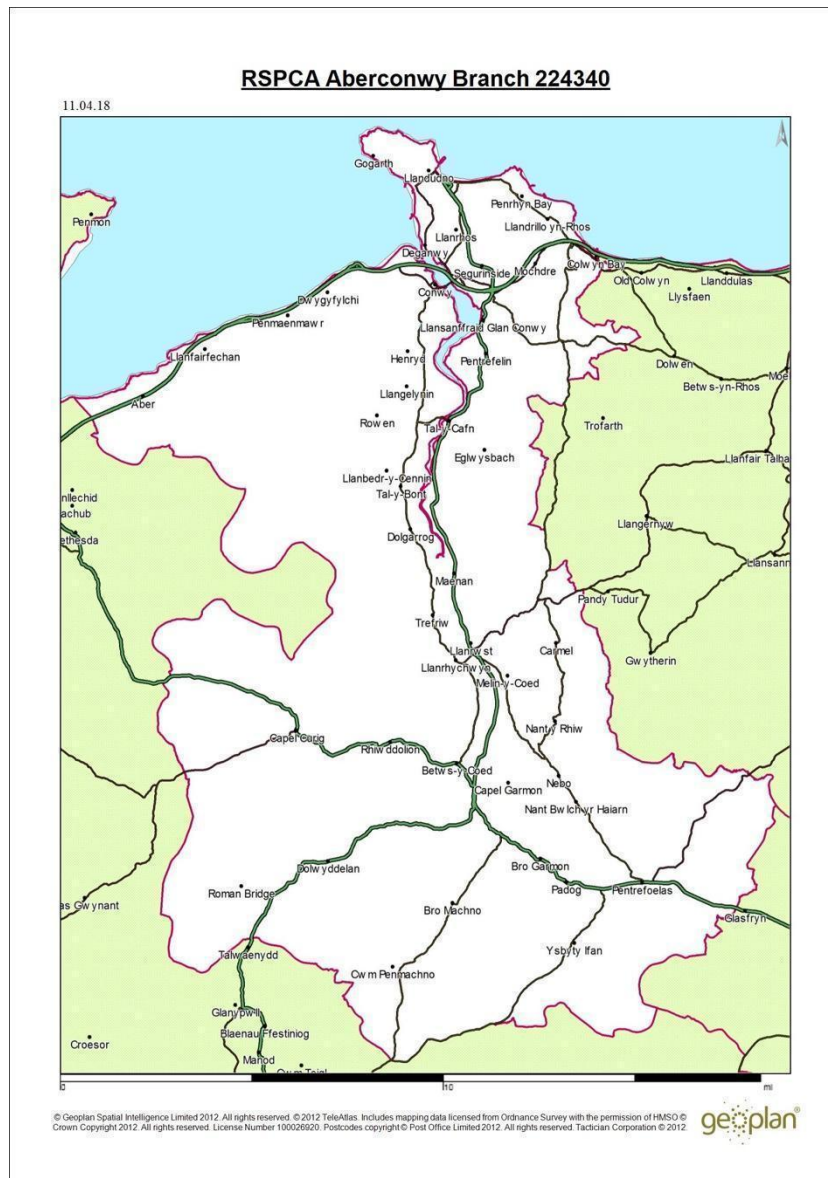
*Appointment of Auditors for 2024*

## Branch 2024 Annual Report

*The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the years ending 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.*

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

*The RSPCA Aberconwy Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work throughout its territory from Llandudno in the North and Cwm Penmachno in the South, and from Llanfairfechan in the West and Bryn y Maen to the East.*



*The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.*

### **Objectives and Activities**

*The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch is run to help prevent cruelty and to aid sick and injured animals within its local area. As part of the Wales Board, we also support financial initiatives within Wales in consultation with the Branch Committee.*

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

### **Achievements and Performance**

*Welcome to our Annual General Meeting! Outlined below are the Branch's main achievements over the year.*

*2024 has been a busy year for the branch with exciting changes across all of our services. Covered below are the highlights of what we hope will be the start of an exciting period of growth and development for both the branch and increased support for animals in our branch area and beyond.*



### **Our Charity Shops**

*In February we opened our first new shop for more than 40 years in Rhos on Sea which has been really successful. A huge thanks to all the Volunteers who work in the new shop and maintain it beautifully.*

*As our projections showed, we needed more shops to cover the rising cost of the clinics (drug prices are so expensive), so we set about finding a location for a third shop which we did in the latter stages of the year. On 9th December we successfully opened our second new shop at Mostyn Street in Llandudno that is perfectly positioned to attract the large number of day trippers that*



*visit the town. Many thanks to Carl Lloyd, Dawn Hibble and everyone who helped to set up and open both shops so successfully.*

*Our original shop in Craig y Don continues to generate much needed income for us and showcase our work and is staffed by, like all of our shops, Dawn and the amazing shop volunteer teams. Craig y Don has long been a favourite for our supporters, so we hope our new shops will similarly develop local community support and serve as an important customer facing 'shop window' to what the branch does to help local animals in need.*

*In an effort to maximise our income generating potential, in 2024 we also introduced GiftAid to two of our shops (Rhos and Mostyn street) which is already helping us to increase our takings thanks to the extra 25% we get from every GiftAid pound we receive. Many thanks to Dawn, Mike and Carl for developing this essential process and a huge thanks to the volunteer teams that have bravely looked to incorporate it into their daily shop tasks.*

*Looking towards the future, our key challenge remains attracting more volunteers to help us keep all of our shops open for as many days as possible. Towards that end, we have been actively promoting our volunteer vacancies to encourage our local communities to be part of our efforts to help local animals. I currently volunteer each Sunday in Llandudno and find both the shop work and the opportunity to speak to members of the public about our work and their animals really uplifting!*

### **Branch Expansion**

*We're also excited to report that a lot of work has been taking place between RSPCA Aberconwy branch and the trustee team at Montgomeryshire & Radnor branch as we look at our branches working even closer together. We had identified some years ago that our capacity to respond to demand across all of our branches was becoming increasingly challenging across our respective branch areas and it was important to have some succession planning in place to ensure that welfare provision continued.*

*Montgomeryshire & Radnorshire Branch Trustees have a wealth of welfare experience combined with their very successful farm dog and cat neutering schemes, so we're excited to be working with them and what the future might bring. A special thanks to*

*all Trustees who have been part of the effort to make our branches more secure for the future. The combination of diverse areas of experience and expertise has been a learning curve for all of us!*

### **Our Clinical Services**



*The majority of our income generation helps to sustain the increasing cost of veterinary support we provide animals through our clinics as well as the welfare and neutering vouchers we issue to help pet owners secure treatment for their animals.*

### **Llandudno Junction Welfare Clinic**

*Our Clinic in Broad Street in Llandudno Junction is working well with the number of clinic sessions increasing. Before Covid we were able to open almost everyday of the week but the pandemic significantly impacted our capacity to do this safely. We're now open 2 or 3 days a week (vet availability dependent) but hope we should stabilise at a minimum of 3 days a week moving forward.*

*Like our shop volunteer teams, our Clinic Volunteers are absolutely essential to this service, managing clients, helping the vet and generally keeping the service running smoothly and creating a caring atmosphere to support people and their pets, so a huge note of thanks to them! The more days we can open, the more animals we can support, so please feel free to share our clinic details with anyone who may benefit from the service.*

*Our plan has always been to maximise the potential of our clinical services and the opening of two further shops will hopefully generate funding that will make this possible. One element of this is developing the capacity to offer routine surgery such as neutering. To that end we are looking at securing grant funding to help us procure the necessary equipment which we hope will be realised in 2025. In doing so, we can*

*offer a complete service for our clients rather than having to refer them to private vets whenever surgery is required.*

## **North Wales Branches Mobile Clinic**

*Our Branch has been operating the North Wales Branches Mobile Clinic for almost a decade. We personally dedicate two sessions a week in our Branch area with the remaining 6 sessions spread across the territories of RSPCA West Gwynedd, Wrexham and Ynys Mon Branches. The mobile clinic is an incredibly versatile platform that allows us to reach places where demand is greatest or barriers to support are highest as well as avoiding the need for long distance travel to clinics for the animals.*

*Being able to target surgical support in our most struggling communities through the mobile clinic will have a dramatic impact on the animals that seek to help. However, surgical work can be more expensive so we plan to work with a variety of partner organisations to help us achieve this.*

*In 2024 we also welcomed some new team members to the Mobile Clinic team in the form of Rhian Sinfield, Linizi Davies and Nigel Vincent. Covering everything from working with our clients, volunteer teams, accounts, fundraising and keeping the vehicle running are just a few areas where these team members have had a huge impact on the service. We've also been fortunate enough to welcome Beth Godley as a new addition to our vet team with both the Junction and Mobile Clinic. Beth similarly brings a wealth of experience to the role and we're all so excited to see what these brilliant talents will help us achieve over the years ahead.*

<b>Animals Supported</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>Llandudno Junction Clinic or Mobile Clinic venues</i>	<b>1191</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Welfare Treatment Vouchers issued</i>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Neutering Vouchers issued</i>	<b>71</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Total Microchipped</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Animals supported</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Treated in the Mobile Clinic</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Other</b>
<i>Total Treated on Mobile Clinic</i>	<b>1815</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>

## **North Wales Almoner**

*2024 was also a significant year in relation to how all branches in North Wales deliver welfare services. A major change was the creation of the North Wales Almoner service that ensures that our welfare and neutering vouchers are issued consistently across the whole region. Kelly Dilworth, our long time Clinic Supervisor, embraced the role in December and has brought to bear her significant clinical background and years of welfare experience to create a consistent and sustainable service providing support to clients as well as working with almost every vet across our region. We now have a welfare voucher system that works universally across the majority of North Wales from Anglesey and Gwynedd in the West, Wrexham in the East and nearly all of Mid Wales! Special thanks must go to the various trustees in RSPCA Ynys Mon Branch, West Gwynedd Branch, Aberconwy Branch and Montgomeryshire & Radnor Branch that made this collaboration possible.*

### **PPP (Paws, People Planet - Pawennau, Pobl, Planed) Food Bank scheme**

*The PPP scheme continues to grow, now serving over 80 food banks across Wales and distributing over 1.5 million servings of food to struggling pet owners accessing food banks. This service has been essential to help avoid the damaging impact of pet owners having to relinquish their pets due to the cost of living but also helping us to reach new communities with our services.*

### **Our Future Plans**

*As always, the Trustees have been looking at the future and how we as a branch improve our capacity to grow and sustain our services in the years to come. Every service costs money, so we have to balance our aspirations against sustainable fundraising plans every step of the way. Ultimately, we see the creation of our own animal welfare Centre or hub as central to this vision. It will take at least 10 years to realise, but will significantly increase our ability to help animals across our region whatever their needs, so please use our shops and donate where you can to help us bring this dream to fruition!*

*Project work is also underway aimed at wildlife provision; cat neutering; supporting those on low incomes during this cost of living crisis; education; working with local communities. These take time to develop and hopefully will increase the welfare provision and community activity across our region.*

*This is just part of the work we (the Trustees, Volunteers and Staff) are looking at for 2025:*

- *The formalisation of a merger with Montgomeryshire & Radnor Branch expanding our branch area to include Wrexham to the East and Newtown in the South and almost everything in between!*

- *The opening of a fourth shop in Wrexham, all with the aim of increasing animal welfare provision across the Easterly and Southerly regions of our branch area.*
- *The commencement of surgical services across our clinical services.*
- *The development of a Wildlife Response Network across North Wales.*
- *Increased partnership working with neighbouring Branches and external organisations*

*Thank you to everyone who has donated; baked; knitted; staffed stalls; held tombola stands; hosted raffles and Volunteered in our shops and Clinics. Without the Volunteers and the Staff there would be no help to the animals we are passionate about.*

*And finally a big Thank you to our Trustees who all take their role seriously and ensure that good governance is applied so that all monies raised are used for animal welfare provision.*

### **Reserves policy**

*The Branch holds reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds that are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted.*



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### **Committee Election**



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### **Consideration of Resolutions**

*No resolutions to consider.*

**RSPCA  
ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

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## **RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

### **Independent Examiners' Report to the Committee Members of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch**

We report on the accounts of the Branch for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Committee and Examiners**

As Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act as amended and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners' 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 a 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 committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent Examiners' Statement**

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

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Date

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted Fund	2023 Unrestricted Fund
	Note	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:</b>			
Voluntary income	2	121550	72453
Activities for generating funds	3	75951	47815
Investment income	4	5486	10033
Income from charitable activities	5	120620	126591
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<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>323607</b>	<b>256892</b>
		-----	-----
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>			
Costs of generating funds	6	31090	22807
Wages/Salaries	7	92910	99552
Charitable activities	8	242489	240959
Governance costs	10	940	940
		-----	-----
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>367429</b>	<b>364258</b>
		-----	-----
Net incoming resources		(43822)	(107366)
Lease valuation, Unit 5, 4 Penrhyn Avenue		-	33500
Revaluation reserve		-	137005
LESS/ADD: (Loss)/Profit on investment unrealised	11	(43822)	(6056)
		-----	-----
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(43822)</b>	<b>57083</b>
		-----	-----
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2024</b>		<b>432526</b>	<b>375443</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>388704</b>	<b>432526</b>
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	12		284986		273779
Lease Unit 5, 4 Penrhyn Avenue			33500		33500
			-----		-----
			318486		307279
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank accounts & cash in hand	17	67888		137653	
Debtors	13	9186		5584	
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			77074		143237
Creditors falling due within one year	14	(6856)		(17990)	
		-----		-----	
			70218		125247
			-----		-----
			388704		432526
			-----		-----
<b>FUNDS:</b>					
Funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024			-----		-----
			388704		432526
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Approved .....

Date .....

## **RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

##### **1.2 Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Shop & clinic fixtures and fittings                      20% reducing balance method

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold property, mobile clinic or the property improvements as in the opinion of the branch committee the present value of the buildings is not less than shown in the accounts.

##### **1.3 Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

##### **1.4 Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the branch.

##### **1.5 VAT**

Value Added Tax is recoverable by the branch on its clinic and shop operations and is reflected in the relevant income and costs in the statement of financial activities.

##### **1.6 Fund raising costs**

Fund raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inviting people and organisations to contribute financially to the branches work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fund-raising events.

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**2. Voluntary Income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant for van	17200	-
Legacy	16392	-
Almoner set up costs	5206	-
Branch Contributions to the Mobile	54896	44051
Donations and collections	3420	4684
Subscriptions	188	670
Door to Door	21711	22543
PPP Scheme	2537	505
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	121550	72453
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**3. Activities for generating funds**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Shop sales	75951	47815
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**4. Investment income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest on Government Securities	-	6044
Bank interest	1077	760
Net flat income	4409	3229
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	5486	10033
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**5. Income from charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Animal clinic income	41055	52680
Mobile clinic income	79565	73911
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	120620	126591
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**6. Cost of generating funds**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
<b>Craig-y-Don Shop operating costs</b>		
Light & Heat	1324	1931
Rates	1241	757
Trade Waste	1278	1921
Repairs	65	12482
Cleaning	-	130
Printing & Stationery	411	847
Sundries	341	614
Accountancy	210	420
Telephone	1322	418
Legal & Professional	40	-
Bank Charges	82	-
Subscriptions	81	-
<b>Rhos-on-Sea Shop operating costs</b>		
Rent	9000	2958
Sundries	173	29
Repairs	383	300
Legal & Professional	123	-
Insurance	196	-
Light & Heat	1216	-
Telephone	137	-
Service Charge	420	-
Subscriptions	116	-
Shop Fittings	10326	-
Printing & Stationery	357	-
Trade Waste	499	-
Bank Charges	59	-
Rates	891	-
Accounts	210	-
<b>Llandudno Shop operating costs</b>		
Repairs	589	-
	31090	22807
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**7. Wages/Salaries**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Branch Salaries	92910	99552
	92910	99552
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**8. Charitable activities expenditure**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Animal clinic</b>		
Drugs	32583	65302
Pet cremation services	2356	1323
Abaxis Trading	425	530
Verifac Labels	200	708
Insurance	579	1512
Locum vets	7322	2090
Blood test & labs	798	1655
Burtons med quip	48	1132
Rates, Water & Power	2490	2774
Stationery, Postage & Internet	1728	2071
Safe solutions	-	138
Sundries	760	190
Repairs	3489	2868
Professional fees	763	720
Bank charges	963	885
Support costs	984	154
Mileage	341	177
Legal & Professional	240	-
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	56069	84229
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<b>Animal Clinic Depreciation</b>	23	28
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<b>Mobile clinic</b>		
Rocket House – Note 17	7710	6582
Laptop & Printers	-	500
Hall hire	4877	3845
Drugs	44803	58044
Lab tests	2539	1786
Stationery, Stamps & Mob	896	1225
Sundries	563	111
Wages	84368	44176
Mobile running costs – Fuel, Tax, Repairs	7628	8108
Insurance	524	377
Professional fees	763	720
Locum Vets	2803	5640
Repairs	1736	736
Pet Cremation Services	1863	1551
Aberconwy Branch contribution to mobile	-	8017
Mobile Driver Hire	4611	2939
Bank Charges	188	-
Legal & Professional	506	-
Mileage	1678	-
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	168056	144355
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	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Other Charitable Activity Expenditure</b>		
Vets	3387	2780
Veterinary Welfare Assistance vouchers	2001	4290
Fostering & Neutering	5004	1740
PPP Scheme	5893	3537
Maesdu Road planning	218	-
Almoner expenses	1838	-
	18341	12347
<b>Totals</b>	<b>242489</b>	<b>240959</b>

**9. Allocation of support costs**

	Allocated to Charitable Activities £	Allocated To Fundraising £	2024 £	2023 £
Cost of meetings	984	-	984	114
Branch contribution	-	-	-	40
	984	-	984	154

Support costs are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff numbers.

**10. Governance costs**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	940	940
	940	940

**11. Investments**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1st January 2024	-	156417
Loss on disposal	-	(6056)
	-	150361
Market value at 31st December 2024	-	150361

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**12. Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch**

	The Mayfair £	6 Broad Street	Fixtures & Fittings £	Mobile Clinic £	Van £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 January 2024	44959	77145	9899	61084	-	193087
Additions	-	-	-	-	29615	29615
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(14641)	(14641)
Revaluation reserve	66150	70855	-	-	-	137005
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At 31 December 2024	111109	148000	9899	61084	14974	345066
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<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 January 2024	-	-	9785	46528	-	56313
Charge for year	-	-	23	-	3744	3767
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At 31 December 2024	-	-	9808	46528	3744	60080
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<b>Net book values</b>						
At 31 December 2024	111109	148000	91	14556	11230	284986
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At 31 December 2023	111109	148000	114	14556	-	273779
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**13. Debtors**

	2024 £	2023 £
VAT	7708	1753
Branch Mobile Contributions outstanding	1478	3831
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	9186	5584
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**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors	4996	16130
Accruals	1860	1860
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	6856	17990
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**15. Analysis of net assets between the funds**

	Total
	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	284987
Net Current Assets	70222
Unit 5, 4 Penrhyn Avenue Lease	33500
	388709
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**16. Analysis of Rocket House Expenditure**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Repairs & Renewals	836	-
Rates	593	238
Office Rent	5000	5000
Insurance	357	345
Light & Heat	924	999
	7710	6582
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**17. Bank Accounts and Cash in Hand**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash	775	-
Donations Account	608	1111
CAF Account	569	2154
Mobile Saver	9	719
Clinic Saver	2004	411
Shop Saver	44552	117690
Mobile Account	3764	8294
Clinic Account	12743	7267
Float	2	7
Almoner Account	2862	-
	67888	137653
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The assets in the designated fund have been set aside to meet the future funding of the Animal Welfare Clinic, 6 Broad Street, Llandudno Junction.

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**Independent Examiners' Report to the Committee Members  
of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch**

We report on the accounts of the Branch for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of the Committee and Examiners**

As Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act as amended and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners' 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 a 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 committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiners' Statement**

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

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Date

**RSPCA Aberconwy, Montgomeryshire and Wrexham Branch**

England & Wales - Charity number 224340

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# Accounts

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# Annual General Meeting RSPCA Aberconwy Branch



Tuesday 23rd April, 17:30

Via Google Meet

**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 23rd APRIL 2024 – 17:30**  
**Via Google Meet**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Approval of minutes of 2022 AGM
- 4) Matter Arising
- 5) Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2023
- 6) Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner
- 7) Committee's report
- 8) Election of Committee
- 9) Consideration of resolutions
- 10) Group Inspectorate Report
- 11) Bryn Y Maen Animal Centre Report
- 12) Closing remarks

**Notice calling an annual general meeting  
of the RSPCA Aberconwy Branch**

Registered charity no: 224340

<b>To</b>	all members of Royal Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch the Regional Chair the Branch Partnership Manager		
<b>From</b>	the Branch Secretary	<b>Name</b>	Zoe Meakins
	<b>Address</b> 6 Broad Street Llandudno Junction LL31 9HG	<b>Tel no</b>	01492 584061
		<b>Email</b>	AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk

Dear Member,

Please find below an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch to be held on **23rd April 2024 at 17:30** which will be streamed via video conferencing. If you would like to attend the AGM, please contact [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk) for guidance as to how to access the meeting online.

**Agenda**

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Opening address and welcome          | 7. 2023 Branch Report                |
| 2. Apologies for absence                | 8. Committee election                |
| 3. Approval of minutes of previous AGM  | 9. Consideration of resolutions      |
| 4. Matters arising                      | 10. Group Inspectorate Report        |
| 5. Accounts for the last financial year | 11. Bryn y Maen Animal Centre Report |
| 6. Appointment of auditor               | 12. Closing remarks                  |

The Branch accounts for 2023 have been prepared and examined by our accountants and are available in digital format for members who can email [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk) to request their copy.

