

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Charity number 232237 - England and Wales

**Independent Examiner's Report
and
Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 December 2020**

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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**Independent Examiner's Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 13 :

- Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document 'Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017' ('the Directions').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- **Basis of my independent examiner's report**

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner's report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- **Independent examiner's statement**

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

J S Andrews

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J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 13 :

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Subject to the information in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein.

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R S P C A Keighley Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
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Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

JS Andrews & Co

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4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 13:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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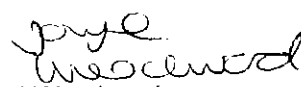
The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, subject to the information in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibility to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for your report on pages 3 and 4.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and your report on pages 3 and 4 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.



J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

4 October 2021



J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

4 October 2021



R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	1 and 3		
Collections, donations and miscellaneous fund raising		30,784	33,494
Legacies		-	2,000
Animal adoptions		11,500	11,515
R S P C A case animals		2,437	2,901
Subscriptions		113	115
Insurance commission		110	89
Bank interest		111	243
Donated professional services		845	830
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		45,900	51,187
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Unrestricted funds - expenditure	1 and 3		
Miscellaneous fund raising		627	388
Veterinary		29,412	35,649
Kennels and catteries		29,424	26,559
Fostering		1,002	1,824
Rent		659	659
Repairs and renewals		-	88
Travelling		671	443
Telecommunications		377	357
Website		369	409
Postage and stationery		447	483
Advertising		105	60
Branch regional contribution		1,378	4,134
Accountancy fee (waived)		620	610
Independent examiner's fee (waived)		225	220
Insurance		524	524
Bank charges		60	60
Meetings		48	186
Information Commissioner's registration fee		40	40
Depreciation of equipment	2	87	203
Net value added tax reclaimed		(4,221)	(4,841)
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		61,854	68,055
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Unrestricted funds - net deficit		(15,954)	(16,868)
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
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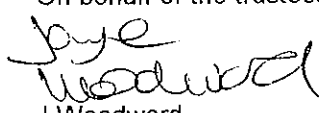
	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	3		
Brought forward		151,204	168,072
Net deficit		(15,954)	(16,868)
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Carried forward		135,250	151,204
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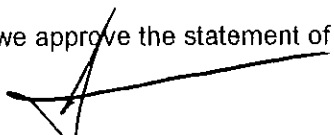
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Equipment	1 and 2	25	112
Current assets	1		
Stock		185	400
Debtors		2,127	4,992
Prepayments		4,293	7,760
Cash at bank		132,969	142,668
Cash in hand		50	50
		<u>139,624</u>	<u>155,870</u>
Creditors	1		
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors		4,384	4,763
Accruals		15	15
		<u>4,399</u>	<u>4,778</u>
Net current assets		<u>135,225</u>	<u>151,092</u>
Total net assets		<u>135,250</u>	<u>151,204</u>
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted funds	3	<u>135,250</u>	<u>151,204</u>

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 13.


J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

4 October 2021


J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

4 October 2021


R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2011.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
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Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**
Continued**2 Equipment**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	2,589	2,539
Acquisitions	-	50
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Carried forward	2,589	2,589
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Depreciation:		
Brought forward	2,477	2,274
Provision	87	203
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Carried forward	2,564	2,477
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Written down value:		
Carried forward	25	112
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3 Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's objectives.

The charity's main objective is to promote the work and objectives of the national Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ('the Society') in accordance with the policies of the Society, with particular reference to the geographical area covered by the charity.

4 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 December 2020.

The following trustees' expenses incurred in carrying out their duties on behalf of the charity are included in the statement of financial activities within the relevant categories:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Total trustees' expenses reimbursed	1,406	1,529
Number of trustees reimbursed	2	4

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
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5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the two years ended 31 December 2020 other than those disclosed in note 4.

6 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.



**RSPCA Keighley, Craven &
Upper Wharfedale Branch**
Registered Charity No. 232237

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

This report contains the following documents presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch held on 13 October 2021.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Independent Examiner's Report & Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

A copy of the RSPCA West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2020 is included in this report.

RSPCA KEIGHLEY CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Reference and Administrative Details as at 31 December 2020

Charlty Number 232237

Trustees

Chair Jayne Woodward

Treasurer Jan Brannelly

Secretary Rob Stow

Mandie Anderson
Jane Taylor
Francis Woodward
Mike Hogg

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. It operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

A committee elected at the AGM governs the branch. Members of the committee are Trustees of the branch and are briefed on their responsibilities prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made.

