CATHOLIC CONCERN FOR ANIMALS

England & Wales · Charity number 231022

Details

Other names	THE CATHOLIC STUDY CIRCLE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE, THE ARK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-11-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIAN RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ANIMAL CREATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CATHOLIC TEACHING AND BELIEF

Activities: CCA is active in promoting Animal Welfare and related issues throughout the Catholic world and educating all Catholics (and others) on Catholic teaching and practice on the issue of Animal welfare and compassion in line with published Catholic documents such as Pope Francis' Encyclical letter Laudato Si'.CCA does this through various means including our magazine The ARK magazine and social media

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Australia
- Cameroon
- Canada
- France
- India
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kenya
- Malta
- Poland
- Scotland
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,496	£71,745	-	-
2024-03-31	£23,948	£83,645	-	-
2023-03-31	£46,923	£77,547	-	-
2022-03-31	£44,558	£92,949	-	-
2021-03-31	£154,014	£81,027	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr CLARA MANCINI	Chair	2012-01-13
Ann Moody		2016-11-12
Bridget Kerr		2022-12-10
Grazia Stanek-Czerny		2021-01-28
IRENE CASEY		
Judy Gibbons		
Martin Henig		2022-12-10
Sheila Thomas		2016-11-12
William Radinson		2024-08-17

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 231022

Trustees' Report and Accounts
For The Year Ended
31 March 2023

Charity number: 231022

Catholic Concern for Animals
Chair's Introduction
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Despite the financial restrictions, which we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic and which we are now continuing to experience due to the lack of new legacy income, CCA has remained very active and has further expanded its influence, thanks to the professional skills, tireless work, and unwavering commitment of its Officers, who have made the most of the available funds. Although, our financial situation is not what we would wish it to be, we remain hopeful that with careful management the Charity can continue to operate effectively, funded by a slowly increasing membership, until new legacy funds are hopefully received.

Clara Mancini

Prof. Clara Mancini **Date:** 19th October 2023
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Catholic Concern for Animals
Chief Executive's Statement
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

In last year's Chief Executive's Statement I advised that the previous two financial years had been very difficult for CCA, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. But even though we are now out of the worst of Covid-19, our financial position continues to give concern, as indeed is the case for many charities. I am afraid that we posted another loss for the financial year and finances are continuing to be a very major concern due to legacy income uncertainty.

However, as in recent years, we have continued to grow our membership in all parts of the world and we are seeing increased interest in our work, especially once again from the United States.

Chris Fegan

Chris Fegan
Chief Executive

Date: 19th October 2023

Catholic Concern for Animals

Trustees' Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Mission

Catholic Concern for Animals' mission is the advancement of Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation with special reference to Catholic teachings and beliefs.

Activities

The charity meets its objective of advancing Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation through education and advocacy, both digitally and through face to face contact. Digitally, CCA promotes its work through its website and social media outreach, including the production of a regular newsletter and the members' magazine *The Ark* which is now issued twice a year. The Chief Executive promotes the work of the charity by engaging with other organisations to end animal cruelty. The charity also supports animal rescues through its specific rescue funds.

Main Achievements

Our digital output has continued to grow and, in many ways, this is the future for CCA, especially in times of financial constraint. We have seen a return to face to face activity post Covid-19 and the main external highlight of the year was the return of the Eurogroup for Animals AGM held in Brussels after a two year absence, when it was held on Zoom. It was a belated 40th Anniversary celebration for Eurogroup and we were absolutely delighted that our Scientific Adviser, Dr Richard Ryder was the guest speaker to celebrate. Richard was very influential in the original idea for and practical setting up of Eurogroup almost half a century ago. CCA continued its Bullfighting Campaign and continued to work with colleagues across the globe to try and end this appalling activity in Catholic countries. CCA continued to play a major role in aquatic welfare and we were delighted with our success in Slovakia and other parts of central Europe in our campaigning against the sale of live carp during Advent and Christmas.

Financial Review

CCA's total reserves decreased from £216,918 last year to £186,294 this year, due to reduced legacy income. The year-end reserves comprised of £92,112 in the General Reserve (2022: £106,989), £50,000 in the Laudato Si' Reserve (2022: £100,000), £1,001 in the Phyllis Mary Trust (2022: £9,929) and £43,181 in the new CCA Global Animal Rescue Fund.

There was no legacy income in the General Fund this year (2022: £41,000). As a result, total income was only £3,742 (2022: £44,558). Total expenditure was £68,619 (2022: £78,670), resulting in an excess of expenditure over income of £64,877 (2022: £34,112).

As agreed by the officers on 2nd May 2023, £50,000 was transferred from the Laudato Si' Reserve, a designated reserve, to the General Fund to reflect the work undertaken to promote the teachings of Laudato Si' this year, leaving a balance of £50,000 in the Laudato Si' Reserve.

The Phyllis Mary Trust made donations of £8,928 during the year (2022: £14,279), reducing the fund from £9,929 to £1,001. No income was received into the fund. CCA will be closing the Phyllis Mary Trust Fund once the final £1,001 has been distributed in grants.