Resolutions and nominations for the committee election must be received by the branch secretary by **13<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. A nomination form can be requested by emailing [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk).

*Please note:* The only branch members entitled to propose resolutions, speak, vote and be counted in the quorum at the meeting are those whose names were entered in the list of branch members more than three months before the date of the meeting.

**Name** Zoe Meakins - Branch Secretary **Date** 15th March 2024

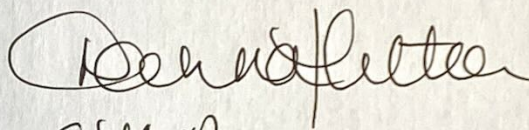
**RSPCA Aberconwy Branch Committee**

**Honorary Officers:**

Chair	Donna Hutton
Secretary	Zoe Meakins
Treasurer	Jonathan Francis
Regional Board Representative	Donna Hutton

**Committee/Trustees during 2023**

Johnathan Francis	Donna Hutton
Mike Bird	Fiona Trappe
Sue Broadhurst	Sheila Francis
Wendy Ashurst	Zoe Meakins
Gini Rivers	Gwen Rogers

  
CHAIR



**Aberconwy Branch Committee AGM**  
Minutes  
Friday 30 June 2023  
17:30  
Via Google Meet

Item	Links and Notes
Welcome	<p>DH thanked the committee for attending the AGM Present: Donna Hutton (DH) Chair Carl Lloyd (CL) Gavin Bevan (GB) Fiona Trappe (FT) Mike Bird (MB) Johnathan Francis (JF) Sheila Francis (SF) Dawn Hibbert (DAH) Pam Wilson (PW)</p> <p>DH extended thanks to everyone who had supported and contributed to the branch in the last year, including volunteers and particularly thanks to CL/KD/JF.</p>
Apologies for absence	<p>Leanne Hardy Bryn y Maen staff Sue Broadhurst</p>
Approval of minutes of 2020 AGM	<p>Committee read minutes of 2022 AGM. FT proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, MB seconded the proposal. The committee accepted the minutes.</p>
Matters arising	None
Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2021	<p>The accounts were presented by JF to the committee and viewed by the meeting. Accounts proposed by JF and seconded by ZM. These accounts were duly accepted by the meeting in line with the auditor's report.</p> <p>Auditor suggested that there are enough funds to support the branch for 6 years. CL highlighted that accounts were now broken down by each individual service so they were easier to interpret (work in progress).</p> <p>Meeting discussed the deficit owed by Clwyd and Colwyn for their mobile clinic contribution – although this shows on the branch's accounts it will not come out of our funds. It will be written off. Contributions are now calculated differently according to each</p>

	<p>branch's number of venues. T proposed this be looked at at the strategy meeting.</p> <p>CL provided a breakdown – total cost 97k for mobile clinic, generated about half this. Shop generated 43k so leaves about a 9k deficit. If any queries, please direct these to JF.</p>
Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner	Mr Pratt was appointed once again to act as auditor for the branch. JF proposed and MB seconded.
Committee's report	DH thanked CL for submitting the report. <a href="#">The report</a> was accepted by the meeting, with ZM proposing and FT seconding.
Election of committee	The meeting voted for committee member appointments. All committee members were duly re-elected to the post.
Consideration of resolutions	<p>Merger with all or some neighbouring branches in North Wales should the Trustees think it is in the best interest of animal welfare.</p> <p>The branches in North Wales face a variety of challenges in sustaining its animal welfare services. If conditions are suitable, many of these factors can be negated by branches pooling their resources and merging in order to achieve greater reach and scope of services, increased consistency of service and cost efficiency. Should the Trustees of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch decide that it is in the interest of animal welfare in North Wales, and should they determine that there are no financial or other risks to Aberconwy Branch or the ability to sustain animal welfare services in the Aberconwy Branch area, the AGM supports the motion to merger in principle with all or some of the neighbouring branches in North Wales.</p> <p>The motion was carried with MB moving and ZM seconding.</p>
Group inspectorate report	LH was not able to attend the meeting so the report was unavailable .
Bryn y Maen animal centre report	Bryn y Maen staff were unable to attend the meeting so the report was unavailable.
Closing remarks	DH thanked people for attending the meeting and their ongoing time and support, especially volunteers. GB seconded his thanks. The meeting closed at 18.04

### Branch 2023 Annual Report

As Chair I am privileged to endorse this Annual Report.

This is an exciting period for Aberconwy RSPCA. Not only are we maintaining our service to the animals and public, but we have active plans progressing to improve and increase that level of service.

As Trustees we take our responsibility seriously to ensure that animal welfare work can continue into the future. We face many challenges (as do all charities) including increased costs; changing needs (the recent government law on XL Bully dogs is the latest example) and maintaining and improving our animal welfare service.

To sustain our animal welfare activity we need to increase our income. Clinics are expensive to run. Part of our plans include Our second shop now open in Rhos on Sea (as a sister shop to our Craig y Don original (nearly 40 years old now!)) – thank you to all those who helped with contracts; rebuilding; serving; refreshing the Craig y Don shop; deciding; organising etc to get it ready. A big thank you too to all those people who continue to donate quality items for sale in our shops. All the money raised goes towards our animal welfare work.

Animal Welfare is our key activity and everything we do supports the work in our clinic as well as our partnership with other branches to run and maintain the mobile clinic across various sites in North Wales.

This report highlights that activity and the benefits to animal welfare in Aberconwy. At the same time we work to ensure that we meet the governance standards expected of charities, unseen work that gives confidence we do what we say we will. I would like to note my personal thanks to those staff who have steered Aberconwy through all this work – Carl Lloyd; Kelly Dilworth and Dawn Hibbert. Your work is very much appreciated.

Our greatest assets are our people – It never ceases to amaze me how much time and energy our Staff and Volunteers give to supporting animal welfare provision. None of the activity highlighted within this report would happen without that dedication and hard work.

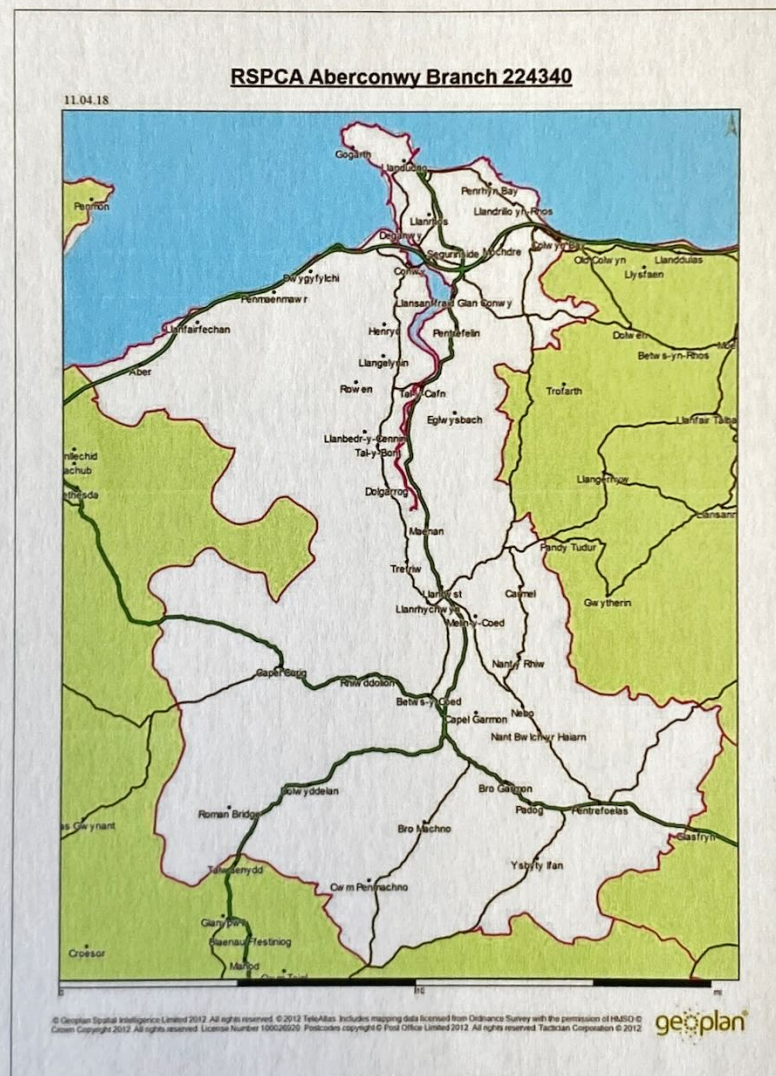
Thank you.

**Donna Hutton**  
**Hon. Branch Chair**  
**RSPCA Aberconwy Branch**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the years ending 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The RSPCA Aberconwy Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work throughout its territory from Llandudno in the North and Cwm Penmachno in the South, and from Llanfairfechan in the West and Bryn y Maen to the East.





The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### Objectives and Activities

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch is run to help prevent cruelty and to aid sick and injured animals within its local area. As part of the Wales Board, we also support financial initiatives within Wales in consultation with the Branch Committee.

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

### Achievements and Performance

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting! Outlined below are the Branch's main achievements over the year.

#### Llandudno Junction Welfare Clinic and Mobile Clinic

The branch operates a welfare clinic at Llandudno Junction which is open two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays and the Mobile Clinic (which is jointly funded by four RSPCA Branches in North Wales) which visits our local venue at the Llandudno Rugby Club every Friday.

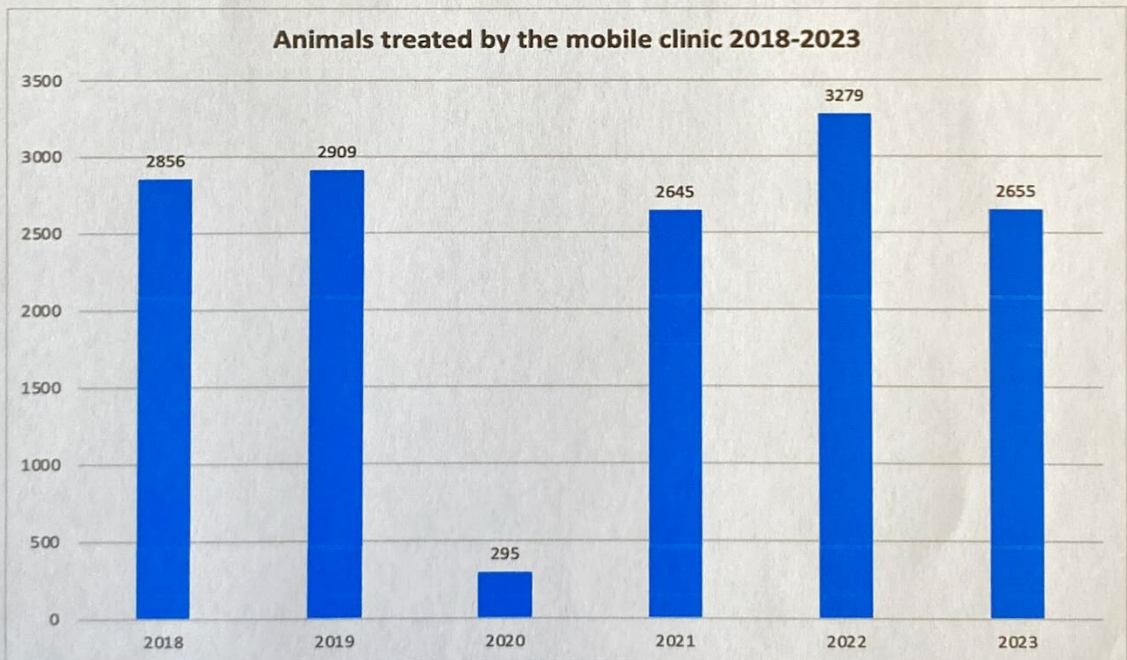
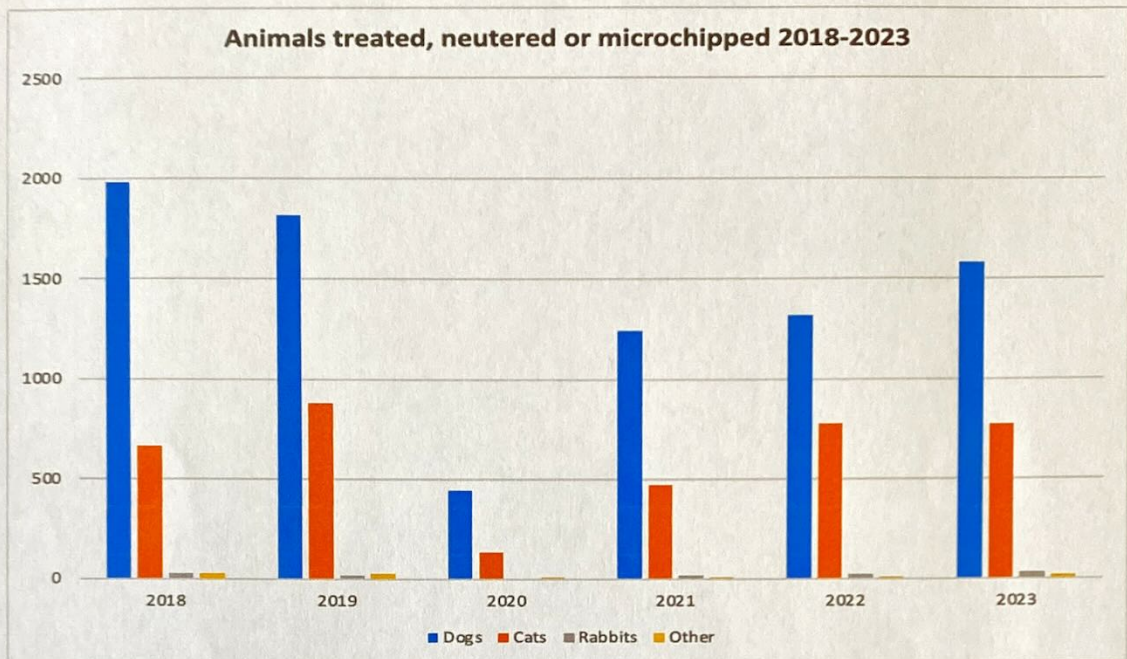
The running of a far-reaching service like the mobile service can be costly, so a special thanks must also go out to the various trustees of the **Anglesey, West Gwynedd and Wrexham Branches** that jointly fund this service to make it possible. Thank you! If you'd like to learn more about the mobile clinic, please visit [www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk](http://www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk).

Pet owners on means tested benefits or low income are able to access these subsidised veterinary services to help ensure their pets get the treatment they need. The clinics are only possible thanks to the team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep their doors open. Recognition and thanks for these monumental efforts must go to Alison, Elsie, Jan, Jim, Kelly, Lee, Llinos, Nan, Pauline, Tegan and Nick (and many more) for their dedication and hard work in 2022.

Thanks to their combined efforts, **2,103 (1,496 dogs, 564 cats, 27 rabbits and 16 other) animals were treated at either one of these two clinics in our branch area.**

In addition, **281 (75 dogs, 203 cats and 3 rabbits) animals were neutered and 20 (14 dogs and 6 cats) animals were microchipped.**

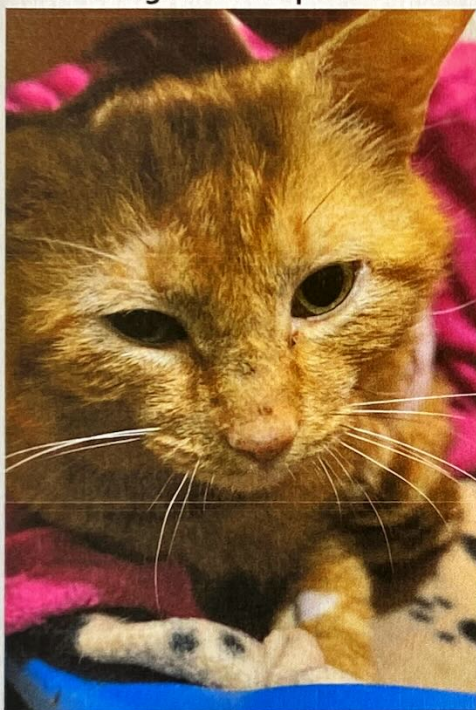
To compliment our in-house services at the clinic, the branch also offers support to local animal owners who find themselves either in urgent need of surgical treatment for their pets or simply need help neutering their animals. To address this need, the branch offers a Welfare Assistance Voucher Scheme that contributes towards the cost of treatment for eligible pet owners. **In 2023, we issued 148 vouchers (a 21% increase over 2022) totalling nearly £8,000.**



### Rehoming

With Kelly supporting the mobile clinic for half the week, our capacity to take in animals has been severely limited. Nonetheless, the team has been able to focus on urgent cases such as Douglas (aka Bader) who came to us as an abandoned cat who had been living rough and then involved in a horrific road traffic accident. Thanks to a caring member of the public and Kelly's tireless efforts, we were able to give Douglas an emergency amputation and months of care, love and rehabilitation until he found his new home.

Douglas when upon arrival



...and in his new home!



### Regional Collaboration

The branch also continues to support collaborative working both through the first of its kind inter-branch mobile clinic and its ongoing contribution to the Regional Cymru Board. A few of the projects the branch contributes to include the Inspectorate Welfare Voucher Scheme that allow Inspectors to issue direct financial support to those that need it, the Emergency Boarding Fund for Inspectors to provide a safe environment for animals they rescue before they can be transferred to RSPCA facilities as well as an equine boarding scheme that helps fund the boarding of horses rescued by the Inspectorate.

The branch also actively contributes to the Cats Protection RSPCA Cat Neutering Scheme through the Cymru Board. As a jointly funded scheme, the Cats Protection RSPCA collaboration allows eligible low income cat owners to neuter and microchip their cats for just £5 and has been unparalleled in its success in neutering cats and helping to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. The scheme is offered



across Wales and has to date neutered over 50,000 cats since its inception in 2016 with **8,582 cats neutered in 2023 alone including 197 from the Aberconwy Branch area.**

### **Paws, People Planet - Pawennau, Pobl, Planed Scheme**



Our Branch has also played an instrumental role with our fellow branches in Wales to establish and develop the **Paws, People Planet - Pawennau, Pobl, Planed Scheme** which partners with pet food manufacturers and food banks throughout Wales to ensure that struggling pet owners have access to food for their pets during this cost of living crisis. To date the scheme has distributed over 1 million servings of food equating to approximately 100 tons across Wales including over 25 food banks in North Wales alone,

wildlife and other rescue organisations, the Inspectorate and Bryn y Maen Animal Centre.

### **Charity Shop**

The branch's various services are all dependent on the branch's ability to raise funds to support them which we in large part achieve through the tireless efforts of the charity shop team in Craig y Don. In 2023, the branch agreed to invest some much needed funding into the shop to refit and give us a platform to generate even greater sales. Even though the shop was closed for over 1 month during the refurbishment, the team raised an incredible £47,815, an increase of nearly 10% from 2022. Led by our unflappable Shop Manager Dawn, the amazing team of volunteers give up their time each week to keep the doors open amidst what seems like a never-ending stream of donations! A big thank you to Beryl Jones, Cath Gadsby, Linda Kopacz, Lynne Coulson, Nora Jones, Pauline Maylott, Sue Broadhurst, Sue Burland, Mandy Minton, Caroline Owen, Kay Duncalf, Julie Simpson, Barbara Laird, Heather McGill, Lucy Hibble, Hannah Hibble, Brenda Foster, Chris Simpson, Lynn Lever, Denise Bishop and Ann Goodman who make the shop the huge success that it is.

To help us raise more funds to sustain our welfare work, in late 2023, we also took a major step forward to open a new second shop on Penrhyn Avenue in Rhos on Sea. In November 2023, we signed the lease and hope to open the new shop in the early part of 2024!

### **Future Plans**

As the Branch adapts to the ever-changing environment we work in, the Trustees have been keen to set aside time to review what the Branch does and where its services are needed most. This work has continued in 2023 as the Trustees continue to look at its current operations to ensure they are fit for purpose. This piece of work has been extensive but essential to the Branch's future prosperity especially in

light of the changing animal welfare landscape in North Wales. In the future, the branch expects to be working even closer with neighbouring RSPCA Branches, the National Society and external partners to increase the scope and impact of its services.

**Reserves policy**

The Branch holds reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds that are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted.

## North Wales Inspectorate Annual Report 2023

### Year in summary

Avian influenza still had a grip on 2023 affecting support from volunteers, vets and wildlife hospitals. Even the small transportable wildlife project was hampered as it reduced the number of collections we could empower the public to do themselves.

That being said, the summer, whilst still our busiest period, was better managed by the introduction of the priority matrix pilot. Inspectorate groups are allocated work taking account of the number of jobs not yet attended. If the total workload for the group statistically shows more than 25% of jobs waiting to be visited for the first time, then only P1 and P2 priority calls are taken and scheduled to the officers in that group. Once the percentage of jobs not yet attended drops below 25% lower priority work P3,4 & 5 is then accepted and passed to the field. This has meant that we have been able to respond faster to animals most in need, namely those that are victims of the worst cruelty and neglect. This has helped to manage public expectations and better for the wellbeing of officers and NCC staff.

2023 saw more change in the staff numbers of the team. Inspectors Dave McCartney and Mike Pugh retired, both time served officers (approx 65 years service between them!). Their wealth of knowledge and experience was second to none and they will be missed. Inspector Jenny Anderton went on maternity leave and has since given birth to a perfect little girl, Isla. It is hoped that she will be back sometime toward the latter part of 2024. Inspector Rachael Davies left us to go on a secondment to the workload management team for 12 months. This has now been extended for another year into 2025 and Phil Lewis secured his 12 month secondment to the welfare oversight team.

