

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 232254

Details

Other names	RSPCA - LIVERPOOL BRANCH, RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-12-13
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: Animal welfare charity

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.
- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£293,274	£154,548	-	-
2023-12-31	£136,743	£177,555	-	-
2022-12-31	£162,547	£91,430	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,078,010	£582,144	£3,581,199	2
2020-12-31	£209,596	£155,870	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FRANCES MARIE LYE	Chair	2000-05-25
COLETTE MARY MALTON		2008-05-15
ELIZABETH BAXTER		2016-05-19
GRACE ELIZABETH JANE LYE		2018-11-07
NICOLA McQUAID		2020-10-05

Linked charities

- SOPHIA ANNIE JEFFERSON FOR THE RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH (232254-1)

Accounts

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

Liverpool Branch

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS FOR 2024**

Registered Charity Number 232254

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2024

PATRONS:

Sir James Sharples, Q.P.M.

PRESIDENT:

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley
The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

A LITTLE HISTORY

"The Liverpool Society For Preventing Wanton Cruelty To Brute Animals" was formed by a group of people who got together in the Crown & Anchor Coffee House in Bold Street Liverpool at 7pm on the 25th October 1809. Thus came into being the first animal welfare society in the world. 1809 was the jubilee year of H.M. George III and 25th October was jubilee day. England was at war with France and Napoleon had banned trade between the conquered continental countries and England.

Reports of the Society's work appeared regularly in "Billings Liverpool Advertiser and Marine Intelligence". These reports were ill received by certain hauliers and carters who could see that their sick and infirm animals might be prevented from working. This resulted in members of the Society being waylaid after their meetings and in consequence meetings had to be held in secret.

In succession, RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH was established in 1841.

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Year ended 31st December 2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Registered Charity No. 232254

Principal Office:

2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG
Phone: 0151 705 9090

The Governing Documents and Constitution:

RSPCA Branch Model Rules revised October 2023 and the Charity Commission Scheme 30th April 1971. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

Officers:

Chairman: Mrs F. LYE
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs C. MALTON
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E BAXTER

Members:

Ms G. LYE
Ms L. FARRAR (resigned January 2024)
Ms N. McQUAID

Bankers:

HSBC BANK plc
99-101 Lord Street, Liverpool L2 6PG

Auditors:

Malthouse & Co
8 Rumford Place, Liverpool L3 9DD
(0151 284 2000)

Investment Managers:

RATHBONE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1NW
(0151 236 6666)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

LEGAL STATUS

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254. The principal office is now at 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool, L3 9AG.

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than five or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as Trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The Branch currently has 5 Trustees. New trustees will undergo a period of orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity, trust law, the Charity Guidance on public benefit; and inform them of the content of the Branch governing documentation; the operation of the Branch Committee and decision-making processes.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch is a separate Charity (No. 232254) from the National Society but is subject to and operates under the Rules for the National Society and the Rules for Branches as updated in 2006.

OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The object of the charity is to prevent cruelty and to promote kindness to animals within the Liverpool and Merseyside area as defined by the Society.

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 the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ORGANISATION

The Branch operates as an autonomous Branch of the RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches. The Branch is governed by a committee elected at the AGM who are Trustees of the Branch. The Committee is responsible for the management, financial affairs and animal welfare activities conducted by the Branch.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Branch operates a Welfare Voucher Scheme in partnership with Cats Protection and Care for the Paw to support their outreach work in deprived parts of Liverpool. The Branch also works closely with the Society's Inspectorate providing financial support for animal welfare and neutering. The Branch supports the National Pet Food Partnership and supplies food on a regular basis to two Food Bank distribution points (St. Andrews Community Centre and St. Leonards in Bootle). The Branch supports other local Animal Charities and RSPCA Branches by accepting, for consideration, Grant Applications and funding projects, where appropriate, to further the Branch aims and objectives.

The Branch explored the possibility of setting up a clinic, but a cost benefit analysis indicated that using local vet facilities and working with Rescue Me, a local animal charity with on-site clinic, would make better use of available funds. On going support for RSPCA Southport and RSPCA Lancs East established a working partnership which could offer the Branch support with rehoming dogs if necessary. Increasing the number of local vets who are willing to accept RSPCA Liverpool Branch vouchers, will make it easier for more people access health care and

neutering for their pets. The Trustees recognise that, in order to expand Branch operations in future, they may need to employ an Administrator."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2024 rose from £136,743 in 2023 to £293,274. This can largely be accounted for due to an exceptional legacy of £150,000 received in the year.