Towards the end of the year a legacy of £43,181 was received from Sheila McBride for the same purposes as the Phyllis Mary Trust, i.e. to support small and struggling animal rescues. This has been applied to a new designated fund, the CCA Global Animal Rescue Fund.

In alignment with FRS 102 and SORP, and in adherence to accrual accounting principles, the trustees have implemented a prepayment system for annual expenses, including insurance. Consequently, this has led to a reduction in the reported expenses when compared to the previous year. This adjustment is expected to normalise in the following fiscal year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity, which was founded in 1929, is governed by a board of trustees who meet four times a year, in addition to the AGM, to develop strategy and make decisions about the operations of the charity. It complies with the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities. It employs a Chief Executive and a part-time Finance Manager to manage the day to day affairs of the charity and will also engage specialist contractors as delivery tasks require. Trustees are not remunerated but can be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. During the year trustees were reimbursed £nil (2022: £633.14). There have been no related party transactions with trustees.

Reserves

The Charity holds three types of reserves – restricted, designated and free.

- **Restricted Reserves** are those funds which are restricted to the activity specified by the donor. The *Phyllis Mary Trust* is a restricted reserve and is only to be applied to provide grants for small and struggling animal rescue organisations.

- **Designated Reserves** are those funds applied by the trustees for specific purposes. The *Laudato Si'* fund is a designated reserve and is to be applied for the purposes of promoting the teachings of Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*", with particular reference to care for our fellow creatures. This year another designated reserves has been added, the *CCA Global Animal Rescue Fund*, which has resulted from a legacy received during the financial year for the purposes of providing grants for small and struggling animal rescues throughout the world.

- **Free Reserves,** or the General Fund, are the total funds less the restricted and designated reserves and are used for the operation of the charity.

Reserves Policy
The reserves policy is to aim to hold an average of two years' operating expenditure in free reserves, where possible, to ensure the continuity of the charity. This is because of the infrequent nature of the charity's main source of income, which is legacies.

Investment Policy
The investment policy is to hold the charity's funds in low risk, interest bearing accounts. The charity holds funds at two banks in order to minimise the risk of losing funds should any one bank collapse. Up to £85,000 is held in a savings account with Triodos bank and the remainder of CCA's cash is held by CAF bank, which includes a current account and a high interest account.

Public Benefit Statement
The charity provides a public benefit by educating people on the empathetic treatment of animals, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, which gives a moral benefit to the human community.

Risk Management
The board of trustees have considered the major risks to the charity and have developed a risk register which includes risks relating to governance, operations, finance, external threats and compliance with law and regulation, in line with the Charity Commission's document CC26. The trustees regularly review the risks and have implemented structures to control them. One of the major risks to the charity is a decline in legacy income. Without legacy income, CCA cannot continue to operate at its current levels beyond the next two years. To mitigate this risk, CCA has been focusing on fundraising.

Going Concern
The trustees have reviewed the three year forecasts as part of their six monthly review and are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The latest forecasts indicate that there are sufficient reserves to cover current levels of activity for the next two years. But without further legacy income, the charity will have to return to a volunteer-run organisation, with much reduced activity levels, at the end of the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

Future Development
CCA will continue to work on its 2021/22 activities and, as a priority, we will continue to improve and widen our digital offers. We hope that we will continue to see the recent increases in the numbers of CCA members and supporters. We will also continue to engage with our animal advocacy colleagues to try and help alleviate the dreadful suffering in Ukraine by giving more grants, as appropriate, from our old Phyllis Mary Trust and our new CCA Global Animal Rescue Fund. Indeed, we will try to counter animal suffering wherever we see it throughout the globe by our grant giving activity to small animal rescue sanctuaries and refuges.

We hope to see further progress on the UN Nexus resolution, passed in early 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya and we are hoping in 2023 to be able to visit colleagues in the USA, for the first time in a number of years, to recognise and support the growing CCA membership "across the Atlantic".

Catholic Concern for Animals

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 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.

Clara Mancini

Prof Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date: 19th October 2023

Catholic Concern for Animals

Independent Examiner's Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Catholic Concern for Animals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 12.

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.

L Rowsell ATT
Wills Accountants Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants
2 Endeavour House
Parkway Court
Longbridge Road
Plymouth
PL6 8LR

Signed: .... **Dated:** 19/10/2023

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
General Fund (Unrestricted)				
Income:				
Legacies	0		41,000	
Membership fees	1,449		1,434	
Donations	1,186		1,923	
Sales of literature	63		135	
Interest from investment	1,044		66	
		3,742		44,558
Expenditure:				
Publication & distribution of *The Ark*	4,738		4,925	
Digital transformation	0		1,290	
Website & social media	9,160		10,478	
UK & overseas activities & conferences	5,492		4,003	
Prizes & awards	0		4,714	
Governance costs	1,946		1,482	
Remuneration	41,682		43,900	
Recruitment and training	0		45	
Accountancy & audit	613		813	
Member & donor admin	4,357		4,053	
Insurances	58		639	
Subscriptions & advertising	165		1,284	
Stationery & sundry items	157		335	
Bank charges	251		279	
Depreciation	0		430	
		68,619		78,670
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**(64,877)**		**(34,112)**
Balance brought forward		106,989		84,423
Transfer (to)/from the *Laudato Si'* Designated Fund		50,000		50,000
Transfer from Fish Project		0		6,678
Balance carried forward		**£92,112**		**£106,989**