Our army of volunteers grew in 2023 to 5, cementing them firmly within the team. The help they have provided has been invaluable and enables officers to concentrate their efforts better on their investigative work.

We completed our office move in 2023 to Bryn Y Maen. It has been a really positive step for the team. They are able to meet with their animal centre colleagues and build on their relationships there. It has helped to reduce the feelings of isolation that often come with being a lone worker in a big geographical area. It has also assisted us in achieving the organisational priority of nurturing the culture of being "One Team".

2023 also brought the dissolution of the rope rescue team sadly. This was a tough decision that North Wales officers felt deeply. They had built such a fantastic reputation with international recognition. I am so very proud of their achievements and grateful on behalf of the Society and every animal they rescued.

Last year we also saw the introduction of the Care Contribution Fund (CCF), which will provide a financial contribution towards the first 90 days of care of Inspectorate generated animals signed over to RSPCA branches. Branch sustainability remains our utmost priority

and is paramount to us together being able to deliver on our Animal Journey programme, part of the Together for Animal Welfare Strategy, which will ensure the best possible outcome for animals in our care.

### Interesting Cases and Complaints

Inspector Phil Lewis collected a rabbit that was found in a cardboard box with 4 newborn kits near to Ysgol Rhos Helyg Primary School, Rhosesmor. No-one knew why the poor rabbit was abandoned or if she had even had the kits before being left. Local enquiries were made to locate the owner, while the rabbit and her kits were transferred to a private boarding facility to wait for space to become available in one of our RSPCA animal centres. Unfortunately one of the kits, a pure white one, didn't survive the night. The mother rabbit had moved it away from the rest of the litter and it was thought that she must have known something was wrong. The other 3 kits thankfully survived. Despite extensive enquiries, no owner or person responsible was ever found. They were rehomed when space became available and they were old enough to leave mum. All of the team encountered increasing cases of abandonments last year. We can only assume that it was a knock on effect from the cost of living crisis and overbreeding that was seen during the COVID pandemic.

Inspector Broadbent was called to a complaint in Rhyl where a Pig called 'Iggy' was being kept down the side of the alley of a house. The conditions were appalling. It was literally a squalid mud bath with no shelter and no dry bedding area. The owner realised it was not a suitable environment for Iggy and signed him over for rehoming. Inspector Phil Lewis then transported Iggy to a safe location especially set up to house pigs. Iggy thrived and was sent to an animal centre for rehoming.

A Wrexham man was sent to prison for 26 weeks for the neglect and suffering of a number of animals while in breach of a disqualification order. He had previously been found guilty, following a trial, of five offences under the Animal Welfare Act. As a result of a new investigation, officers discovered that he had caused unnecessary suffering to a yellow Labrador - who was found in an emaciated state. Another offence related to two puppies who were found dead. The third was in relation to a cat, who he had failed to provide veterinary treatment for a large polypoid affecting his ear. Another offence was that he failed to care for 11 dogs and puppies and a final offence was that he was keeping the animals - which included 11 dogs, three cats and a goose - in breach of a lifetime disqualification order. He was sentenced to 26 weeks imprisonment each for three unnecessary suffering offences, 11 weeks imprisonment for failing to care for the dogs and 16 weeks for breach of ban. They were all to run concurrently. He was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £154 to be paid within 28 days of release. He was given an indefinite disqualification of keeping any animals.

Inspector Rachael Davies led the operation with North Wales Police and a team of RSPCA officers. A warrant was executed on the location where the animals were kept. All the surviving animals were eventually put up for rehoming.

### Collections and rescues in 2023

Inspector Dave McCartney was called to a location near Berriew, just outside Welshpool, to reports of two Fallow Deer that had become entangled together by their antlers with electric fencing wire. The caller had seen them thrashing around in the brook and was concerned that they may drown. Dave and the caller found the deer. They had managed to get into the field alongside the brook. Dave knew straight away that this was not a job for one person so he called for assistance. He was soon joined by Inspectors Mike Pugh, Andrew Broadbent and Nayman Dunderdale. The deer were still very mobile and the team had to follow them for almost a kilometre through marsh land, over fences and fields until they ended up back in the brook. A rope was attached to the antlers of one deer using a reach and rescue pole and both deer were safely secured. Mike Pugh was then able to cut the wire from one deer's antler and it ran off. A short while later the wire was cut away from the second deers antlers and it also ran off, uninjured. By fortunate coincidence, Dave and Mike had attended the Large Animal Rescue training only the week before so were able to put their refreshed skills into practice. Dave said, "This was a really special successful rescue and was very satisfying for all involved. It was a great all-round team effort and it was very pleasing to see both deer run off to be reunited with each other. It is jobs like this which make the job of an RSPCA officer so unique and very worthwhile. The AR2 training completed the week before this rescue definitely helped as we were able to rescue the deer in a safe manner."

Inspectors Jenny Anderton and Andy Broadbent had fun and games rescuing a gull trapped down a mediaeval well in Conwy Castle. It took a few hours for them to work out how to get the gull out. The water level was about 10-15 metres down and there was a fence around the top of the well. In addition, naturally, the gull didn't fancy getting caught. It took the ingenious officers 3 different attempts, lowering various strange improvised contraptions cobbled together from their equipment, before they were successful. They had constructed a 'big spoon' made out of ropes and a net. After demonstrating excellent teamwork, they managed to scoop the gull up, operating the whole thing like puppeteers from the top.

ARO Melanie Froude attended the RSPB Cors Ddyga reserve on Anglesey after calls were received regarding a swan with a broken wing. The swan was located on a small body of water, the wing appearing in very bad shape. After assessing the situation, it was clear the swan was never going to be caught single-handed, so Inspector Mark Roberts, who is trained for water rescues, was called in to help. Mark donned his dry suit and with reach and rescue poles and swan hooks at the ready, they set out to catch the swan. Mel scrambled through some brambles on one side of the water and attempted to lure the swan towards Mark, who was ready to enter the water if needed. The swan evaded them at first. By wading and swimming through the cold water, Mark then attempted to lure the swan back towards Mel, who was on the bank waiting with the reach and rescue pole and swan hook. The swan was hooked this time, but attempts to get the bird out the water and

up the steep bank were thwarted and the swan escaped again. It was third time lucky though when Mark eventually managed to catch the swan and get it safely into a swan bag. The wound was properly assessed but unfortunately the wing was so badly damaged

that the swan did have to be put to sleep.

**Other items of note**

At the end of March, officers from North Wales and committee members from the West Gwynedd Branch took part in the Keep Britain Tidy 'The Great British Spring Clean' campaign. This great project is in its 8th year and the team were keen to join in to tidy up their local beaches to help prevent and reduce any animal related litter problems that might occur.

With support from the local council, the beach at Dinas Dinlle was selected. This spot is popular with locals and tourists alike due to the stunning scenery, beachfront cafes and lots of parking availability. The council kindly provided bin bags and litter pickers and arranged for the disposal of all of the litter collected.

It was a really successful day and many bags of rubbish were removed containing plastics, cans, bottle-tops, glass bottles, blue nylon cord, shotgun cartridges, poo bags and an assortment of hard plastics of various origins. A huge thanks and well done to everyone involved. Go #teamnorthwales!

To finish, in the words of one of my team, "I just wanted to say we really appreciate all the help and support we get from our volunteers, local branches and animal centre as we rely on you all to help us make the most of the work we can do in the day. From helping with clinics, voucher schemes and assisting with taking in animals, we would be stuck without you. Thank you!

**Chief Inspector Leanne Hardy 783**  
**North Wales Inspectorate**  
**RSPCA Cymru**

### RSPCA Bryn-y-Maen Animal Centre 2023 Annual Report

2023 was another year full of variety with both centre and national changes taking place and the demand for animal space at an all time high. Our team remained committed to best supporting the animals entering our care through timely rehabilitation and rehoming processes. We supported the hand rearing of a variety of kittens through the year, during July a total of 12 kittens required around the clock feeding !!

Our team of volunteers completed an amazing 3024 hours with May being our highest month for hours. Vicky, our cattery volunteer, committed the highest number of hours for the second year running totaling 384 hours and Sue, our kennel volunteer completed the second highest at 235. We continue to remain incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers for their commitment to support the centre and animals in our care. Russ Smith completed his fixed term role at the centre. Abbie Griffiths left the team to join Dogs Trust Merseyside and Rachel Gibbs remained with the organisation but transferred to the volunteering team. We look forward to continuing to work with Rachel in the future, following her return from maternity leave after the arrival of baby Ivy.

Amy Chambers transferred into an Animal Care Supervisor Role and Rachel Ali transferred to a part time Behaviour and Welfare Advisor role within the centre. We welcomed Jessica Nova, Jodie Parfitt and Alicia Jones to the team in Animal Care Assistant roles and Sarah Davies returned from her maternity leave.

An incredible 710 animals entered our care with this being the highest numbers seen for many years, our Small Animal Block supported the intake of a variety of species from multi animal homes including tropical and cold water fish and over 200 mice. Our team displayed their adaptability to accommodate such a variety of species requiring specialist care.  
Dog 83, Cats 133, Rabbits 44 Guinea Pigs 10, Ferrets 5, Mice 273, Fish 167

A total of 336 animals found new homes: 37 Dogs, 87 Cats, 41 Rabbits, 171 other species which included Fish, Guinea Pigs and Mice. We received national branch support for the relocation of a number of mice, as the females started to give birth!

We experienced a positive return and sunshine included for our Friends of Bryn-y-Maen Dog Show, With 85 Dogs entering our fun and rescue classes. We look forward to the show continuing to grow in the years ahead.

Thank you to Friends of Bryn-y-Maen and the North Wales branches teams for your continued support and engagement during 2023. Your commitment and support to raise the profile and support the work of the centre and continue to improve the lives of animals is much appreciated.

Kind Regards

**Victoria Williams**  
Centre Manager Bryn-y-Maen Animal Centre

**RSPCA  
ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Committee Members  
of RSPCA Aberconwy**

**Branch**

We report on the accounts of the Branch for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of the Committee and Examiners**

As Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act as amended and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners' report**

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**ACCOUNTS RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:</b>			
Voluntary income	2	72453	85366
Activities for generating funds	3	47815	43700
Investment income	4	10033	13354
<b>INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	5	126591	127315
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		----- 256892	----- 269735
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>			
<b>COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>	6	22807	6036
<b>WAGES/SALARIES</b>	7	99552	90322
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	8	240959	211269
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	10	940	940
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		----- 364258	----- 308567
Net incoming resources		(107366)	(38832)
LEASE VALUATION, UNIT 5, 4 PENRHYN AVENUE		33500	
REVALUATION RESERVE		137005	
LESS/ADD: (Loss)/Profit on investment	11	(6056)	(31785)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		----- 57083	----- (70617)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2023</b>		375443	446060
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023</b>		----- 432526	----- 375443

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	12		273779		136802
Lease Unit 5, 4 Penrhyn Avenue			33500		-
Investments	13		-		156417
			-----		-----
			307279		293219
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank accounts & cash in hand	18	137653		88187	
Debtors	14	5584		2345	
		-----		-----	
		143237		90532	
Creditors falling due within one year	15	(17990)		(8308)	
		-----		-----	
			125247		82224
			-----		-----
			432526		375443
			-----		-----
<b>FUNDS:</b>					
Funds at 31st December 2023	16		-----		-----
			432526		375443
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Approved .....

Date .....

## **RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

##### **1.2 Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Shop & clinic fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance method
Mobile clinic	No Depreciation

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold property or the property improvements as in the opinion of the branch committee the present value of the buildings is not less than shown in the accounts.

##### **1.3 Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

##### **1.4 Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the branch.

##### **1.5 VAT**

Value Added Tax is recoverable by the branch on its clinic and shop operations and is reflected in the relevant income and costs in the statement of financial activities.

##### **1.6 Fund raising costs**

Fund raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inviting people and organisations to contribute financially to the branches work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fund-raising events.

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

<b>2. Voluntary Income</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
CCBC Grants	-	4000
Branch Contributions to the Mobile	44051	53088
Donations and collections	4684	3914
Subscriptions	670	301
Door to Door	22543	22667
PPP Scheme	505	1396
	-----	-----
	72453	85366
	-----	-----
<b>3. Activities for generating funds</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
Shop sales	47815	43700
	-----	-----
<b>4. Investment income</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest on Government Securities	6044	8372
Bank interest	760	122
Net flat income	3228	4860
	-----	-----
	10033	13354
	-----	-----
<b>5. Income from charitable activities</b>	2023	2022
	£	£
Animal clinic income	52680	53569
Mobile clinic income	73910	73746
	-----	-----
	126591	127315
	-----	-----

## 6. Cost of generating funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
<b>Craig-y-Don Shop operating costs</b>		
Heat & Light	1931	939
Rates	757	1031
Trade Waste	1921	2938
Repairs	12482	238
Cleaning	130	-
Printing & Stationery	847	
Sundries	614	152
Accountancy	420	400
Telephone	418	337
<b>Rhos-on-Sea Shop operating costs</b>		
Rent	2958	-
Sundries	29	-
Repairs	300	-
	-----	-----
	22807	6036
	-----	-----

## 7. Wages/Salaries

	2023	2022
	£	£
Branch Salaries	99552	90322
	-----	-----
	99552	90322
	-----	-----

## 8. Charitable activities expenditure

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Animal clinic</b>		
Drugs	65302	26827
Pet cremation services	1323	1648
Abaxis Trading	530	1198
Verifac Labels	708	921
Insurance	1512	1009
Locum vets	2090	1845
Blood test & labs	1655	3297
Burtons med equip	1132	2945
Rates, Water & Power	2774	1646
Stationery, Postage & Internet	2071	1505
Safe solutions	138	639
Sundries	190	597
Repairs	2868	1391
Prof fees	720	767
Bank charges	885	804
Support costs	154	307
Mileage	177	137
	-----	-----
	84229	47483
	-----	-----
<b>Animal Clinic Depreciation</b>	28	35
	-----	-----
<b>Mobile clinic</b>		
Rocket House – Note 17	6582	7959
Laptop & Printers	500	1693
Hall hire	3844	4165
Drugs	58044	24646
Lab tests	1786	2553
Stationery, Stamps & Mob	1225	498
Sundries	111	10
Wages	44176	66164
Mobile running costs – Fuel, Tax, Repairs	8108	7237
Insurance	377	364
Professional fees	720	768
Locum Vets	5640	450
Repairs	736	295
Pet Cremation Services	1551	1718
Aberconwy Branch contribution to mobile	8017	10000
Mobile Driver Hire	2939	1116
Clwyd & Colwyn Mobile Grant unpaid 2020 & 2021	-	17134
	-----	-----
	144355	146770
	-----	-----
<b>Mobile Clinic Depreciation</b>	-	4852
	-----	-----

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Other Charitable Activity Expenditure</b>		
Prospect House	2780	1215
Veterinary Welfare Assistance vouchers	4290	2264
Fostering	-	7330
Neutering	1740	797
PPP Scheme	3537	523
	-----	-----
	12347	12129
	-----	-----
<b>Totals</b>	<b>240959</b>	<b>211269</b>
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#### 9. Allocation of support costs

	Allocated to Charitable Activities £	Allocated To Fundraising £	2023 £	2022 £
Cost of meetings	114	-	114	307
Branch contribution	40	-	40	-
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	154	-	154	307
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Support costs are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff numbers.

#### 10. Governance costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiner's fee	940	940
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#### 11. Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at 1st January 2023	156417	188202
Net investment (losses)/gains		(31785)
Loss on disposal	(6056)	
	-----	-----
Market value at disposal 19th September 2023	150361	156417
	-----	-----

## 12. Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch

	The Mayfair £	6 Broad Street £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Mobile Clinic £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2023	44959	77145	9899	61084	193087
Revaluation reserve	66150	70855			137005
At 31 December 2023	111109	148000	9899	61084	330092
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2023	-	-	9757	46528	56285
Charge for year	-	-	28	-	28
At 31 December 2023	-	-	9785	46528	56313
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net book values					
At 31 December 2023	111109	148000	114	14556	273779
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
At 31 December 2022	44959	77145	142	14556	136802
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

## 13. Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Treasury Stock	-	156417
	-----	-----

## 14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
VAT Debtors	1753	257
	3831	2088
	-----	-----
	5584	2345
	-----	-----

## 15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
VAT Creditors	-	-
Accruals	16130	6508
	1860	1800
	-----	-----
	17990	8308
	-----	-----

**16. Analysis of net assets between the funds**

	Total
	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	136774
Net Current Assets	125247
Unit 5, 4 Penrhyn Avenue Lease	33500
Revaluation reserve of Properties	137005
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	432526
	-----

**17. Analysis of Rocket House Expenditure**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Repairs & Renewals	-	754
Rates	238	222
Office Rent	5000	5000
Insurance	345	332
Light & Heat	999	1651
	-----	-----
	6582	7959
	-----	-----

**18. Bank Accounts and Cash in Hand**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations Account	1111	2768
CAF Bank Account	2154	2720
Mobile Saver	719	40499
Clinic Saver	411	5396
Shop Saver	117690	8010
Mobile Account	8294	25396
Clinic Account	7267	3391
Float	7	7
	-----	-----
	137653	88187
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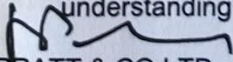
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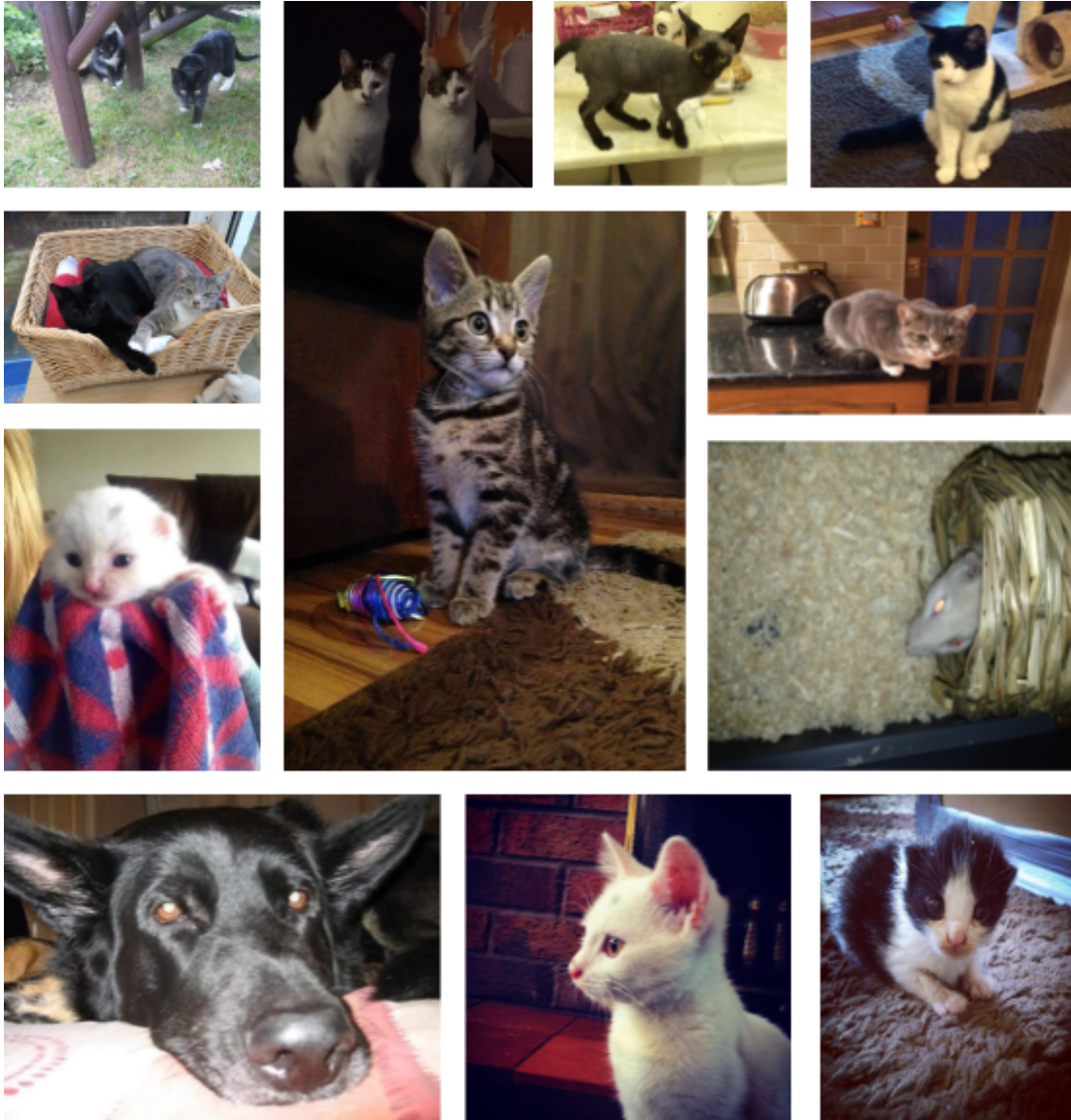
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# Accounts

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# Annual General Meeting RSPCA Aberconwy Branch



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 17:30

Via Google Meet

**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 17:30**  
**Via Google Meet**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Approval of minutes of 2021 AGM
- 4) Matter Arising
- 5) Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2022
- 6) Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner
- 7) Committee's report
- 8) Election of Committee
- 9) Consideration of resolutions
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- 12) Closing remarks

**Notice calling an annual general meeting  
of the RSPCA Aberconwy Branch**

Registered charity no: 224340

<b>To</b>	all members of Royal Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch the Regional Chair the Branch Partnership Manager		
<b>From</b>	the Branch Secretary	<b>Name</b>	Donna Hutton
<b>Address</b>	6 Broad Street Llandudno Junction LL31 9HG	<b>Tel no</b>	01492 584061
		<b>Email</b>	AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk

Dear Member,

Please find below an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch to be held on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 17:30** which will be streamed via video conferencing. If you would like to attend the AGM, please contact [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk) for guidance as to how to access the meeting online.

