

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FURNESS AND BARROW BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 232247

Details

Other names	RSPCA - FURNESS AND BARROW BRANCH, RSPCA FURNESS AND BARROW BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1966-08-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE BRANCH ARE TO PROMOTE THE WORK AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY [ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (219099)], WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AREA OF THE BRANCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY.

Activities: Providing advice, animal welfare and rehoming assistance for animals in need in the branch area. Provide kennelling and care for animals which are considered to have a welfare need and which usually come to us via the RSPCA Inspectorate. Provide financial assistance towards neutering and veterinary treatment through a voucher system for members of the public who are on certain specified benefit.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BARROW AND FURNESS.
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£47,343	£48,406	-	-
2023-12-31	£58,048	£42,750	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,660	£52,739	-	-
2021-12-31	£52,941	£43,752	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,807	£43,602	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHELLE ROUND	Chair	2014-06-25
Alexandra Reid		2023-06-28
Audrey Round		2022-06-29
Claire Rigg		2018-06-27
Eve Brockway		2018-06-27
Kath Unwin		2018-06-27
MANDY CHRISTOPHER		2014-06-25
Rhianna Todd		2025-06-04

Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report
2024



Board of Trustees

Executive / Branch Officers

Hon Chairman: Mrs K. Unwin

Hon Treasurer: Mrs E. Brockway

Hon Secretary: Ms M. Christopher

Committee Members

Ms M. Round – Fundraising Co-ordinator

Mrs A. Reid – Cat Rehome Co-ordinator

Ms. T. Scott – Social Media & Technology Co-ordinator

Mrs J. Christopher

Mrs C. Rigg

Mrs A. Round



Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Welfare

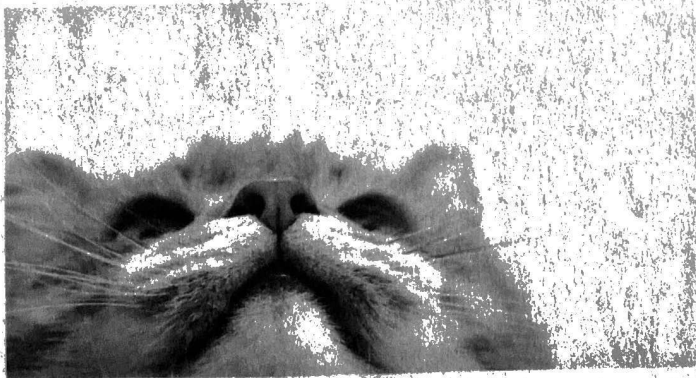
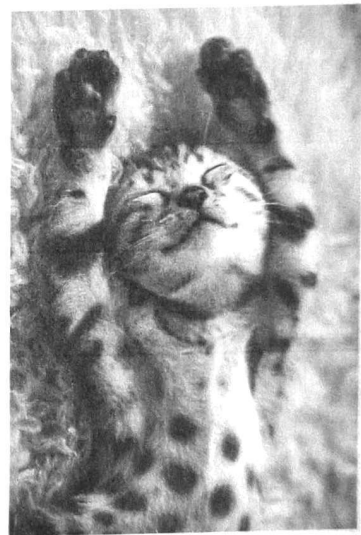
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We have also helped several members of the public in need of financial assistance through no fault of their own.

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We have very dedicated volunteers and staff who come in to take care of them, without their help this would be very difficult for us to do. We are grateful for the time and effort you put in every week.



Chairpersons Report



As chairman I know the work and dedication that goes into running this branch and know that none of our achievements would be possible without our wonderful team of Trustees, Volunteers and our wonderful administration lady, Gill, who are always willing to go that little bit extra.

As a local branch we have passed through yet another difficult year of changes and accomplishments, with many cats and kittens requiring to be re-homed and looked after.

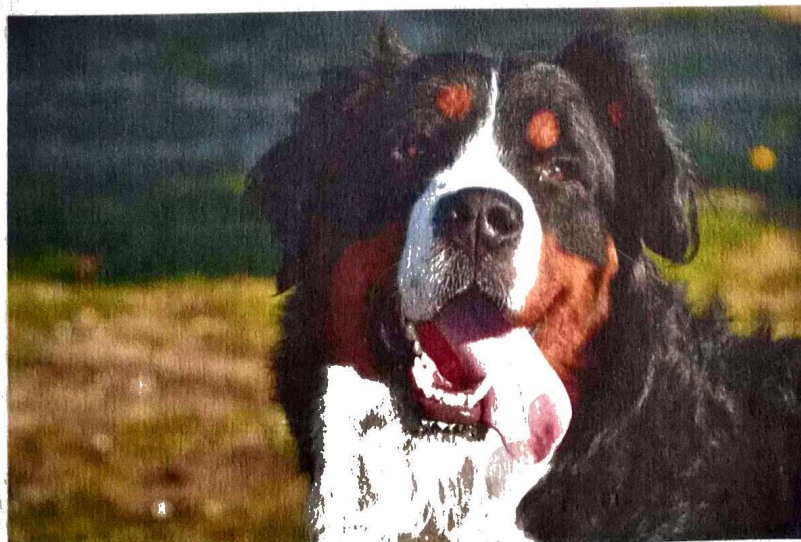
We are always on the lookout for fosterers who would be willing to look after some of our cats and kittens so that they can be socialised and integrated back into permanent loving family homes.

We have overcome some obstacles this year with regards to outside bodies, but as a Branch we have pulled together and managed to get through some of these difficult times.

Once again, I thank all of the Barrow and Furness Branch for all of their dedication and hard work.

Kath Urwin

Chairperson



Secretary's Report



2024 has been a good year for the branch. We have 8 committee members, 3 paid staff and 4 volunteers (1 being a student and a new volunteer; Tara who has improved our website and helps with the cats). We have 29 members of the branch (down 2 from last year).

We held 6 committee meetings, the AGM in June and a Christmas party in December.

Our main social media site is Facebook, where we advertise our cats, fundraising events, information and anything else related to the branch and/or animals. We have 5,100 LIKES (up by 200 from last year) and 6,100 FOLLOWERS (up by 400 from last year).

- 58% are from Barrow-in-Furness
- 10% are from Ulverston
- 8% are from Dalton-in-Furness
- 4% are from Millom
- The rest are scattered around the country (& the world!!)

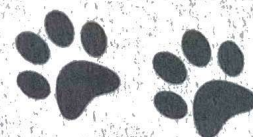
We continue to support the local community by providing neutering, microchipping & veterinary vouchers and providing food. All the cats we take in are now from the public, we have taken in a range of cats, from kittens to older cats, some with health issues and lifelong illnesses.