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Income and Expenditure Statement (Continued)

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

Designated Funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Laudato Si' Fund		
Balance brought forward	100,000	150,000
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	(50,000)	(50,000)
Balance carried forward	£50,000	£100,000
CCA Global Animal Rescue Fund		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Legacy Income	43,181	0
Expenditure	(0)	(0)
Balance carried forward	£43,181	£(0)
Total Designated Funds	£143,181	£100,000

Restricted Funds

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
The Phyllis Mary Trust				
Income:				
Legacies received	0		0	
Donations received	0		0	
		0		0
Expenditure:				
Donations granted	8,806		14,099	
FX Charges	122		180	
		8,928		14,279
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(8.928)		(14,279)
Balance brought forward		9,929		24,208
Balance carried forward		£1,001		£9,929

	2023	2022
	£	£
Eurogroup Fish Project Fund		
Balance brought forward	0	6,678
Transferred to the General Reserve	(0)	(6,678)
Balance carried forward	£0	£0
Total Restricted Funds	£1,001	£9,929

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Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Funds:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	92,112	106,989
Designated Funds		
Laudato Si' Fund	50,000	100,000
CCA Global Animal Rescue Fund	43,181	0
	93,181	100,000
Restricted Funds		
Phyllis Mary Trust	1,001	9,929
Total Funds	**£186,294**	**£216,918**

Represented by:	£	£
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Asset		
Debtors and Prepayments	783	800
Cash at Bank	186,161	220,078
	186,944	220,878
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	650	3,960
Net Current Assets	186,294	216,918
Total Assets	**£186,294**	**£216,918**

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Clara Mancini

Prof Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date: 19th October 2023

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Administrative Information

For The Year Ended 31 March 23

PRESIDENT: Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool

TRUSTEES:

Chair: Prof. Clara Mancini
Treasurer: Sheila Thomas
Retreats Secretary: Irene Casey
Trustees:
Judy Gibbons
Rev. Prof. Fr Martin Henig (from 10/12/22)
Bridget Kerr (from 10/12/22)
Ann Moody
Wanda Oberman (to 30/01/23)
Grażyna Stenak-Czerny

STAFF:

Chief Executive: Chris Fegan
Finance Manager: Barbara Gardner
Membership Secretary: Dr Gerald Taylor

ADVISERS:

Theological Adviser - Dr Deborah Jones
Scientific Adviser - Dr Richard D. Ryder

PATRONS:

Rt. Hon. Jon Cruddas MP (to 22/11/22)
Peter Egan (from 22/11/22)
Baroness Hayman of Ullock (from 22/11/22)
Bruce Kent (to 8 June 2022)

BANKERS:

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Mailing, Kent, ME19 4JQ.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

Wills Accountants Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants, 2 Endeavour House, Parkway Court, Longbridge Road, Plymouth, PL6 8LR.

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Catholic Concern for Animals

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 231022

Trustees' Report and Accounts
For The Year Ended
31 March 2022

Charity number: 231022

Catholic Concern for Animals
Chair’s Introduction
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

I am very pleased to be able to say that, following the covid pandemic, CCA has gradually resumed face-to-face activities. This has included, for example, our Annual General Meeting followed by our St Francis and St Hubert Award Ceremony in London, and our participation in the UNEA 5.2 convention in Nairobi. On that momentous occasion, CCA was part of the working group that drafted the first ever animal welfare resolution to be passed by the United Nation, a truly historical achievement for the animal advocacy world and a contribution of which we are enormously proud.

Despite a recent drop in legacy income, CCA has continued to vigorously pursue our educational and advocacy mission. This has included, for example, the continued support of small animal rescue charities through our Phillis Mary Trust; the launch of a new educational campaign against bullfighting; and a steady increase in our digital output, through our quarterly magazine *The Ark*, our increasingly popular regular newsletter and our various social media channels, such as our growing collection of YouTube interviews with major representatives of the animal advocacy world.

It is both gratifying and encouraging to see how such intense activity has attracted a growing number of members worldwide and enhanced CCA’s standing as an educational and advocacy charity. Nevertheless, we are painfully aware that much of the world is sadly in great turmoil, resulting in much increased pressure on charities, whose services are in unprecedented demand, and on members of the public, whose budgets are being squeezed by runaway inflation and growing cost of living. As a result, the future of charities, particularly small ones such as CCA, is uncertain. However, for as long as we have the means, we will continue to pursue our mission with hope and determination, educating and advocating on behalf of God’s animal creation.