### Agenda

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Opening address and welcome          | 7. 2022 Branch Report                |
| 2. Apologies for absence                | 8. Committee election                |
| 3. Approval of minutes of previous AGM  | 9. Consideration of resolutions      |
| 4. Matters arising                      | 10. Group Inspectorate Report        |
| 5. Accounts for the last financial year | 11. Bryn y Maen Animal Centre Report |
| 6. Appointment of auditor               | 12. Closing remarks                  |

The 2022 Branch accounts 2022 have been prepared and examined by our accountants and are available in digital format for members who can email [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk) to request their copy.

Resolutions and nominations for the committee election must be received by the branch secretary by **20<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. A nomination form can be requested by emailing [AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk](mailto:AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk).

*Please note:* The only branch members entitled to propose resolutions, speak, vote and be counted in the quorum at the meeting are those whose names were entered in the list of branch members more than three months before the date of the meeting.

**Name** Donna Hutton - Branch Chair **Date** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**RSPCA Aberconwy Branch Committee**

**Honorary Officers:**

Chair	Donna Hutton
Secretary	Zoe Meakins
Treasurer	Jonathan Francis
Regional Board Representative	Donna Hutton

**Committee/Trustees during 2022**

Johnathan Francis	Donna Hutton
Mike Bird	Fiona Trappe
Sue Broadhurst	Sheila Francis
Wendy Ashurst	Zoe Meakins

Aberconwy Branch Committee AGM Minutes  
 Wednesday 22 June 2022 - 17:00  
 Tre Cwm Community Association Ltd  
 Ty Llewellyn Community Centre, Llandudno, LL30 1LA

Item	Links and Notes	Person
Welcome	<p>DH thanked the committee for attending the AGM            Present: Donna Hutton (DH) Chair            Phil Lewis (PL)            Carl Llyod (CL)            Gavin Bevan (GB)            Fiona Trappe (FT)            Mike Bird (MB)            Johnathan Francis (JF)            Sheila Francis (SF)            Ann Rees (AR)            Alan Rees (AL)            Lynne Coulson (LC)</p> <p>DH extended thanks to GB for attending the meeting.</p>	
Apologies for absence	<p>Carolyn Sherlock            Ian Shaw            Paula Greenhalgh            Sue Broadhurst</p>	
Approval of minutes of 2020 AGM	<p>Committee read minutes of 2020 AGM. MB proposed accepting the minutes as a true record, ZM seconded the proposal.            The committee accepted the minutes.</p>	
Matters arising	None	
Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2021	<p>The accounts were presented to the committee and viewed by the meeting. These accounts were duly accepted by the meeting in line with the auditor's report.            If any queries, please direct these to JF.</p>	
Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner	<p>FT suggested it might be healthy to change auditor periodically. The meeting agreed to discuss this at the January review day. In the interim, Mr Pratt was appointed once again to act as auditor for the branch.</p>	
Committee's report	<p>DH extended thanks to CL for putting together the AGM reports, and DH asked LC to thank the volunteers for their hard work over the past year.</p>	

	<p>CL presented committee report. Figures included back to 2018 as 2020 was a covid year so not a typical reflection.</p> <p>FT asked about the projection for 2022. CL estimated it would be higher than 2021, but as clinic only open two days rather than four per week this would be reflected. LC said that anecdotally business had been busier than usual. JF said figures did back this up. With Anglesey clinic closed many clients were being picked up by Aberconwy.</p> <p>LC outlined some of the challenges faced at the shop by volunteers regarding donations and staffing. CL highlighted that the process was underway to appoint a paid shop manager to alleviate these issues. Other strategies have already been tried but have not been successful. The shop manager had taken precedence over the shop refurb in allocating funds.</p> <p>FT wondered if the shop should be discussed earlier than the January review. MB pointed out that a holistic review is needed so should be considered in January alongside other issues.</p>	
Election of committee	GB distributed ballot papers and the meeting voted for committee member appointments. All committee members were duly re-elected to the post.	
Consideration of resolutions	None	
Group inspectorate report	The meeting read the Inspectorate report, DH thanked the inspectors for their work.	
Bryn y Maen animal centre report	Report was presented to the meeting.	
Closing remarks	DH thanked people for attending and their ongoing time and support, especially volunteers. The volunteers were reassured they would have input in the January review. GB seconded his thanks. The meeting closed at 18.00	

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**Presentation of Examined 2022 Branch Accounts and Appointment  
of Auditors for 2023**

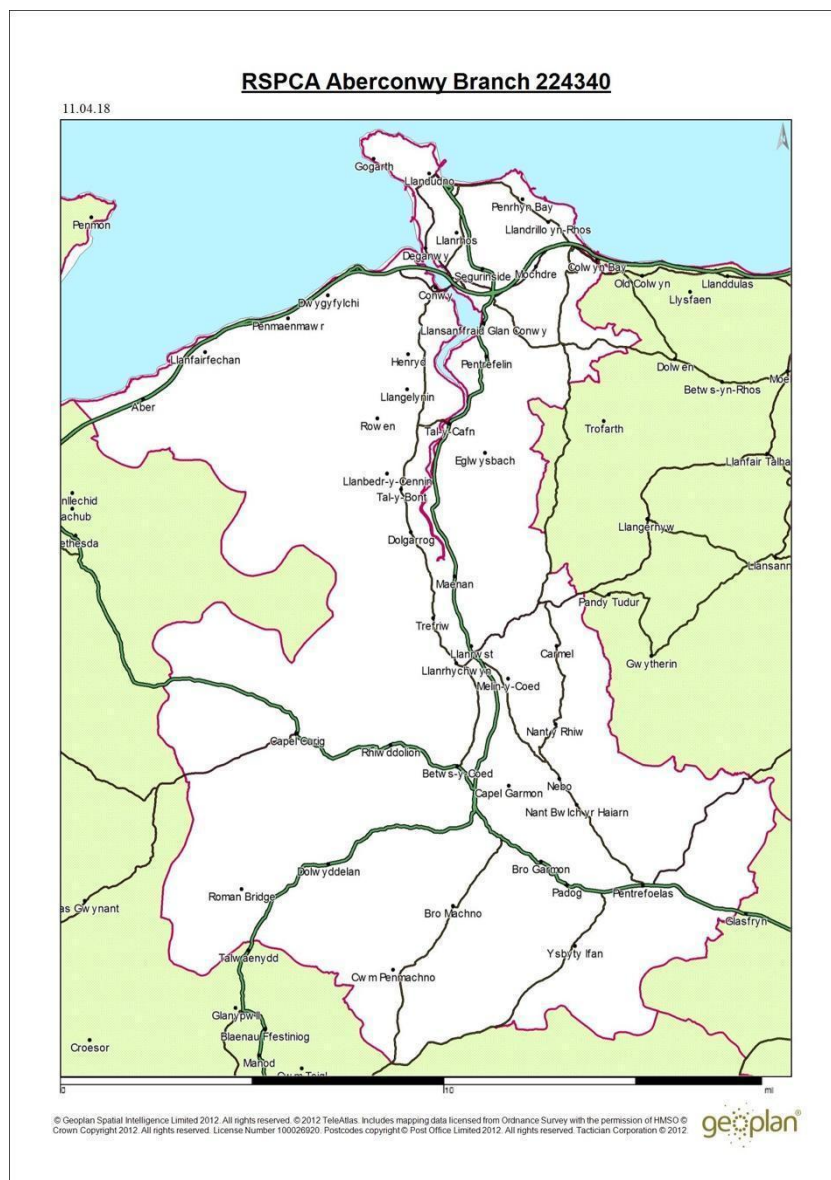
[Please click here to see the examined 2022 accounts](#)

## Trustee Report 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the years ending 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The RSPCA Aberconwy Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work throughout its territory from Llandudno in the North and Cwm Penmachno in the South, and from Llanfairfechan in the West and Bryn y Maen to the East.



The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch is run to help prevent cruelty and to aid sick and injured animals within its local area. As part of the Wales Board, we also support financial initiatives within Wales in consultation with the Branch Committee.

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

### **Achievements and Performance**

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting! Outlined below are the Branch's main achievements over the year.

#### **Llandudno Junction Welfare Clinic and Mobile Clinic**

The branch operates a welfare clinic at Llandudno Junction which is open two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays and the Mobile Clinic (which is jointly funded by four RSPCA Branches in North Wales) which visits our local venue at the Llandudno Rugby Club every Friday.

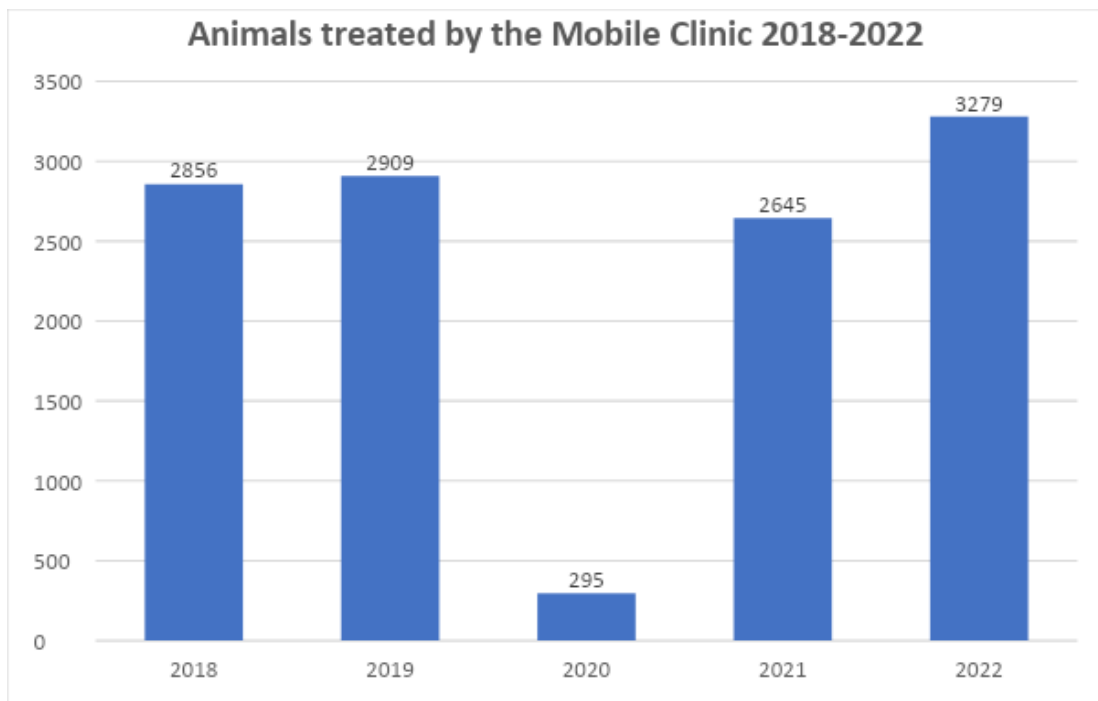
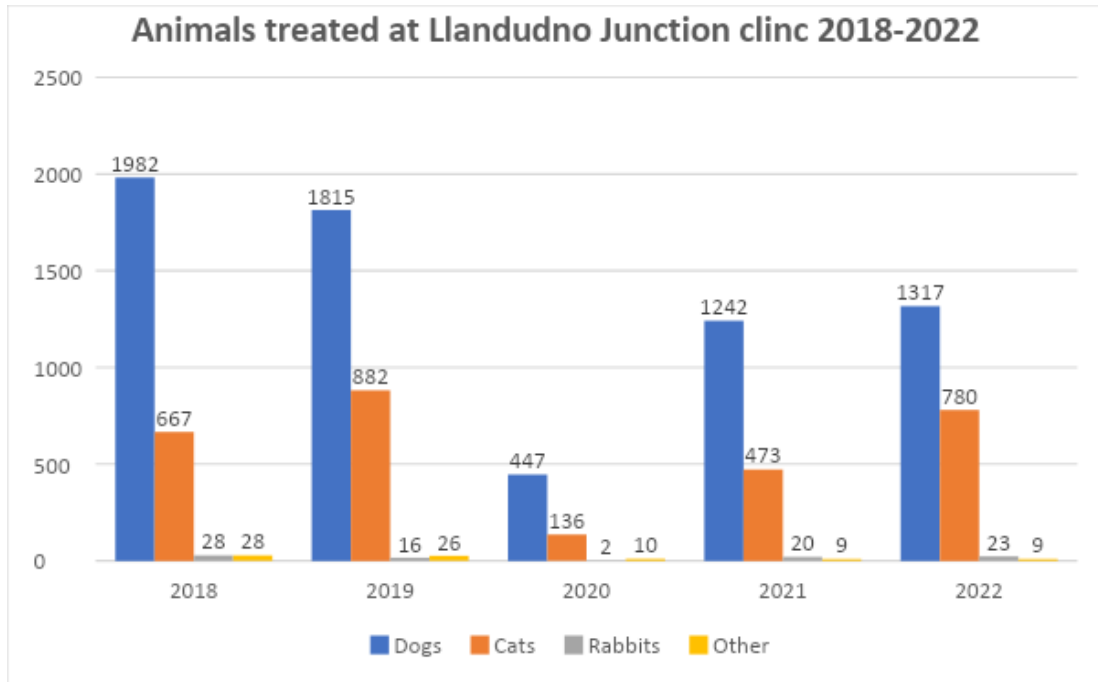
The running of a far-reaching service like the mobile service can be costly, so a special thanks must also go out to the various trustees of the **Anglesey, West Gwynedd and Wrexham Branches** that jointly fund this service to make it possible. Thank you! If you'd like to learn more about the mobile clinic, please visit [www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk](http://www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk).

Pet owners on means tested benefits or low income are able to access these subsidised veterinary services to help ensure their pets get the treatment they need. The clinics are only possible thanks to the team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep their doors open. Recognition and thanks for these monumental efforts must go to Alison, Elsie, Jan, Jim, Kelly, Lee, Llinos, Nan, Pauline, Tegan and Nick (and many more) for their dedication and hard work in 2022.

Thanks to their combined efforts, **1,736 (1,221 dogs, 494 cats, 13 rabbits and 8 other) animals were treated at either one of these two clinics in our branch area.**

In addition, **349 (74 dogs, 264 cats, 10 rabbits and 1 other) animals were neutered and 44 (22 dogs and 22 cats ) animals were microchipped.**

To compliment our in-house services at the clinic, the branch also offers support to local animal owners who find themselves either in urgent need of surgical treatment for their pets or simply need help neutering their animals. To address this need, the branch offers a Welfare Assistance Voucher Scheme that contributes towards the cost of treatment for eligible pet owners. **In 2022, 122 of these vouchers were issued totalling more than £4,600 to treat 101 dogs, 9 cats, 10 rabbits and 2 others.**



### Rehoming

Although our capacity to house animals is limited, the team also managed to take into care 14 animals throughout the year. Through the development of our fostering team and boarding partner, Kelly was able to provide critical refuge for these animals (some of which came into our care with horrific injuries) helping them to adjust to their new environment and receive the treatment they needed before ultimately finding their forever homes.

### Regional Collaboration

The branch also continues to support collaborative working both through the first of its kind inter-branch mobile clinic and its ongoing contribution to the Regional Wales Board. A few of the projects the branch contributes to include the Inspectorate Welfare Voucher Scheme that allow Inspectors to issue direct financial support to those that need it, the Emergency Boarding Fund for Inspectors to provide a safe environment for animals they rescue before they can be transferred to RSPCA facilities as well as an equine boarding scheme that helps fund the boarding of horses rescued by the Inspectorate.

The branch also actively contributes to the Cats Protection RSPCA Cat Neutering Scheme through the Wales Board. As a jointly funded scheme, the Cats Protection RSPCA collaboration allows eligible low income cat owners to neuter and microchip their cats for just £5 and has been unparalleled in its success in neutering cats and helping to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. The scheme is offered across Wales and has to date neutered over 40,000 cats since its inception in 2016 with **8,393 cats neutered in 2022 alone including 252 from the Aberconwy Branch area.**

### Charity Shop

The branch's various services are all dependent on the branch's ability to raise funds to support them which we in large part achieve through the tireless efforts of the charity shop team in Craig y Don, who in 2022 raised an incredible £43,700. This amazing team of volunteers give up their time each week to keep the doors open amidst what seems like a never-ending stream of donations! A big thank you to Beryl Jones, Cath Gadsby, Linda Kopacz, Lynne Coulson, Nora Jones, Pauline Maylott, Sue Broadhurst, Sue Burland, Mandy Minton, Caroline Owen, Kay Duncalf, Julie Simpson, Barbara Laird, Heather McGill, Lucy Hibble, Hannah Hibble, Brenda Foster and Chris Simpson who make the shop the huge success that it is.

To help us develop and sustain the shop, the branch also welcomed Dawn Hibble later on in the year as the Shop Supervisor. Dawn comes with a wealth of retail experience and has had a significant impact on the shop as we get ready to start the long-planned and long overdue shop refit in 2023. Welcome Dawn!

### Future Plans

As the Branch adapts to the ever-changing environment we work in, the Trustees have been keen to set aside time to review what the Branch does and where its

services are needed most. This work has continued in 2022 as the Trustees continue to look at its current operations to ensure they are fit for purpose. This piece of work has been extensive but essential to the Branch's future prosperity especially in light of the changing animal welfare landscape in North Wales. In the future, the branch expects to be working even closer with neighbouring RSPCA Branches, the National Society and external partners to increase the scope and impact of its services.

**Reserves policy**

The Branch holds reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds that are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted.

**Committee Election**

## Consideration of Resolutions

**Merger with all or some neighbouring branches in North Wales should the Trustees think it is in the best interest of animal welfare.**

The branches in North Wales face a variety of challenges in sustaining its animal welfare services. If conditions are suitable, many of these factors can be negated by branches pooling their resources and merging in order to achieve greater reach and scope of services, increased consistency of service and cost efficiency. Should the Trustees of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch decide that it is in the interest of animal welfare in North Wales, and should they determine that there are no financial or other risks to Aberconwy Branch or the ability to sustain animal welfare services in the Aberconwy Branch area, the AGM supports the motion to merger in principle with all or some of the neighbouring branches in North Wales.

## North Wales Inspectorate Annual Report 2022

### Year in summary

2022 was predominantly governed by avian influenza, making it harder for the frontline teams to seek assistance from volunteers, vets and wildlife hospitals. Many of these services had to close their doors, whilst we were still being tasked with collecting sick or injured wild birds. This put a lot of pressure on the team here in North Wales but they worked really hard under difficult circumstances in order to get to as many animals in need as possible.

Last summer was particularly difficult with the NCC and frontline overwhelmed with work. Senior management and the inspectorate are continually developing the modernisation program in order for the front line to be as efficient and effective as possible. Looking ahead there are a number of projects that will hopefully enable us to get to the animals that need help faster and deal with animal cruelty and neglect quickly and professionally to secure the best outcome for those animals.

We welcomed Inspector Jenny Anderton back from her maternity leave to work part time. She was up and running in no time, after a number of weeks refreshing her knowledge and skills and pairing up with her colleagues.

Our Wildlife Casualty Volunteers have been rebranded to Animal Rescue Volunteers (ARV) to better reflect the diversity of the tasks they are being asked to assist us with. The focus going forward is engagement. Due to the avian influenza crisis, much of the wildlife collection work dropped off so the inspectorate have been looking at other ways to best utilise the thousands of hours our amazing volunteers kindly offer each year.

The IVAV voucher scheme was introduced in 2022 across all of Wales and England. This is an invaluable resource for the Inspectors and AROs who are encountering all the more potential neglect issues with pet owners being impacted by the cost of living crisis.

Feedback from the three regional operational superintendents include;

“Having the flexibility to use the IVAVs for neutering animals as a preventative measure is very useful... the vouchers offer more scope to assist struggling pet owners with veterinary treatment. Officers would like to see the scheme continuing and find the IVAVs very useful.”

“The consensus from the East, Midlands and Wales Inspectorate management and officers is that the voucher scheme is extremely beneficial and that they have made a significant difference to animal welfare, to the well-being of owners and our officers. Members of the public that have received them have been extremely grateful for the help. As a management team we are confident that it has stopped a number of animals needing to come into our care and has reduced the number of visits we have had to make to particular households. This means that we have been able to respond to more animals in need. We are grateful to the branches for their support with these vouchers and hope that we are

able to continue to fund them, as they are a useful tool for Inspectors and Animal Rescue Officers when trying to resolve animal welfare issues.”

“It is a great example of Branches and the Boards supporting the day to day challenges Inspectors and ARO’s face. In these turbulent times the teams are encountering more and more people who simply need a little support in hard times. On behalf of the officers I would like to thank all Regional Boards for their support with the IVAV scheme.”

### **Cases and Complaints of note**

Inspector Rachael Davies investigated a family after a puppy with freshly cropped ears was found in their possession. Two males pleaded guilty to one offence each of failing to meet the needs of a bulldog under the Animal Welfare Act 2007 by failing to provide proper and necessary veterinary care and attention for her cropped ears.

Both defendants received the same sentence - disqualification from keeping all animals for 24 months and were ordered to pay £300 costs, a £120 fine and a £34 victim surcharge. The court heard that the two men had told the RSPCA that the seven-week-old puppy was taken into their care with already cropped ears and they had owned her for a week. Ear cropping is illegal in Wales and England under the Animal Welfare Act 2007.