Now that we have a fundraising coordinator, the money raised helps to fund the above, there were 4 fundraising events last year, plus we receive donations via Facebook posts. Most of the prizes for these events are donated by our followers. We also receive a lot of donations of food, etc from the public.

We had a couple of sticky situations which have been "lessons learnt" for the branch, but all-in-all 2024 was a good year, made possible by our staff, trustees, volunteers & followers.

Mandy Christopher

Hon Secretary



Treasurers Introduction to the Annual Accounts



2024 has been a busy year for the Branch we have issued 198 vouchers totalling £13,158.33 these vouchers have helped people in the local area with veterinary costs mostly for neutering but also with treatments for injuries and illness. Special thanks to Gill our Administrator for fielding all the requests.

We have taken in fifty cats this year all of them have been found loving homes. Special thanks to Alex our cat rehoming co-ordinator for all her hard work.

During 2024 we have kindly received £2562.53 in bequests, £10,446.72 in donations from adoptions, dog boxes and from members of the public.

We have had a successful year from fundraising events which we have received a grand total of £8953.22, special thanks to Michelle for organising all our events which prove extremely popular.

Our Head Office grant this year was £18520.10.

We are only a small Branch, and we would not be able to continue without all these donations. We make sure all the funds we receive are spent on the animals we take in and to help with local members of the public.

Our main outgoings for the year are veterinary care totalling £17,857.88. We have also spent just over £6000.00 on food, cat litter and equipment for the cats we have taken in over the past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and trustees who give up their time to help keep our branch running and most importantly looking after our furry residents.

Eve Brockway

Hon. Treasurer



**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

We report on the accounts of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 18 to 19.

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 the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
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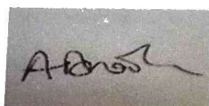
Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

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Dated : 4 September 2025

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Furness and Barrow Branch

Charity No 232247

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024		Unrestricted Funds 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income				
Donations Furness and Barrow	10,448		19,812	
Grant received from headquarters	18,856		19,634	
Bequests	2,563		15,014	54,459
Activities for generating funds		31,867		
Special efforts - Furness and Barrow	8,953		384	
Sundries including sale of goods	0			384
Investment income		8,953		
Interest received		6,523		3,205
		47,343		58,048
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Contributions to headquarters	0			
Accountancy	752		520	520
Other resources expended		752		
Telephone	775		643	
Veterinary expenses and pet crematorium	21,899		17,029	
Rents and rates	228		303	
Insurance	538		691	
Heat and light	1,662		2,492	
Salaries	17,703		13,395	
Licence - lotteries	126		28	
Centre expenses	2,320		4,113	
Repairs and renewals	1,544		606	
Legal fees	300			
Bank charges	88		90	
Sundries	77		63	
Cattery	396		2,776	
Donation - NOWZAD	0		0	
VAT not recoverable	0		0	
		47,654		42,230
		48,406		42,750
Excess of income over expenditure		(1,064)		15,298
Balance brought forward from previous year		257,242		241,944
Balance at end of year		256,178		257,242

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Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2024

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Fixed assets				
Property RSPCA Centre, Church Street Barrow in Furness - at cost		20,156		20,156
Rabbit Facility - at cost		7,787		7,787
Two Tier Holding Pen (24/01/22)		873		873
Two Tier Holding Pen (15/03/22)		2,618		2,618
Total fixed assets		<u>31,433</u>		<u>31,433</u>
Current assets				
Debtors				
Prepayments		-		
VAT		0		
Investments				
Charity annual bonus 90 account (FBS)	60,269		58,723	
Fixed bond deposit account (FBS)	31,477		30,669	
1 year fixed rate bond (CBS)	55,164		52,585	
30 day notice deposit (CBS)	43,948		42,358	
		190,858		184,335
Cash at bank				
HSBC General account		34,633		42,279
Petty cash		116		39
Total current assets		<u>225,607</u>		<u>226,652</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry creditors				
Accruals		862		844
Net assets		<u>256,178</u>		<u>257,242</u>
Represented by Funds of the charity				
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As at 31 December 2023		257,242		241,944
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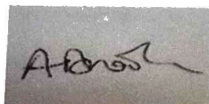
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Fundraising and Events



In August Michelle took on the role of Fundraising Co-Ordinator. The branch felt this was much needed as we have been struggling with fundraising.

Michelle started organising events straight away the first event was held at Barrow Market where we had a stall for the day selling donation's we had received plus we had handmade gifts and items for a raffle, a very successful event.

October was a very busy month with a Bingo/Raffle event, Norther Soul night and a Collection Day at Asda.

All have been very successful with a total amount of £1500 approximately raised for the Branch. These funds are much needed and will go towards food, neutering and inoculating the animals in our care.



Rehoming and Welfare



Rehoming

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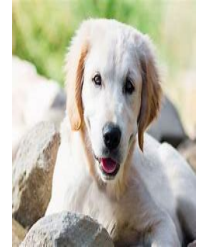
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Gill, our new Admin lady has made the office super-efficient in her role and the office runs much more smoothly. Thank you, Gill.

Alex has recruited several volunteers recently to look after, socialise and foster the cats that we have in our care, and we thank you and all the volunteers for your continued dedication and commitment.

Michelle has also taken on the Fundraising role, which I'm sure everyone would like to thank her for that. She is doing a great job!

I would also like to thank Eve for looking after our accounts and getting them prepared in an efficient and timely manner. Thank you, Eve.

Also, thanks goes to Mandy for her secretary role, and she does a sterling job,

We now have a new Inspector called Stacey. I'm sure she'll be visiting our branch sometime soon.

Kath Unwin

Hon. Chairperson



Secretary's Report

2023 has been a good year for the branch.

We held 9 meetings throughout the year with all meetings well represented by committee members. At times with bad weather members have joined via video or call to enable the meetings to go ahead.

We welcomed Gill Simpson as our new Branch Administrator who has been fantastic from day one. She was thrown in at the deep end and is doing an amazing job at bringing organisation to the office and responding to all enquiries and requests for help from the public, all while getting to grips with how a RSPCA branch runs.

Alex Reid initially joined us as a volunteer fostering cats, she then became a trustee and in August she took over the cat rehoming co-ordinator role. Alex is brilliant in the role and has become a great member to have on the committee.