Total expenditure fell from £177,555 in 2023 to £154,548 this year. The biggest difference was grants paid to other charities which fell by £68,000, this was somewhat offset by the branch contribution levied by RSPCA HQ of £22,050 up from £551 in 2023. An additional £11,059 was spent on other charitable activities subsidising vet costs and buying pet food for food banks.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in 2024, and no trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

RISK ANALYSIS

In previous years the trustees had identified several factors which would pose a risk to the Branch. With the decision taken to close the centre and cease operating in 2019 the main risk was for insufficient trustees to be recruited to continue the Branch work. The other risk identified previously was the loss of legacy income which had continued at a very low level compared with previous years. The trustees were satisfied that there were sufficiently robust procedures in place along with the recruitment of volunteers of suitable qualification and experience to minimise the risk error or fraud.

RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are necessary to safeguard the branches' future. Following the closure and subsequent sale of the animal centre in 2021, the trustees needed to address how the charity would continue to operate. The trustees are working on building relationships with other local animal welfare organisations and collaborating with them to pursue the charity's aims and objectives. The majority of the charity's funds are invested to produce an income whilst the trustees consider the best way to apply accumulated reserves going forward. The trustees have considered various activities such as investing in a new animal centre or a new veterinary centre or working with other organisations who are providing facilities already. They are also considering staff recruitment to facilitate increased activity and are looking for new trustees who can bring new skills to strengthen the charity's board. These discussions are ongoing into 2025.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Following the sale of the Branch's land at Halewood, substantial funds were available for Investment. The Trustees met with our portfolio management consultants, and a strategy was discussed and agreed. The Branch portfolio is managed by Rathbones Investment Management on a discretionary basis. The portfolio value at 31st December 2024 was £3,592,634, which includes £243,105 cash on deposit and at 31st December 2023 was £3,386,199.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in [England and Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland] requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining 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 the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the 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.

FUTURE PLANS

Going forward the trustees plan to continue to support the outreach work of the Cats Protection and Care for the Paw and to provide financial support for animal welfare and neutering. Where appropriate, the charity will continue to support other animal charities through grant funding and through collaboration on projects as appropriate.

GOING CONCERN

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

At the time the report is approved, the trustees are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware, and they have taken all steps that they each ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Committee on 21st JUNE 2025

Mrs F. Lye



Mrs E. Baxter



TRUSTEES

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Liverpool Branch (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other matter

The figures included in the financial statements in respect of the prior period are unaudited.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the charity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.

- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity's sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:
 - making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
 - considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions and investigated the rationale behind them;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Guy Playfer BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Malthouse & Company Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
America House, Rumford Court
Rumford Place
Liverpool
Merseyside
L3 9DD

Date: 23 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
Donations	2	25,474	26,886
Legacies	3	177,202	12,526
		<u>202,676</u>	<u>39,412</u>
Income from Investments			
Investment income	4	90,598	97,331
		<u>293,274</u>	<u>136,743</u>
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS			
EXPENDITURE			
Raising Funds			
Investment Management Costs		24,305	22,616
Charitable Activities	5	130,243	154,939
		<u>154,548</u>	<u>177,555</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES			
Realised gain/loss on investments		(3)	(43,109)
Unrealised gain/loss on investments		220,580	147,126
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		<u>220,577</u>	<u>104,017</u>
NET INCOME		359,303	63,205
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds brought forward		3,508,657	3,445,452
Total Funds carried forward		<u>3,867,960</u>	<u>3,508,657</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	2,427	1,562
Investments	8	3,592,634	3,386,199
		<u>3,595,061</u>	<u>3,387,761</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	5,063	27,365
Cash at bank		286,158	112,296
		<u>291,221</u>	<u>139,661</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(18,322)	(18,765)
		<u>272,899</u>	<u>120,896</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>3,867,960</u>	<u>3,508,657</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>3,867,960</u>	<u>3,508,657</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>3,867,960</u>	<u>3,508,657</u>

These financial statements were approved and signed by the members of the committee on
21st June 2025

Mrs F. Lye



Mrs E. Baxter



The notes on pages 13 to 19 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal Status

The charity is a public benefit entity and is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council (effective 1 January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)". They are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments which have been included at fair value.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true & view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities applying for FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended practice which is referred to in the Regulations, but which has since been withdrawn.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Legacies, donations, voluntary income and fees charged.

Cash donations, gifts and fees charged are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become receivable. Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the monetary value of the Legacy is known, and confirmation has been received that the legacy is due.

Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Investment income

Investment income is recognised when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are disclosed in the financial statements at market value. Unrealised gains or losses on investments are provided for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Money deposited for a specific period of time (within the investment portfolio) is intended to be held for a period of more than one year and is therefore classified by the trustees as a fixed asset investment in the financial statements.

Share Disposals

Realised gains/losses on the sale of shares are calculated by deducting the cost of investments from the net proceeds received. Unrealised gains/losses represent the movement during the year of the market value of listed investments, net of any unrealised gains/losses becoming realised on disposal of investments during the year.

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Taxation

The society is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is credited or charged profit or loss.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	- 20% reducing balance method.
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance method.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred inclusive of VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with the investment portfolio.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fee and/or independent examiner fee as appropriate.

Financial Instruments

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities are classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Branch's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities. The most significant accounting estimate this year is:

Valuation of listed investments - see note 8

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2. DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Subscriptions, donations and collections	25,474	26,886

3. LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Legacies	177,202	12,526

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Value 2024 £	Value 2023 £	Income 2024 £	Income 2023 £
UK quoted and foreign investments	3,349,529	3,036,331	79,496	79,607
UK portfolio cash	243,105	349,868	11,102	17,724
	<u>3,592,634</u>	<u>3,386,199</u>	<u>90,598</u>	<u>97,331</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Direct costs		
Voucher scheme	22,529	11,512
Pet food for food banks	5,398	5,356
Grant scheme	40,000	108,000
	<u>67,927</u>	<u>124,868</u>
Support costs		
Rent	16,387	14,374
Rates and insurance	1,135	1,269
Printing, stationery and telephone	3,865	3,901
Legal and professional fees	286	271
Branch contribution	22,050	551
Depreciation – net	606	391
Bookkeeping charges	8,310	7,440
Motor and travelling	43	183
Computer costs	473	424
Subscriptions	587	451
Sundry	146	291
Anilog software support	0	-5,445
Finance	28	126
	<u>53,916</u>	<u>24,227</u>
Governance costs		
Audit / independent examination fee	8,400	5,844
	<u>8,400</u>	<u>5,844</u>

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6. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cost of generating funds	-	24,305	24,305	22,616
Charitable activity	-	67,927	67,927	124,868
Support costs	606	53,310	53,916	24,227
Governance costs	-	8,400	8,400	5,884
	<u>606</u>	<u>153,942</u>	<u>154,548</u>	<u>177,555</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £	Total £
COST		
At 1 January 2024	33,691	33,691
Additions	1,471	1,471
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>35,162</u>	<u>35,162</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2024	32,129	32,129
Charge for the year	606	606
On disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>32,735</u>	<u>32,735</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,427</u>	<u>2,427</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,562</u>	<u>1,562</u>

All of the tangible fixed assets included above are for use by the charity.

8. INVESTMENTS

Movement in market value

	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at 1 January 2024	3,386,199	3,297,514
Acquisitions at cost	517,013	834,391
Movement of cash held	(106,763)	(665,277)
Disposals at opening book value	(424,395)	(227,555)
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	220,580	147,126
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>3,592,634</u>	<u>3,386,199</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2024	<u>3,367,320</u>	<u>3,381,465</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Listed investments		
UK and overseas quoted shares	3,349,529	3,036,331
Other		
UK cash held as part of portfolio	243,105	349,868
	<u>3,592,634</u>	<u>3,386,199</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity received a share of fundraising from the RSPCA National Society totalling £21,816 during the year. The charity paid a branch contribution of £22,050 to the RSPCA National Society during the year.

Expenses of £78 were reimbursed to a volunteer (not a trustee).

Charity expenses totalling £115 were paid by a trustee and have been included as a donation in the accounts.

10. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	2,098	25,192
Prepayments and accrued income	2,965	2,173
	<u>5,063</u>	<u>27,365</u>

11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,063	6,118
Accruals and deferred income	17,259	12,647
	<u>18,322</u>	<u>18,765</u>

12. PENSIONS

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch participated in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit (DB) pension scheme. The Scheme is funded and was contracted out of the state scheme until 31st March 2010, when the scheme was closed to future accrual.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there were two benefit structures available, these were final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate, until the date of the Scheme closure on 31st March 2010.

The scheme closed to future accrual on 31st March 2010. There is currently no intention to wind-up the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme and it continues in paid-up form.

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch withdrew from the Scheme and paid a settlement of £608,978 in January 2022 to cover its Section 75 debt on withdrawal.

