

**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 2021**

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

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
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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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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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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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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



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**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.

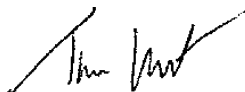
Independent examiner's statement

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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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
	<u>239,039</u>	<u>230,194</u>

Funds Analysis

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

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
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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 2020.

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

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.