Clara Mancini

Prof. Clara Mancini **Date: 23rd September 2022**
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Catholic Concern for Animals
Chief Executive's Statement
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

In last year's Chief Executive Statement, I advised that the financial year ended 31st March 2021 had been a very difficult year for CCA due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is the case that we have continued to face difficulties because of the ongoing Covid emergency, but we have had a "transition year" in which we have tried to engage in more "face to face" activity than had been possible in the previous 12 months. This included an excellent AGM and Awards Ceremony held in London during November 2021, which had not been possible in the previous year. We also managed to recommence our attendance at conferences and I spoke at events both in the UK and in mainland Europe, as well as attending the crucial UNEA5.2 Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

We hope to fully re-engage in worldwide events even more fully in the coming year, although travel is still complicated and difficult, as the Covid virus is still with us across the globe and does not seem to have any intention of going away any time soon!

After the excellent financial year last year, I am afraid that we posted a loss this year due to a large reduction in legacy income on which the Charity largely depends for its income. But despite the drop in income we continued to work vigorously for the good and well-being of the animal kingdom and we once again gave Phyllis Mary Trust grants of a total of over £14,000 and this has meant an expenditure of almost £30,000 on supporting small animal sanctuaries over the last two years.

We have continued to grow our membership in all parts of the world and we are seeing increased interest in our work, especially from the United States.

Our digital output continues to grow and we reached a record number of supporters due to our increased digital presence. Our digital newsletter, in particular, grows in recognition across the animal advocacy family and beyond.

I would repeat my message from last year that we are approaching the new financial year with confidence, although the on-going pandemic and the growing insecurity throughout the world, such as the war in Ukraine, as well as the increased pressure on CCA costs due to rising inflation, and the always unknown situation regarding potential CCA legacy income, continues to makes financial planning difficult.

We will continue to deliver top quality education services for animal advocacy whilst remaining prudent with CCA's financial resources.

Chris Fegan

Chris Fegan **Date: 23rd**
September 2022
Chief Executive

Catholic Concern for Animals
Trustees' Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

Mission
Catholic Concern for Animals' mission is the advancement of Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation with special reference to Catholic teachings and beliefs.

Activities
The charity meets its objective of advancing Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation through the production of its members' magazine *The Ark* which is now issued digitally four times a year, through its newsletter, and through its website and social media outreach. The Chief Executive promotes the work of the charity by engaging with other organisations.

Main Achievements
The undoubted highlight of the year from an internal CCA viewpoint was that we managed to present our annual St Francis and St Hubert Awards again after their absence due to the Covid lockdown in 2021. The St Francis award was presented to Juliet Gellatley and the St Hubert award was given to Randal Plunkett. You can read about the awards event on the CCA website here:
https://catholic-animals.com/st-francis-and-st-hubert-awards/

The main external highlight of the year was the fantastic achievement of the animal advocacy world in the passing of the first ever United Nations resolution on animal welfare that was passed in Nairobi, Kenya in Feb/March 2022. I am very proud that CCA played our part in this historic moment and that we were on site with our colleagues to "get this over the line". When you consider that the UN is over 80 years old and this is the first ever animal welfare resolution, you can see what a historic and major step forward for animals this was. Further details of this can be read here:
https://catholic-animals.com/uncategorized/historic-animal-welfare-resolution-adopted-by-the-united-nations/#more-16592

We also worked on a number of other worldwide animal advocacy issues throughout the year, both digital and increasingly "face to face" again, but unfortunately the last month of the financial year was dominated by working with our animal advocacy colleagues in Europe in trying to desperately support innocent animals caught up in the mayhem following the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24th February 2022.
https://catholic-animals.com/statement/cca-statement-on-the-ukraine/#more-16668

Financial Review

Total reserves decreased from £265,309 last year to £216,918 this year, due to reduced legacy income and a return to pre-Covid levels of activity during the latter part of the year. The year-end reserves comprised of £106,989 in the General Reserve, £100,000 in the Laudato Si' Reserve and £9,929 in the Phyllis Mary Trust.

Legacy income for the General Fund was £41,000 this year (2021: £134,650). As a result, total income was only £44,558 (2021: £139,014). Total expenditure was £78,670 (2021: £62,617), resulting in an excess of expenditure over income of £34,112 (2021: £76,397 surplus). Despite returning to pre-Covid activity levels, CCA has controlled costs by continuing to hold some meetings online to reduce travel expenses, and by distributing *The Ark* digitally to reduce production and distribution costs. There has, however, been some extra investment in the use of social media.

The Phyllis Mary Trust made donations of £14,279 during the year (2021: £14,602) reducing the fund from £24,208 to £9,929. No income was received into the fund. The Fish Project fund was closed, as the project came to an end, and the balance of £6,678 was transferred to the General Fund.