During the winter, ARO John Littlewood assisted an elderly couple and their two dogs in Rhyl, North Wales. The elderly lady had recently had a hip replacement after being immobile for some time. The gentleman had suffered a stroke a few months previous and this had meant they had not been able to get their 2 dogs groomed for some time. The couple admitted that once the dogs’ condition had got to a certain point, they were then too scared and embarrassed to take the dogs anywhere in case the RSPCA were called and they would have the dogs taken away. When ARO Littlewood attended, he found 2 Shih Tzu type dogs very matted. Both of the owners were visibly upset and in tears and expressed that all they wanted to do, as part of their rehabilitation, was to be able to take their dogs for a walk. So John contacted the RSPCA Rhyl branch clinic and the manager Kieran quickly arranged an appointment for the 2 dogs to be dematted. Kieran also arranged for his staff to collect the 2 dogs from their home address thus freeing up the inspectorate to attend to more animals in need. A week later John was able to visit the dogs again and the very grateful owners. The little pooches looked amazing, and from being 2 quiet shy dogs they had now transformed into 2 very friendly and happy dogs. A brilliant example of collaboration between the frontline officers and our fantastic branches.

### **Rope rescue**

Inspectors Roberts, Dunderdale, Pugh, Broadbent and Davies all came to the rescue of a stuck sheep on Craig Ddu in the Snowdonia mountain range in May. Inspector Roberts was alerted to the sheep and was told that it had been stuck on the ledge for around 2 weeks. When he went to assess the job he discovered that the sheep had eaten everything that had been available on the ledge so it was important we acted before she starved. Fortunately conditions on the day were dry and clear, Inspectors Dunderdale and Davies

descended down to her, Inspector Davies managed to catch her as she was getting drastically close to the edge and together they got her into a animal bag and lowered her to the ground where Inspector Pugh was waiting to ensure she made a safe landing. Once everyone was down on the ground she was let out, checked over and soon returned to the flock below, a much happier sheep!

### **Collections and rescues of note**

In March, two swans were reunited on a pond in North Wales after flying into the windscreen of an ambulance. Thankfully neither the paramedic, his colleague or either of the swans were injured in the incident which happened on the westbound carriageway of the A55 near Abergele. There were no patients on board at the time of the collision. RSPCA officer Mike Pugh was called to the scene shortly after 6pm to find the windscreen of the ambulance completely smashed and the vehicle being loaded onto a lorry to be towed away. The birds were thought to have flown into the windscreen as they were flying low over the carriageway, possibly on their way to a pond in Pentre Mawr Park. Mike was able to load both birds into his van and relocate them safely.

### **Other items of note**

ARO John Littlewood was invited along to a cost of living event in Wrexham. The event was well supported by other agencies and charities to assist the local community with advice regarding the cost of living issues we are currently facing. John enlisted the help from Insp Leanne Cooper from Cheshire who is involved in the North of England's pet food bank project. John was given fantastic support from Carl Lloyd from Aberconwy branch who was able to supply a large amount of pet food which was then distributed to local people identified as being in need of some support. John and Leanne were able to meet with teams from Wrexham's cats protection league adoption centre who are proactive with trap, neuter and release schemes as well as local housing, social services and mental health teams who all are likely to attend locations with animal welfare issues. We were able to advise agencies on what to look for so they can identify animals and people who may be in need of support from the RSPCA. More importantly we were approached by many local residents giving them a chance to find out more about the inspectorate and the work we do. It became apparent that local residents seem to picture the inspectorate as people who only take people's animals away. It was a great opportunity to dispel some myths and promote all the other aspects of our work and at the same time we were able to promote the work our branches, clinics and hospitals carry out on a daily basis both regionally and nationally.

In April, a partnership between RSPCA, North Wales Police, RSPB, NRW, the Wildlife Trust, BDMLR and other marine welfare groups began, called Operation Seabird. It was an educational initiative to teach people who use our coastlines the basic rules of interacting with marine life in a safe and respectful manner. It was hoped that with promotional material, press coverage and action days we will see a reduction in the amount of disturbance and damage at key sites across North Wales. This was to encompass seal colonies, tern colonies, sand dune systems, whales and dolphins and rafting seabirds. It was

aimed at influencing climbers, powerboat and jet ski owners and other water users to keep the speed down, and the distances up.

To finish, I would like to thank the animal centres, branches, members and volunteers for all their support and help throughout 2022 and look forward to more opportunities in 2023 to work together for animal welfare.

**Chief Inspector Leanne Hardy 783**  
**North Wales Inspectorate**  
**RSPCA Cymru**

## RSPCA Bryn-y-Maen Animal Centre 2022 Annual Report

The centre experienced a number of staff changes during 2022, Cally Harris our committed receptionist started her well-deserved retirement having dedicated over seventeen years to the centre. We will miss Cally's positive approach and commitment to supporting animals and people in need, we wish her a relaxing retirement.

Chris Butler transferred into a Deputy Manager role at RSPCA Great Ayton, we look forward to continuing our working relationships with Chris and his new centre into the future.

Clare Jones transferred into a receptionist role at the centre having spent over 28 years as an Animal Care Assistant, her local knowledge and animal care expertise will continue to benefit the centre team and wider communities.

Libby Ali and Callum Bartley transferred into supervisor positions and we welcomed Terri Round, Hope Hover and Russ Smith to the team as Animal Care Assistants.

Our dedicated volunteer team completed an incredible 3936 hours supporting the centre team with animal care, maintenance and gardening duties. We remain incredibly grateful for the dedication and support our volunteers provide to the animals in our care. Our highest recorded hours for the year went to Vicky, our cattery volunteer who completed 391 hours.

284 animals entered our care through our local and national inspectorate teams this included 72 dogs, 110 cats, 53 rabbits and 49 other species including fish, poultry and small animals. We experienced restrictions on wild birds entering our care due to the Avian flu outbreaks but continued to support the short-term housing of wild mammals ahead of transfer to Stapeley Grange.

A total of 164 animals found new homes through the centre's adoption process this included 40 Dogs, 71 Cats, 27 Rabbits, 26 other species. We experienced an increase in adopters travelling great distances to adopt our smaller animals including rabbits, hamsters and gerbils.

We completed our first community fundraising event at Pets at Home since the start of the pandemic, which was a positive experience and raised vital funds and food, treats and enrichment toys for the animals in our care.

Thank you to Friends of Bryn-y-Maen and the North Wales branches for continuing to support the centre throughout these difficult times to ensure we can continue to best support the animals that need us most. We look forward to seeing you all at the Friends Dog Show in 2023.

**Victoria Williams**  
**Centre Manager Bryn-y-Maen Animal Centre**

**RSPCA  
ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**J PRATT & CO LTD, CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS**

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## RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH

### Independent Examiners' Report to the Committee Members of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch

We report on the accounts of the Branch for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Committee and Examiners

As Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act as amended and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiners' 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 a 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 committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent Examiners' Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

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15/06/23  
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Date

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

		2022 Unrestricted Fund	2021 Unrestricted Fund
	Note	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:</b>			
Voluntary income	2	84843	82035
Activities for generating funds	3	43700	22406
Investment income	4	13354	15914
<b>INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	5	127315	121447
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		----- 269212 -----	----- 241802 -----
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>			
<b>COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>	6	6036	3860
<b>WAGES/SALARIES</b>	7	112863	84772
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	8	188205	189318
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	10	940	940
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		----- 308044 -----	----- 278890 -----
Net incoming resources		(38832)	(37088)
LESS/ADD: (Loss)/Profit on investment unrealised	11	(31785)	(13504)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		----- (70617) -----	----- (50592) -----
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2022</b>		446060	496652
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022</b>		----- 375443 -----	----- 446060 -----

RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	12		136802		141689
Investments	13		156417		188202
			<u>293219</u>		<u>329891</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank accounts & cash in hand	18	88187		110967	
Debtors	14	2345		17134	
		<u>90532</u>		<u>128101</u>	
Creditors falling due within one year	15	(8308)		(11932)	
			82224		116169
			<u>375443</u>		<u>446060</u>
<b>FUNDS:</b>					
Unrestricted	16		145121		174652
Designated	16		230322		271408
			<u>375443</u>		<u>446060</u>

Approved



Date

3.7.23

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**1.2 Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Shop & clinic fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance method
Mobile clinic	25% reducing balance method

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold property or the property improvements as in the opinion of the branch committee the present value of the buildings is not less than shown in the accounts.

**1.3 Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

**1.4 Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the branch.

**1.5 VAT**

Value Added Tax is recoverable by the branch on its clinic and shop operations and is reflected in the relevant income and costs in the statement of financial activities.

**1.6 Fund raising costs**

Fund raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inviting people and organisations to contribute financially to the branches work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fund-raising events.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

<b>2. Voluntary Income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
CCBC Grants	4000	17000
Furlough	-	5452
Branch Contributions to the Mobile	53088	35472
Donations and collections	3914	188
Subscriptions	301	340
Door to Door	22667	23583
Food Scheme	873	-
	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
	<b>84843</b>	<b>82035</b>
	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>3. Activities for generating funds</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Shop sales	43700	22406
	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>4. Investment income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest on Government Securities	8372	11984
Bank interest	122	9
Net flat income	4860	3921
	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
	<b>13354</b>	<b>15914</b>
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<b>5. Income from charitable activities</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Animal clinic income	53569	59535
Mobile clinic income	73746	61912
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	<b>127315</b>	<b>121447</b>
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
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**6. Cost of generating funds**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
<b>Shop operating costs</b>		
Light & Heat	939	490
Rates	1032	129
Trade Waste	2938	1953
Repairs	238	560
Sundries	152	55
Accountancy	400	400
Telephone	337	273
	6036	3860

**7. Wages/Salaries**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Branch Salaries	112863	84772
	112863	84772

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
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**7. Charitable activities expenditure**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Animal clinic</b>		
Drugs	26827	34414
Pet cremation services	1648	1949
Abaxis Trading	1198	701
Verifac Labels	921	1127
Insurance	1009	1095
Locum vets	1845	7052
Blood test & labs	3297	2180
Burtons med quip	2945	5
Rates, Water & Power	1646	1469
Stationery, Postage & Internet	1505	3053
Safe solutions	639	340
Sundries	597	568
Repairs	1391	729
Prof fees	767	700
Bank charges	804	485
Safe custody	-	25
Support costs	307	3176
Mileage	137	497
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	47483	59565
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<b>Animal Clinic Depreciation</b>	35	44
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 <b>Mobile clinic</b>		
Rocket House – Note 17	7959	8008
Laptop & Printers	1693	154
Hall hire	4165	2200
Drugs	24646	25685
Lab tests	2553	2781
Stationery, Stamps & Mob	498	633
Sundries	10	34
Wages	43623	62183
Mobile running costs – Fuel, Tax, Repairs	7237	4035
Insurance	364	479
Professional fees	768	700
Locum Vets	450	-
Repairs	295	367
Pet Cremation Services	1718	1084
Aberconwy Branch contribution to mobile	10000	7134
Loss on disposal	-	601
Mobile Driver Hire	1116	-
Ciwyd & Colwyn Mobile Grant unpaid 2020 & 2021	17134	-
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	124229	116078
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<b>Mobile Clinic Depreciation</b>	4852	6014
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
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**8. Other Charitable Activity Expenditure**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prospect House	1215	1166
Vet animal Clinic	2264	5193
Fostering	7330	743
Neutering	797	515
	11606	7617
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188205</b>	<b>189318</b>

**9. Allocation of support costs**

	Allocated to Charitable Activities	Allocated To Fundraising	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Cost of meetings	307	-	307	2100
Branch contribution	-	-	-	1076
	307	-	307	3176
	307	-	307	3176

Support costs are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff numbers.

**10. Governance costs**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fee	940	940
	940	940

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**11. Investments**

	2022 £	2021 £
Market value at 1st January 2022	188202	201706
Net investment (losses)/gains	(31785)	(13504)
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Market value at 31st December 2022	156417	188202
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**12. Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch**

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Mobile Clinic £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	122104	9899	61084	193087
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At 31 December 2022	122104	9899	61084	193087
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Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	-	9722	41676	51398
Charge for year	-	35	4852	4887
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At 31 December 2022	-	9757	46528	56285
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Net book values				
At 31 December 2022	122104	142	14556	136802
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At 31 December 2021	122104	177	19408	141689
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**13. Investments**

	2022 £	2021 £
Treasury Stock	156417	188202
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**14. Debtors**

	2022 £	2021 £
VAT	257	-
Branch Mobile Contributions outstanding	2088	17134
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	2345	17134
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**15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2022 £	2021 £
VAT	-	7130
Creditors	6508	3002
Accruals	1800	1800
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	8308	11932
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**16. Analysis of net assets between the funds**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	136802	-	136802
Investments	-	156417	156417
Net Current Assets	8319	73905	82224
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	145121	230322	375443
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**17. Analysis of Rocket House Expenditure**

	2022 £	2021 £
Repairs & Renewals	754	7
Rates	222	222
Office Rent	5000	5000
Insurance	332	318
Light & Heat	1651	2461
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	7959	8008
	-----	-----

**18. Bank Accounts and Cash in Hand**

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations Account	2768	2177
CAF Account	2720	1500
Mobile Saver	40499	58411
Clinic Saver	5396	11380
Shop Saver	8010	8541
Mobile Account	25396	16254
Clinic Account	3391	12696
Float	7	8
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	88187	110967
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The assets in the designated fund have been set aside to meet the future funding of the Animal Welfare Clinic, 6 Broad Street, Llandudno Junction.

**RSPCA  
ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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## RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH

### Independent Examiners' Report to the Committee Members of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch

We report on the accounts of the Branch for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Committee and Examiners

As Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act as amended and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### Basis of Independent Examiners' 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 a 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 committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent Examiners' Statement

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

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15/06/23  
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Date

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

		2022 Unrestricted Fund	2021 Unrestricted Fund
	Note	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:</b>			
Voluntary income	2	84843	82035
Activities for generating funds	3	43700	22406
Investment income	4	13354	15914
<b>INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	5	127315	121447
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>269212</u>	<u>241802</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>			
<b>COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>	6	6036	3860
<b>WAGES/SALARIES</b>	7	112863	84772
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	8	188205	189318
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	10	940	940
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<u>308044</u>	<u>278890</u>
Net incoming resources		(38832)	(37088)
LESS/ADD: (Loss)/Profit on investment unrealised	11	(31785)	(13504)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(70617)</u>	<u>(50592)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2022</b>		446060	496652
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022</b>		<u>375443</u>	<u>446060</u>

RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	12		136802		141689
Investments	13		156417		188202
			<u>293219</u>		<u>329891</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank accounts & cash in hand	18	88187		110967	
Debtors	14	2345		17134	
		<u>90532</u>		<u>128101</u>	
Creditors falling due within one year	15	(8308)		(11932)	
			82224		116169
			<u>375443</u>		<u>446060</u>
<b>FUNDS:</b>					
Unrestricted	16		145121		174652
Designated	16		230322		271408
			<u>375443</u>		<u>446060</u>

Approved



Date

3.7.23

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**1.2 Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Shop & clinic fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance method
Mobile clinic	25% reducing balance method

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold property or the property improvements as in the opinion of the branch committee the present value of the buildings is not less than shown in the accounts.

**1.3 Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

**1.4 Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the branch.

**1.5 VAT**

Value Added Tax is recoverable by the branch on its clinic and shop operations and is reflected in the relevant income and costs in the statement of financial activities.

**1.6 Fund raising costs**

Fund raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inviting people and organisations to contribute financially to the branches work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fund-raising events.

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

<b>2. Voluntary Income</b>	2022	2021
	£	£
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Branch Contributions to the Mobile	53088	35472
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<b>3. Activities for generating funds</b>	2022	2021
	£	£
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
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**6. Cost of generating funds**

	2022	2021
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Repairs	238	560
Sundries	152	55
Accountancy	400	400
Telephone	337	273
	6036	3860

**7. Wages/Salaries**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Branch Salaries	112863	84772
	112863	84772

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
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**7. Charitable activities expenditure**

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<b>8. Other Charitable Activity Expenditure</b>		2022	2021
		£	£
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<b>Totals</b>		<b>188205</b>	<b>189318</b>
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<b>9. Allocation of support costs</b>			2022	2021
	Allocated to Charitable Activities £	Allocated To Fundraising £	£	£
Cost of meetings	307	-	307	2100
Branch contribution	-	-	-	1076
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Support costs are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff numbers.

<b>10. Governance costs</b>		2022	2021
		£	£
Independent examiner's fee		940	940
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**13. Investments**

	2022 £	2021 £
Treasury Stock	156417	188202
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**14. Debtors**

	2022 £	2021 £
VAT	257	-
Branch Mobile Contributions outstanding	2088	17134
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	2345	17134
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**RSPCA Aberconwy, Montgomeryshire and Wrexham Branch**

England & Wales - Charity number 224340

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# Accounts

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The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch is run to help prevent cruelty and to aid sick and injured animals within its local area. As part of the Wales Board, we also support financial initiatives within Wales in consultation with the Branch Committee.

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

### **Achievements and Performance**

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting! Outlined below are the Branch's main achievements over the year which, as we have all experienced, has been challenging as we adapt to the ever present COVID-19 virus. A special thanks to all of our trustees, staff and volunteers for embracing these challenges! Like last year, we are running a hybrid meeting that includes both a physical venue as well as the option for those to join us remotely online.

### **Llandudno Junction Welfare Clinic and Mobile Clinic**

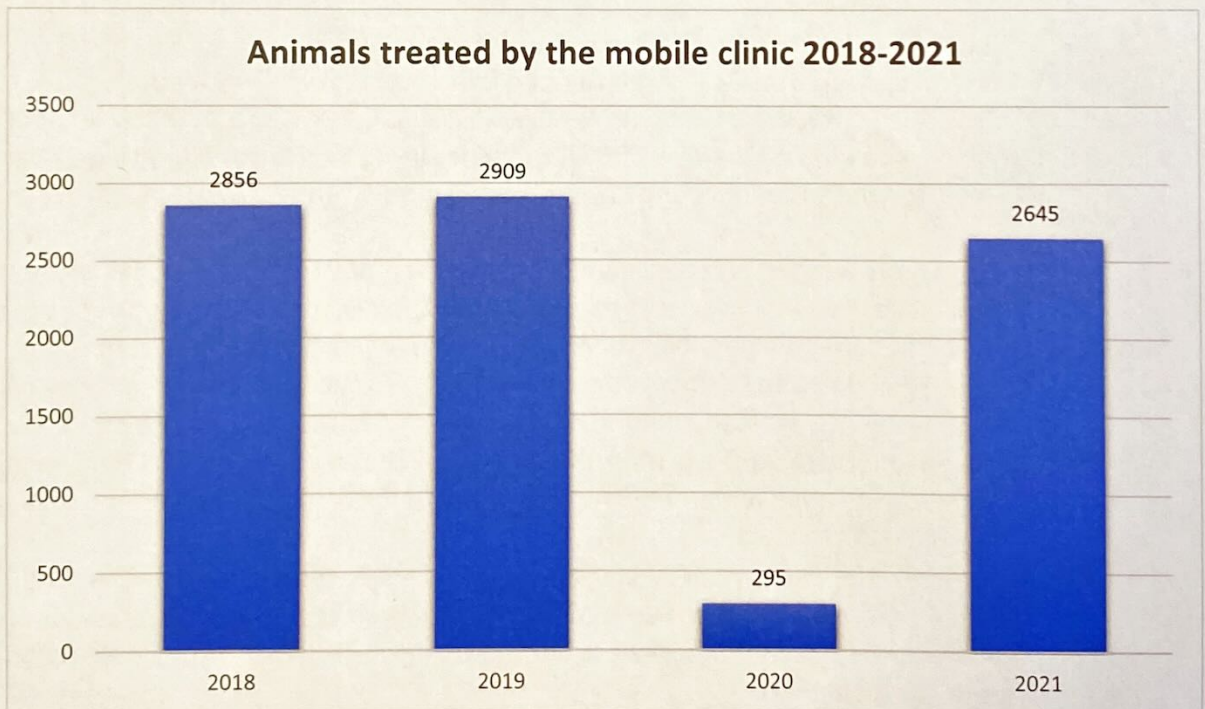
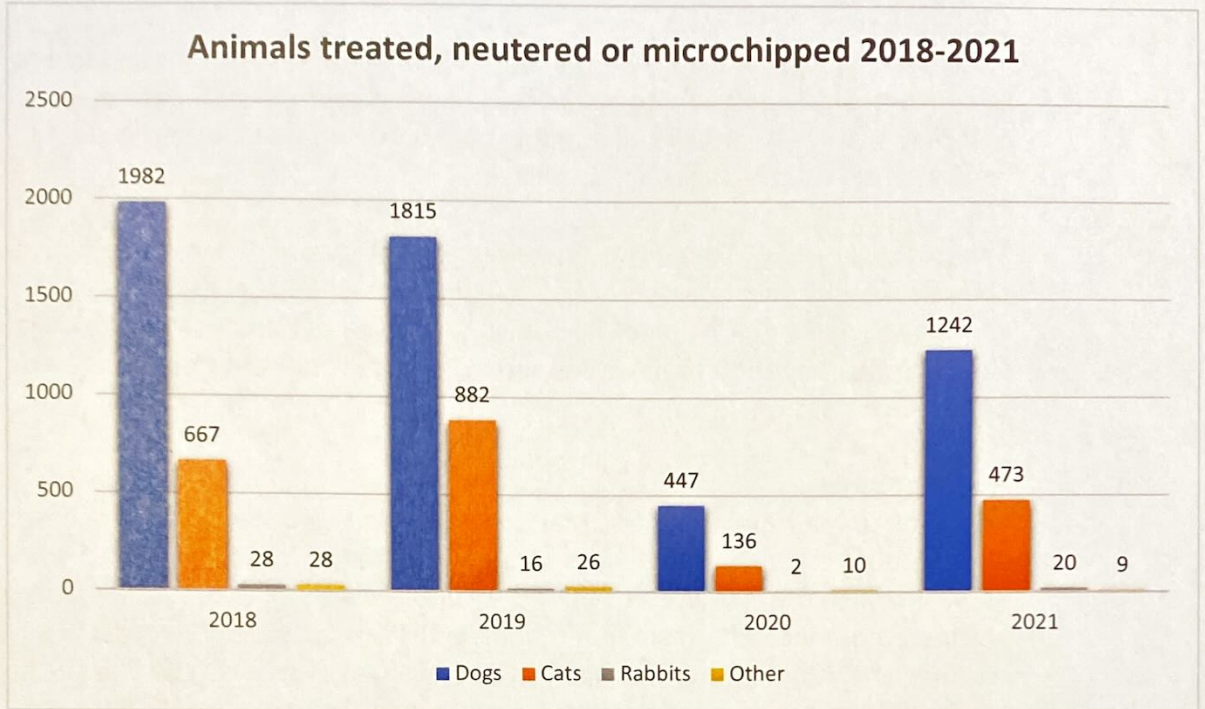
Our clinics were finally allowed to open fully in 2021 with our Llandudno Junction clinic open two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays and the Mobile Clinic (which is funded by the five RSPCA Branches in North Wales) operating 4 days a week between Tuesdays and Fridays and visiting 8 venues across North Wales.