Michelle stepped down from being cat rehoming co-ordinator and took on the vital role of branch fundraiser helping to raise much needed funds for the branch. She has had great success with events including a northern soul night, raffle and collections at places including Asda.

Our main place of advertisement is our Facebook page which has 4.9k likes and 5.7k followers with 3.4k of those being from the barrow in Furness area.

We currently have 31 Members of our branch.

We have continued to support people in our local area by providing vouchers for veterinary care, neutering and microchipping. We also continue to trap, neuter and rehome or release stray cats and feel between us and the other local charities we are making a difference to the stray numbers.

I feel the branch has done some great things in 2023 all made possible by our members, trustees, staff, fosterers and volunteers.

Mandy Christopher

Hon. Secretary



Treasurers Introduction to the annual accounts

2023 has again been a busy year for us, we started the year quite low on funds and although we had been receiving donations through rehoming and fundraising, we felt this wasn't going to be enough to cover our everyday running costs. Veterinary and energy bills in particular cost more. So, in April we took the decision to transfer £20,000 from our savings account to help keep us afloat.

Since then, we have also received our annual grant from headquarters totalling £19,634 and we gratefully received £15,014 as a bequest in December from the Bond Estate. We are always so very grateful to receive bequests which we use to help animals in our area either by medical treatment, rehoming and neutering and microchipping.

Our general bank account now is thankfully much healthier so we can continue in the work we do.

Since Michelle has taken on the role of fundraiser for the branch, we have had several successful events totalling a little over £1500 which is a great start considering Michelle only took the role on in August.

We have received approximately £3300 in donations from rehoming and dog boxes.

Outgoings for 2023 haven't changed very much, surprisingly we spent £7000 less on veterinary costs compared to 2022, energy costs have increased by around £250 for the year.

Now that we have our own holding pens and a catio with thanks to Sharon for taking the time to build it for us. We have spent quite a lot less on cattery fees, this will also be because we are no longer fostering dogs at this moment in time.

I would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication, Our trustees for their continued support. Also thank you to Gill for all her hard work the office is now running much more smoothly and efficiently.

Eve Brockway

Hon. Treasurer



Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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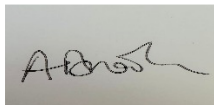
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Dated : 4 June 2024

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Furness and Barrow Branch

Charity No 232247

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Incoming resources				
Voluntary income				
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Grant received from headquarters	19,634		15,618	
Bequests	15,014			
		54,459		25,479
Activities for generating funds				
Special efforts - Furness and Barrow	384		-	
Sundries including sale of goods	-			
		384		-
Investment Income				
Interest received		3,205		1,182
		58,048		26,661
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Contributions to headquarters	-			
Accountancy	520		485	
		520		485
Other resources expended				
Telephone	643		536	
Veterinary expenses and pet crematorium	17,029		24,309	
Rents and rates	303		303	
Insurance	691		682	
Heat and light	2,492		1,251	
Salaries	13,395		10,187	
Licence - lotteries	28		-	
Centre expenses	4,113		3,873	
Repairs and renewals	606		616	
Bank charges	90		56	
Sundries	63		253	
Cattery	2,776		10,189	
Donation - NOWZAD	-		-	
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Balance brought forward from previous year		241,944		268,023
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Current assets				
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Investments				
Charity annual bonus 90 account (FBS)	58,723		57,343	
Fixed bond deposit account (FBS)	30,669		49,850	
1 year fixed rate bond (CBS)	52,585		52,219	
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Cash at bank				
HSBC General account		42,279		9,507
Petty cash		39		9
Total current assets		<u>226,653</u>		<u>211,011</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
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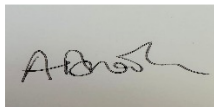
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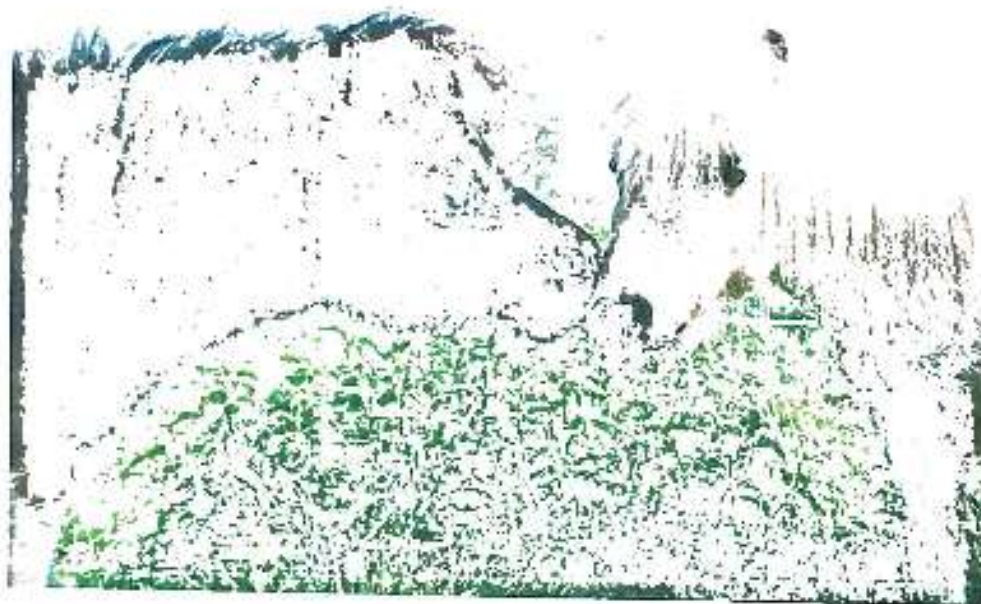
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The Charity exists to promote animal welfare and prevent cruelty to animals in the Furness area and provides a re-homing service for case and inspectorate sign over cats, dogs, small furrries and small reptiles. Our work with dogs is limited due to lack of suitable kennel facilities. These objectives are largely performed through our advice Centre via telephone, email and through our social media options. We also promote neutering and welfare assistance towards veterinary care through issuing vouchers and liaising with local vets. All animals we rehome are neutered, microchipped and inoculated. Volunteers for the Branch attend home visiting courses to assist with this aspect of our work.

The RSPCA Advice Centre, 106 Church Street, Barrow in Furness gives advice and offers help to the general public. This is open Monday and Tuesday from 9.00am - 4.00pm and Friday from 9.00am - 3.00pm.

Fundraising and Events

Due to work commitments outside of the Branch we were unable to hold many Fundraising events during 2022, however we have held a couple of raffles which proved very popular. The Branch has already organised future events for 2023.