£50,000 was transferred from the *Laudato Si' Reserve*, a designated reserve, to the General Fund to reflect the work undertaken to promote the teachings of Laudato Si' this year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity, which was founded in 1929, is governed by a board of trustees who meet four times a year, in addition to the AGM, to develop strategy and make decisions about the operations of the charity. It complies with the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities. It employs a Chief Executive and a part-time Finance Manager to manage the day to day affairs of the charity and will also engage specialist contractors as delivery tasks require. Trustees are not remunerated but can be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. During the year trustees were reimbursed £633.14 (2021: £nil). There have been no related party transactions with trustees.

Reserves

The Charity holds three types of reserves – restricted, designated and free. Restricted reserves are those funds which are restricted to the activity specified by the donor. The *Phyllis Mary Trust* is a restricted reserve and is only to be applied to provide grants for small and struggling animal rescue organisations. Designated reserves are those funds applied by the trustees for specific purposes. The *Laudato Si'* fund is a designated reserve and is to be applied for the purposes of promoting the teachings on Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*", with particular reference to care for our fellow creatures. The *General Fund* comprises the free reserves which are the total funds less the restricted and designated reserves.

The reserves policy is to aim to hold an average of two years' operating expenditure in free reserves, where possible, to ensure the continuity of the charity. This is because of the infrequent nature of the charity's main source of income, which is legacies.

Investment Policy

It has been the policy of the board of trustees to hold the charity's funds in low risk, interest bearing accounts. The trustees hold funds at two banks in order to minimise the risk of losing funds should any one bank collapse.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity provides a public benefit by producing educational material and giving talks on the empathetic treatment of animals, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, which gives a moral benefit to the human community.

Risk Management

The board of trustees have considered the major risks to the charity and have developed a risk register which includes risks relating to governance, operations, finance, external threats and compliance with law and regulation, in line with the Charity Commission's document CC26. The trustees regularly review the risks and have implemented structures to control them. One of the major risks to the charity is a decline in legacy income. Without legacy income, CCA cannot continue to operate at its current levels beyond the next three years. To mitigate this risk, CCA has been focusing on fundraising.

The Impact of Covid-19 on Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the three year forecasts as part of their six monthly review and are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The latest forecasts indicate that there are sufficient reserves to cover activity for the next three years.

Future Development

CCA has launched a major new campaign to end bull fighting in Catholic countries which is a huge and very ambitious project that will take a lot of work, time and resources to achieve, but we are starting to make a little progress and laying the groundwork for further steps forward in 2022/23:
https://catholic-animals.com/uncategorized/cca-campaign-to-end-bull-torture/#more-16471

CCA will continue to improve and widen its digital offers and hopes to continue to see an increase in members and supporters.

We will also continue to engage with our animal advocacy colleagues in all areas of work, including working to help alleviate the dreadful suffering in Ukraine, through our education and advocacy work, as well as by giving Phyllis Mary Trust grants as appropriate.

Clara Mancini

Prof Clara Mancini **Date: 23rd September 2022**
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Catholic Concern for Animals

Independent Examiner's Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Catholic Concern for Animals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

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.

Date: 23rd September 2022

L Rowsell ATT
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Catholic Concern for Animals

Income and Expenditure Statement

For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	**£**		**£**
<u>General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>				
Income:				
Legacies	41,000		134,650	
Membership fees	1,434		2,131	
Donations	1,923		1,969	
Sales of literature	135		137	
Interest from investment	66		127	
		44,558		139,014
Expenditure:				
Publication & distribution of *The Ark*	4,925		2,598	
Digital transformation	1,290		1,195	
Website & social media	10,478		7,916	
UK & overseas activities & conferences	4,003		1,908	
Prizes & awards	4,714		250	
Governance costs	1,482		0	
Remuneration	43,900		44,374	
Recruitment and training	45		0	
Accountancy & audit	813		695	
Member & donor admin	4,053		1,841	
Insurances	639		566	
Subscriptions & advertising	1,284		209	
Stationery & sundry items	335		462	
Bank charges	279		173	
Depreciation	430		430	
		78,670		62,617
Net Income/(Expenditure)		**(34,112)**		**76,397**
Balance brought forward		84,423		83,026
Transfer (to)/from the *Laudato Si'* Designated Fund		50,000		(75,000)
Transfer from Fish Project		6,678		0
Balance carried forward		**£106,989**		**£84,423**

<u>Designated Fund</u>

	£	£
<u>Laudato Si' Fund</u>		

Balance brought forward	150,000	75,000
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	(50,000)	75,000
Balance carried forward	**£100,000**	**£150,000**

Restricted Funds

The Phyllis Mary Trust	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Income:				
Legacies received		0	15,000	
Donations received	0		0	
		0		15,000
Expenditure:				
Donations granted	14,099		14,520	
FX Charges	180		82	
		14,279		14,602
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(14,279)		398
Balance brought forward		24,208		23,810
Balance carried forward		**£9,929**		**£24,208**

