

RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

Registered charity number 232214

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Report

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

232214

Principal address

8 Field Lane
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East Yorkshire
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Trustees during the year

A Mellor	Chair
T Marston	Assistant Treasurer
V D Mellor	Fosterer (resigned May 2023)
G Petty	Secretary / Press / Volunteer Coordinator
J Petty	Treasurer
A Ramsden	Cat Coordinator
J Ward	ID chipping Coordinator

Independent examiner

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Trustees' Report (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charitable Trust is constituted by the Trust Deed dated 10th January 1969. The governing document is that of RSPCA Branch Rules as published by the RSPCA, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9RS.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the Charity and the Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee. Trustees put themselves up for election and are appointed by the branch membership at the AGM. Comprehensive trustee training is given as required by the BSS.

Committee

The committee consists of 6 volunteers who work very hard on behalf of animal welfare in the area. In addition to these trustees there are a large number of volunteers who help us fundraise, foster, home-check, ID Chip paperwork and help run welfare Days.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure they still meet the needs of the charity.

The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA covering the DN14 postcode area.

The main point of contact is 07599 087527. Goole and District RSPCA is part of the North Region of the RSPCA. We are represented on the Regional Board for the North Region by trustee Tracy Marston.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Charity continues to be that of the promotion of kindness and prevention of cruelty to animals. The object of the charity is to further animal welfare in the area covered by the branch. The main activities undertaken were the re-homing and fostering of animals as well as their veterinary treatment.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2023

Sadly, we lost long term fosterer and Trustee Dawn who had also been Chair. Dawn will be missed. Her daughter Amy paid a lovely tribute to her at our Christmas party, and we all toasted her memory.

Unfortunately, we brought in a record number of cats 184 (last year 140) as a direct consequence of the national cost of living crisis, however we found homes for 151 (last year 133).

The branch continued to work closely with End Cottage Veterinary Clinic in Howden, for the foster work and supporting our feral cat projects.

Throughout 2023 Georgina, Amy and I liaised closely with Cat Coordinator Ann to find homes for the cats in care and worked through any welfare concerns. Amy and Georgina carried out the online home visits, the team met weekly, virtually and discussed cats in care and the visits completed before fosterers did their virtual meets and or phone calls prior to cats being viewed. A huge thank you to our fosterers and a group of volunteers who regularly support the fostering team spending time socialising the cats and assisting with transporting foster cats to the vets.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2023 (continued)

In November the national RSPCA set up a national care contribution fund to pay branches who would take rescue cats that the inspectorate had placed in catteries. This was in response to rising boarding fees for HQ to cover. In return, eligible cats came with £7.63 per day to contribute towards care, veterinary fees and boarding for up to 90 days. Thanks to Ann completing the claims for this.

We started a 6 month vaccination clinic with Vet Heidi - she kindly offered vaccinations at a huge discount and the clinic is to be reviewed next year in January.

June organises the chips and liaises regularly with the vets and fosterers. Both Rase and End Cottage vets continue to chip our animals for free with June supplying the chips to them. Between the veterinary clinics and June, we organised 371 animals to be ID chipped (280 last year). Abbi continued to put together the paperwork for fosterers into files and adoption packs with Ann organising all the record keeping and paperwork as Cat Coordinator.

Abbi completed her training with the International Cat Care and then held training evenings with the fosterers, these were a great success. The new fosterer Aly has been very helpful joining the team. 108 home visits (118 last year) were carried out but only 46 post adoption telephone visits (5 last year), however most fosterers correspond with their adopters' post adoption. Ann continued the task of consulting those who didn't match the cat and had to be told this was the case.

Following last year's Dog Action Day we were once again able to secure a grant from Pets At Home to hold a Dog Action Day in September and with an increased amount, we received £4000.00 this time (£3000 last year) and we were even busier than last year. 66 dogs attended, 37 neutering vouchers were issued, 58 dogs were health checked by the vet, an XL bully with a skin problem given a welfare voucher to attend the vet clinic, 46 dogs were treated with a spot-on flea/wormer, 19 dogs had their chip details updated and 4 dogs were chipped. Rase supplied a vet and veterinary assistant for the event.

The main RSPCA phone continued to be run by Glenn Webb. His wife Anne organised the welfare and neutering vouchers for the branch. The Welfare Assistance Grant continued for sick and injured pets whose owners were on benefits at £15 and we provided £65 worth of treatment as part of this. Anne issued 94 welfare vouchers for rabbits, dogs and cats that needed treatment, (69 last year).

