

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS STAFFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 226711

Details

Other names RSPCA - STAFFORD AND COUNTY BRANCH, RSPCA - STAFFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT, RSPCA STAFFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-11-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE BRANCH ARE TO PROMOTE THE WORK AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY [ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (219099)], WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AREA OF THE BRANCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AREA OF THE BRANCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY.

Activities: Our mission is to prevent cruelty, promote kindness to and alleviate suffering of animals in the Stafford and Wolverhampton area in accordance with the policies of the national RSPCA.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STAFFORDSHIRE.
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Staffordshire
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£118,884	£71,861	-	-
2023-12-31	£518,633	£84,949	£668,696	0
2022-12-31	£73,789	£75,854	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,803	£50,958	-	-
2020-12-31	£59,590	£66,651	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Emma White		2020-02-05
Gary Rogers		2019-09-06
James Philip Donovan White		2025-05-18
Margaret Hall		2020-12-09
Tracey Rogers		2016-11-03

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
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Introduction

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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 2011 to have due regard to the revised public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

We offer free animal care advice by telephone and email. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

Structure, Governance and Management

The branch actively advertises Trustee roles on our website, the National RSPCA website, our social media pages and volunteer recruitment sites. The Branch constitution requires five Trustees to be elected by the branch members at an AGM.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Objectives and Activities

The Branch supports our local Inspectors and Animal Rescue Officers by taking in, free of charge, mistreated, neglected or abandoned cats, including cats whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties or pass away.

Cats in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccinations, neutering, microchipping and are assessed for rehoming.

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Review of the Year

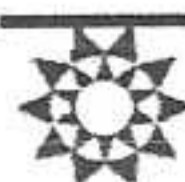
Animal Welfare Assistance

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District rehomed 130 cats and 3 rabbits in 2024 which is down on 2023 we assume this is down to the cost of living continuing to rise and also the fact that we had to shut down the cattery at Rodbaston at the end of September due to it being in disrepair and not providing adequate welfare condition for our cats.

We have provided a large amount of rehabilitation to cats in our care to enable them to be successfully rehomed. Our animal intake via the Inspectorate was up on 2023 at 33% inspectorate intake. As Trustees we made the decision again in 2024 to continue intake of animals under branch welfare concern from members of the public to ensure our cat pens and fosterers were fully utilised throughout the year totalling an intake of 109 cats. Others were referred via vets when they were found as sick or injured strays. This overall animal intake is lower than in 2023 due to not having a cattery facility for the last quarter of the year.

We increased branch attendance at fundraising events in 2024 which allowed us to reinstate branch welfare assistance and run a dog neuter campaign for XL Bullies following on from the change in legislation regarding this breed of dog. We also continued to contribute via the West Midlands Regional Board to the joint cat neuter venture with Cats Protection, the West Midlands Cat Neuter Scheme. The area RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District Branch covers is the highest user of this scheme for cat neutering. However Cats Protection pulled out of this scheme during 2024 and the branch took the decision to continue offering neutering assistance for cat to members of the public on means tested benefits.

The merger with RSPCA Walsall in 2023 has added extra pressure to the branch the area previously covered by RSPCA Walsall is a high need area which does not offer many opportunities for the branch to *fundraise in*.



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Income Generation

The branch once again increased their attendance at fundraising events during 2024 which enabled the branch to generate more income. The branch attended as many as possible other fundraising events, fetes, carnivals etc and also attended their first car boot sale. The branch is looking to recruit more fundraising volunteers during 2025 to enable attendance at more events.

It is still the intention to recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator to explore other avenues of fundraising and increase income going forward.

Cattery Project

Unfortunately the relocation of the branch cattery stalled during 2024 due to the college having redevelopment work which required completion prior to our cattery being moved. There is still £300,000 ringfenced for this project.

Volunteers

The branch held an in-person AGM in 2024 which was a great success. The Trustee Board remained stable in 2024 with 5 Trustees. Two Trustees sadly decided to resign in 2024 due to family pressure.

We have a small group of volunteers in addition to the Trustees that we would like to thank for their continued time, effort and support for the Branch animals. It has been challenging over the last few years and we have been lucky to have dedicated volunteers within the branch. We are looking to increase our volunteer numbers in 2025 to support the work of the Branch and enable our long-term objectives.

Thanks, is also extended to all Inspectors, Animal Rescue Officers and all the staff at RSPCA that have provided advice and support throughout the year.



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Branch received income of £118,884 (2023: £518,633) after expenditure this gives a net income of £47,023 (2023: £434,146). Branch contributions totalling £3,308 (2023: £6,064) were made.