Eurogroup Fish Project Fund	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Income:				
Donations received	0		0	
Refunded Expenditure	0		1,440	
		0		1,440
Expenditure:				
Fish & Marine Welfare Conference		0		5,248
Net Income/(Expenditure)		0		(3,808)
Balance brought forward		6,678		10,486
Transferred to the General Reserve		(6,678)		0
Balance carried forward		**£0**		**£6,678**

	2022	2021
Total Restricted Funds	**£9,929**	**£30,886**

Catholic Concern for Animals

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	**£**
<u>Funds:</u>		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	106,989	84,423
Designated Funds		
Laudato Si’ Fund	100,000	150,000
Restricted Funds		
Phyllis Mary Trust	9,929	24,208
Eurogroup Fish Project	-	6,678
	9,929	30,886
Total Funds	**<u>£216,918</u>**	**<u>£265,309</u>**
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	0	430
Current Asset		
Debtors and Prepayments	800	0
Cash at Bank	<u>220,078</u>	<u>267,816</u>
	220,878	267,816
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	<u>3,960</u>	<u>2,937</u>
Net Current Assets	216,918	264,879
Total Assets	**<u>£216,918</u>**	**<u>£265,309</u>**

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:

Clara Mancini

Prof Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date: 23rd September 2022

Catholic Concern for Animals
Administrative Information
For The Year Ended 31 March 22

PRESIDENT: Rt. Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool

TRUSTEES:

Chair: Prof Clara Mancini
Treasurer: Sheila Thomas
Membership Secretary: Sarah Dunning (to 3rd September 2021)
Retreats Secretary: Irene Casey
Trustees:
Judy Gibbons
Rev. Michael Holman (to 31st March 2022)
Ann Moody
Wanda Oberman
Graźyna Stenak-Czerny

STAFF:

Chief Executive: Chris Fegan
Finance Manager: Barbara Gardner
Membership Secretary: Dr Gerald Taylor

ADVISERS:

Theological Adviser - Dr Deborah Jones
Scientific Adviser - Dr Richard D. Ryder

PATRONS:

Sir David Amess MP (to 15th October 2021)
Rt. Hon. Jon Cruddas MP
Bruce Kent

BANKERS:

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Mailing, Kent, ME19 4JQ.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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Accounts

Catholic Concern for Animals

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 231022

Trustees' Report and Accounts

For The Year Ended

31 March 2021

Charity number: 231022

Catholic Concern for Animals

Chair's Introduction

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

Despite the significant challenges that the covid-19 pandemic has posed for many charities, CCA has had a very successful year, detail in this report. Its Officers have responded to the circumstances promptly and flexibly, taking full advantage of the capabilities afforded by digital media to ensure that the Charity could continue to meet its objectives while reducing its costs.

For example, the use of digital media for meetings and conferences has secured a wider participation of the public and representatives from relevant organisations in the Charity's activities, as well as made possible an increased participation of the Charity's Officers in the activities of the organisations with which CCA collaborates worldwide. The transformation of CCA's flagship magazine *The Ark* from a printed to a digital publication has enabled its wider distribution by eliminating shipping costs, has increased its accessibility for people with visual impairments and has improved its usability through the provision of links to external information sources. Savings made on travelling expenses have been invested in the continuing development and implementation of a digital strategy, including a free fortnightly newsletter, which provides regular updates for all subscribers, a YouTube channel, which features contributions from key international exponents of the animal advocacy world, and increased social media activity, which is especially aimed at a younger audience.

Savings have also enabled CCA to significantly increase, via its Phyllis Mary Trust, support for struggling frontline charities who provide immediate relief for the suffering of animals around the world; while the pandemic has dramatically increased the need for such relief, for many frontline charities the various lockdowns have drastically reduced their capacity to provide it, which has made CCA's support vitally important.

This year, CCA's global reach and influence were recognised by its admission to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) as an observer non-governmental organisation; it is worth noting that CCA is the first faith-based organisation to ever be granted such a position within the United Nations. Another example of the Charity's growing influence is the Vatican's participation in and contribution to CCA's Fish and Marine Welfare Conference, funded by the Eurogroup for Animals of which CCA is also a member.

These major achievements have been the result of CCA Officers' exemplar dedication to the Charity's mission, and of their strategic and careful investment of supporters and members' donations, for which we continue to be very grateful. Thanks to the effective use of membership contributions and supporters' legacies, the year concludes with a significant financial surplus, which leaves CCA in excellent stead for the coming years to conduct the much needed work that is still needed to advance Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation.

Clara Mancini

Dr Clara Mancini **6th November 2021**
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Catholic Concern for Animals
Chief Executive's Statement
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

The financial year ended 31st March 2021 has been very difficult for CCA due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, I am delighted to say that we managed to navigate the difficulties successfully in terms of both our financial performance and also the continued delivery of our charitable objectives. As you can see from the formal accounts, we had a very healthy surplus of over £70,000, which is a great result for CCA in any normal year, but a truly fantastic one in the circumstances of Covid-19 when many charities and other organisations made heavy losses.