Pet owners on means tested benefits or low income are able to access these subsidised veterinary services to help ensure their pets get the treatment they need. The clinics are only possible thanks to the team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep their doors open, especially with the additional challenge of keeping clients, staff and volunteers safe from COVID. Recognition and thanks for these monumental efforts must go to Alison, Elsie, Jan, Jim, Kelly, Lee, Llinos, Nan, Pauline and Tegan (and many more) for their dedication and hard work in 2021.

Thanks to their efforts, 1681 (1191 dogs, 466 cats, 16 rabbits and 8 other) animals were treated in our branch area through the two clinics. In addition, 41 (28 dogs, 4 rabbits and 1 other) animals were neutered and 22 (17 dogs and 5 cats) animals were microchipped.

In addition to our in-house services at the clinic, the branch also offers support to local animal owners who find themselves either in urgent need of surgical treatment

for their pets or simply need help neutering their animals. To address this need, the branch also runs a Welfare Assistance Voucher Scheme that contributes towards the cost of treatment for eligible pet owners. In 2021, 90 of these vouchers were issued totalling more than £3,000.



Like our clinic in Llandudno Junction, COVID-19 had a profound impact on the numbers of animals we could help in 2020. However, the figures for both clinics show that we are slowly returning to pre-COVID levels of activity.

The running of a far-reaching service like the mobile service is not cheap and would today be beyond the reach of most individual branches, so a special thanks must also go out to the various trustees of Aberconwy, Anglesey, Clwyd & Colwyn, West Gwynedd and Wrexham Branch that jointly fund and administer this service to make it possible. Thank you! If you'd like to learn more about the mobile clinic, please visit [www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk](http://www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk).

### Rehoming

Although our capacity to house animals is limited, the team also managed to take into care 26 animals throughout the year. Through the development of our fostering team and boarding partner, Kelly was able to provide critical refuge for these animals (some of which came into our care with horrific injuries) helping them to adjust to their new environment and receive the treatment they needed before ultimately finding their forever homes. Sadly, two animals (cats) were beyond our help but the rest found new homes and a second chance at life, like the 13 cats that came into our care on Christmas Eve! In total, the branch spent just over £7,000 on its direct animal costs (veterinary treatment, food, accommodation etc) equating to approximately £269 per animal.

### Regional Collaboration

The branch also continues to support collaborative working both through the first of its kind inter-branch mobile clinic and its ongoing contribution to the Regional Wales Board. A few of the projects the branch contributes to include the Inspectorate Welfare Voucher Scheme that allow Inspectors to issue direct financial support to those that need it, the Emergency Boarding Fund for Inspectors to provide a safe environment for animals they rescue before they can be transferred to RSPCA facilities as well as the joint Cats Protection RSPCA Cat Neutering Scheme. As a jointly funded scheme, the Cats Protection RSPCA collaboration allows eligible low-income cat owners to neuter and microchip their cats for just £5 and has been unparalleled in its success in neutering cats and helping to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. The scheme is offered across Wales and has to date neutered over 40,000 cats since its inception in 2016 with 7,253 cats neutered in 2021 alone.

### Charity Shop

The branch's various services are all dependent on the branch's ability to raise funds to support them which we in large part achieve through the tireless efforts of the charity shop team in Craig y Don, who in 2021 raised £22,406. This amazing team of volunteers give up their time each week to keep the doors open amidst what seems like a never-ending stream of donations! A big thank you to Sue Broadhurst, Beryl Jones, Cath Gadsby, Linda Kopacz, Lynne Coulson, Nora Jones, Pauline Maylott,

Sue Burland, Jayne Parry, Mandy Minton, Caroline Owen, Kay Duncalf, Kevin Helliwell, Julie Simpson and Rosalind Hopewell.

**Future Plans**

As the Branch adapts to the ever-changing environment we work in, the Trustees have been keen to set aside time to analyse what the Branch does and where its services are needed most. To that end in 2021, the Trustees started systematically looking at its current operations to ensure they are fit for purpose moving forward. This piece of work is extensive but essential to the Branch's future prosperity and increasingly is looking towards working collaboratively with its fellow RSPCA Branches, National Society and external partners to increase the scope and impact of its services.

**Reserves policy**

The Branch holds reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds that are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted.

RSPCA ABERCONWY BRANCH			Charity No	224340
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/01/2021	To	Period end date	31/12/2021

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>							
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>							
Voluntary income		S01	-	-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds		S02	74,901	-	-	74,901	124,518
Investments		S03	22,406	-	-	22,406	20,599
Charitable activities		S04	17,392	-	-	17,392	19,749
Other trading activities		S05	121,447	-	-	121,447	37,470
		S05	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		S06	236,146	-	-	236,146	202,336
<b>Resources expended (Notes 4-8)</b>							
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>							
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds		S08	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		S09	5,338	-	-	5,338	7,780
<b>Charitable activities</b>		S10	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		S11	266,956	-	-	266,956	217,934
<b>Other resources expended</b>		S12	940	-	-	940	940
		S12	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		S13	273,234	-	-	273,234	226,654
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		S14	- 37,088	-	-	- 37,088	- 24,318
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		S15	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		S16	- 37,088	-	-	- 37,088	- 24,318
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	- 13,504	-	-	- 13,504	- 13,901
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		S19	- 50,592	-	-	- 50,592	- 38,219
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		S20	496,652	-	-	496,652	534,871
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		S21	446,060	-	-	446,060	496,652

## Section B Balance sheet

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total this	Total last	
		funds	income	funds	year	year	
		£	funds	£	£	£	
Note		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
	<b>Tangible assets (Note 9)</b>	B01	141,689	-	-	141,689	148,348
		B02	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Investments (Note 10)</b>	B03	188,202	-	-	188,202	201,706
	<b>Total fixed assets</b>	B04	329,891	-	-	329,891	350,054
<b>Current assets</b>							
	<b>Stock and work in progress</b>	B05	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Debtors (Note 11)</b>	B06	17,134	-	-	17,134	14,302
	<b>(Short term) investments</b>	B07	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>	B08	110,967	-	-	110,967	137,376
	<b>Total current assets</b>	B09	128,101	-	-	128,101	151,678
	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)</b>	B10	11,932	-	-	11,932	5,080
	<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	B11	116,169	-	-	116,169	146,598
	<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	B12	446,060	-	-	446,060	496,652
	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)</b>	B13	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	B14	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Net assets</b>	B15	446,060	-	-	446,060	496,652
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>							
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	B16	446,060			446,060	496,652
		B17	-			-	-
	<b>Restricted income funds (Note 13)</b>	B18		-		-	-
	<b>Endowment funds (Note 13)</b>	B19			-	-	-
	<b>Total funds</b>	B20	446,060	-	-	446,060	496,652

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

**Note 1 Basis of preparation**

*This section should be completed by all charities .*

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with  Accounting Standards;
- or  Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

\* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

\*\* - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

**1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

**1.3 Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

**Note 2 Accounting policies**

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

<b>Recognition of incoming resources</b>	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li> <li>the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and</li> <li>the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li> </ul>
<b>Incoming resources with related expenditure</b>	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
<b>Grants and donations</b>	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
<b>Volunteer help</b>	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
<b>Investment income</b>	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
<b>Investment gains and losses</b>	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
<b>Income from membership subscriptions</b>	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.

**EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
<b>Governance costs</b>	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
<b>Grants with performance conditions</b>	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
<b>Grants payable without performance conditions</b>	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
<b>Support Costs</b>	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
<b>Creditors</b>	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

**ASSETS**

<b>Tangible fixed assets for use by charity</b>	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost.
<b>Investments</b>	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end.
<b>Debtors</b>	Measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

**POLICIES ADOPTED  
ADDITIONAL TO OR  
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE  
ABOVE**

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**Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources**

*Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.*

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
<b>Voluntary income</b>	CCBC Grants	17,000	26,000
	Furlough	5,452	32,967
	Mobile Grants	28,338	40,000
	Donations & Collections	23,771	25,251
	Subscriptions	340	300
	<b>Total</b>		<b>74,901</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	Shop Sales	22,406	20,599
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>22,406</b>
<b>Investment income</b>	Interest on Government Securities	11,984	-
	Bank Interest	8	-
	Rental Income	5,400	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>17,392</b>
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	Animal Clinic	59,535	30,120
	Mobile Clinic	61,912	7,350
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>121,447</b>

**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 4** **Analysis of resources expended**

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-
<b>Fundraising trading costs</b>	Operating charity shops	3,860	4,993
	Rent collection, property repairs & maintenance charges	1,478	338
	Support costs	-	2,449
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	5,338	7,780
<b>Investment management costs</b>		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>	Animal Clinic	150,740	151,448
	Neutering	515	2,701
	Fostering	743	940
	Mobile Clinic	114,958	62,845
	<b>Total</b>	266,956	217,934
<b>Governance costs</b>	Accountancy Fees	940	940
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	940	940

**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 5 Support Costs**

*Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.*

<b>Support cost type</b>	<b>Fundraising activity £</b>	<b>Charitable Activity £</b>	<b>Governance Activity £</b>	<b>Total Cost £</b>
Cost of meetings	2,100	-	-	2,100
Branch contribution	1,076	-	-	1,076
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,176</b>

**Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure**

**6.1 Trustee expenses**

*Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).*

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

**6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

*Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).*

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

<b>This year £</b>	<b>Last year £</b>
940	940
1800	1800

**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 7** **Paid employees**  
*Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.*

**7.1 Staff Costs**

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	143,648	96,462
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	2,869	2,068
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>146,517</b>	<b>98,530</b>

**7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year**

	This year Number	Last year Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	Fundraising	1
	Charitable Activities	6
	Governance	-
	Other	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

**7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme**

*Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

Brief details of the scheme

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	This year £	Last year £
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year		
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end		
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end		



**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 9** **Tangible fixed assets**

*Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets*

**9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	122,104	-	86,424	9,899	-	218,427
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	25,340	-	-	25,340
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	122,104	-	61,084	9,899	-	193,087

**9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions**

<b>**Basis</b>		RB	RB	
<b>** Rate</b>		20%	20%	

Balance brought forward	-	-	60,401	9,678	-	70,079
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	6,014	44	-	6,058
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	24,739	-	-	24,739
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	41,676	9,722	-	51,398

**9.3 Net book value**

Brought forward	122,104	-	26,023	221	-	148,348
Carried forward	122,104	-	19,408	177	-	141,689

**9.4 Revaluation**

*If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation*

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\* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

\*\* Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

**Note 10 Investment assets**

*Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.*

**10.1 Fixed assets investments**

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	201,706
<b>Add:</b> additions to investments at cost	-
<b>Less:</b> disposals at carrying value	-
<b>Add/(deduct):</b> net gain/(loss) on revaluation	- 13,504
Carrying (market) value at end of year	188,202

*Please provide below:*

**10.2 A breakdown of the market values of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B03.**

**10.3 A breakdown of the income from investments agreeing with SOFA row S03.**

**Analysis of investments**

	10.2 Market value at year end £	10.3 Income from investments for the year £
<b>Investment properties</b>	-	5,400
<b>Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes</b>	-	-
<b>Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies</b>	-	-
<b>Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange</b>	-	-
<b>Cash or cash equivalent</b>	188,202	11,984
<b>Other investments</b>	-	8
<b>Total</b>	188,202	17,392

**10.4 Material investment holdings**

If any single investment is material in terms of its value (for example represents more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) please provide details.

**Investment held**

**Market Value**


**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 11 Debtors and prepayments**

*Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.*

**Analysis of debtors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	17,134	11,302	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	3,000	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>14,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Note 12 Creditors and accruals**

*Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.*

**12.1 Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	3,002	1,833	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Taxation	7,130	537	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	2,710	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,932</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**12.2 Security over assets**

*If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.*

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**Section C** **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

**Note 13** **Endowment and restricted income funds**

*Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.*

**13.1 Funds held**

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions

**13.2 Movements of major funds**

*Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.*

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**13.3 Transfers between funds**

*Please give details of any transfers between funds.*

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount

**Note 14 Transactions with related parties**

*If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in note 6) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "None" in the relevant boxes.*

**14.1 Remuneration and benefits**

*Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee or other related parties by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.*

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year £	Last year £

**14.2 Loans**

*Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity's trustees or other related parties by the charity at the year end.*

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties				
Due from trustees and related parties				

**14.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties**

*Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.*

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £

**Note 15****Additional Disclosures**

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
RSPCA ABERCONWY BRANCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 DECEMBER 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

224340

Set out on pages

1 - 15

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

Signed:

Date:

Name: JONATHAN PRATT

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

BASFORD HOUSE

29 AUGUSTA STREET

LL30 2AE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**RSPCA Aberconwy, Montgomeryshire and Wrexham Branch**

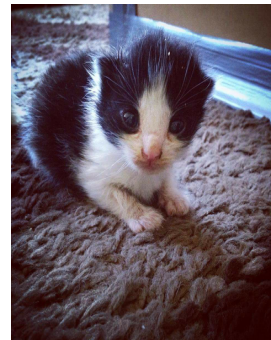
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# Accounts

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# Annual General Meeting RSPCA Aberconwy Branch



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 18:30**  
Ty Llywelyn, Ffordd Yr Orsedd, Llandudno LL30 1LA

**AGENDA****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 18:30****Ty Llywelyn Community Centre, Ffordd Yr Orsedd, Llandudno LL30 1LA.**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Approval of minutes of 2018 AGM
- 4) Matter Arising
- 5) Presentation of examined accounts for year ending 2019 and 2020
- 6) Appointment of branch auditor/independent examiner
- 7) Committee's report
- 8) Election of Committee
- 9) Consideration of resolutions
- 10) Group Inspectorate Report
- 11) Bryn Y Maen Animal Centre Report
- 12) Presentation by Sally Hyman about Llys Nini Branch
- 13) Closing remarks

## Notice calling an annual general meeting of the RSPCA Aberconwy Branch

Registered charity no: 224340

<b>To</b>	all members of Royal Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch the Regional Chair the Assistant Director- Branches and Partnerships the Operations Manager- Branches the Branch Partnership Manager		
<b>From</b>	the Branch Chair	<b>Name</b>	Donna Hutton
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		<b>Email</b>	AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 18:30 at Ty Llywelyn, Ffordd Yr Orsedd, Llandudno LL30 1LA. Alternatively the meeting will be streamed online for those members preferring to join via video conferencing. If you would be interested in this option, please contact AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk for guidance as to how to access the meeting online.

### Agenda

1. Opening address and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of minutes of last AGM
4. Matters arising
5. To receive the accounts for the last financial year
6. Appointment of auditor/independent examiner
7. To receive the committee's report
8. Committee election
9. Consideration of resolutions
10. Group Inspectorate Report
11. Bryn y Maen Animal Centre Report
12. Closing remarks

Due to the COVID pandemic the branch was unable to hold an AGM in 2020. Therefore, financial accounts for both 2019 and 2020 will be available at the AGM or can be requested by members by emailing AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk to request a digital copy.

Resolutions and nominations for the committee election must be received by the branch secretary by 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021. A nomination form can be requested by emailing AGM@rspca-aberconwy.org.uk.

*Please note:* The only branch members entitled to propose resolutions, speak, vote and be counted in the quorum at the meeting are those whose names were entered in the list of branch members more than three months before the date of the meeting.

**Name** Donna Hutton - **Branch Chair**

**Date** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**RSPCA Aberconwy Branch Committee****Honorary Officers:**

Chair	Paula Greenhalgh
Deputy Chair	Joan Critchett
Secretary	Dawn Owens
Treasurer	Jonathan Francis
Regional Board Representative	Paula Greenhalgh
Clinic Director	Paula Greenhalgh
Friends of Bryn y Maen	Joan Critchett

**Committee/Trustees during 2019 and 2020**

Johnathan Francis	Donna Hutton
Mike Bird	Fiona Trappe
Sue Broadhurst	Sheila Francis
Wendy Ashurst	Zoe Meakins
Dawn Owens	Paula Greenhalgh
Norman Critchett	Joan Critchett

**Minutes of the RSPCA Aberconwy Branch Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 19:30 at Queens Road Community Centre, Craig Y Don, Llandudno**

**Opening address and welcome:**

The chair opened the meeting by welcoming all those who had attended.

**Apologies:**

Coralie Farren, Victoria Williams, Jim Mason and Chris Cater.

**Present:**

Branch Committee members: Paula Greenhalgh, Jonathan Francis, Dawn Owen, Mike Bird, Joan Critchett, Norman Critchett, Ann Goff, Susan Broadhurst

**National Society:** Carl Lloyd (Branch Support Specialist) Leanne Hardy (Chief Inspector), Victoria Williams (Animal Centre Manager).

**Branches:**

Irene Train, Sylvia Moss and Kieren Barlow (**Colwyn and Clwyd Branch**)  
Alun Rees and Ann Rees (**West Gwynedd Branch**)

**Approval of minutes from last year AGM:**

The chair read the minutes from last year's AGM. Approved by Mike Bird and Seconded by Norman Critchett.

**Matters Arising:**

No matters arising.

**Appointment of auditors:**

Treasurer Jonathan Francis reported the accounts and proposed we continue using Pratt Accountants and that Mr Pratt's services had been an advantage to the branch. This was approved by Paula Greenhalgh and seconded by Mike Bird. The treasurer stated that the door to door collections had helped greatly and thanked all the branches in North Wales for their shared joint commitment to funding the Mobile Clinic.

**Trustees report:**

The Chair read the committee's report for the branch's activities in 2018

**Election of Trustees Committee:**

Voting papers were handed out to the members eligible to vote. A block vote was taken and all the trustees were re-elected.

**Group Inspectorate Report:**

Chief Inspector Leanne Hardy thanked everyone who had helped and supported the Inspectors and read through her report for the Group's activities in 2018.

**Bryn Y Maen Report:**

Animal Centre Manager Victoria Williams thanked the Branch for its continued support and read through her report covering the activities at Bryn y Maen Animal Centre in 2018.

**Meeting closed at 21:00**

**Animal Grooming Presentation:**

Emma Thomas provided a demonstration and presentation on grooming based on her experience with her local grooming business.

**RSPCA  
ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**A C C O U N T S**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

**Independent Examiners' Report to the Committee Members  
of RSPCA Aberconwy Branch**

We report on the accounts of the Branch for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of the Committee and Examiners**

As Committee Members you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act as amended and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

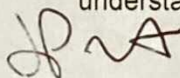
**Basis of Independent Examiners' report**

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 a 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 committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiners' Statement**

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

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

  
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Date

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

		2019 Unrestricted Fund	2018 Unrestricted Fund
	Note	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:</b>			
Voluntary income	2	74307	137992
Activities for generating funds	3	44542	37054
Investment income	4	20658	24666
<b>INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	5	140470	124380
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>279977</u>	<u>324092</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>			
<b>COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>	6	18511	12152
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	7	291855	288538
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	9	940	940
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<u>311306</u>	<u>301630</u>
Net incoming resources		(31329)	22462
LESS/ADD: (Loss)/Profit on investment unrealised	10	(13706)	(17590)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(45035)</u>	<u>4872</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2019</b>		<u>579906</u>	<u>575034</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019</b>		<u>534871</u>	<u>579906</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2019

		2019		2018	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	11		157078		168713
Investments	12		215607		229313
			<u>372685</u>		<u>398026</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank accounts & cash in hand		172622		191604	
Debtors	13	11302		8112	
		<u>183924</u>		<u>199716</u>	
Creditors falling due within one year	14	(21738)		(17834)	
			<u>162186</u>		<u>181882</u>
			<u>534871</u>		<u>579908</u>
<b>FUNDS:</b>					
Unrestricted	15		190178		210260
Designated	15		344693		369648
			<u>534871</u>		<u>579908</u>

Approved

  
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Date

19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020  
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RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

1. Accounting policies

**1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**1.2 Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Shop & clinic fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance method
Mobile clinic	25% reducing balance method

Depreciation is not provided on the freehold property or the property improvements as in the opinion of the branch committee the present value of the buildings is not less than shown in the accounts.

**1.3 Investments**

Investments are stated at market value at the Balance Sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposal throughout the year.

**1.4 Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the branch.

**1.5 VAT**

Value Added Tax is recoverable by the branch on its clinic and shop operations and is reflected in the relevant income and costs in the statement of financial activities.