The previous years accounts were produced under the accruals system of accounting due to the merger taking the charity's income above the Receipts and Payments maximum level. As the income has now returned to the lower level expected, we have reverted this year to the Receipts and Payments system of accounts reporting. This has meant that the prior year figures have been restated to remove the prior year accountancy accrual.

Risks

The Trustees examine the major risks that are faced when they consider their plans for the utilisation for the resources of the Branch. The Trustees consider that there are systems in place to mitigate the impact any risks may have on the future activities of the Branch.

Reserves Policy

The Branch holds reserves in order that the levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources.

Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for the Branch's general purposes after all commitments have been met.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that existing reserves are sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources.

We acknowledge that we are holding reserves in excess of 5 years. The Committee's longer-term objectives are to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming. In 2022 we took the decision to ringfence the sum of £152,500 with an additional £150,000 added in 2023. From this, £3,857 has been spent towards the Cattery provision during this year, leaving a designated balance of £285,177.

Free reserves net of designated funds stands at £286,422 at the year-end (2023: £232,522 (restated)).

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Animals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

The report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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

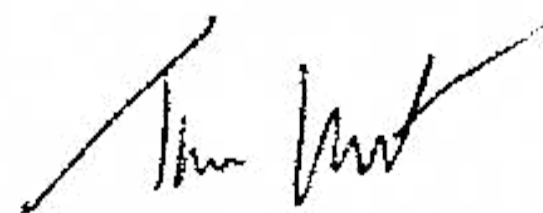
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Dated: 21/05/2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Restricted £	2024 Unrestricted £	Total £	(restated) 2023 Total £
Receipts				
Subscriptions, donations and collections	-	107,395	107,395	137,694
Investment income	-	11,489	11,489	4,671
Other income -	-	-	-	-
Funds from Walsall branch transfer	-	-	-	376,268
	-	118,884	118,884	518,633
Payments				
Veterinary fees				
Welfare		2,949		
Branch	640	31,309	31,949	25,060
Fostering and boarding expenses	2,400	17,933	20,333	27,272
Branch contribution	-	3,308	3,308	6,064
Printing, postage and stationery	-	1,763	1,763	102
Accountancy fees	-	2,424	2,424	1,962
Fundraising Costs	-	4,872	4,872	4,306
Travel	-	1,353	1,353	1,620
Recruitment and wages costs	-	-	-	3,393
Insurance	-	1,459	1,459	660
Bank charges	-	60	60	55
Cattery Project costs	-	3,857	3,857	11,503
Other expenditure:				
Other	-	483	483	2,490
	3,040	68,821	71,861	84,487
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	(3,040)	50,063	47,023	434,146
transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at last year end	149,564	521,556	671,120	236,974
Cash funds this year end	146,524	571,619	718,143	671,120



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	(restated) 2023 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
CAF Cash Account	5,000	5,000
CAF Gold Account	474,770	414,767
Barclays Community Account	64,939	98,140
Coop	92,613	60,000
Lloyds	5,822	93,213
Dudley Building Society	75,000	-
	<u>718,143</u>	<u>671,120</u>

Funds Analysis

	2024				2023
	Designated £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Total £
Cash funds	285,177	146,524	286,442	718,143	671,120
Total	<u>285,177</u>	<u>146,524</u>	<u>286,442</u>	<u>718,143</u>	<u>671,120</u>

Signed and approved on behalf of the trustees, by:



Trustee

Date: 18/05/2025



Trustee

Date: 18/5/25



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The comparative figures relate to the year ended 31 December 2023.

1.2 Voluntary Income

No account of voluntary income is taken prior to it having been received.

2 Trustee Remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £Nil)
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £Nil)
During the year there were nil trustee expenses reimbursed (2023 - Nil)

3 Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2023: £nil).

4 Funds

The Designated funds have been ring fenced to help achieve the objective to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming and creating a sustainable income stream in the form of a shop.

The restricted funds relate to funds transferred over on the merger that is to be spent on care in the Walsall area and on efforts to recruit more fosterers in the Walsall area. The fund is restricted for 3 years from 6 March 2023.



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Review of the Year

RSPCA Walsall Merger

RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District branch completed a successful merger with RSPCA Walsall branch on 06 March 2023. All volunteers, animals and funds were transferred to RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District branch. This also expanded the animal type that the branch was able to rehome as RSPCA Walsall had fosterers for small companion animals.

Animal Welfare Assistance

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District rehomed 155 cats in 2023 which is up on 2022 despite the fact that the cost of living continued to increase during 2023. We also rehomed 42 small companion animals (guinea pigs, hamsters and rats).