We are delighted to have also done so in a year when we increased our Phyllis Mary Trust (PMT) donations to try and help animal sanctuaries struggling with increased Covid-19 pressure. Equine sanctuaries were particularly badly affected by the pandemic and we more than tripled our support from PMT to such worthy causes in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20.

We have continued our "digital transformation" programme and invested heavily in this area and launched new initiatives, which are designed to reach more people throughout the world, and we will build on this in the years ahead. Global communication has never been easier via the internet but this world is constantly changing and evolving and we have to keep up to date to ensure that we fulfil our charitable objectives as well as we can and I sense that we will never be able to "stand still" in the field of digital communication.

We need to be constantly investing in these areas of work and this will be a theme of future years' expenditure. We had to take the difficult decision to cease production of the printed Ark which was not proving cost effective. The new digital Ark has been a major success and is an improvement on the old printed copy and we are seeing a great increase in our support throughout the world, including many more members and subscribers to the digital Ark following its launch.

We held our first ever Zoom AGM because of the Covid-19 lockdown and this was very welcome to many members throughout the world who had previously been unable to attend the physical AGM held in London. We will continue to hold AGM's digitally, although we will investigate a hybrid model.

We are approaching the new financial year with confidence, although the on-going pandemic makes financial planning difficult and, as I said last year, the pandemic will have a profound, but as yet unclear, effect on CCA going forward for a number of years to come.

Chris Fegan

Chris Fegan **6th November 2021**
Chief Executive

Catholic Concern for Animals

Trustees' Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

Mission

Catholic Concern for Animals' mission is the advancement of Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation with special reference to Catholic teachings and beliefs.

Activities

The charity meets its objective of advancing Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation through the production of its members' magazine *The Ark* which is now issued digitally four times a year, through its fortnightly newsletter, and through its website and social media outreach. The Chief Executive promotes the work of the charity by engaging with other organisations.

Main Achievements

The highlights of the year were undoubtedly CCA's *Fish and Marine Welfare Conference* and our new official membership of the *United Nations Environment Programme* (UNEP) and also the *United Nations Environment Assembly* (UNEA). The Fish and Marine Welfare Conference was a major success and the involvement of the Vatican was hugely important to CCA, and was much appreciated by the delegates and CCA members and supporters. All the contributions were published in *The Ark* and the recording of the Conference is still available on the CCA YouTube Channel at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18C3BjisEUbiBicck9-bJQ

The launch of the CCA YouTube channel, along with our regular digital newsletter and improved social media output, has brought the work of CCA to a whole new audience, and these aspects of the digital transformation, along with the digital Ark has been a major success, and we will continue to grow our worldwide reach in the year ahead.

Financial Review

Total reserves increased from £192,322 last year to £265,309 this year, due to increased legacy income and cost cutting as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions.

Legacy income for the general fund was £134,650 this year (2020: £16,411) and total expenditure was £62,617 (2020: £87,648). Costs have been cut back in 2021, as CCA ceased to travel for UK and overseas activities due to the Covid-19 restrictions, and instead held meetings online. CCA has fully digitalised its operations in response to the Covid-19 restrictions, including ceasing printing and distributing *The Ark* by post.

A legacy of £15,000 was also received by the Phyllis Mary Trust which granted £14,520 (2020: £4,810) to small animal rescue organisations which were struggling particularly badly this year due to the lockdowns.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity, which was founded in 1929, is governed by a board of trustees who meet four times a year, in addition to the AGM, to develop strategy and make decisions about the operations of the charity. It complies with the Charity Governance Code for smaller charities. It employs a Chief Executive and a part-time Finance Manager to manage the day to day affairs of the charity and will also engage specialist contractors as delivery tasks require. Trustees are not remunerated but can be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the charity. During the year trustees were reimbursed £nil (2020: £520). There have been no related party transactions with trustees.

Reserves

The Charity holds three types of reserves – restricted, designated and free. Restricted reserves are those funds which are restricted to the activity specified by the donor. The *Phyllis Mary Trust* is a restricted reserve and is only to be applied to provide grants for small and struggling animal rescue organisations. Designated reserves are those funds applied by the trustees for specific purposes. The *Laudato Si'* fund is a designated reserve and is to be applied for the purposes of promoting the teachings on Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home"*, with particular reference to care for our fellow creatures. The free reserves are the total funds less the restricted and designated reserves. This is the *General Fund*.

The reserves policy is to aim to hold an average of two years' operating expenditure in free reserves, where possible, to ensure the continuity of the charity. This is because of the infrequent nature of the charity's main source of income, which is legacies.

A further £75,000 was transferred from the *General Fund* to the *Laudato Si*' Reserve. This was because there had been a good level of legacy income in the year, and the trustees wished to devote extra effort to the promotion of Laudato Si', and felt able to do so whilst remaining within the limits of the free reserves policy.

Investment Policy

It has been the policy of the board of trustees to hold the charity's funds in a low risk, interest bearing account. This safeguarded the charity's funds during the financial crash caused by the Covid-19 crisis during March 2020. The trustees hold funds at two banks in order to minimise risk of losing funds should any one bank collapse.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity provides a public benefit by producing educational material and giving talks on the empathetic treatment of animals, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, which gives a moral benefit to the human community.