Rehoming and Welfare Work

During 2022 the Branch rehomed a total of 65 cats, several small furrries including Rabbits and Mice.

We have assisted with 9 cats that needed treatment where their owners were struggling financially.



We issued 167 vouchers during 2022 a total of 50 in April due to our annual neutering campaign which proves very successful.

We also brought a rescue cat and her kittens over from Greece organised by Our Cat Rehoming Coordinator Michelle Round who while on holiday there helped with the local charity to organise bringing them to the UK, they have all been rehomed with a much better quality of life.



Chairpersons Report

As a local Branch we have passed through another year of changes and accomplishments.

As Chairman I know the work and dedication that goes into running this Branch and know that none of our achievements would be possible without our wonderful team of Trustees and Volunteers who are always willing to go that little bit extra.

Michelle has recruited several volunteers and fosterers recently to look after, socialise and foster the cats that we have in our care and we thank you and all the volunteers for your continued dedication and commitment.

As a Branch we always engage with the Inspectorate by providing information. Our area would highly benefit from having a more local Inspector as we find its increasingly difficult to manage.

I would like to thank them for the support they give us.

Kath Unwin

Hon. Chairperson.

Secretary's Report

We ended 2021/started 2022 with 2 snakes needing a place to stay very late on New Years Eve after they were abandoned in a house and removed by Chris an inspector. They were in luck as I had not long found out I was pregnant, so I wasn't out for New Year celebrating, and instead at home. I drove to meet Chris where I swapped a hot coffee and slice of Christmas cake for two very cold snakes!

During 2022 we continued to help many animals, as a branch we have tried to do as much as we can whilst we still don't have a dedicated inspector in our area. We are covered by inspectors from other areas, but the branch believes one is needed to cover us, and the other branch areas around us. We are unbelievably happy that in March we had 2 cat pens installed in the branch office. They are working out great, especially for cats that cannot be placed into a fosterer's home right away or for cats that are more feral. The cats are cared for by Michelle the cat coordinator, Janine the branch administrator during her hours of work, Audrey a trustee Alex and Hazel, who are two volunteers. In May we decided we needed people to care for the cats when the trustees or volunteers couldn't cover so we took on 2 part time cat carers. Along with the cat fosterers we have we are happy we can now look after and rehome more cats at a time and take in the ones we couldn't before we had the cat pens.

I feel Michelle needs an extra mention here as she has worked tirelessly to do as much for the cats in our care as possible and without her, we would definitely not have the cat pens or the amazing group of fosterers she looks after.

Due to me being pregnant I decided I couldn't carry on fostering for the branch, after the last animals I had were rehomed, I took a step back but continued to keep in touch.

Towards the end of the year Janine advertised for some dog fosterers and with those we were able to take on 5 case dogs for the inspectorate. Being able to take in dogs again after so many years of not is great for the branch.

We have continued to support people in our local area with neutering and veterinary fee vouchers including neutering vouchers, we advertise these on our Facebook page which has been gaining more followers and is a great way for people to contact us for help, information on adoption and fostering.

Janine and I (before June) both went out on wildlife calls, many of Janine's calls were for injured gulls or gull chicks and mine were mainly to check on swans reported to be unwell on Ulverston canal and for hedgehogs who were found injured or out in the day.

I feel the branch has done some great things in 2022, let's hope 2023 we can grow our small branch of dedicated trustees and volunteers even more.

Mandy Christopher Hon.
Secretary



The Treasurers Introduction to the Annual Accounts

For the year 2022 we received just under £9970.00 in donations for adoptions and fundraising. Our Branch is always grateful for this income as it helps towards the care of animals in the local area.

We also received £15,618.00 from the Head Office grant again this is so valuable to us so we can continue to provide the help needed.

Our expenses have increased this year we spent £24,309 on Veterinary costs alone. This has increased by approximately £5000 on last year. Additionally, we have spent £6615 on improvements to the office including a new front door, external lighting and cctv.

We have completed installing two holding pens so we can keep cats temporarily and in emergencies, with this we also needed to install a separate sink, washing machine and additional radiator for heating in winter months.

We have spent £1872.95 on foster care for 2022.

We feel this has been a successful addition to Our office as we struggled previously with finding urgent foster care at short notice it's meant we can take in emergencies straight away.

I would like to thank all the Trustees, volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

Eve Brockway
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Hon.



Furness and Barrow Branch
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Financial Statements

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Activities for generating funds				
Special efforts - Furness and Barrow	-		-	
Sundries including sale of goods	-		958	
		-		958
Investment Income				
Interest received		1,182		900
		26,660		52,941
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Contributions to headquarters	-		185	
Accountancy	485		515	
		485		700
Other resources expended				
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Rents and rates	303		337	
Insurance	682		314	
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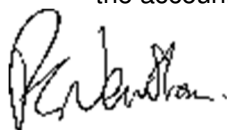
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Rehoming and Welfare Work of the Branch

In the month of February 2021 the Branch ran a neutering initiative by offering to pay the full cost of neutering to any pet owners of Dogs, Cats, rabbits & guinea pigs. 20 were issued, 3 were unused.

We assisted a total of 129 animals owned by members of the public with neutering

14 Dogs, 43 Cats, 6 and 2 guinea pigs

The Branch also assisted in veterinary fees of 17 Dogs, 15 Cats and 1 rabbit.



We were happy to be able to donate £1000 to NAZWAD to help with the rescue and care of animals in Afghanistan.

A total of 76 animals in our care were rehomed, 45 Cats, 12 Rabbits and 19 Guinea pig/Mice etc.