We have provided a large amount of rehabilitation to cats in our care to enable them to be successfully rehomed. Our animal intake via the Inspectorate was lower than previous years in 2023 due to the merger with RSPCA Walsall, the animals they had in care were transferred over to us. However, we still had 31% inspectorate intake. As Trustees we made the decision again in 2023 to continue intake of animals under branch welfare concern from members of the public to ensure our cat pens and fosterers were fully utilised throughout the year totalling an intake of 196 cats, 3 rabbits and 42 small companion animals. Others were referred via vets when they were found as sick or injured strays. This overall animal intake is higher than in 2022. We have continued to use Rodbaston as the provider of our boarding which has helped us to keep the expenditure down for the Branch.



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Income Generation

The branch increased their attendance at fundraising events during 2023 which enabled the branch to generate more income. The branch continued to attend Hednesford Farmers Market monthly which again proved successful. The branch also attended as many as possible other fundraising events, fetes, carnivals etc. The merger with RSPCA Walsall also expanded the locations in which the branch could fundraise and are hoping to explore the new geographical area even more in 2024. The branch is looking to recruit more fundraising volunteers during 2024 to enable attendance at more events.

It is still the intention to recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator to explore other avenues of fundraising and increase income going forward.

Cattery Project

The relocation of the branch Cattery moved forward with architects' plans being drawn up for the new site, still on the Rodbaston Campus, and with planning permission being granted in September 2023. Provisionally the Cattery build will be for 32 double cat pens with a dedicated kitchen area and is looking to be completed late 2024 / early 2025. This is an enormous project for the branch to undertake but will be extremely beneficial for cat welfare within the branch area and for the Inspectorate. We have taken the decision to ringfence a further sum £150,000 for this project.

Volunteers

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Review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Branch received income of £518,633 (2022: £73,789) after expenditure this gives a net income of £433,684 (2022: deficit of £4,027). Branch contributions totalling £6,064 (2022: £3,308) were made.

Due to the merger during the year, our income has gone above the Receipts and Payments maximum level, and therefore these accounts are under the accruals system of accounting. This has meant that the prior year figures have been restated to include a prior year accountancy accrual.

Risks

The Trustees examine the major risks that are faced when they consider their plans for the utilisation for the resources of the Branch. The Trustees consider that there are systems in place to mitigate the impact any risks may have on the future activities of the Branch.

Reserves Policy

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Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for the Branch's general purposes after all commitments have been met.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that existing reserves are sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources.

We acknowledge that we are holding reserves in excess of 5 years. The Committee's longer-term objectives are to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming. At the year end £289,034 was held in a separate designated fund for use in the project for new Cattery provision .

Free reserves net of designated funds stands at £230,098 at the year-end (2022: £84,475 (restated)).

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.



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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf, by:


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Trustee

Date: 12/06/2024


.....

Trustee

Date: 12/06/24.



**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Stafford Wolverhampton and District Branch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

The report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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

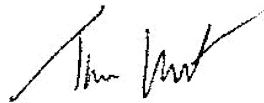
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the 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:



Dated: 11/07/2024

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Restricted £	2023 Unrestricted £	Total £	(restated) 2022 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	137,694	137,694	73,068
Other similar income	4	160,000	216,268	376,268	-
Investments	5	-	4,671	4,671	721
Total income		160,000	358,633	518,633	73,789
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6,7	10,436	74,513	84,949	77,816
Total expenditure		10,436	74,513	84,949	77,816
Net movement in funds		149,564	284,120	433,684	(4,027)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	235,012	235,012	239,039
Total funds carried forward		149,564	519,132	668,696	235,012

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.



**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	(restated) 2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		671,120	236,974
Creditors falling due within one year	11	- 2,424	- 1,962
Net current assets		<u>668,696</u>	<u>235,012</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>668,696</u>	<u>235,012</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>668,696</u></u>	<u><u>235,012</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	12	149,564	-
Unrestricted funds	12	519,132	235,012
Total funds		<u><u>668,696</u></u>	<u><u>235,012</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Trustee

Date: 12/06/2024


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Trustee

Date: 12/06/24.



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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
net income/expenditure for the year		433,684	- 4,027
Increase in debtors		462	1,962
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>434,146</u>	<u>- 2,065</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		434,146	- 2,065
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		236,974	239,039
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	13	<u><u>671,120</u></u>	<u><u>236,974</u></u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the National RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (219099) - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the branch (Stafford, Wolverhampton and District), in accordance with the policies of the National RSPCA.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Stafford, Wolverhampton and District Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.



