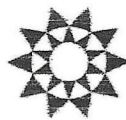


Charity number: 226711

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STAFFORD, WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH**



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



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**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

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**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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 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.

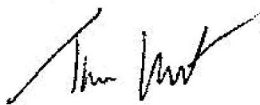
Independent examiner's statement

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: 19/06/2023

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

	Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	Total £	2021 Total £
<u>Receipts</u>				
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	-
	<u>9,275</u>	<u>64,514</u>	<u>73,789</u>	<u>59,803</u>
<u>Payments</u>				
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
	<u>9,275</u>	<u>66,579</u>	<u>75,854</u>	<u>50,958</u>
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	-	<u>236,974</u>	<u>236,974</u>	<u>239,039</u>



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	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
	<u>236,974</u>	<u>239,039</u>

Funds Analysis

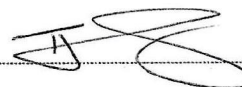
	2022 Designated £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Cash funds	150,537	-	86,437	236,974	239,039
Total	<u>150,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,437</u>	<u>236,974</u>	<u>239,039</u>

Signed and approved on behalf of the trustees, by:



Trustee

Date: 12/3/23.



Trustee

Date: 12/03/2023



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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.