The trustees actively review the risks that the charity faces through regular operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks facing the branch, and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- 1 Insufficient branch-generated income
- 2 Unpredictable income from legacies

OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The objects of the branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA, with particular reference to the area of the branch.

The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible, within the constraints of the Branch's resources and with regard to the National Society's policies.

The main activity to achieve this is the operation of an animal adoption/ re-homing programme through PBE cattery / cat fostering and boarding at RSPCA East Lancs. This activity is supported by a variety of volunteer roles.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with this duty under the Charities Act 2011, s.17 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The branch re-homed 138 animals (26 dogs, 112 cats), which is an increase on last year's figures. 1 dog was returned for re-homing after failed adoption. We are pleased that the branch has been able to maintain a similar level of activity to previous years.

More than 55% of animals coming into branch care were classed as 'RSPCA generated' animals. 44% were branch welfare concerns and 1% returned for re-homing after a failed adoption. This approach is consistent with the aims of the national organization, as it shifts its focus to those animals that have been identified by RSPCA officers as needing immediate assistance, rather than accepting animals from non-RSPCA sources. A high percentage of cats stay in foster care until adopted which helps greatly in keeping costs down as do the food donations we collect, what we do not use for our animals in our care we pass to the inspectorate. The ability to collect donations was hampered throughout 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19.

Compulsory micro-chipping of dogs came into effect in April 2016 and the branch continues to help by micro-chipping 10 branch dogs, either directly or through welfare vouchers. This will hopefully help to reunite them with their owners should they go missing. Sadly this is a drop in the ocean compared to the c.66,000 dogs that are picked up from our nation's streets having strayed or been stolen every year. The branch also micro-chipped 61 branch cats and 14 public owned cats. The branch helped neuter 11 branch dogs and 59 branch cats, and 3 public owned dogs and 53 public owned cats. We help wherever we can with neutering to help reduce unwanted litters and in certain cases with initial help at a vets for the sake of the animal's welfare. Overall we issued 5 dog welfare vouchers, 6 cat welfare vouchers and 1 rabbit welfare voucher. 13 feral cats were caught, neutered and re-released.

The branch continues to have a close relationship with the neighboring Altham branch and continued to rent six kennels throughout 2020 allowing the branch to take in more RSPCA generated dogs.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 the branch only managed to hold one fundraising event during 2020. This was at Pets at Home over a weekend in February. Volunteers continued to find ways to raise funds in alternate ways, but the total funds raised was down on previous years.

The branch had to adapt to a new way of meeting throughout the year and successfully held several virtual meetings.

Trustees recognise the importance of volunteers' contributions and strive to create an environment where volunteers feel valued and involved. Volunteers contribute in many different ways, from cat fostering, which has been invaluable during the pandemic, to organising or supporting fundraising events. The trustees wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all volunteers, whatever their role, whose commitment was seen more than ever throughout a difficult year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £45,900
(2019: £51,187)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £61,854
(2019: £68,055)

The profit for the year was -£15,954
(2019: -£16,868)

Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £135,250 at 31 December 2020
(2019: £151,204)

We hold reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained if there is a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds which are freely available for general purpose and are not committed. The trustees aim has been to hold reserves of unrestricted funds equivalent to two year's expenditure.

Investment Policy

Our relevantly modest resources demand that a cautious and secure investment policy is pursued. Consequently, our unrestricted funds are held in an interest earning account with a Bank specializing exclusively in accounts for charitable organisations.

FUTURE PLANS

The branch will continue to promote fostering as an alternative to kennels, as we believe this provides a better environment for the animal. Fostering also allows us to learn more about them prior to offering them for adoption.

We will continue to work in partnership with the Inspectorate and other agencies, prompting preventive care through microchipping and flea and worm treatments. We will actively promote neutering by offering financial help with the cost.

Volunteers remain the backbone of all branch activities. We will continue our efforts to recruit and maintain a team of volunteers to carry out fundraising and animal welfare activities across the Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale area.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees 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 financial statements giving a true and fair view the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- 1 select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 2 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3 state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 4 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 accounting records which accurately disclose the financial position of the Charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Robert Stow

Secretary

04 October 2021

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Robert Stow

Secretary

04 October 2021

West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2020

It's hard to know where to start with an annual report for 2020.....

The pandemic saw us have to change to an emergency operational model within a very short space of time with us attending just the most urgent of jobs which reduced the number of animals we could help. The courts were closed resulting in a big delay to cases coming to a conclusion, causing backlogs in cases awaiting hearing dates and resulting in animals being in boarding for much longer than any of us would have liked.