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2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Note

3 Income from Donations and legacies

	2023			<i>2022</i>
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions, donations and collections	-	137,694	137,694	63,793
Other income - grant for van	-	-	-	9,275
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	-	137,694	137,694	73,068

4 Other similar income

	2023			<i>2022</i>
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£
Funds from Walsall branch transfer	160,000	216,268	376,268	
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	160,000	216,268	376,268	-

5 Investment income

	2023			<i>2022</i>
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	-	4,671	4,671	721
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	-	4,671	4,671	721

6 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	2023			<i>2022</i>
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£
Charitable expenditure	10436	74,513	84949	75,854
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<i>Total 2022</i>	9275	68541	77816	



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7 Analysis of expenditure by activities

	2023			2022
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable expenditure	63,835	21,114	84,949	77,816
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>41,430</u>	<u>36,386</u>	<u>77,816</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

		2023		2022
		Charitable activity	Total	Total
		£	£	£
Veterinary fees	Welfare	625	625	699
	Branch	24,435	24,435	26,639
Fostering and boarding expenses		27,272	27,272	12,129
Cattery Project costs		11,503	11,503	1,963
		<u>63,835</u>	<u>63,835</u>	<u>41,430</u>



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Analysis of support costs

	2023		2022
	Charitable activity £	Total £	Total £
Branch contribution	6,064	6,064	3,308
Printing, postage and stationery	102	102	392
Accountancy fees	2,424	2,424	3,810
Social security and other taxes		-	-
Fundraising Costs	4,306	4,306	2,586
Travel	1,620	1,620	855
Recruitment and wages costs	3,393	3,393	-
Insurance	660	660	1,773
Bank charges	55	55	81
Other expenditure:			
Van purchase		-	22,880
Other	2,490	2,490	701
	21,114	21,114	36,386

8 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,424	1,962



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9 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,340	-
Social security costs	28	-
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	25	-
	3,393	-

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year is nil (2022: nil). The only employee during the year was ported over from Walsall RSPCA branch as part of the merger during the year. The employee ceased employment at the end of their contract.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10 Trustee Remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £Nil)

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £Nil)

During the year there were nil trustee expenses reimbursed (2022 - Nil)

11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	2,424	1,962



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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12 Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	84,475	358,633	- 63,010	- 150,000	230,098
Designated funds	150,537	-	- 11,503	150,000	289,034
	<u>235,012</u>	<u>358,633</u>	<u>- 74,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>519,132</u>
Restricted Funds					
Walsall care	-	160,000	- 10,436		149,564
	<u>235,012</u>	<u>518,633</u>	<u>- 84,949</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>668,696</u>

The Designated funds have been ring fenced to help achieve the objective to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming and creating a sustainable income stream in the form of a shop.

The restricted funds relate to funds transferred over on the merger that is to be spent on care in the Walsall area and on efforts to recruit more fosterers in the Walsall area. The fund is restricted for 3 years from 6 March 2023.



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Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General funds	86,539	64,514	- 66,578	84,475
Designated funds	152,500	-	- 1,963	150,537
	<u>239,039</u>	<u>64,514</u>	<u>- 68,541</u>	<u>235,012</u>
Restricted Funds				
restricted funds	-	9,275	- 9,275	-
	<u>239,039</u>	<u>73,789</u>	<u>- 77,816</u>	<u>235,012</u>

13 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash in hand	<u>671,120</u>	<u>236,974</u>

14 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2023	Cash flows	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>236,974</u>	<u>434,146</u>	<u>671,120</u>

15 Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2022: £nil).



Accounts

Charity number: 226711

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
STAFFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**



**UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Trustees

Mr J Barnett
Mrs J Barnett
Mr G Rogers
Mrs T Rogers
Ms S Lunn
Mrs M Hall
Ms E White
Mr N Martin appointed 12 October 2022

Charity registered number

226711

Principal address

RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District
PO Box 7190
Huntington
Cannock
WS12 9HB

Accountants

WR Partners
Chartered Accountants
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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Introduction

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District Branch registered charity number 226711 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 within the regions of Stafford and Wolverhampton. The Branch is governed by the National RSPCA branch rules effective 18 February 2009.

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (219099)) – to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means- with particular reference to the regions of Stafford and Wolverhampton, in accordance within the policies of the Society.

Public Benefit

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 2011 to have due regard to the revised public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

We offer free animal care advice by telephone and email. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

Structure, Governance and Management

The branch actively advertises Trustee roles on our website, the National RSPCA website, our social media pages and volunteer recruitment sites. The Branch constitution requires seven Trustees to be elected by the branch members at an AGM.



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Objectives and Activities

The Branch supports our local Inspectors by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned cats, including cats whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties or pass away.

Cats in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccinations, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming.

Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals and therefore would fall outside our objectives to rehome to those who could not afford them.