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Funds	<u>3,592,634</u>	<u>2,427</u>	<u>272,899</u>	<u>3,867,960</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 01.01.24	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains/ Losses	Transfers	As at 31.12.24
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	3,508,657	293,274	154,548	220,577	-	3,867,960
	<u>3,508,657</u>	<u>293,274</u>	<u>154,548</u>	<u>220,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,867,960</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	As at 01.01.23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains/ Losses	Transfers	As at 31.12.23
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	748,432	57,136	159,057	18,942	2,843,204	3,508,657
Restricted funds						
Investment fund	2,697,020	79,607	18,498	85,075	-2,843,204	-
	<u>3,445,452</u>	<u>136,743</u>	<u>177,555</u>	<u>104,017</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,508,657</u>

Current and prior year combined position

	As at 01.01.23	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains/ Losses	Transfers	As at 31.12.24
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	748,432	350,140	313,605	239,519	2,843,204	3,867,960
Restricted funds						
Investment fund	2,697,020	79,607	18,498	85,075	-2,843,204	-
	<u>3,445,452</u>	<u>430,017</u>	<u>332,103</u>	<u>324,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,867,960</u>

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	-	-
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	<u>3,592,634</u>	<u>3,386,199</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>1,063</u>	<u>6,118</u>

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

Liverpool Branch

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS FOR 2023**

Registered Charity Number 232254

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2023

PATRONS:

Sir James Sharples, Q.P.M.

PRESIDENT:

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

A LITTLE HISTORY

“The Liverpool Society For Preventing Wanton Cruelty To Brute Animals” was formed by a group of people who got together in the Crown & Anchor Coffee House in Bold Street Liverpool at 7pm on the 25th October 1809. Thus came into being the first animal welfare society in the world. 1809 was the jubilee year of H.M. George III and 25th October was jubilee day. England was at war with France and Napoleon had banned trade between the conquered continental countries and England.

Reports of the Society’s work appeared regularly in “Billings Liverpool Advertiser and Marine Intelligence”. These reports were ill received by certain hauliers and carters who could see that their sick and infirm animals might be prevented from working. This resulted in members of the Society being waylaid after their meetings and in consequence meetings had to be held in secret.

In succession, RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH was established in 1841.

**Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
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Year ended 31st December 2023

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Registered Charity No. 232254

Principal Office:

2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG

Phone: 0151 705 9090

The Governing Documents and Constitution:

RSPCA Branch Model Rules revised September 2006 and the Charity Commission Scheme 30th April 1971. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

Officers:

Chairman: Mrs F. LYE

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs E BAXTER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs C. MALTON

Members:

Ms G. LYE

Ms L. FARRAR

Mrs I. FELTON (Resigned 11 May 2023)

Ms N. McQUAID

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than five or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch.

Bankers:

HSBC BANK plc

99-101 Lord Street, Liverpool L2 6PG

Reporting Accountants:

Monetta LLP

110-114 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5AG

(0151 703 1080)

Investment Managers:

RATHBONE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD

Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1NW

(0151 236 6666)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

LEGAL STATUS

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254. The principal office is now at 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool, L3 9AG.

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than seven or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as Trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The Branch currently has 6 Trustees.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch is a separate Charity (No. 232254) from the National Society but is subject to and operates under the Rules for the National Society and the Rules for Branches as updated in 2006.

OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The object of the charity is to prevent cruelty and to promote kindness to animals within the Liverpool and Merseyside area as defined by the Society.

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 the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ORGANISATION

The Branch operates as an autonomous Branch of the RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches. The Branch is governed by a committee elected at the AGM who are Trustees of the Branch. The Committee is responsible for the management, financial affairs and animal welfare activities conducted by the Branch.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Branch operates a Welfare Voucher Scheme in partnership with Cats Protection and Care for the Paw to support their outreach work in deprived parts of Liverpool. The Branch also works closely with the Society's Inspectorate providing financial support for animal welfare and neutering. The Branch supports the National Pet Food Partnership and supplies food on a monthly basis to two Food Bank distribution points (St. Andrews Community Centre and RSPCA Wirral Branch). This scheme will be extended in 2023 to other areas of need (Anfield and Bootle). The Branch supports other local Animal Charities and RSPCA Branches by accepting, for consideration, Grant Applications and funding projects, where appropriate, to further the Branch aims and objectives.

