

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 2020**



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

CONTENTS

	Page
Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers	1
Trustees' report	2 - 5
Independent examiner's report	6
Receipts and payments	7
Statement of assets and liabilities	8
Notes to the financial statements	9

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

**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	



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

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Introduction

The RSPCA Stafford Wolverhampton and 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 region of Stafford and Wolverhampton. The Branch is governed by the National RSPCA branch rules effective 18 February 2009.

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) - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the region of Stafford and Wolverhampton, in accordance with 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.



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

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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 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.



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

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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.



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

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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.

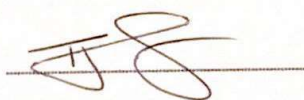
Reserves in this context mean funds that are freely available for the Branch's general purposes after all commitments have been met.

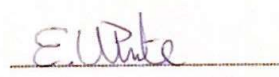
It is the opinion of the Trustees that existing reserves are sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources.

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.

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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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 2020 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.

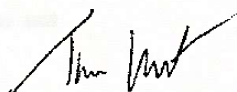
Independent examiner's statement

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: 05/05/2021

T Lunt BA FCCA MIRPM

WR Partners

Chartered Accountants

Belmont House

Shrewsbury Business Park

Shropshire

SY2 6LG



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

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

	Restricted £	2020 Unrestricted £	Total £	2019 Total £
Receipts				
Subscriptions, donations and collections		56,734	56,734	39,085
Investment income		80	80	315
VAT refund		2,699	2,699	1,514
Other income		77	77	-
	-	59,590	59,590	40,914
Payments				
Veterinary fees Welfare 3,238				
Branch 24,716		27,954	27,954	30,207
Fostering and boarding expenses		19,357	19,357	8,033
Branch contribution		14,333	14,333	22,050
Printing, postage and stationery		350	350	533
Accountancy fees		1,200	1,200	1,560
Fundraising Costs		750	750	1,778
Travel		1,413	1,413	1,909
Insurance		778	778	775
Bank charges		60	60	65
Other expenditure		456	456	493
	-	66,651	66,651	67,403
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	-	(7,061)	(7,061)	(26,489)
transfers between funds	(7,000)	7,000	-	-
Cash funds at last year end	7,000	230,255	237,255	263,744
Cash funds this year end	-	230,194	230,194	237,255



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


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

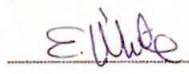
	2020 £	2019 £
<u>Cash Funds</u>		
CAF Cash Account	5,000	5,000
CAF Gold Account	186,231	193,472
Barclays Community Account	38,963	38,783
	<u>230,194</u>	<u>237,255</u>

Funds Analysis

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

Signed and approved on behalf of the trustees, 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**

**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.