Review of the Year

Animal Welfare Assistance

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District rehomed 141 cats in 2022 which is down on 2021, the assumption is that many people wanted to go on holiday after the long travel restrictions and didn't want to adopt a pet if they were going on holiday also the cost of living increased substantially during 2022 so people had to consider the increased financial implications before taking on a pet.

We have provided a large amount of rehabilitation to cats in our care to enable them to be successfully rehomed. Our cat Intake remains over 40% inspectorate intake (43%), as Trustees we made the decision again in 2022 to increase intake under branch welfare concern from members of the public to ensure our pens were fully utilised throughout the year totalling an intake of 157 cats. Others were referred via vets when they were found as sick or injured strays. We have continued to use Rodbaston as the provider of our boarding which has helped us to keep the expenditure down for the Branch.

We also recruited two new sets of volunteer fosterers, both vet nurses which is a great asset to the branch.

Due to lack of income in 2021 and fundraising only starting again in the second quarter of 2022 the branch took the decision not to run any welfare campaigns. We were hoping to participate in Rabbit Awareness Week and provide assistance with rabbit neutering costs together with a Dog Neuter Campaign, as the need is high within the branch area. It is hoped these welfare campaigns will be reinstated in 2023.



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Income Generation

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 and the associated lockdowns and restrictions all fundraising for 2021 were cancelled but during the second quarter of 2022 fundraising events started up again. This enabled the branch to start generating income again, the branch attended Hednesford and Stafford Farmers Markets monthly which proved successful. Other fundraising events, fetes, carnivals etc. also started again during 2022 and the branch attended as many as possible. The branch is looking to recruit more fundraising volunteers during 2023 to enable attendance at more events.

It is the intention to recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator to explore other avenues of fundraising and increase income in 2023.

Volunteers

The branch decided to hold an in-person AGM in 2022 which was a great success. The Trustee Board remained stable in 2022 with 7 Trustees with a newly Co-Opted Trustee who joined in October 2022.

We have a small group of volunteers in addition to the Trustees that we would like to thank for their continued time, effort and support for the Branch animals. It has been challenging over the last few years and we have been lucky to have dedicated volunteers within the branch. We are looking to increase our volunteer numbers in 2023 to support the work of the Branch and enable our long-term objectives.

Thanks, is also extended to all Inspectors, Animal Rescue Officers and all the staff at RSPCA that have provided advice and support throughout the year.

Review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Branch received income of £73,789 (2021 : £59,803) after expenditure this gives a net cash deficit of £2,065 (2021: profit of £8,845). Branch contributions totalling £3,308 (2021 : £3,308) were made.

Risks

The Trustees examine the major risks that are faced when they consider their plans for the utilisation for the resources of the Branch. The Trustees consider that there are systems in place to mitigate the impact any risks may have on the future activities of the Branch.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Reserves Policy

The Branch holds reserves in order that the levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources.

Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for the Branch's general purposes after all commitments have been met.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that existing reserves are sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources.

We acknowledge that we are holding reserves in excess of 5 years. The Committee's longer-term objectives are to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming. Therefore last year we took the decision to ringfence the sum of £152,500. From this, £1,963 has been spent towards the Cattery provision during this year, leaving a designated balance of £150,537. a share of a legacy left to the Staffordshire region in the sum of £2,500 which we have allocated towards the Cattery Project.

Free reserves net of designated funds stands at £86,437 at the year-end (2021: £86,539).

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf, by:



Trustee

Date: 12/3/23



Trustee

Date: 12/03/2023



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Animals

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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').

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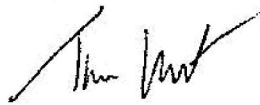
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Signed:



Dated: 19/06/2023

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	Total £	2021 Total £
Receipts				
Subscriptions, donations and collections	-	63,793	63,793	46,189
Investment income	-	721	721	19
VAT refund	-	-	-	13,595
Other income - grant for van	9,275	-	9,275	-
	9,275	64,514	73,789	59,803
Payments				
Veterinary fees				
Welfare		699		
Branch		26,639		
	-	27,338	27,338	33,209
Fostering and boarding expenses	-	12,129	12,129	11,307
Branch contribution	-	3,308	3,308	3,308
Printing, postage and stationery	-	392	392	396
Accountancy fees	-	1,848	1,848	2,250
Fundraising Costs	-	2,586	2,586	-
Travel	-	855	855	59
Insurance	-	1,773	1,773	-
Bank charges	-	81	81	100
Cattery Project costs	-	1,963	1,963	-
Other expenditure:				
Van purchase	9,275	13,605	22,880	-
Other	-	701	701	329
	9,275	66,579	75,854	50,958
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	-	(2,065)	(2,065)	8,845
transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at last year end	-	239,039	239,039	230,194
Cash funds this year end	-	236,974	236,974	239,039



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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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	2022 £	2021 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
CAF Cash Account	5,000	5,000
CAF Gold Account	171,411	192,179
Barclays Community Account	60,563	41,860
	236,974	239,039

Funds Analysis

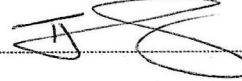
	2022 Designated £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Cash funds	150,537	-	86,437	236,974	239,039
Total	150,537	-	86,437	236,974	239,039

Signed and approved on behalf of the trustees, by:



Trustee

Date: 12/3/23.