**1.6 Fund raising costs**

Fund raising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inviting people and organisations to contribute financially to the branches work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fund raising events.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

<b>2. Voluntary Income</b>	2019	2018
	£	£
Mobile grants	40000	38175
Contributions new mobile	-	12441
Legacy	2355	52515
Donations and collections	31833	34723
Subscriptions	119	138
	<u>74307</u>	<u>137992</u>
<b>3. Activities for generating funds</b>	2019	2018
	£	£
Shop sales	<u>44542</u>	<u>37054</u>
<b>4. Investment income</b>	2019	2018
	£	£
Interest on Government Securities	15597	21715
Bank interest	203	116
Net flat income	4858	2835
	<u>20658</u>	<u>24666</u>
<b>5. Income from charitable activities</b>	2019	2018
	£	£
Animal clinic income	77138	72114
Mobile clinic income	63332	52266
	<u>140470</u>	<u>124380</u>
<b>6. Cost of generating funds</b>	2019	2018
	£	£
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
Shop operating costs	18222	11253
Support costs	289	899
	<u>18511</u>	<u>12152</u>

**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

**7. Charitable activities expenditure**

	2019	2018
	£	£
<u>Animal clinic</u>		
Clinic wages	81137	79089
Drugs	58734	44959
RSPCA Trading	936	2181
Pet cremation services	2860	2774
Prospect House	4632	4425
Abaxis Trading	1293	5005
Verifac Labels	463	986
Insurance	484	471
Locum vets	3726	-
Blood test & labs	4232	5493
Burtons med quip	177	302
Rates, Water & Power	2096	1857
Stationery, Postage & Internet	2013	1770
Safe solutions	336	187
Sundries	966	1692
HR Consultant	1020	-
Repairs	959	539
Prof fees	1670	200
Vet Animal Clinic	5672	6237
Fostering	6980	13919
Neutering	1956	5715
Bank charges	1617	1235
VET inspection dicatorate	-	350
Safe custody	25	-
Depreciation	69	86
Support costs	2021	3595
Verifac Software Support	451	623
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<u>Mobile clinic expenses</u>		
Rocket House	21271	-
Laptop & Printers	1962	-
Hall hire	1930	516
Drugs	20229	42162
Lab tests	2127	2107
Stationery, Stamps & Mob	748	227
Wages	39657	39476
Sundries	624	603
Mobile running costs – Fuel, Tax, Repairs	3282	3659
Insurance	484	471
Ground rent	5	5
Depreciation	11566	15421
Professional fees	1445	200
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	105330	104847
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	291855	288537
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**8. Allocation of support costs**

	Allocated to Charitable Activities £	Allocated To Fundraising £	2019 £	2018 £
Cost of meetings	271	39	310	-
Accountancy fees	-	-	-	2494
Branch contribution	1750	250	2000	2000
	2021	289	2310	4494

Support costs are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff numbers.

**9. Governance costs**

	2019 £	2018 £
Independent examiner's fee	940	940

**10. Investments**

	2019 £	2018 £
Market value at 1st January 2019	229313	246903
Net investment (losses)/gains	(13706)	(17590)
Market value at 31st December 2019	215607	229313

**11. Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch**

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Mobile Clinic £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2019	122104	9899	86424	218427
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	122104	9899	86424	218427
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2019	-	9554	40160	49714
Charge for year	-	69	11566	11635
At 31 December 2019	-	9623	51726	61349
Net book values				
At 31 December 2019	122104	274	34698	157078
At 31 December 2018	122104	345	46264	168713

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

**12. Investments**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Treasury Stock	215607	229313
	215607	229313

**13. Debtors**

	2019	2018
	£	£
VAT	-	214
Income Tax	-	-
Donations - Mobile clinic	11302	7898
	11302	8112

**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2019	2018
	£	£
VAT	16201	-
Creditors	2357	15164
Accruals	3180	2670
	21738	17834

**15. Analysis of net assets between the funds**

	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	157078	-	157078
Investments	-	215607	215607
Net Current Assets	33100	129086	162186
	190178	344693	534871

The assets in the designated fund have been set aside to meet the future funding of the Animal Welfare Clinic, 6 Broad Street, Llandudno Junction.

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Date

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 Unrestricted Fund £	2019 Unrestricted Fund £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES:</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS:</b>			
Voluntary income	2	124518	74307
Activities for generating funds	3	20599	44542
Investment income	4	19411	20658
<b>INCOME RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	5	37470	140470
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		201998	279977
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>			
<b>COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS</b>	6	7442	18511
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	7	217934	291855
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	9	940	940
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		226316	311306
Net incoming resources		(24318)	(31329)
LESS/ADD: (Loss)/Profit on investment unrealised	10	(13901)	(13706)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		(38219)	(45035)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2020</b>		534871	579906
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020</b>		496652	534871

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

		2020		2019	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	11		148348		157078
Investments	12		201706		215607
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			350054		372685
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank accounts & cash in hand		137376		172622	
Debtors	13	14302		11302	
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		151678		183924	
Creditors falling due within one year	14	(5080)		(21738)	
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			146598		162186
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			496652		534871
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<b>FUNDS:</b>					
Unrestricted	15		192636		190178
Designated	15		304016		344693
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			496652		534871
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Date .....

## **RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

<b>2. Voluntary Income</b>	2020	2019
	£	£
CCBC Grants	26000	-
Furlough	32967	-
Mobile grants	40000	40000
Legacy	-	2355
Donations and collections	25251	31833
Subscriptions	300	119
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	124518	74307
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<b>3. Activities for generating funds</b>	2020	2019
	£	£
Shop sales	20599	44542
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<b>4. Investment income</b>	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest on Government Securities	15623	15597
Bank interest	76	203
Net flat income	3712	4858
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	19411	20658
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<b>5. Income from charitable activities</b>	2020	2019
	£	£
Animal clinic income	30120	77138
Mobile clinic income	7350	63332
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	37470	140470
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<b>6. Cost of generating funds</b>	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
Shop operating costs	4993	18222
Support costs	2449	289
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	7442	18511
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**7. Charitable activities expenditure**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Animal clinic</u>		
Redundancy	9606	-
Clinic wages	75582	81137
Drugs	26654	58734
RSPCA Trading	1120	936
Pet cremation services	848	2860
Prospect House	1200	4632
Abaxis Trading	2294	1293
Verifac Labels	450	463
Insurance	1204	484
Locum vets	758	3726
Blood test & labs	1556	4232
Burtons med quip	213	177
Rates, Water & Power	1545	2096
Stationery, Postage & Internet	1277	2013
Safe solutions	683	336
Sundries	455	966
HR Consultant	1080	1020
Repairs	817	959
Prof fees	440	1670
Vet Animal Clinic	7091	5672
Fostering	940	6980
Neutering	2701	1956
Bank charges	1348	1617
Safe custody	25	25
Depreciation	55	69
Support costs	14696	2021
Verifac Software Support	451	451
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	155089	186525
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 <u>Mobile clinic expenses</u>		
Rocket House – Note 16	10411	21271
Laptop & Printers	2031	1962
Hall hire	861	1930
Drugs	7880	20229
Lab tests	-	2127
Stationery, Stamps & Mob	716	748
Wages	21463	39657
Sundries	393	624
Mobile running costs – Fuel, Tax, Repairs	3177	3282
Insurance	576	484
Ground rent	-	5
Depreciation	8675	11566
Professional fees	440	1445
HR Consultant	720	-
Locum Vets	5120	-
Repairs	382	-
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	217934	291855
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**8. Allocation of support costs**

	Allocated to Charitable Activities £	Allocated To Fundraising £	2020 £	2019 £
Cost of meetings	-	-	-	310
Branch contribution	14696	2449	17145	2000
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	14696	2449	17145	2310
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Support costs are allocated on the basis of full-time equivalent staff numbers.

**9. Governance costs**

	2020 £	2019 £
Independent examiner's fee	940	940
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**10. Investments**

	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 1st January 2020	215607	229313
Net investment (losses)/gains	(13901)	(13706)
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Market value at 31st December 2020	201706	215607
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**11. Tangible fixed assets for use by the branch**

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Mobile Clinic £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2020	122104	9899	86424	218427
Additions	-	-	-	-
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At 31 December 2020	122104	9899	86424	218427
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2020	-	9623	51726	61349
Charge for year	-	55	8675	8730
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At 31 December 2020	-	9678	60401	70079
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<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 December 2020	122104	221	26023	148348
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At 31 December 2019	122104	274	34698	157076
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**RSPCA - ABERCONWY BRANCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

<b>12. Investments</b>		2020	2019
		£	£
Treasury Stock		201706	215607
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<b>13. Debtors</b>		2020	2019
		£	£
CCBC Grants		3000	-
Donations - Mobile clinic		11302	11302
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		14302	11302
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<b>14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		2020	2019
		£	£
VAT		537	16201
Creditors		1833	2357
Accruals		2710	3180
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		5080	21738
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<b>15. Analysis of net assets between the funds</b>			
	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	148348	-	148348
Investments	-	201706	201706
Net Current Assets	44288	102309	146597
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	192636	304015	496651
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<b>16. Analysis of Rocket House Expenditure</b>		2020	2019
		£	£
Building work		1721	20021
Rates		388	-
Phone		165	-
Website		308	-
Vets Society		24	-
Gavin – Accommodation		1500	-
Office Rent		6305	1250
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		10411	21271
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The assets in the designated fund have been set aside to meet the future funding of the Animal Welfare Clinic, 6 Broad Street, Llandudno Junction.



The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Aberconwy Branch is run to help prevent cruelty and to aid sick and injured animals within its local area. As part of the Wales, we also support financial initiatives within Wales in consultation with the Branch Committee.

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

### **Achievements and Performance**

What a nice change it is for all of us to actually meet in person! It would be somewhat of an understatement to say it's been an eventful couple of years since we last were able to hold an AGM so I'll do my best to cover some of the main activities of the branch during that period.

#### **2019**

### **Llandudno Junction Welfare Clinic**

Our clinic in Llandudno Junction represent the front line of our animal welfare work. Pet owners on means tested benefits or low income are able to access subsidised veterinary services to help ensure their pets get the treatment they need. The clinic is only possible thanks to the team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep its doors open, so huge thanks goes to Pam, Kelly, Nan, Jan, Alison, Ann and all the people that made the clinic possible this year.

In 2019, the clinic held 3 weekly surgeries (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) seeing a total of 2,494 animals (1756 dogs, 698 cats, 15 rabbits and 25 others). In addition, the branch also neutered 219 animals (41 dogs, 172 cats, 1 rabbit and 1 other) and microchipped 24 animals (16 dogs and 8 cats).

In addition to our in-house services at the clinic, the branch also offers support to local animal owners who find themselves either in urgent need of surgical treatment for their pets or simply need help neutering their animals. To address this need, the branch also runs a Welfare Assistance Voucher Scheme that contributes towards the cost of treatment for eligible pet owners. In 2019, 46 of these vouchers were issued ranging from £30 to £150.

**North Wales Mobile Clinic**

The mobile clinic has continued to expand and now visits 8 venues across 5 branch areas in North Wales. Jim, Jan and the team of volunteers have allowed the 5 branches to place this valuable service precisely where it is needed, helping those animals most in need of veterinary services that are potentially the least able to access it. The running of such a far reaching mobile service like this is not cheap and would today be beyond the reach of a single branch, so a special thanks must also go out to the various trustees of West Gwynedd, Anglesey, Clwyd & Colwyn and Wrexham Branch that jointly operate this service and commit funds to make it possible. Thank you!

In 2019, Aberconwy Branch had one venue in its branch area (Llandudno Rugby Club) which treated more than 400 animals at its once a week venue. If you'd like to learn more about the mobile clinic, please visit [www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk](http://www.rspcamobileclinic.org.uk).

**Rehoming**

Although our capacity to house animals is limited, the team also managed to take into care 30 cats throughout the year. Through the development of our fostering team, Kelly was able to provide critical spaces for these cats helping them to adjust to their new environment and receive the treatment they needed before ultimately finding their forever homes. Happily, all 30 found new homes which again was only possible due the dedication of the clinic and fostering teams. In total the branch spent £6,980 on its fostering programme (veterinary treatment, food, accommodation etc) equating to approximately £230 per cat.

**Regional Collaboration**

The branch also continues to support collaborative working both through the first of its kind inter-branch mobile clinic and its ongoing contribution to the Regional Wales Board. A few of the projects the branch contributes to include the Inspectorate Welfare Vouchers that allow Inspectors to issue direct financial support to those that need it, the Emergency Boarding Fund for Inspectors to provide a safe environment for animals they rescue before they can be transferred to RSPCA facilities as well as the joint Cats Protection RSPCA Cat Neutering Scheme. As a jointly funded scheme,

the Cats Protection RSPCA collaboration allows eligible low income cat owners to neuter and microchip their cats for just £5 and has been unparalleled in its success in neutering cats and helping to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. The scheme is offered across Wales and has to date neutered well over 11,000 cats. In 2019, 172 cats from our branch area were able to take advantage of this scheme.

**Charity Shop**

The branch's various services are all dependent on the branch's ability to raise funds to support them which we in large part achieve through the tireless efforts of the charity shop team in Craig y Don. The branch has appointed a shop manager (Nicky) who's remit has been to support the volunteer team and help us maximise

the profitability of the shop which in 2019 raised £44,542 (an increase of over 20% from 2018). This achievement was only possible thanks to the dedication of the volunteer team that give up so much of their time to keep the doors open. So a big thank you to Nicky, Sue Broadhurst, Beryl Jones, Cath Gadsby, Linda Kopacz, Lynn Coulson, Nora Jones, Pauline Maylott and Sue Burland.

### 2020

#### **Llandudno Junction Welfare Clinic**

The arrival of the pandemic presented a significant challenge for the branch. We were able to keep the Llandudno Junction clinic and the mobile running for the first few months of the year, but with the arrival of the first lockdown decided we had to place the safety of our staff, volunteers and clients first and therefore closed the clinics until we were permitted to provide a safe working environment. During the 8 months the two clinics were closed, the team at Clwyd & Colwyn Branch (who were able to continue to offer a limited service) kindly agreed to offer our clients an emergency temporary service until we were once again operational. A special thanks therefore must go to Kieren Barlow his clinical team and the Trustees of Clwyd & Colwyn Branch for making this possible.

We were eventually able to re-open both clinics in November offering appointment only COVID secure services. In light of this reduced service, the clinic was only able to treat 565 animals (425 dogs, 132 cats, 1 rabbit and 7 others) and neuter 138 (18 dogs, 116 cats, 1 rabbit and 3 others). Not surprisingly we saw a 78% drop in the number of clients we were able to see in 2020 compared with the previous year. The clinic team worked tirelessly to create a safe environment for our clients, volunteers and staff and it is only because of these efforts that we have been able to once again offer our services. Thank you!

Despite the pandemic, we were able to continue to offer our Welfare Assistance Voucher Scheme and to that end was able to fund £5,108 worth of treatments for local animals.

RSPCA Aberconwy - Animals treated, neutered, microchipped and re-homed 2010 to July 2021

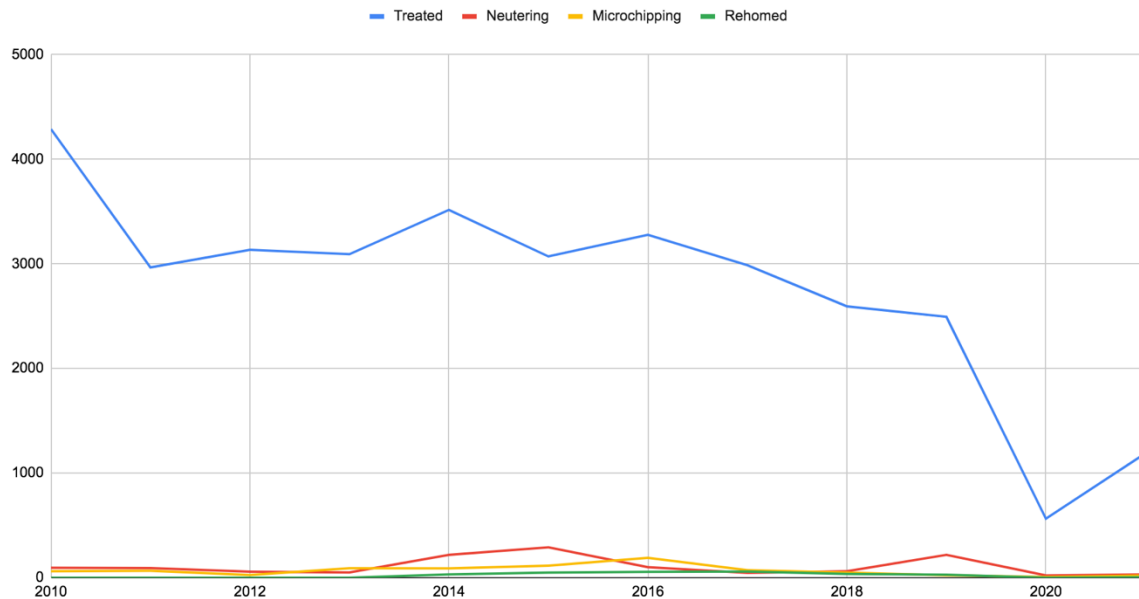


Figure 1: Animals treated, neutered, microchipped and rehomed 2010 – 2021

### North Wales Mobile Clinic

Similarly, the mobile clinic trustee group felt they had no other option than to close the service at the end of March 2020. As the service by its very nature represented significant risk (i.e. travelling around potentially serving as a vector for the virus) the group felt it was only safe to re-open the service in January 2021. However, it did give the trustees a valuable opportunity to restructure the service to ensure that when we did re-open, we could offer a robust service that had the capacity to grow and develop in response to the needs in North Wales. To that end two additional vets joined Jim and the team (Llinos and Kathy!) as well as a new Clinic Supervisor (Lee). A special welcome to the new team members and thanks to you all for enduring these challenging times! The team have been eager to get started and excited to realise the potential of this ground-breaking service.

In 2020, the service was only able to see 36 animals between January and March at the Llandudno venue (representing a 91% reduction in numbers to 2019).

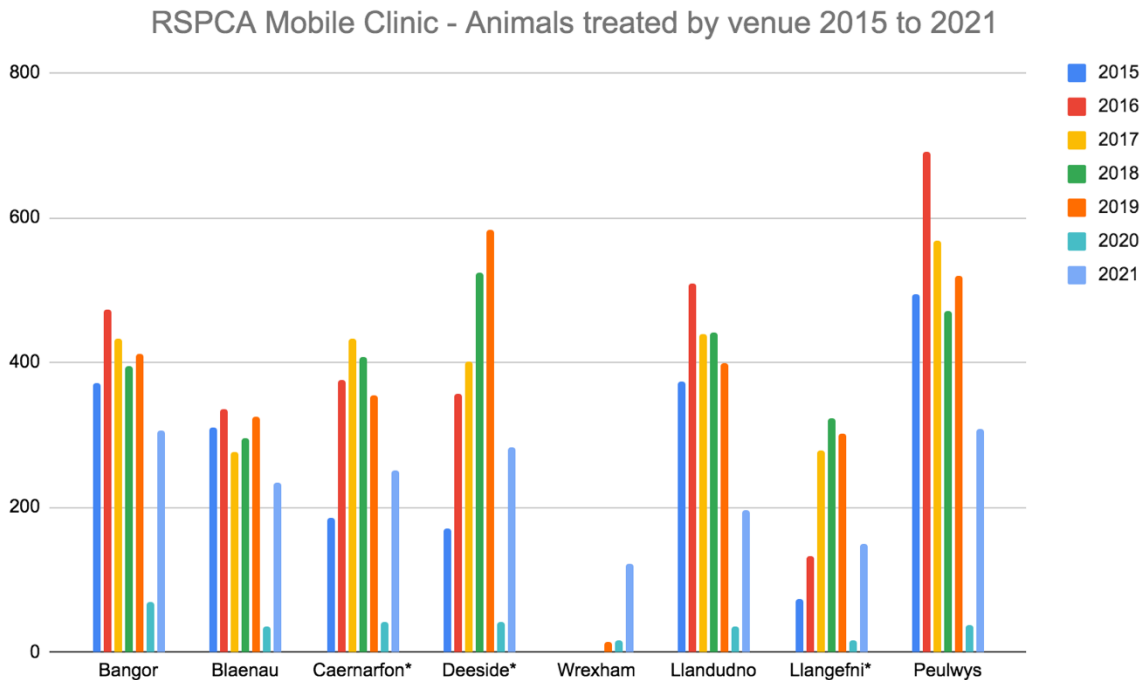


Figure 2: Animals treated by venue 2015 - 2021

### Rehoming

Our capacity to take in animals and manage a fostering network was also severely restricted by the pandemic. As such, in 2020 we were only able to take in and rehome 3 cats.