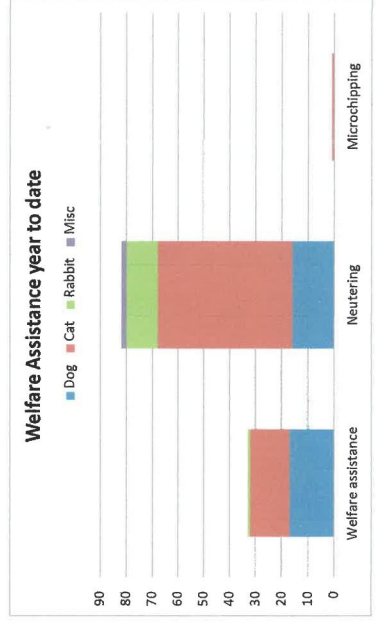
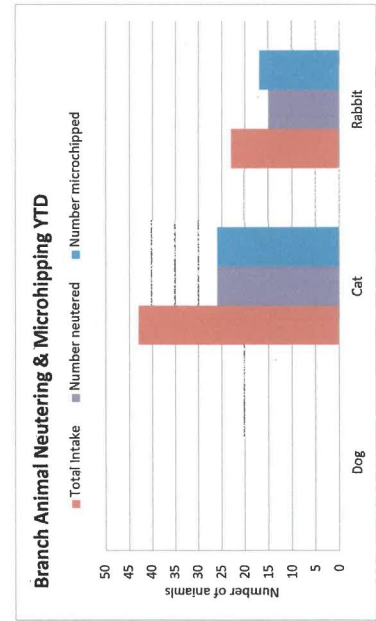
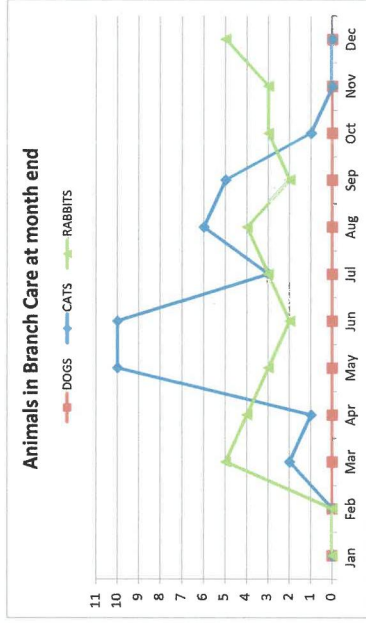
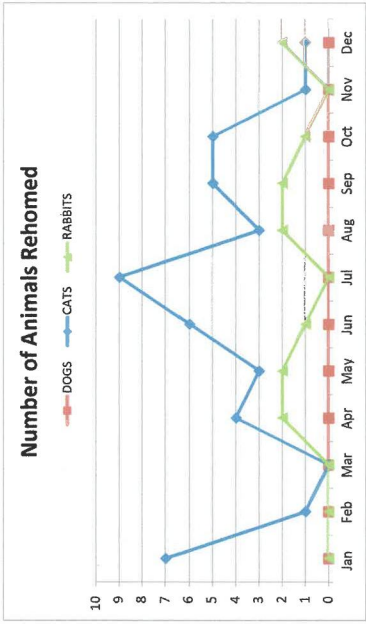
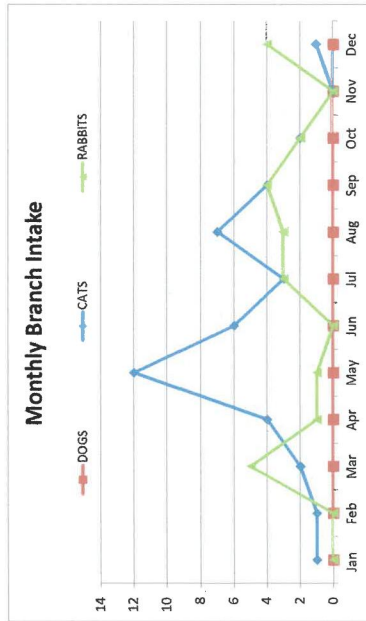
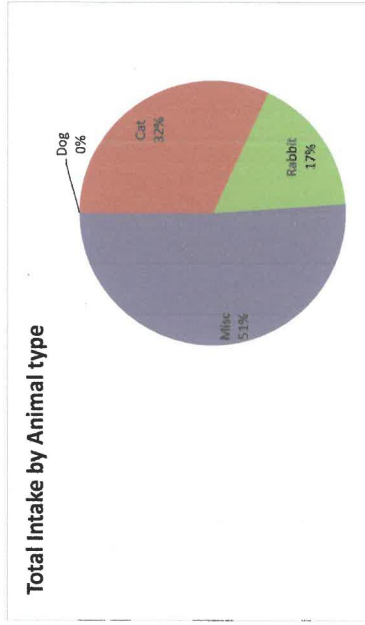
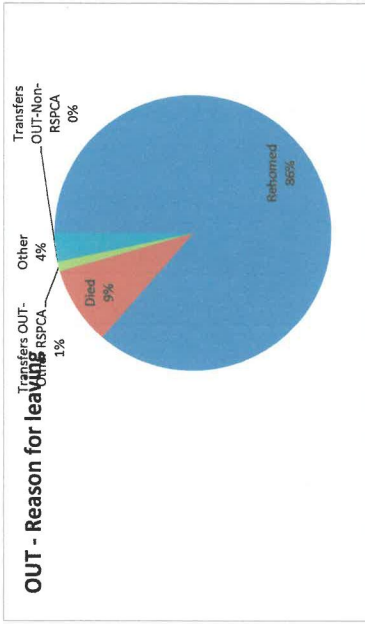
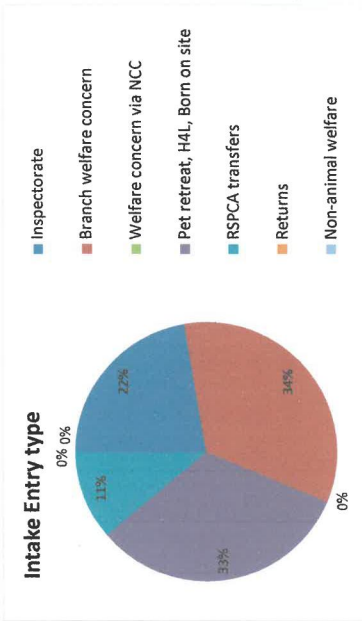
4 Feral cats were neutered, treated and released.

A total of 36 wildlife rescues were carried out.