The Cat Neutering Scheme ran again at £15 for cat owners on benefits and £35 for those on low incomes. This included a free ID chip. 203 cats were neutered on the scheme (134 last year). We continue to work with Rase Veterinary Clinic in Gatesby Road with these neutering and welfare vouchers.

Fundraising and volunteers were organised by Georgina Petty. A total of £1,120 was raised from the Dog Show, Ann and Abbi also held a stall at Howden Show which grossed £190. We still struggled to get into Tescos, but Georgina organised Morrisons instead which raised £163.28.

In November Christmas stalls were held in Snaith, Rawcliffe and Howden. Abbi's talk about the branch which she created in 2022 continued to be given and included a ladies luncheon group and a Primary School.

Amazon Wishlist and Just Giving page which was all set up in 2022 has proved very successful in bringing in some much-needed funds thanks to Kay and Georgina promoting this.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2023 (continued)

Georgina continues to run the facebook page and is regularly contacted by the public on social media regarding welfare, cruelty concerns, neutering, and adoption enquiries. Also, along with Amy she receives the branch e mails with various communications, especially with the perfect match forms for adoptions. Throughout the year Georgina attended regular on-line regional RSPCA fundraising discussions. She also represented the branch during virtual Branches Conference, participated in national on-line discussions about the RSPCA Branches Programme and various other virtual workshops hosted by HQ to have a say in moving the RSPCA forward over the next decade and has attended the RSPCA Rebranding discussions. Tracy too gives up her Saturdays and joins the regional meetings to represent our branch and negotiated a further 3 year Lease on the Jail to store our equipment and supplies.

Carl, for a fourth year, has been our shopkeeper. He organises the stock for our fostering rather than several of us doing this. He is a bargain hunter and sourced the best deals for us. Fosterers contact Carl for their needs from special cat diet food to anti stress spray. Abbi designed the new storage for the fundraising area upstairs and this was completed. Abbi continued to keep the jail in very good order for us and took the lead with virtual viewings for most potential kitten adopters. We were fortunate enough to have vouchers to spend in Pets at home and Ann, Carl and Abbi organised these which brought in fostering supplies and were a huge saving

Fortunately we could claim our VAT back for the whole of this year now that Tracy acquired a VAT number from HMRC in November 2022.

Thank you to all our volunteers and trustees for their support throughout 2023.

FUTURE PLANS

- Continue both cat neutering schemes and the welfare scheme too.
- If finances permit, we wish to hold a Cat Action Day as we weren't able to in 2023, working with Rase Veterinary Clinic for this.
- We hope Abbi can continue to put some talks out in the public for us.
- To hold a Dog Show in 2024 with a new sponsor and use Pets at Home funding for prizes.
- Georgina to continue regular meetings with HQ to keep us updated on the big changes ahead with the national society
- Look at the new RSPCA rebranding and decide how this will work for our branch
- Set up a donation's bin at End Cottage and reassess the bin currently at Tesco
- Use the National Care Contribution scheme to support the inspectorate and help with our own funding as much as we possibly can whilst still doing direct rescuing in DN14.
- Hold a volunteer get together event.
- Carl is going to re-assess the cat units regarding their maintenance.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity is an affiliated branch of RSPCA Charity Registration number 219099 and is governed by RSPCA Branch Model Rules. J Petty's husband, who is also G Petty's father, lets the Jail house storage unit for the exclusive use of the Goole & District RSPCA at a rate of £50 per week in order to meet the cost of the refurbishment. A waiver for this has been granted by the Yorkshire and North East Regional Board and a statutory agreement has been signed on the behalf of both parties.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

After another challenging year, total income received was £66,424, down £3,959 from the previous year. Total expenditure has risen in the year by £2,046 from £65,868 in 2022. There is therefore a slight deficit for the year of £1,490 (a surplus of £4,515 in the previous year) which, when added to brought forward reserves, means that accumulated reserves carried forward were £109,477.