That said the Inspectorate rose to the challenge and continued to provide the best service we could throughout a very difficult time. Our officers worked every day throughout the pandemic and we have achieved some great results, some of which are detailed later in the report.

The National Society then underwent a national restructure in the Autumn resulting in a reduction of staff of 20%. Sadly the Inspectorate teams in our area were hugely impacted by these changes and the N7 and N8 groups were amalgamated with the new group of West Yorkshire being formed.

As part of the restructure the ACO role was disestablished and the role of AWO was changed to that of ARO (Animal Rescue Officer), these officers are now specialist animal rescue officers along with supporting the Inspectors in investigating animal welfare complaints. We have two AROs in West Yorkshire and we look forward to seeing how this new role develops.

The West Yorkshire group is made up of officers from three different groups (N6, N7 and N8) and we are lucky to have a diverse range of experience in the team so we can provide the best animal welfare provision we can in our very busy area.

Throughout such a difficult year your support has been invaluable, here are just a few jobs that we have attended in the last year and we couldn't have achieved all that we have for animal welfare without your continued help and support, thank you!

Cases and complaint enquiries;

Inspector Goulding investigated a dog beating complaint where the owner actually kicked the dog in front of her when she was there on a multi cat complaint. The dog (Mish) was removed and boarded at Halifax animal centre, there was a delay in the case getting to court but the owner was eventually found guilty of animal welfare act offences and he received a 5 year ban from keeping dogs, and a £350 fine. Mish was put up for rehoming. (And we reduced the number of cats in the house from 17 to 3 as part of the initial complaint enquiry)

Inspector Goulding also investigated a case involving four donkeys. This was a joint investigation with the Donkey Sanctuary who helped us remove them and boarded them for us pending the conclusion of the case. The owner had failed to follow previous advice he had been given by us with regards to basic husbandry, veterinary treatment and hoof issues. He pleaded guilty to two counts of causing unnecessary

suffering to two donkeys and not meeting the needs of a further two. He received a 5 year ban, £350 fine and 150 hours community service.



Inspector Goulding also dealt with a multi cat house where the owner has previously refused to engage with us at all. After numerous visits and lots of perseverance she managed to reduce the number of cats from thirty to eight, ensured veterinary treatment for those that needed it and improved the living conditions massively.





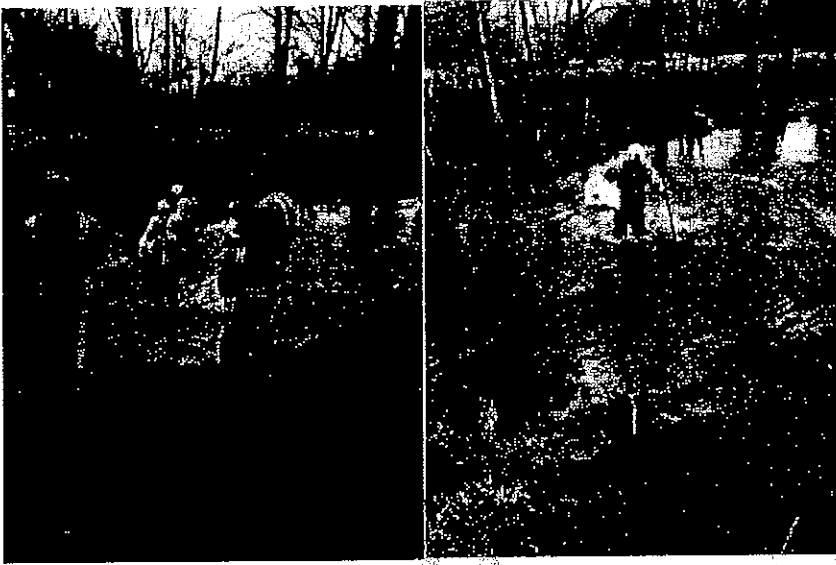
Inspector Jo Taylor worked with SOU investigating a job where the POI had been previously banned for involvement in badger baiting, she went to the address and found an injured terrier with a bite wound to his jaw, we couldn't prove breach of disqualification but the dog was signed over and went to Leeds and Wakefield branch for rehoming.