Branch: Furness & Barrow

analysis year to December

2021





SUMMARY OF ANIMAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Period covered:

Year to date total 2021

Branch:

Last month submitted December

Furness & Barrow

(1) ANIMALS IN BRANCH CARE

(1.1) At start of the year

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Animal Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Foster Care	0	6	0	0	6
Private Boarding	0	0	0	0	0
Veterinary Clinic / hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at start of month	0	6	0	0	6

(1.2) INTAKE category

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Inspectorate-Case animals	0	0	4	2	6
Inspectorate-Welfare Concern	0	0	9	15	24
Inspectorate-Networked from PBE / society hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Branch welfare concern	0	41	5	0	46
Welfare concern via NCC	0	0	0	0	0
Home for Life & born in branch care	0	2	0	42	44
Transfers IN - other RSPCA	0	0	5	10	15
Returns	0	0	0	0	0
Total IN - welfare reasons	0	43	23	69	135

Total IN - non-welfare

Dog	0	Cat	0	Rabbit	0	Misc	0	Total	0
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(1.3) Animals OUT

	Reason for leaving				
	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Rehomed	0	45	12	19	76
Died	0	0	6	2	8
Transfers OUT-Other RSPCA	0	1	0	0	1
Transfers OUT-Non-RSPCA	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	3	0	0	3
PTS	0	0	0	0	0
Total out	0	49	18	21	88

(1.4) Animals PTS in branch care

Reason	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Vet Advice	0	0	0	0	0
Animal's best interest	0	0	0	0	0
Aggression	0	0	0	0	0
Behavioural	0	0	0	0	0
Unwanted/unhomed	0	0	0	0	0
Orphaned	0	0	0	0	0
Feral	0	0	0	0	0
Legal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

(1.5) In care at year end

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Animal Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Foster Care	0	0	5	48	53
Private Boarding	0	0	0	0	0
Veterinary Clinic / hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at end of month	0	0	5	48	53

(1.6) Length of Stay

No. of non-Case animals	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
0-3 months	0	0	5	48	53
4-6 months	0	0	0	0	0
Over 6 months	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	5	48	53

(2) Homevisiting

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Pre-home visits	0	43	5	15	63
Post-home visits	0	39	6	10	55

(3) Neutering

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Branch animals	0	26	15	6	47
Other RSPCA animals	0	0	6	0	6
Public / other owned - clinic	2	9	0	0	11
Public / other owned - other	14	43	6	2	65
Total	16	78	27	8	129

(4) Welfare Assistance (veterinary care)

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Other RSPCA animals (non-branch)	2	0	0	0	2
Public / other owned - clinic	0	0	0	0	0
Public / other owned - other	15	15	1	0	31
Sub-Total	17	15	1	0	33
PTS at owner's insistence	0	0	0	0	0

(5) Microchipping

	Dog	Cat	Rabbit	Misc	Total
Branch Animals	0	26	17	0	43
Other RSPCA animals	0	0	0	0	0
Public / other owned - clinic	0	0	0	0	0
Public / other owned - other	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	27	17	0	44

(6) Financial Support for animal welfare activities

	Total £
RSPCA regional schemes	0
Other RSPCA branches	0
Other animal welfare charities	1000

(7) Feral Cats

No. of Feral cats neutered & released	4
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(8) Wildlife Information

Accepted	36	Released	6
Transfers OUT - Other RSPCA	9	Transfers OUT - Non-RSPCA	1
Died	1	PTS	19

Please give details of any other animal welfare activity or scheme your branch is running:

JAN: FEB: 20 Free neutering vouchers MAR: APR: MAY: JUN:
 JUL: AUG: SEP: OCT: NOV: DEC:

Chairman's Report

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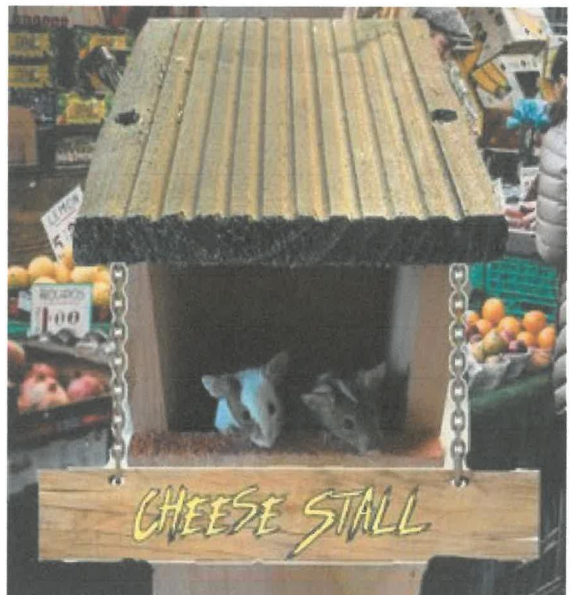
As chairman I know the work and dedication that goes into running this branch and know that none of our achievements would be possible without our wonderful team of Trustees and Volunteers who are always willing to go that little bit extra.

Michelle has recruited several volunteers recently to look after, socialise and foster the cats that we have in our care and we thank you and all the volunteers for your continued dedication and commitment.

As a branch we are trying to engage with the Inspectorate on a more frequent basis by submitting evidence gathering weekly, to provide information that our area would highly benefit from having our own inspector and I would like to thank them for their continued support and assistance.

Kath Unwin

Hon. Chairperson



Secretary's Report

2021 saw us continue to have problems associated with Covid 19 including our branch meetings which we continued to do remotely until we were allowed back in the office to do them as a group.

Our wonderful Branch Administrator Janine Fleming has been fantastic as her role and we would be lost without her.

Our area still doesn't currently have a dedicated inspector, but we are being covered by various inspectors including Chris, Graham, Amy and Robyn.

We have been in touch with National about this as we feel this is not acceptable and are looking at what we can do to show we need an inspector dedicated to our area.

We sadly lost a trustee in Cyndi Morris as she was moving out of the area but we gained a new trustee in Audrey Round and retained all the other trustees we already had with the branch. Audrey was keen to join the branch as her daughter Michelle has been a trustee for many years and wanted to help the branch continue the good work we do.

Due to me moving house the rabbit facility needed to be moved, it was agreed that it was to be moved to Trustee Jennifer Christopher's home as I am now in rented accommodation. Due to covid this has been a long process and is still not completed but we're hoping to have it back up and running asap. In the meantime our rabbits and guinea pigs are being housed elsewhere with Mandy.

Our cats are still being cared for by trustees and our fosterers rather than in a cattery. We did look at the possibility of having our own cattery but decided we don't have enough trustees or volunteers to run this as we would like. Finding a place to have the cattery in the local area was also a problem so for now we will continue to have them with fosterers.

The same goes for the idea of having our own kennels, but we have been continuing our work to help the local dogs with veterinary treatment and vouchers.

Covid 19 meant that we were unable to do any fundraising in the way of tombolas, raffles etc, to raise funds for the branch but we did receive some large bequests which will be put to great use for things like our neutering campaign which we ran in February. We feel these make a big difference to the amount of unwanted litters in the area thus reducing the amount of stray cats and unwanted dogs.

Thank you to all trustees, members, volunteers and Janine our branch administrator of 2021 for all your wonderful work.