Risk Management

The board of trustees have considered the major risks to the charity and have developed a risk register which includes risks relating to governance, operations, finance, external threats and compliance with law and regulation, in line with the Charity Commission's document CC26. The trustees regularly review the risks and have implemented structures to control them. One of the major risks to the charity is a decline in legacy income. Without legacy income, CCA cannot continue to operate at its current levels beyond the next three years. To mitigate this risk, CCA has been focusing on fundraising.

The Impact of Covid-19 on Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the three year forecasts as part of their six monthly review and are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The latest forecasts indicate that there are sufficient reserves to cover existing levels of activity for the next three years. The charity is not reliant on shop income or fundraising events which would have been hit by the Covid restrictions. Staff have continued to work from home as normal and there has been no furloughing of staff. Costs have been cut as travel has ceased and the charity has digitalised its operations and communications.

Future Development

The financial year 2021/22 is dominated by major UN Conferences such as COP26 on Climate Change, COP15 on biodiversity loss, the Food Systems Summit and UNEA 5.2. CCA will engage with all of these crucial events to ensure that the needs of the non-human creation are heard loud and clear at the highest levels.

We will continue the CCA digital improvement and we are now in the area of “digital consolidation” after our initial huge and very successful digital transformation.

We are hoping to get back to face to face meetings if we can and to try and hold our St Francis and St Hubert Award ceremonies, which had to be cancelled last year.

We will continue to make increased payments from the Phyllis Mary Trust to support animal sanctuaries and we are also hoping to start a CCA archive programme to fully catalogue and record the Charity’s history.

Signed: **Dated: 6th November 2021**

Clara Mancini

Dr Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Catholic Concern for Animals

Independent Examiner's Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Catholic Concern for Animals

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 10

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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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.

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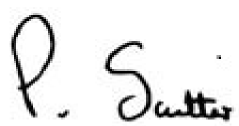

Signed: ………………………………. **Dated: 6th November 2021**

Catholic Concern for Animals

Income and Expenditure Statement

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
General Fund (Unrestricted)				
Income:				
Legacies	134,650		16,411	
Membership Fees	2,131		2,380	
Donations	1,969		1,738	
Sales of literature	137		35	
Interest from investment	127		313	
		139,014		21,327
Expenditure:				
Publication & distribution of *The Ark*	2,598		10,077	
Literature and cards	0		3,438	
Digital Transformation	1,195		2,957	
Website & social media	7,916		570	
UK & overseas activities & conferences	1,908		13,478	
Prizes & awards	250		5,397	
Governance costs	0		1,865	
Remuneration	44,374		46,241	
Recruitment and Training	0		339	
Fundraising costs	0		145	
Accountancy & Audit	695		738	
Member & Donor Admin	1,841		0	
Insurances	566		527	
Subscriptions & advertising	209		604	
Stationery & sundry items	462		730	
Bank charges	173		112	
Depreciation	430		430	
		62,617		87,648
Net Income/(Expenditure)		76,397		(66,321)
Balance brought forward		83,026		149,347
Transfer (to)/from the *Laudato Si'* Designated Fund		(75,000)		0
Balance carried forward		**£84,423**		**£83,026**

Designated Fund

	2021	2020
	£	£
Laudato Si' Fund		
Balance brought forward	75,000	75,000
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	75,000	0
Balance carried forward	**£150,000**	**£75,000**

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Restricted Funds

The Phyllis Mary Trust

	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Income:				
Legacies received	15,000		0	
Donations received	0		5	
		15,000		5
Expenditure:				
Donations granted	14,520		4,810	
FX Charges	82		0	
		14,602		4,810
		398		4,805
Balance brought forward		23,810		28,615
Balance carried forward		**£24,208**		**£23,810**

Eurogroup Fish Project Fund

	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Income:				
Donations received	0		13,830	
Refunded Expenditure	1,440		0	
		1,440		13,830
Expenditure:				
Fish & Marine Welfare Conference		5,248		3,344
		3,808		10,486
Balance brought forward		10,486		0
Balance carried forward		**£6,678**		**£10,486**

Total Restricted Funds	**£30,886**	**£34,296**

Catholic Concern for Animals

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	**£**
Funds:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	84,423	83,026
Designated Funds		
Laudato Si' Fund	150,000	75,000
Restricted Funds		
Phyllis Mary Trust	24,208	23,810
Eurogroup Fish Project	6,678	10,486
	30,886	34,296
Total Funds	**£265,309**	**£192,322**
Represented by:		
Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	430	860
Current Asset		
Debtors and Prepayments	0	0
Cash at Bank	267,816	192,849
	267,816	192,849
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	2,937	1,387
Net Current Assets	264,879	191,462
Total Assets	**£265,309**	**£192,322**

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Clara Mancini

Signed: **Dated: 6th November 2021**
Dr Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Catholic Concern for Animals

Administrative Information

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021