RESERVES POLICY

The branch aims to hold almost one and a half year's running costs so that the level provided for animal welfare is maintained should there be a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds which are freely available for general use.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

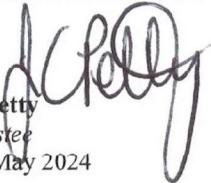
The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures explained in the accounts
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

By Order of the Board


J. Petty
Trustee
16 May 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	33,441	44,954
Activities for generating funds	3	4,971	6,608
Investment income	4	1,259	427
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Charitable activity income	5	<u>26,753</u>	<u>18,394</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>66,424</u>	<u>70,383</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds			
Costs of generating voluntary income	6	7,483	6,333
Charitable activities			
Charitable activity expenses	7	60,431	59,535
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended		<u>67,914</u>	<u>65,868</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		(1,490)	4,515
Total funds brought forward		<u>110,967</u>	<u>106,452</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>109,477</u>	<u>110,967</u>

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Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2023

	<i>Note</i>	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	10	<u>20,883</u>	<u>25,686</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	11	7,255	9,941
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>87,689</u>	<u>86,183</u>
		<u>94,944</u>	96,124
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,350)	<u>(10,843)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>88,594</u>	<u>85,281</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>109,477</u>	<u>110,967</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>109,477</u>	<u>110,967</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>109,477</u>	<u>110,967</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 16 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A. I. Mellor

A. Mellor
Chair

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Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)(effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

RSPCA (Goole and District Branch) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful life.

Fixtures and equipment	10% straight line
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Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2 Voluntary income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations – door to door	23,094	23,218
Donations – faithful friends	1,134	1,077
Donations – legacies and other	<u>9,213</u>	<u>20,659</u>
	<u>33,441</u>	<u>44,954</u>

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Notes
(forming part of the financial statements)
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3	Activities for generating funds	2023	2022
		£	£
	Fairs and dog shows	2,626	2,537
	Ball / other events	270	-
	Collections	605	1,004
	Other	<u>1,470</u>	<u>3,067</u>
		<u>4,971</u>	<u>6,608</u>
4	Investment income	2023	2022
		£	£
	Interest receivable	<u>1,259</u>	<u>427</u>
5	Charitable activity income	2023	2022
		£	£
	Pet insurance scheme	180	43
	Microchipping	55	150
	Neutering refund / grants	10,718	7,037
	Adoptions and fostering	10,437	11,164
	VAT refunds	<u>5,363</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>26,753</u>	<u>18,394</u>
6	Costs of generating voluntary income	2023	2022
		£	£
	Advertising and website	325	225
	Room hire and other costs	6,313	6,108
	Fundraising costs	<u>845</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>7,483</u>	<u>6,333</u>

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Notes
(forming part of the financial statements)
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7 Charitable activity expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
RSPCA goods and services	3,029	5,461
Veterinary fees	37,973	37,726
Fostering expenses	13,431	10,522
Fostering travel expenses	83	134
Depreciation of fixtures and equipment	4,803	4,803
Miscellaneous	<u>1,112</u>	<u>889</u>
	<u>60,431</u>	<u>59,535</u>

8 Staff costs

There were no paid staff during the year (2022: nil).

9 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no payments made to trustees for remuneration or other benefits during the year (2022: £nil). Expenses re-imbursed to trustees during the year amounted to £69 (2022: £133).

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Notes
(forming part of the financial statements)
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10	Tangible fixed Assets	Fixtures & Equipment £	
	<i>Cost</i>		
	As at 1 January 2023 and		
	As at 31 December 2023	<u>47,962</u>	
	<i>Depreciation</i>		
	As at 1 January 2023	22,276	
	Charge for the year	<u>4,803</u>	
	As at 31 December 2023	<u>27,079</u>	
	<i>Net Book Value</i>		
	As at 31 December 2023	<u>20,883</u>	
	As at 31 December 2022	<u>25,686</u>	
11	Debtors	2023 £	2022 £
	Prepayments	<u>7,255</u>	<u>9,941</u>
12	Creditors: amounts falling due with one year	2023 £	2022 £
	Accruals	<u>6,350</u>	<u>10,843</u>
13	Movement in funds		
	Unrestricted funds: general fund	2023 £	2022 £
	Incoming resources	66,424	70,383
	Resources expended	<u>(67,914)</u>	<u>(65,868)</u>
	Net movement in funds	<u>(1,490)</u>	4,515
	Balance brought forward	<u>110,967</u>	<u>106,452</u>
	Balance carried forward	<u>109,477</u>	<u>110,967</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is required.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 and I can 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 the 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 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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16 May 2024