Mandy Christopher
Hon. Secretary



The Treasurer's Introduction to the Annual Accounts for 2021

This past financial year our branch has received bequests of £24,626.01 and £10,038.57 in local donations and adoptions. As a branch we are always really grateful for this income as it helps us fund the care of animals in our locality.

We were unable to organise any fundraising this year due to the lasting effects from the global pandemic but are hoping to arrange fundraising events again soon.

The branch has continued to offer neutering vouchers throughout the year, and we have also held neutering and microchipping campaigns which have proved popular as always in the area. Veterinary costs are similar this year due to the success of these campaigns

We no longer have a cattery facility but have been using fosterers instead. We have also started work on installing holding pens so we can take in cats' short term as emergencies arise.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued efforts and support.

Eve Brockway

Hon. Treasurer



**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

We report on the accounts of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 18 to 19.

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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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

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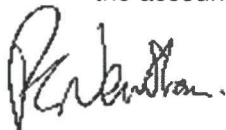
Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
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 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr P Newsham
RfM Chartered Accountants
Bellevue
Ulverston
Cumbria LA12 7NB
Dated : 29 June 2022

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Furness and Barrow Branch

Charity No 232247

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds 2021		Unrestricted Funds 2020	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income				
Donations Furness and Barrow	10,025		4,434	
Grant received from headquarters	16,432		17,555	
Bequests	24,626		3,000	
		51,083		24,989
Activities for generating funds				
Special efforts - Furness and Barrow	-		1,727	
Sundries including sale of goods	958		736	
		958		2,463
Investment Income				
Interest received		900		1,355
		52,941		28,807
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Contributions to headquarters	185.00		0	
Accountancy	515.00		550	
		700		550
Other resources expended				
Telephone	549		582	
Veterinary expenses and pet crematorium	19,708		17,430	
Rents and rates	337		273	
Insurance	314		627	
Heat and light	974		720	
Salaries	7,879		10,428	
Licence - lotteries	55		37	
Centre expenses	1,915		1,462	
Repairs and renewals	6,838		1,940	
Sundries	947		441	
Cattery	2,535		6,972	
Donation - NOWZAD	1,000		-	
VAT not recoverable	-		2,140	
		43,052		43,052
		43,752		43,602
Excess of income over expenditure		9,189		(14,795)
Balance brought forward from previous year		258,834		273,629
Balance at end of year		268,023		258,834

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Furness and Barrow Branch

Charity No 232247

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds 2021		Unrestricted Funds 2020	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Property RSPCA Centre, Church Street Barrow in Furness - at cost		20,156		20,156
Rabbit Facility - at cost		7,787		7,787
Total fixed assets		<u>27,943</u>		<u>27,943</u>
Current assets				
Debtors				
VAT		-		689
Investments				
Charity annual bonus 90 account (FBS)	56,985		56,899	
Fixed bond deposit account (FBS)	49,539		49,465	
1 year fixed rate bond (CBS)	51,817		51,203	
30 day notice deposit (CBS)	41,606		41,481	
		199,947		199,047
Cash at bank				
HSBC General account		40,947		31,604
Total current assets		<u>240,894</u>		<u>231,340</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry creditors		500		450
Accruals		314		-
Net assets		<u>268,023</u>		<u>258,833</u>

Represented by Funds of the charity

Unrestricted funds

As at 31 December 2020	258,833	273,628
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>9,189</u>	<u>(14,795)</u>
Total funds as at 31 December 2021	<u>268,023</u>	<u>258,833</u>

I approve the financial information.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

The financial information was approved on

Signed _____

Accounts

**Charity Number:
232247**



**Royal Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals**

Furness and Barrow

Branch Financial

Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2020

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Furness **and Barrow**

Branch **Reg.** Charity

Number 232247

Trustees' annual report

2020



Board of trustees

Executive/Branch

officers Hon chairman:

Mrs K. Unwin

Hon Treasurer: Mrs E

Brockway Hon Secretary: Ms

M Christopher

Committee

Members MsM.

Round

Mrs J. Christopher

Mrs C. Rigg

Mrs L. Maddison

Royal Society -for Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Furness and Barrow Branch
Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Structure, Governance and Management

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Fundraising and events

During 2020 we were unable to hold fundraising events due to covid restrictions



Rehoming and Welfarework of the Branch

During 2020 even with covid restrictions we were able to Neuter 98 cats, 45 dogs, 22 rabbits And 6 guinea pigs

We have chipped 55 cats and 1

rabbit We also vaccinated 63 cats,

and 1 rabbit



Chairman's Report

As a local branch we have passed through another difficult year of changes and accomplishments, especially in this turbulent time with the ever presence of COVID-19. We have had a change in administration since the last AGM and I would like to welcome Janine to our wonderful and friendly Branch {Janine joined us in January 2021). As chairman I know the work and dedication that goes into running this branch and know that none of our achievements would be possible without our wonderful team of Trustees and Volunteers who are always willing to go that little bit extra.

Thank you, for your continued dedication and commitment. As a branch we enjoy a good working relationship with the Inspectorate. As a local branch we have passed through another difficult year of changes and accomplishments, especially in this turbulent time with the ever presence of COVID-19. We have had a change in administration since the last AGM **and** I would like to welcome Janine to our wonderful and friendly Branch (Janine joined us in January 2021). As chairman I know the work and dedication that goes into running this branch and know that none of our achievements would be possible without our wonderful team of Trustees and Volunteers who are always willing to go that little bit extra. Thank you, for your continued dedication and commitment. As a branch we enjoy a good working relationship with the Inspectorate, and I would like to thank them for their continued support and assistance.

I would like to thank Denise McCabe who is our Branches Support Specialist who has joined us at many of our meetings and hopefully will continue to do so for many more and she has provided invaluable guidance to the Branch on several issues.

Kath Unwin

Hon. Chairperson

Secretary's Report

Well, what a year 2020 was! I don't think anyone could have expected the year to be as it was with the arrival of Covid 19.

This of course has affected the Branch and the work we do and although it brought many problems, we have still been able to continue to support the animals in our care and the animals in our area. Our face to face meetings were unable to go ahead but with the aid of technology we have been able to keep in touch via Facetime, Emails, Calls and Messages.

Zoe Our Branch Administrator was let go by the Branch after we felt she was not fulfilling the job role. Thankfully we found the wonderful Janine Fleming who is settling into the role brilliantly.

Our area doesn't currently have a designated Inspector, but we are being covered by various inspectors including Chris, Amy and Robyn.

