



Catholic Concern for Animals

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER **231022**

Trustees' Report and Accounts For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

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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.



Dr Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

6th November 2021

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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
Chief Executive

6th November 2021

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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



Dr Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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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.

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.

Mr Philip W Soutter, FCCA, ATT
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Signed:
2021

Dated: 6th November

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>General Fund (Unrestricted)</u>				
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	<u>127</u>		<u>313</u>	
		139,014		21,327
Expenditure:				
Publication & distribution of <i>The Ark</i>	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	<u>430</u>		<u>430</u>	
		<u>62,617</u>		<u>87,648</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		76,397		(66,321)
Balance brought forward		83,026		149,347
Transfer (to)/from the <i>Laudato Si'</i> Designated Fund		<u>(75,000)</u>		<u>0</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£84,423</u>		<u>£83,026</u>

Designated Fund

	£	£
<u>Laudato Si' Fund</u>		
Balance brought forward	75,000	75,000
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	<u>75,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>£150,000</u>	<u>£75,000</u>

Restricted Funds

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>The Phyllis Mary Trust</u>				
Income:				
Legacies received	15,000		0	
Donations received	<u>0</u>		<u>5</u>	
		15,000		5
Expenditure:				
Donations granted	14,520		4,810	
FX Charges	<u>82</u>		<u>0</u>	
		<u>14,602</u>		<u>4,810</u>
		398		4,805
Balance brought forward		<u>23,810</u>		<u>28,615</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£24,208</u>		<u>£23,810</u>
	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Eurogroup Fish Project Fund</u>				
Income:				
Donations received	0		13,830	
Refunded Expenditure	<u>1,440</u>		<u>0</u>	
		1,440		13,830
Expenditure:				
Fish & Marine Welfare Conference		<u>5,248</u>		<u>3,344</u>
		3,808		10,486
Balance brought forward		<u>10,486</u>		<u>0</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£6,678</u>		<u>£10,486</u>
Total Restricted Funds		<u>£30,886</u>		<u>£34,296</u>

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Balance Sheet

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Funds:</u>		
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	<u>6,678</u>	<u>10,486</u>
	30,886	34,296
Total Funds	<u>£265,309</u>	<u>£192,322</u>
 <u>Represented by:</u>		
Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment	430	860
Current Asset		
Debtors and Prepayments	0	0
Cash at Bank	<u>267,816</u>	<u>192,849</u>
	267,816	192,849
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	<u>2,937</u>	<u>1,387</u>
Net Current Assets	264,879	191,462
Total Assets	<u>£265,309</u>	<u>£192,322</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed:
Dr Clara Mancini
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dated: 6th November 2021

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Administrative Information

For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

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

TRUSTEES:

Chair: Dr Clara Mancini

Treasurer: Sheila Thomas

Membership Secretary: Sarah Dunning

Retreats Secretary: Irene Casey

Trustees:

Judy Gibbons

Rev. Michael Holman

Ann Moody

Wanda Oberman

Grażyna Stenak-Czerny (from 7th November 2020)

STAFF:

Chief Executive: Chris Fegan

Publications and Finance Manager: Barbara Gardner

ADVISERS:

Theological Adviser - Dr Deborah Jones

Scientific Adviser - Dr Richard D. Ryder

PATRONS:

Sir David Amess MP

Rt Hon. Jon Cruddas MP

Bruce Kent

BANKERS:

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