

**RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)**

Registered charity number 232214

**Trustees' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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# RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

## Trustees' Report

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

**Registered charity number**  
232214

**Principal address**

8 Field Lane  
Rawcliffe  
Goole  
East Yorkshire  
DN14 8RR

**Trustees during the year**

A Mellor	Chair
T Marston	Assistant Treasurer
G Petty	Secretary / Press / Volunteer Coordinator
J Petty	Treasurer (to 16 May 2024)
J P Price	Treasurer (appointed 16 May 2024)
A Ramsden	Cat Coordinator (resigned September 2024)
J Ward	ID chipping Coordinator

**Independent examiner**

T A Barker FCCA  
Barnhill  
Wetherby Road  
Collingham  
West Yorkshire  
LS22 5AY



## **RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The Charitable Trust is constituted by the Trust Deed dated 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2024**

Half way through the year we were very fortunate in gaining Phillip Price to take on the financials. After some meetings between Jane, Phil and Tracy he managed to tidy up and move the branch forward financially in a big way.

We continued to bring sick, injured or abandoned cats into care and we found homes for 152 (last year 151) The branch continued to work closely with End Cottage Veterinary Clinic in Howden, for the foster work and supporting our feral cat projects.

Throughout 2024 Amy and Georgina carried out the online home visits. We said goodbye to Jill and Andy halfway through the year as poor health and family commitments meant they could no longer use the cat pen and foster for us. Our main kitten fosterers Abbi, Ann and Aly left us but we gained Kirsty who takes kittens into her home and works with all the family to care for them. We also added Jane Price to the team as an emergency fosterer. We started weekly virtual meetings to include all the fosterers, discuss cats in care and the visits. This way, all the cat fosterers work as a rehoming team together now, 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.



## **RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2024 (continued)**

In November the national RSPCA set up a branch care contribution fund to pay branches who would take rescue cats 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 Jane Price who has taken on completing the claims for this.

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 276 animals to be chipped (14 of these were dogs, the rest cats).

103 home visits (108 last year) were carried out and 42 post adoption telephone visits.

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 57 welfare vouchers for rabbits, dogs and cats that needed treatment.

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. 147 cats were neutered on the scheme (203 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. The Dog Show was another great success. Georgina has inducted a number of new volunteers and we now have a total of 32 regular volunteers. Georgina organised a very successful volunteer cream tea afternoon to celebrate the national society's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and everyone received the new free logo badges from HQ. We did hold a Cat Welfare Day at the Rase vets with 22 cats were flea and worm treated and neutering vouchers were issued. In November Christmas stalls were held in Snaith and Rawcliffe and volunteers went into Swinefleet School to promote our work and receive festive presents from the children for cats in care.

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. A funding page for a specific cats needs was a great success and exceeded the expected target to pay for the vet care such as Henna and Grayson's eye operations.

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 the virtual RSPCA Branches Conference, joined the virtual International Cat Care 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 3yr lease on the Jail to store our equipment and supplies.

Carl for a fifth 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. We were fortunate enough to have vouchers to spend in Pets at Home; a huge saving.

Fortunately Tracy was able to claim our VAT for a second year now and with Phil's new recording found it time saving.

Thank you to all our volunteers and trustees for their support throughout 2024.



## **RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- Continue both cat neutering schemes and the welfare scheme.
- To try and hold both a Cat and a Dog Action Day.
- Share knowledge and expertise from Georgina's International Cat Care ongoing training with HQ.
- To hold a Dog Show in 2025 with a new sponsor and use Pets at Home funding for prizes.
- Move the redundant cat pen at Jill and Andy to Jane's and replace her pen.
- Consider recruiting kitten fosterers.
- Purchase a new cat pen for Jane Price to have for fostering.
- Start the year with a data base for fosterers to input their information.
- 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 donations bin at End Cottage and reassess the bin currently at Tesco.
- Set up individual RSPCA email accounts for the main officers where appropriate.
- Continue to use the National Branch 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 another volunteer get together event to celebrate their invaluable contribution and highlight further opportunities e.g. home visiting and trapping training.
- The Chair will take on the role of completing SAWA and free Jane Petty up.

#### **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 £67,998, up £1,574 from the previous year. Total expenditure has risen in the year by £2,135 to £70,049. There is therefore a small deficit for the year of £2,051 (a deficit of £1,490 in the previous year) which, when added to brought forward reserves, means that accumulated reserves carried forward were £107,426 (2023: £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.