We gained two new trustees in Keeley Walsh and Leanne Maddison and retained all the trustees we already had with the branch. Keeley was keen to help with the cats and foster them for us when she could and Leanne brings extensive knowledge of horses to the branch, something that we've not had before.

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We decided to stop boarding our cats at Sowerby Cattery owned by Dot and John Butler, this was because we felt the cats would do better in a different, more homely environment and so far, we are now only using fosterers. We are hoping to look at building our own cattery in the future.

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Mandy Christopher

Hon. Secretary.



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We have had a challenging year with the global pandemic, lockdowns, and social distancing. The office had to close for a few months as Zoe needed to isolate due to health reasons, she did her best to work from home, but this proved quite difficult to maintain long term.

We were unable to organise any fundraising this year and we also had to cancel events that we had been planning to hold.

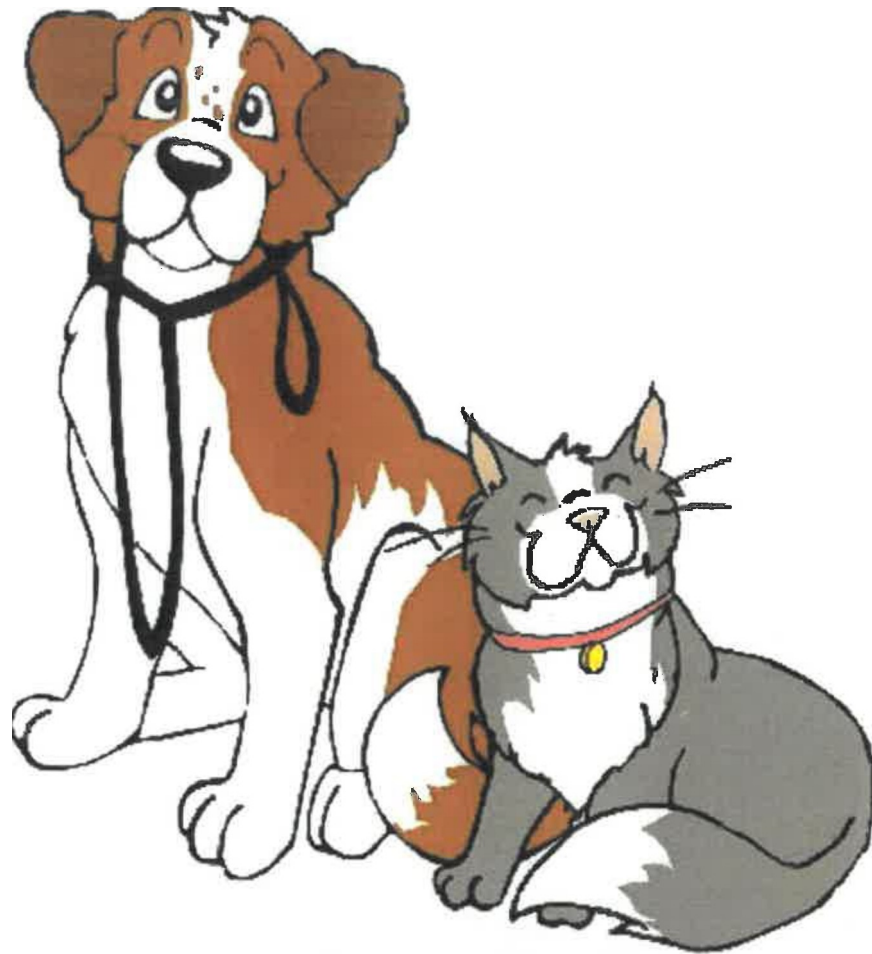
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I would like to thank everyone for their continued challenging work and look forward to a more productive year.

Eve Brockway

Hon. Treasurer





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**MrPNewsham
RfM Chartered Accountants**

117 Duke Street
Barrow in
Furness Cumbria
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Dated : 8 November 2021

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Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Furness and Barrow Branch

Charity No 232247

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted		Funds	
	Unrestricted Funds		2019	
	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Voluntary Income				
Donations Furness and Barrow	4,434		13,633	
Grant received from headquarters	17,555		(6,355)	
Bequests	3,000		18,427	
		24,988		25,705
Activities for general fundraising				
Special efforts - Furness and Barrow	1,727		864	
Sundries including sale of goods	736		2,476	
Dog boxes - Furness and Barrow			0,592	
		2,464		2,580
Investment Income				
Interest received		1,355		1,670
		28,807		29,955
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Contributions to headquarters			(7,350)	
Accountancy	550	550	350	(7,000)
Other resources expended				
Telephone	582		667	
Veterinary expenses and pet crematorium	17,430		19,473	
Rents and rates	273		285	
Insurance	627		627	
Heat and light	720		610	
Salaries	10,428		8,720	
Licence - lotteries	37			
Centre expenses	1,462		813	
Repairs and renewals	1,940		160	
Sundries	441		1,692	
Cattery	6,972		15,031	
VAT not recoverable	2,142		1,900	
		43,052		-
		43,602		49,592
				42,912
Excess of Income over expenditure		(14,795)		(13,022)
Balance brought forward from previous year		273,626		286,649
Balance at end of year		258,831		273,626

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232247 Balance

Sheet

at 31 December 2020

Unrestricted			
Unrestricted Funds 2020		Funds 2019	
£	£	£	£

fixed assets

Property RSPCA Centre, Church Street

Barrow in Furness - at cost	20,156	20,156
Rabbit Facility- at cost	<u>7,787</u>	<u>6</u>
		-
		<u>7,787</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>27,943</u>	<u>27,943</u>
Current assets		
Debtors		
VAT	689	638
Investments		
Charity annual bonus 90 account (FBS)	56,899	56,730
Fixed bond deposit account (FBS)	49,465	49,317
1 year fixed rate bond (CBS)	51,203	50,596
30 day notice deposit (CBS)	<u>41,481</u>	<u>41,050</u>
	199,047	197,693
Cash at bank		
HSBC General account	31,604	47,704
		<u>4</u>
Total current assets	<u>231,340</u>	<u>246,035</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Sundry creditors	450	350
Net assets	<u>258,833</u>	<u>273,628</u>
Represented by		
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds		
As at 31 December 2019	273,628	286,649
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year	<u>(14,795)</u>	<u>(13,022)</u>
Total funds as at 31 December 2020	<u>258,833</u>	<u>273,628</u>

I **approve** the financial information.

I acknowledge *my* responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

The financial information was approved on

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