Trustee

Date: 12/03/2023



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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The comparative figures relate to the year ended 31 December 2021.

1.2 Voluntary Income

No account of voluntary income is taken prior to it having been received.

2 Trustee Remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 - £Nil)
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 - £Nil)

During the year there were nil trustee expenses reimbursed (2021 - Nil)

3 Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2021: £nil).

4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

The Branch holds Unrestricted reserves in order that the levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. The Designated funds have been ring fenced to help achieve the objective to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming and creating a sustainable income stream in the form of a shop.



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Trustees

**Mr J Barnett
Mrs J Barnett
Mr G Rogers
Mrs T Rogers
Ms S Lunn
Mrs M Hall
Ms E White**

Charity registered number

226711

Principal address

**RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District
PO Box 7190
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Accountants

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Introduction

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District Branch registered charity number 226711 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 within the regions of Stafford and Wolverhampton. The Branch is governed by the National RSPCA branch rules effective 18 February 2009.

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (219099)) – to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means- with particular reference to the regions of Stafford and Wolverhampton, in accordance within the policies of the Society.

Public Benefit

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 2011 to have due regard to the revised public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

We offer free animal care advice by telephone and email. The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

Structure, Governance and Mangement

The branch actively advertises Trustee roles on our website, the National RSPCA website, our social media pages and volunteer recruitment sites. The Branch constitution requires seven Trustees to be elected by the branch members at an AGM.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Objectives and Activities

The Branch supports our local inspectors by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned cats, including cats whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties or pass away.

Cats in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccinations, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming.

Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals and therefore would fall outside our objectives to rehome to those who could not afford them.

Review of the Year

Animal Welfare Assistance

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District rehomed 164 cats in 2021 which is an increase on 2020. We have provided a large amount of rehabilitation to cats in our care to enable them to be successfully rehomed. Our cat intake remains over 40% inspectorate intake (48%), as Trustees we made the decision again in 2021 to increase intake under branch welfare concern from members of the public to ensure our pens were fully utilised throughout the year totalling an intake of 183 cats. Others were referred via vets when they were found as sick or injured strays. We have continued to use Rodbaston as the provider of our boarding which has helped us to keep the expenditure down for the Branch.

We also recruited two new sets of volunteer fosterers, one of whom is a vet nurse and vet which is a great asset to the branch.

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic in 2021 the branch was again unable to run any of the planned welfare campaigns, we were hoping to participate in Rabbit Awareness Week and provide assistance with rabbit neutering costs. Also continuing on from the success of the 2018 – 2019 Dog Neuter Campaign the branch was hoping to continue with this into 2021.

Income Generation

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 and the associated lockdowns and restrictions all fundraising for 2021 was cancelled. The branch relies heavily on community events, carnivals and fetes and supermarket tin shakes which were all cancelled. Therefore 2021 fundraising income was vastly reduced. Two years of no fundraising makes a massive impact on the income of the branch.

Due to the restrictions the branch was unable to recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator to explore other avenues of fundraising and increasing income as planned however, this is an ongoing requirement and we hope we can recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator in 2022.



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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Volunteers

The branch decided to hold the AGM in 2021 virtually which was a great success, with members embracing technology to attend. The Trustee Board remained stable in 2021 with 7 Trustees.

We have a small group of volunteers in addition to the Trustees that we would like to thank for their continued time, effort and support for the Branch animals. It has been challenging over the last few years and we have been lucky to have dedicated volunteers within the branch. We are looking to increase our volunteer numbers in 2022 to support the work of the Branch and enable our long-term objectives.

Thanks, is also extended to all Inspectors, Animal Rescue Officers and all the staff at RSPCA that have provided advice and support throughout the year.

Review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Branch received income of £59,803 (2020 : £59,590) after expenditure this gives a net cash receipt of £8,845 (2020: deficit of £7,061). Branch contributions totalling £3,308 (2020 : £14,333) were made.

Risks

The Trustees examine the major risks that are faced when they consider their plans for the utilisation for the resources of the Branch. The Trustees consider that there are systems in place to mitigate the impact any risks may have on the future activities of the Branch.