### Regional Collaboration

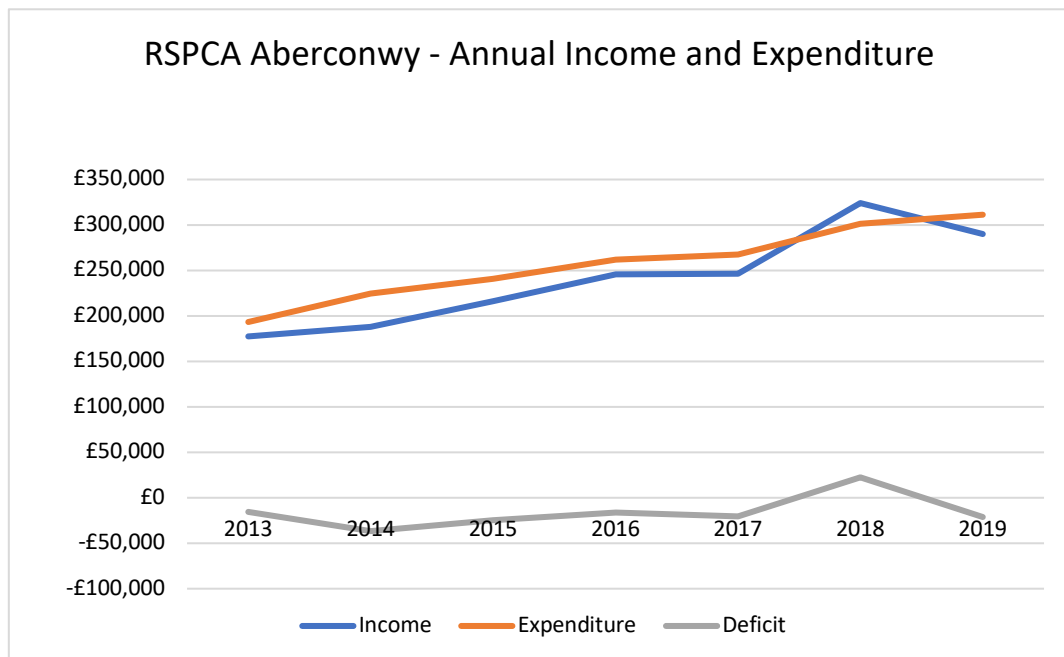
Many of the regional schemes the branch contributes to were also impacted by the pandemic but Inspectors continued to respond to priority cases of animal cruelty and suffering. The joint Cats Protection RSPCA Cat Neutering Scheme also continued to operate and in 2020 neutered 116 cats from our branch area.

### Charity Shop

Our shop was also closed for various periods during the year as a result of COVID. This meant our income generating capacity was also severely depleted resulting in a 53% reduction in sales. Once again despite the challenges of 2020, the tenacity and commitment to animal welfare of the charity shop team was unwavering and our thanks and gratitude goes out to the entire team.

### Branch Restructure

Over the past 7 years, the RSPCA Aberconwy Branch has consistently run at a deficit typically spending more on the provision of its services than it generates through fundraising and income generation.



*Figure 1: Income and expenditure between 2013 and 2019*

While the cost of providing the branch services has steadily risen, the income generated (with the exception of 2018 when a legacy was secured for the new mobile clinic) has consistently shown an average shortfall of £22,600 per year. This has impacted the Branch's reserves and in 2019 the trustees of the branch decided to take action to address this trend.

Since 2019, the trustees have spent a considerable amount of time and effort developing a strategy for the branch that they feel will both address this trend and safeguard the future of the charity while increasing both its scope and efficiency of its operations.

This work culminated in the trustees meeting with all staff on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 to outline the proposed new branch structure and to invite feedback from all branch staff. All of the feedback was gratefully received and was systematically reviewed and considered by the trustees before any changes to the original proposal were made where appropriate.

The branch is confident that through the combined input from all staff and trustees that there is now a positive, financially balanced and progressive structure for the branch to grow.

Underpinning the proposal is a new organisational structure which consists of:

- 1 x Operations Manager – Carl Lloyd
- 1 x Clinic Vet – Alison Holdam
- 1 x Clinic & Rehoming Supervisor

While the re-structuring of the branch was a much needed step the trustees had to take, it did sadly also mean the loss of two long standing members of staff, Pam Wilson and Lowri Kneale. Pam has played an integral role within the branch for many years contributing to almost every aspect of the branch's activities. She worked as the clinic manager, organised fundraising events, helped at the charity shop and fostered animals on behalf of the branch to name just a few. Lowri has also been a much valued member of the clinic veterinary team ensuring that we could continue to offer the very best veterinary services through her professionalism, expertise and work ethic.

The branch would like to thank both of these individuals for the amazing contribution they have both made to the branch over the years and wish them the very best of success with their future endeavours.

**Reserves policy**

The Branch holds reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds that are freely available for general purposes and are uncommitted.

## Wales and West Group 6 Annual Report 2019

### Group Statistics

Complaints Resolved	2,264+
Advice only	811+
Warning Notices	41+
Cases Submitted	21+
Adult Written Cautions	5+
Court Convictions	12+
Collections and Rescues Resolved	2,097+
Total Number of Markets Visited	397
Total Number of Market Animals Seen	517,388

(The + denotes statistics up to October. The last two months of the year were captured on Wilberforce and so not currently available as a report.)

2019 has been a challenging year for WW6. There have been a number of changes throughout the year that the team has met with continued professionalism. We have had three experienced inspectors join us from elsewhere. Inspector Nayman Dunderdale, Inspector Lucy De Havilland and Inspector Becky Jeffery. All three officers have served nearly 70 years between them, before coming to our group! A fantastic wealth of experience to share with colleagues. This brings the team to a total of 15 officers full and part time, including the Market inspectors.

The biggest change for WW6 came toward the end of the year. The transition to a new way of scheduling and tasking the work all our frontline staff do. Wilberforce. This has replaced the old TAILS system, which was long overdue. Officers now no longer have a patch or list of jobs. Their day is organised by staff, at the NCC hub, who have sight of all the work that comes in and the monumental task of getting it out to the field. The system is a totally new way of working and will take time to bed in, with updates and improvements ongoing as it is developed to suit our needs.

Members of the Wales and West 6 group are often called upon to rescue birds and animals from water situations. This is often hazardous and high risk. In order to carry out these rescues safely and effectively staff members are trained to an Internationally recognised standard as Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technicians. Every 2 years it is necessary to recertify by attending a 5 day course based in Plas Y Brenin. The most recent course was held in January in freezing conditions! A chilly start to the year indeed!

Once again the RSPCA teamed up with the North Wales Wildlife Trust to organise a coordinated beach clean at Cable Bay on Anglesey also in January. Lots of people came and worked together to clear a lot of harmful marine litter from this beautiful stretch of coastline.

In March, the new barn at Bryn Y Maen was used to host an evening for local vets and vet nurses to learn more about wildlife casualties. The talk was given by Bev Panto, head vet from Stapeley Grange. It was a good turn out, with over 40 people. A big thanks to the friends of Bryn Y Maen for letting us host the evening. It was extremely interesting and valuable. Thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

### **Cases and Complaints of note**

April saw Inspector Jenny Anderton report on the outcome of one of her cases - two people who received sentencing in 2018 had appealed their ban to the crown court. The original sentence was a ban for keeping horses, dogs and cats - (one for 5 years and one for 8 years), as well as fines, orders and a suspended prison sentence for one of the defendants. Multiple charges of animal welfare act offences had been brought against them in the original case, but they only pleaded guilty to a small amount of the charges. The appeal was heard during this month and the original ban from keeping horses dogs and cats was increased by the crown court to include all animals. Additional fines were also issued in respect to the costs incurred from the appeal. This was a great result and justice for the animals involved and the hard work the officer and her colleagues had put into the original case.

A gorgeous young Collie dog was dumped at the Rhyl Clinic in May, after his owner could no longer afford the veterinary treatment for an injury to its right foot that it received in a road traffic collision. Although the owner acted inappropriately by just dumping the dog without leaving any details ultimately he did do the best thing albeit he should have acted sooner. Inspector Rachael Davies transported the dog to Mochdre Vets on behalf of the clinic where he received his treatment and we believe has found his forever home. Information was received to confirm the original owner was in prison for unrelated offences.

### **Rope rescue**

Inspector Roberts, Dunderdale, Anderton and ACO Lloyd Williams were asked to help out with a rope rescue in Pembrokeshire in April. 65 sheep had gone over a sea cliff and a massive operation calling on all available rope rescue trained officers took place. It took two weeks to get all the sheep and the WW6 officers were present on the final day of the rescue, when the remaining 23 sheep were rescued. A sea boat was utilised to remove them to safety. This was a truly challenging and remarkable operation and thanks to all involved for the successful outcome.

Inspector Broadbent reported on a rope rescue of a lamb above Bryn Pydew, Llandudno in June "The 4wk old lamb had become separated from its mother and slipped around 12' down a 100' cliff face and landed on a steep ivy covered ledge. It slipped down yesterday but due to the fact that it was still suckling from its mother, who was calling distressed from the top, we decided to rescue it ASAP. Will Galvin and Ann Lloyd Williams abseiled down to

the ledge and successfully grabbed the lamb before reuniting it with its grateful mother. It immediately began to suckle and feed as it had grown quite quiet." Andy Broadbent and Vicki Taylor (from WW1) assisted from above.

### **Flood Rescue**

In June we had flooding to deal with. Inspectors Phil Lewis, Mike Pugh and Mark Roberts and ACO William Galvin were called to ewes and lambs stranded on high ground between a fast flowing river and a flooded field with the water flowing quickly through it. The job had previously been assessed by Inspector Jenny Anderton who met with the owners of the sheep and took video footage of the situation which she sent out to the rescue team.

On arrival the team met with owners and some friends of theirs who run a water sports centre in Bala and had brought an inflatable raft with them. The team took up positions close to a semi submerged fence and the raft was paddled across by the raft team. The sheep began to move and for a while it looked like they would make it across the flooded field by themselves. Then the current took them. The team by the fence then moved in and several of the ewes and lambs were either carried or guided to safety. The rest managed to make their own way to the banks. One lamb had to be taken back to the farm to be warmed before being returned to mum.

### **Collections of note**

In February, Inspector Lewis dealt with a badger in Chirk that sadly had been hit by a car. It had very unusual colouring - erythristic, meaning it lacks the black pigment in its fur through a genetic mutation. The mutation is quite rare throughout the UK, with North Shropshire having more sightings than other areas of erythristic badgers. The animal was transferred to Stapeley to make a full recovery before being returned to where it was found. In July Inspector Phil Lewis was called to an incident where a lamb had gone down a culvert or storm drain. Luckily it ended up right below a roadside drain on the A494 in High Street, Bala, where it was spotted and brought to our attention. The police controlled traffic while highways removed the drain cover. Phil was able to prevent the lamb going back up the culvert and then pull it out by its front legs. It was returned to the owner unharmed.

The owner of Percy, a female dark tortie cat, returned from work one evening in September, to be told by neighbours that their cat was stuck between the garage walls, having been alerted by loud cries. Inspector Nayman Dunderdale was allocated the job. Upon his arrival, the garage owner's son was on site along with Percy's mum who lives two doors down. Nayman attempted to free Percy, who was stuck upside down in the narrow gap, with the reach and rescue poles and hooks but he couldn't budge her. It was presumed she had gone into the space and tried to turn around, panicked and got lodged. The officer advised a hole needed to be knocked into the wall, preferably that evening, as Percy was upside down and would be extremely uncomfortable. Friendly builders were called in and knocked a brick out just above Percy. Being unable still to budge her, Nayman asked for another two bricks to be knocked out. He was then able to reach in and pull up the poor cat, whose back end was lodged tight. Percy was extremely calm when she came out and was handed back to the owner, who had retrieved a cat basket from home. Speaking to the owner the next morning, Nayman was told that Percy was fine and eating well, although

Insp Dunderdale did advise a little dieting wouldn't go a miss. Whilst not massive, controlling her food intake would help as she gets older. Apparently this was not the first time Percy had got into a muddle. Several years ago, when a little kitten, Percy had gone missing and was found in another tight space. It's a good job cats have 9 lives!

As always, I would like to finish my report by thanking the animal centres, branches, members and volunteers for all their support and help throughout the past year. It really would not be possible to do the job we do without you.

**Chief Inspector Leanne Hardy 783**  
**Wales and West Group 6**  
**RSPCA Cymru**

## North Wales Inspectorate Annual Report 2020

### **Year in summary**

Where do I start? 2020 will be the year that many of us would like to forget but will remember for a very long time. It pushed us to our limits at times, but also brought out the best in many of us. The RSPCA in general is undergoing massive changes as it modernises. This process began way before 2020 and will continue into the foreseeable future. 2020 saw the "Great Pandemic 2020" thrown into the mix on top of all that.

In order to continue to serve the animals of North Wales and keep the public and officers safe throughout the coronavirus outbreak, changes had to be made to the way we work in the inspectorate. The NCC was closed from 2300hrs to 0700 hrs, which meant we no longer were able to offer a 24 hour on call service. Throughout the restrictions we have been able to deal with animals most in need by dealing with emergency calls only.

The Society found itself in very serious financial difficulties in 2020, leading to a large number of redundancies. For the officers in North Wales, we sadly had to say goodbye to 7 valued, dedicated and irreplaceable officers, Animal Collection Officer Ann Lloyd Williams, Animal Collection Officer Will Galvin, Inspector Fred Armstrong, Inspector Becky Jeffries, Inspector Lucy DeHavilland, Market Inspector Bill Rowbottom and Market Inspector Warwick Burgess. They are all going to be missed terribly by those of us who have had the pleasure of working with them. Inspector Nayman Dunderdale, who had been helping us out with work in North Wales, was relocated back over the border within the West Mercia group. He will still be needed in North Wales to join us on our many rope rescues that we carry out. The Animal Collection Officer role was decommissioned and replaced with that of 'Animal Rescue Officer'. In addition to the collection and rescue work done by the ACOs, the job will also incorporate some complaint investigation work, to support the Inspector workload. We welcome to the North Wales group two new Animal Rescue Officers who will be joining us from Cheshire, ARO Lauren Bradshaw and ARO John Littlewood. Both officers have had additional intensive training on Animal Welfare legislation to prepare for their new role. They'll also both be getting a crash course in the Welsh alphabet at some point!

The operational inspectorate groups have also been restructured and our 'Wales & West 6' group has lost areas of Mid Wales. The new group area incorporates the counties of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham. We are now renamed the 'NORTH WALES' group.

### **Cases and Complaints of note**

Due to the pandemic, all court cases were postponed during 2020 so I am unable to comment on any cases we investigated as yet.

In October Inspector Rachael Davies dealt with a dog that we had received recurrent complaints about over the last few years. The elderly owners had been struggling to cope with the dog and signed her over so she could find a new home where she would get the

regular grooming or hair cuts she needed. What at first seemed to be a very nervous, possibly snappy dog, underneath all of the matts and dirt was a loveable friendly little thing who must've just been so uncomfortable it was portrayed in her behaviour.

In November we received a call from a concerned owner after his cat became locked inside a property he had been evicted from and the bailiffs were refusing him entry to get his beloved pet. ARO John Littlewood attended the address where the cat had been trapped for a couple of days. During the eviction the owner's partner had hold of the cat but during the commotion, it got scared and ran back into the safety of the house. The bailiffs then proceeded to change the locks on the property, refusing the owners of the cat entry to retrieve the animals in case they would refuse to leave again. ARO Littlewood was able to track down the keys for the property all the way over in Staffordshire. One long drive later there and back the cat was secured and returned back to the owner unharmed.

### **Rope rescue**

The Wales and West north rope rescue team were at it again just before covid 19 lock down started. Calls had come in regarding a goat seen trapped on a ledge for a couple of weeks near the old slate quarry at Blaenau Ffestiniog. The team was assembled. Vicki Taylor was to lead Ann Lloyd Williams, Jenny Anderton, Mike Pugh and Nayman Dunderdale. It was a cold wet drizzly morning. Once at the location, the goat's whereabouts was not obvious until a flash of white appeared. It turned out the goat was mostly dark but flashes of white showed depending how the goat was sat or stood.

With broad grins all geared up with mountain boots, waterproofs and the load of equipment, shared out in rucksacks, the team set off. It was a short walk to the bottom of the mountain where, upon reaching and looking up at what can only be described as the stairway to hell, the team gave out a sigh of "oh heck". Steps had been carved or hewn from rocks akin to the stairway up mount doom in Lord of the rings. They eventually ended at a large open tunnel carved out of the rock about 10 feet wide and around 30 feet long, rising on a steep angle. Although the sky shone from above, the tunnel was quite dark, so with head torches adorned the team clambered up with the heavy load on hands and knees. Mike and Nayman were chosen to drop off over and rescue the goat. The views of the area were spectacular and enjoyed while the system was set up. Once the goat was safely rescued and bagged Mike descended alongside it in case of snagging. It was lowered on spare rope about 70 metres to the bottom.

The goat was checked over and though a little lean, released back into the wild and was seen walking about grazing within minutes. All in all the team agreed it was one of the most difficult but most enjoyable rescues.

### **Collections and rescues of note**

In October Inspector Andrew Broadbent was called to assist on a horse rescue near Denbigh. The horse had fallen into a deep drainage ditch and couldn't get out. It was hypothermic and rapidly falling unconscious when Andrew arrived. A vet and the horse's owners were on scene. The vet sedated the horse and a front loader was used to drag the

horse free using straps. Once clear of the ditch, the vet checked over the horse. They got it standing and it was washed and exercised to warm up and went on to make a full recovery.

As always, I would like to finish my report by thanking the animal centres, branches, members and volunteers for all their support and help throughout the past unprecedented and difficult year. We look forward to 2021 with optimism and know that with your help we can continue to serve the animals and communities of North Wales to the best of our ability.

**Chief Inspector Leanne Hardy 783**  
**North Wales Inspectorate**  
**RSPCA Cymru**

## RSPCA BRYN-Y-MAEN ANIMAL CENTRE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Bryn-y-Maen team encountered another demanding year in 2019, with the ever increasing need for animals requiring spaces within the centre. We experienced a wide variety of animals needing behavioural support after experiencing challenging lives before entering our care. Having a behavioural team within the organisation has further supported our experienced team when managing animals in our care with behavioural needs.

A total of 511 animals entered our care including 128 dogs 249 cats 73 rabbits 61 other animals. We had an increased number of animals transferred to the centre via our regional network team to take advantage of our inhouse expertise.

A grand total of 429 animals found new homes made up of 94 dogs, 203 cats, 61 rabbits and 71 other animals including poultry, birds and small animals. Our rabbit rehoming was at its highest for the last 7 years and being the third highest within all the regional animal centre's.

In 2019 the centre started using the Society's volunteer management system called Assemble, which has been a positive success already. We continue to have a committed team of volunteers who are completing an average of 12 hours of volunteer work per month. A total of 5,779 volunteer hours were completed during the year, which shows the true commitment they have to the centre and animals in our care.

Our fundraising activities continue to grow annually, with Mags committed to managing these events. Abbie completed a sponsored headshave and raised over £2,000 in order for the centre to purchase dedicated poultry accommodation at the centre. The Friends Barn has also provided us with a new space to hold events within the centre and we look forward to updating you on these events in the near future.

Clare Maclean left the centre after a period away from her role, we wish her well for her future within a new sector. Amy Chambers joined the team in June after a year in a volunteer role at the centre and also successfully completed her degree making 2019 a positive year for her. Rachel Gibbs joined the team as Deputy Manager, bringing a wealth of experience with her. Rachel had previously worked within a branch centre and has experience working within another large animal charity. We are looking forward to the future with our new recruits.

Our annual Friends Dog Show was another successful event with over a hundred dogs entering the various show categories and generated over £3,300. We look forward to seeing you all at our 2020 event which will take place on Sunday 17th May 2020. The Friends of Bryn-y-Maen Barn had its official opening this year with Tabitha Adair King kindly agreeing to cut the ribbon for us. We thank supporters and committee members past and present, who made it possible for the centre to have this amazing facility.

From all the Team at Bryn-y-Maen we would like to say a special thanks to the North Wales Branches and Friends of Bryn-y-Maen for their continued support to ensure we provide the best possible care and commitment to the animals that spend time at the centre.

**Kind Regards Vicky Williams**

**Centre Manager Bryn-y-Maen Animal  
Centre**

## RSPCA BRYN-Y-MAEN ANIMAL CENTRE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

This year has certainly been interesting with new challenges for everyone following the arrival of Covid 19; who could have ever imagined the events we faced when entered into 2020. The centre adapted to the ever changing situation and continued to rehabilitate and rehome animals coming into our care. Our team of staff and volunteers remained committed and dedicated throughout the year's challenges to achieve the very best for our animals.

The closure of the centre to visitors and the introduction of virtual rehoming from April was a big change to our way of working. We have experienced positive outcomes with the changes and we will continue to develop our processes in the year ahead to best support our future rehoming. We found new homes for a total of 228 animals which included 42 Dogs, 114 Cats, 30 Rabbits and 42 Other Animals. Over 150 of these were rehomed through our virtual rehoming process.

We admitted a total of 330 animals into our care including 65 dogs 148 cats 39 rabbits 78 other animals. We supported our local inspectorate with over 40 poultry from a large multi-animal home. We continued to work closely with our network team and have recruited and trained four volunteer network drivers to support the transportation of animals from North Wales into available spaces within England.

Our volunteers completed a total of 3,539 hours at the centre which is an amazing achievement considering the restrictions we experienced throughout 2020, including the temporary suspension of the program. Our volunteers continue to be at the heart of the centre and support us with the amazing success stories we see daily. We hope to expand our volunteer team in 2021 and will strive to deliver further successes.

Sadly we made the decision to cancel our Friends Dog Show and also many more of our planned fundraising events due to the pandemic. Our fundraising activities changed dramatically from regular events within the local community towards a new approach centred around online events.

Helen Jones left her Animal Care Assistant role to join the RSPCA Cornwall Branch; we wish her well with her exciting new role. Becca Loyley was successfully appointed as our first Behaviour & Welfare advisor after spending over eight years as an Animal Care Assistant. The new role will see Becca providing behavioural support to the team and animals that come into our care.

Rachel Ali and Sarah Davies joined the team in Animal Care Assistant positions; we look forward to working with our new team members into the future, broadening our skills and knowledge within the team.

Thank you to the North Wales branches and Friends of Bryn-y-Maen for continuing to support the animals that need us most in these challenging and uncertain times. We hope 2021 brings opportunities for us all to gather as a team, assess the challenges we've all overcome and build on the many success stories.

**Warm Regards**

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