## **RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **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:

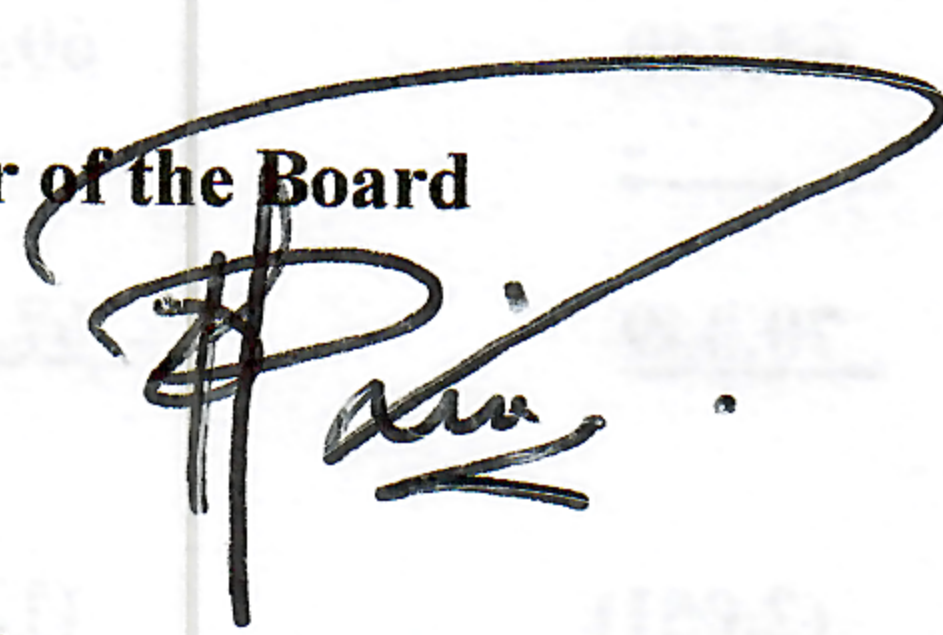
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures explained in the accounts
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is 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 P Price**  
*Treasurer*  
22 May 2025





# RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

## Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2024 Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2023 Total Funds £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income	2	41,721	33,441
Activities for generating funds	3	4,039	4,971
Investment income	4	3,146	1,259
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity income	5	<u>19,092</u>	<u>26,753</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>67,998</u>	<u>66,424</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>			
Costs of generating voluntary income	6	5,509	7,483
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activity expenses	7	64,540	60,431
<b>Governance costs</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>70,049</u>	<u>67,914</u>
<b>Net (outgoing) resources for the year</b>		(2,051)	(1,490)
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>109,477</u>	<u>110,967</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>107,426</u>	<u>109,477</u>



RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	10	<u>16,080</u>	<u>20,883</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	11	8,818	7,255
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>88,780</u>	<u>87,689</u>
		<u>97,598</u>	<u>94,944</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,252)	(6,350)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>91,346</u>	<u>88,594</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>107,426</u>	<u>109,477</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>107,426</u>	<u>109,477</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>107,426</u>	<u>109,477</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A. I. Mellor

A. Mellor  
Chair



## RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

### 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

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations – door to door	21,816	23,094
Donations – faithful friends	1,369	1,134
Donations – other	<u>18,536</u>	<u>9,213</u>
	<u>41,721</u>	<u>33,441</u>



# **RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)**

## **Notes** (forming part of the financial statements) (continued)

### **3 Activities for generating funds**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fairs and shows	2,698	2,626
Other events	-	270
Collections	1,258	605
Other	<u>83</u>	<u>1,470</u>
	<b><u>4,039</u></b>	<b><u>4,971</u></b>

### **4 Investment income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest receivable	<u>3,146</u>	<u>1,259</u>

### **5 Charitable activity income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Pet insurance scheme	-	180
Microchipping	20	55
Neutering refund / grants	3,285	10,718
Adoptions and fostering	9,495	10,437
VAT refunds	<u>6,292</u>	<u>5,363</u>
	<b><u>19,092</u></b>	<b><u>26,753</u></b>

### **6 Costs of generating voluntary income**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Advertising and website	357	325
Room hire and other costs	5,152	6,313
Fundraising costs	<u>-</u>	<u>845</u>
	<b><u>5,509</u></b>	<b><u>7,483</u></b>



## RSPCA (GOOLE & DISTRICT BRANCH)

### Notes (forming part of the financial statements) (continued)

#### 7 Charitable activity expenses

	2024 £	2023 £
RSPCA goods and services	3,031	3,029
Veterinary fees	43,962	37,973
Fostering expenses	11,384	13,431
Fostering travel expenses	80	83
Depreciation of fixtures and equipment	4,803	4,803
Miscellaneous	<u>1,280</u>	<u>1,112</u>
	<u>64,540</u>	<u>60,431</u>

#### 8 Staff costs

There were no paid staff during the year (2023 : £nil).

#### 9 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no payments made to trustees for remuneration or other benefits during the year (2023 : £nil). Expenses re-imbursed to trustees during the year amounted to £80 (2023 : £69).



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## Notes (forming part of the financial statements) (continued)

10	<b>Tangible fixed Assets</b>		
		<b>Fixtures &amp; Equipment</b>	
		£	
	<i>Cost</i>		
	As at 1 January 2024 and		
	As at 31 December 2024	<b><u>47,962</u></b>	
	<i>Depreciation</i>		
	As at 1 January 2024	27,079	
	Charge for the year	<u>4,803</u>	
	As at 31 December 2024	<b><u>31,882</u></b>	
	<i>Net Book Value</i>		
	As at 31 December 2024	<b><u>16,080</u></b>	
	As at 31 December 2023	<u>20,883</u>	
11	<b>Debtors</b>		
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments	<b><u>8,818</u></b>	<u>7,255</u>
12	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due with one year</b>		
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Accruals	<b><u>6,252</u></b>	<u>6,350</u>
13	<b>Movement in funds</b>		
	Unrestricted funds: general fund		
		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Incoming resources	67,998	66,424
	Resources expended	<u>(70,049)</u>	<u>(67,914)</u>
	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(2,051)</b>	<b>(1,490)</b>
	Balance brought forward	<b><u>109,477</u></b>	<u>110,967</u>
	<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b><u>107,426</u></b>	<u>109,477</u>