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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Reserves Policy

The Branch holds reserves in order that the levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources.

Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for the Branch's general purposes after all commitments have been met.

It is the opinion of the Trustees that existing reserves are sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources.

We acknowledge that we are holding reserves in excess of 5 years. The Committee's longer-term objectives are to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming and creating a sustainable income stream in the form of a shop. We therefore have taken the decision to ring fence the sum of £150,000 to help us achieve this objective. We also received a share of a legacy left to the Staffordshire region in the sum of £2,500 which we have allocated towards the Cattery Project.

Free reserves net of designated funds stand at £86,539 at the year-end (2020 : £73,194).

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf, by:


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Trustee
Date: 14/05/2022


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Trustee
Date: 14/05/2022



**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Animals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

The report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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

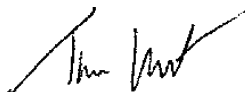
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Dated: 14/06/2022

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Restricted	2021 Unrestricted	Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Subscriptions, donations and collections		46,189	46,189	56,734
Investment income		19	19	80
VAT refund		13,595	13,595	2,699
Other income			-	77
	-	59,803	59,803	59,590
<u>Payments</u>				
Veterinary fees	Welfare	878		
	Branch	32,331		
		33,209	33,209	27,954
Fostering and boarding expenses		11,307	11,307	19,357
Branch contribution		3,308	3,308	14,333
Printing, postage and stationery		396	396	350
Accountancy fees		2,250	2,250	1,200
Fundraising Costs		-	-	750
Travel		59	59	1,413
Insurance		-	-	532
Bank charges		100	100	60
Other expenditure		329	329	702
	-	50,958	50,958	66,651
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	-	8,845	8,845	(7,061)
transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at last year end	-	230,194	230,194	237,255
Cash funds this year end	-	239,039	239,039	230,194



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
CAF Cash Account	5,000	5,000
CAF Gold Account	192,179	186,231
Barclays Community Account	41,860	38,963
	239,039	230,194

Funds Analysis

	2021 Designated £	2021 Restricted	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Cash funds	152,500	-	86,539	239,039	230,194
Total	152,500	-	86,539	239,039	230,194

Signed and approved on behalf of the trustees, by:



Trustee

Date: 14/05/2022.



Trustee

Date: 14/05/2022



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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1.2 Voluntary Income

No account of voluntary income is taken prior to it having been received.

2 Trustee Remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 - £Nil)

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020 - £Nil)

During the year there were nil trustee expenses reimbursed (2020 - 4 Trustees -£908)

3 Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2020: £nil).

4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

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Charity number: 226711

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees	Mr J Barnett Mrs J Barnett Mr G Rogers Mrs T Rogers Ms S Lunn Mrs M Hall Co-opted 09/12/2020 Ms E White Co-opted 05/02/2020 Mrs M Hill Resigned 04/11/2020
Charity registered number	226711
Principal address	RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District PO Box 7190 Huntington Cannock WS12 9HB
Accountants	WR Partners Chartered Accountants Belmont House Shrewsbury Business Park Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6LG



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STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Objectives and Activities

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Review of the Year

Animal Welfare Assistance

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton & District rehomed 158 cats in 2020 which is an increase on 2019. We have provided a large amount of rehabilitation to cats in our care to enable them to be successfully rehomed. Our cat intake remains over 40% inspectorate intake (41%), as Trustees we made the decision to increase intake under branch welfare concern from members of the public to ensure our pens were fully utilised throughout the year totalling an intake of 154 cats. Others were referred via vets when they were found as sick or injured strays. We have continued to use Rodbaston as the provider of our boarding which has helped us to keep the expenditure down for the Branch.

We also recruited a new volunteer fosterer, who specialises in hand-rearing kittens and kittens with special needs which is a huge asset to our Branch and the RSPCA in general, this has enabled us to take in very young kittens that need 24-hour care from Birmingham Animal Hospital and the Inspectorate.

With the branches commitment to helping vulnerable cats and kittens the Trustees made the decision to invest in 6 cat / kitten holding pens for one of our foster homes at a cost of £9,826.80, these were paid for by funds raised by the branch and a West Midlands Regional Board Grant. The holding pens have proved invaluable over the last twelve months enabling us to take in cats and kittens requiring close monitoring and regular medication, this also eased the pressure on Birmingham Animal Hospital who worked reduced staffing levels throughout the COVID 19 lockdowns.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the branch was unable to run any of the planned welfare campaigns, we were hoping to participate in Rabbit Awareness Week and provide assistance with rabbit neutering costs. Also continuing on from the success of the 2018 – 2019 Dog Neuter Campaign the branch was hoping to continue with this into 2020. However, we were unable to do this due to the restricted veterinary provision available, as this was restricted to emergency procedures only.

