

**R.S.P.C.A. NORTHALLERTON, THIRSK AND DALES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**R.S.P.C.A. NORTHALLERTON, THIRSK AND DALES**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees present herewith their annual report, together with the financial statements of the branch for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year of the branch. In preparing these financial statements the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Branch and enable the trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the branch and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**RESULTS**

The excess of expenditure over income for the year was £2,859.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE BRANCH**

The Objectives of the Northallerton, Thirsk and Dales Branch of the R.S.P.C.A. are to promote kindness and prevent suffering of animals, and to do all such lawful acts as the society may consider conducive to these objectives.

The branch is a trust governed by the guidelines of the R.S.P.C.A. and is managed by a committee dedicated to the branch's principal object of animal welfare.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

**THE STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY CONSISTS OF:-**

Founded in 1824, the Headquarters are situated in Horsham, it is controlled by a council, elected by the members, from the membership. The country is divided into 3 regions, which are again divided into branches, each having their own charity number.

The branches are run by a committee of local people for the good of the animals in their area, such as assisting the Inspector, re-homing animals that for some reason have to move on, feral cats are caught tested for FELV/FEV and neutered before releasing them back to the place they were caught, hold micro chipping sessions, run neutering campaigns and help with vet bills can sometimes be given.

The trust provides for a maximum of 14 trustees. A viable committee of trustees is a minimum of 7 to include 1 officer. If any new trustees are needed the remaining trustees would appoint them. We look to find new trustees by advertising, newsletters, volunteer centres.

The Chairperson is responsible for the induction of any new trustees and helping them to understand the structure and aims of the R.S.P.C.A. HQ as well as the branch. A copy of the rules and procedures is given to all new trustees. Day to day training is given by the branch, more advanced training is often available from HQ for all trustees.

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**REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

In recent years we have made significant contributions to the Cat Hub which is a joint effort with four other local branches and has a main purpose of providing a re-homing facility for the cats brought in primarily by the inspectorate. The Cat Hub, when quiet, has also taken many cats which the Branch would ordinarily re-home and is extremely successful in its endeavours and reach to those looking to re-home cats. This would not be possible without the collaboration of neighbouring branches, and we are grateful to them for their support in this venture.

Other than the Cat Hub our main expenditure is the vet bills, we are as committed as every to our neutering programme to help prevent unwanted pets and we are seeing ever increasing numbers of feral animals requiring our help. We have also recently seen an increase in Members of the public who require help towards one off large vet bills for family pets.

We would like to thank the vets that work tirelessly to help and support our cause throughout the year. Additionally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped at our fundraising ventures and supported us through donations in both items and time. This help is invaluable to our Branch and those it helps.

The trustees can confirm that in carrying out the above activities, due regard has been paid to Charities Commission guidance on public benefit.

**RESERVES**

The trustees consider the funds held are sufficient for the normal branch activities for animal welfare to continue for the time being, but we are always looking for new fundraising ideas.

**RISKS**

We see the major risks as:-

Loss of income through error or fraud  
Insufficient trustees for the branch to continue  
Insufficient helpers for fund raising activities  
A sudden large expenditure

The trustees regularly review the financial state of the branch.

**REGULATIONS**

The Branch received no income from contracts, central or local government to deliver services or grants from central or local government.

The Branch does not have policy on paying staff members, as no staff were employed during the year.

The Branch regularly reviews its financial controls, scrutinising the finances and bank accounts. Any changes are discussed and approved prior to implementation at Committee level.

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The R.S.P.C.A. Northallerton, Thirsk and Dales Branch is a registered charity No. 232209.

**Governing Document.**

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1968. The constitution for the branches is the branch rules (published by the Society). This governing document came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003.

The branch's trustees and committee members are as follows:

C. Tomlinson	Chairperson
S. Richardson	Secretary
S. Smith	Treasurer
J. Levey	Cat re-homing
E. Newcombe	
J. Branch	

**HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS**

Wilberforce Way  
Southwater  
Horsham  
West Sussex  
RH13 9RS

**BANKERS**

The branch's bankers are HSBC Bank, 77 Market Place, Thirsk.

**ADVISERS**

The branch has no other specific advisers.

By Order of the Trustees



Sarah Smith

Dated: 18-9-24.

Honorary Treasurer



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**R.S.P.C.A. NORTHALLERTON, THIRSK AND DALES**

**IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the R.S.P.C.A. Northallerton, Thirsk and Dales Branch**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1 which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;

have not been met: or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J. Shield.

Mrs J. E. Shield BA FCA.BFP  
Leonard Bye Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
80 Borough Road  
Middlesbrough  
TS1 2JN

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Equipment	1		-		6
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks		3		35	
Cash at bank and in hand	2	115,984		113,304	
		<u>115,987</u>		<u>113,339</u>	
<b>CREDITORS—amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Accruals		(1,474)		(1,691)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			114,513		111,648
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>114,513</u>		<u>111,654</u>
Financed by:					
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>					
Balance as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023			111,654		115,390
Net incomings for the year			2,859		(3,736)
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023			<u>114,513</u>		<u>111,654</u>

J. E. Levey

S. Smith

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Dated: 18-9-24

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Subscriptions	183	116
General Donations	1,268	1,282
Adoption Fees	-	-
Collecting Boxes	444	241
Bank Interest	1,543	233
VAT Recovered	-	-
House to House collections	17,030	23,223
Gift Aid	-	26
Legacies	5,975	-
	<u>26,443</u>	<u>25,121</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Rent & Hall Hire	-	-
Insurance	1,137	577
Veterinary Fees	6,258	6,592
Accountancy Fees	852	813
Depreciation	6	2
Donation to Inspectorate Cat Hub Project	15,000	18,000
Bank Charges	73	144
Annual Registration fee	-	-
Subscriptions	-	40
House to House expense	-	1,378
Equipment	226	1,311
Goods for Resale	32	-
	<u>23,584</u>	<u>28,857</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	2,859	(3,736)
<b>FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	111,654	115,390
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>114,513</u>	<u>111,654</u>

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**NOTES TO THE 2023 ACCOUNTS**

**1. FIXED ASSETS**

**Equipment**

**£**

**Cost**

At 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

1,822

Additions

-

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

1,822

**Depreciation**

At 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

1,816

Charge for the year

6

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

1,822

**Net Book Value**

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

-

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

6

**2. CASH BALANCES**

**£**

**Cash at bank**

At 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

113,304

Cash received in year

26,443

Cash paid out in year

(23,763)

Net cash flow in year

2,680

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

115,984

**3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION**

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2022: £Nil).

No out-of-pocket expenses were spent by the trustees (2022: £Nil)