A man from Liversedge was banned from keeping animals after his cat was left to suffer with an infected wound from an embedded collar which was left untreated. He pleaded guilty to the offence of causing unnecessary suffering to the domestic longhair cat called Charlie. Inspector Kris Walker attended the location and found that Charlie's collar was embedded in the tissue of his left leg which had caused damage to the muscle and the buckle of the collar was tangled in his long coat. He was taken to the vet where the collar was removed and after treatment Charlie made a good recovery. Charlie's owner received a five-year disqualification from keeping all animals, 12-month community order requiring 80 hours' of unpaid work in the community and to pay costs of £300 and a £90 victim surcharge and Charlie was rehomed.

Inspector Danielle Grimshaw dealt with a case involving an injured labrador puppy 'Theo'. Following a call made to our call centre she attended the address and found the puppy to be injured. She took him to a vet for a clinical examination where X-rays showed that he had trauma to his chest area along with six recent rib fractures causing him significant pain. Vets concluded that Theo had suffered as a consequence of physical abuse and the fractures he had suffered were consistent with non-accidental injuries. They also concluded that he had sustained 24 fractured

ribs on both sides of his chest on an earlier occasion and were at differing stages of healing, these were likely to have been caused by blunt force trauma. Theo's owner pleaded guilty to three Animal Welfare Act offences and received an indefinite ban on keeping all animals, he was sentenced to a 12-month Community Order requiring 300 hours of unpaid work in the community. He was also ordered to pay £300 costs and a victim surcharge of £90. Theo made a full recovery and the court placed a deprivation order on him so that he could be rehomed.

Rescues:



Inspector Sarah Bagley attended and successfully rescued a cormorant which was hanging by its leg entangled in fishing line which was attached to a branch overhanging the river Wharfe in Ilkley. The river waters had risen so quickly Sarah was not even able to get close to the base of the tree. West Yorkshire fire and rescue used their expertise to get across the fast flowing stream and it took three officers to weigh down the branch on which the bird was trapped. After a trip to Vets4pets Keighley, having received a dose of long acting antibiotics and pain relief the Cormorant was released straight back to the river.

Inspector Nikki Cheetham attended an unusual collection when she was called out to this Stray African Bull frog in Wakefield, it was taken to a specialist reptile centre.



This little guy got himself stuck in a bird feeder, he was rescued and released unharmed

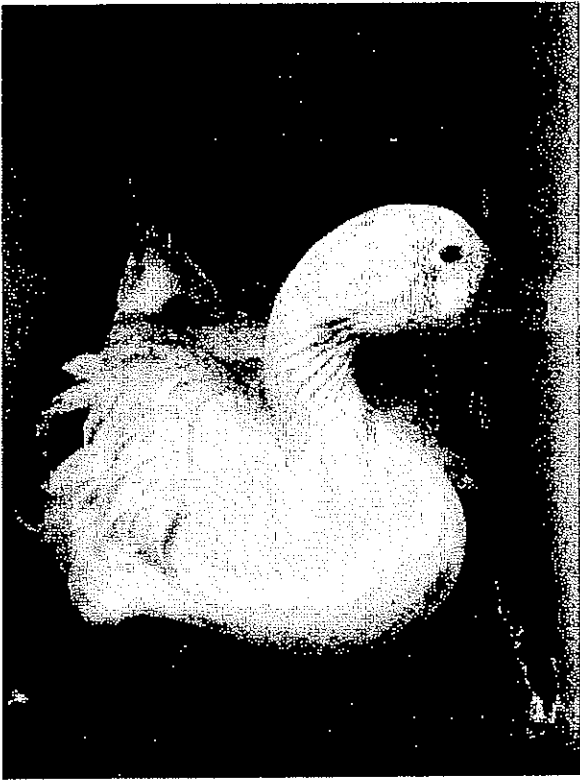


Emma Brook rescued this Little Owl that was caught by it's jessie's in Halifax. It was not injured and was taken to a bird of prey specialist. ARO Ollie Wilkes rescued these 4 Kestrel chicks from a lorry depot in South Kirkby, they were taken to Stapeley Grange wildlife hospital.



Kris Walker used his specialist water rescue skills to rescue this goose from Allerton Bywater as it has become entangled in fishing line. Emma Brook and Ollie Wilkes rescued this unusual Sebastopol goose from a reservoir in Keighley it had become stuck at the bottom of

the overflow in horrendous weather with no way out. It was only a youngster, less than a year old, these geese are not able to fly very well and they don't find it easy to get off the ground due to their curled feathers so we were very thankful to fire and rescue for assisting with this one.



And finally...

Inspector Sophie John was called out to a collapsed lamb that hadn't moved in 4 hours...It turned out to be a plastic bag!