The branch is hoping to run these welfare campaigns during 2021.



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Income Generation

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 and the associated lockdowns and restrictions all fundraising for 2020 was cancelled. The branch relies heavily on community events, carnivals and fetes and supermarket tin shakes which were all cancelled. Therefore 2020 fundraising income was vastly reduced.

As restrictions are likely to stay in place throughout 2021 the branch is looking to recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator to explore other avenues of fundraising and increasing income.

Volunteers

The branch decided not to hold an AGM in 2020 as the COVID 19 restrictions did not allow face to face gatherings. During 2020 the branch had one Trustee resign and 2 new Trustees were co-opted. In 2020 it is important that we recruit new Trustees to continue with a local Committee.

We have a small group of volunteers in addition to the Trustees that we would like to thank for their continued time, effort and support for the Branch animals. In challenging times during 2020 we managed to recruit much needed volunteers into the roles cat care assistant volunteer driver and fosterer. We continue to advertise our vacant roles on our website, the National RSPCA website, our social media pages and volunteer recruitment sites. We are looking to increase our volunteer numbers in 2021 to support the work of the Branch and enable our long-term objectives.

Thanks, is also extended to all Inspectors, Animal Rescue Officers and all the staff at RSPCA that have provided advice and support throughout the year.

Review of the Charity's Financial Position

The Branch received income of £59,590 (2019 : £40,914) after expenditure this gives a net cash deficit of £7,061 (2019: deficit of £26,489). Branch contributions totalling £14,333 (2019 : £22,050) were made.

Risks

The Trustees examine the major risks that are faced when they consider their plans for the utilisation for the resources of the Branch. The Trustees consider that there are systems in place to mitigate the impact any risks may have on the future activities of the Branch.



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Reserves Policy

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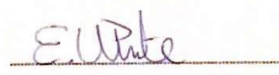
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Free reserves net of designated funds stand at £73,194 at the year-end (2019 : £80,255).

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf, by:


Trustee Tracey Rogers
Date: 1 May 2021


Trustee EMMA WHITE
Date: 1 May 2021



**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
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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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

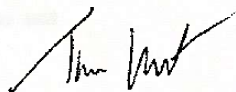
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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Dated: 05/05/2021

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
STAFFORD WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020		2019
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Subscriptions, donations and collections		56,734	56,734
Investment income		80	80
VAT refund		2,699	2,699
Other income		77	77
	-	59,590	59,590
			40,914
Payments			
Veterinary fees	3,238		
Welfare			
Branch	24,716		
		27,954	27,954
Fostering and boarding expenses		19,357	19,357
Branch contribution		14,333	14,333
Printing, postage and stationery		350	350
Accountancy fees		1,200	1,200
Fundraising Costs		750	750
Travel		1,413	1,413
Insurance		778	778
Bank charges		60	60
Other expenditure		456	456
	-	66,651	66,651
			67,403
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	-	(7,061)	(7,061)
transfers between funds	(7,000)	7,000	-
Cash funds at last year end	7,000	230,255	237,255
Cash funds this year end	-	230,194	230,194




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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

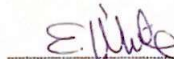
	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
CAF Cash Account	5,000	5,000
CAF Gold Account	186,231	193,472
Barclays Community Account	38,963	38,783
	230,194	237,255

	2020 Designated £	2020 Restricted	2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Cash funds	150,000	-	80,194	230,194	237,255
Total	150,000	-	80,194	230,194	237,255

Signed and approved on behalf of the trustees, by:



 Trustee Tracy Rogers
 Date: 1 May 2021



 Trustee Emma WHITE
 Date: 1 May 2021



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The comparative figures relate to the year ended 31 December 2019.

1.2 Voluntary Income

No account of voluntary income is taken prior to it having been received.

2 Trustee Remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019 - £Nil)

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019 - £Nil)

During the year, 4 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses of £908 (2019 - 3 Trustees - £181)

3 Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year (2019: £nil).

4 Funds

Restricted Funds

The Restricted fund related to welfare dog neutering, which assisted members of the public with the veterinary fees for neutering their dogs. During the year it became apparent that these funds had been spent during the previous year, but allocated as unrestricted. The funds have been transferred into unrestricted funds this year to reflect the true fund level.

Unrestricted Funds

The Branch holds Unrestricted reserves in order that the levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. The Designated funds have been ring fenced to help achieve the objective to increase the facility for housing cats available for rehoming and creating a sustainable income stream in the form of a shop.