THE SALE OF THE LIVERPOOL ANIMAL CENTRE, HALEWOOD

On 8th April 2021 the Sale of land at Liverpool Animal Centre, Higher Road, Halewood Liverpool L26 9TX to Miller Homes Limited was completed. The sale proceeds amounted to £5,000,000 of which £3,750,000 was received on completion and £1,250,000 was deferred for one year. The balance of sale proceeds was received in April 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2023 fell from £162,547 in 2022 to £136,743. This can largely be accounted for by due to the lack of legacy income falling from £80,674 in 2022 to £12,526 although income from investments did increase from £53,584 to £97,331.

Total expenditure increased to £177,555 compared with £91,430 in 2022 which was largely due to the increase in grants being issued to other charities.

The trustees sought professional advice on the treatment of its restricted funds. The advice provided confirmed that the original restriction was no longer valid and therefore the trustees resolved to transfer the restricted funds to unrestricted funds on 31st December 2023. This resulted in an amount of £2,843,204 being transferred to unrestricted funds.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in 2023 and no trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

RISK ANALYSIS

In previous years the trustees had identified several factors which would pose a risk to the Branch. With the decision taken to close the centre and cease operating in 2019 the main risk was for insufficient trustees to be recruited to continue the Branch work. The other risk identified previously was the loss of legacy income which had continued at a very low level compared with previous years. The trustees were satisfied that there were sufficiently robust procedures in place together with the employment of suitably qualified and experienced staff to minimise the risk error or fraud.

RESERVES POLICY

In view of the current financial position, the Branch is not in a position to formulate a reserves policy. Free reserves stood at £3,508,657 at the year-end.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Following the sale of the Branch's land at Halewood, substantial funds were available for Investment. The Trustees met with our portfolio management consultants and a strategy was discussed and agreed.

The Branch portfolio is managed by Rathbones Investment Management on a discretionary basis. The portfolio value at 31st December 2023 was £3,386,199, which includes £349,867 cash on deposit and at 31st December 2022 was £3,297,514.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 11 to 22 and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees 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.

GOING CONCERN

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Approved by the Committee on 19th June 2024

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

TRUSTEES

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report on the accounts of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Liverpool Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met

No matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith Miller

20th June 2024

Chartered Accountant

**Monetta LLP
110-114 Duke Street
Liverpool
L1 5AG**

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations	2	26,886	-	26,886	28,289
Legacies	3	12,526	-	12,526	80,674
		39,412	-	39,412	108,963
Income from Investments					
Investment income	4	17,724	79,607	97,331	53,584
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		57,136	79,607	136,743	162,547
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Investment Management Costs		4,118	18,498	22,616	18,668
Charitable Activities	5	139,057	-	139,057	46,519
Governance Costs	6	15,882	-	15,882	26,243
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7	159,057	18,498	177,555	91,430
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(101,921)	61,109	(40,812)	71,117
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
Realised gain/loss on investments		(7,850)	(35,259)	(43,109)	(38,761)
Unrealised gain/loss on investments		26,792	120,334	147,126	(168,103)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		18,942	85,075	104,017	(206,864)
Net movement in funds relating to the year		(82,979)	146,184	63,205	(135,747)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		748,432	2,697,020	3,445,452	3,581,199
Total Funds accumulated		665,453	2,843,204	3,508,657	3,445,452
Total Funds transfer		2,843,204	(2,843,204)	-	-
Total Funds carried forward		3,508,657	-	3,508,657	3,445,452

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	1,562	1,953
Investments	9	3,386,199	3,297,514
		<u>3,387,761</u>	<u>3,299,467</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	27,365	2,172
Cash at bank		112,296	166,436
		<u>139,661</u>	<u>166,608</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(18,765)	(22,623)
		<u>120,896</u>	<u>145,985</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			
		<u>3,508,657</u>	<u>3,445,452</u>
NET ASSETS			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	14	3,508,657	748,432
Restricted	15	-	2,697,020
		<u>3,508,657</u>	<u>3,445,452</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>3,508,657</u>	<u>3,445,452</u>

These financial statements were approved and signed by the members of the committee on 19th June 2024

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these accounts

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal Status

The charity is a public benefit entity and is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council (effective 1 January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)". They are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments which have been included at fair value.

Before 2015 the financial statements were prepared in accordance with UK GAAP applicable prior to the adoption of FRS102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and referred to as "previous UK GAAP". The financial effects of the transition to FRS102 are set out in note 18 below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Legacies, donations, voluntary income and fees charged.

Cash donations, gifts and fees charged are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become receivable. Fees charged are monies invoiced to the RSPCA National Society for the accommodation of cruelty case dogs. Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the monetary value of the Legacy is known and confirmation has been received that the legacy is due.

Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are disclosed in the financial statements at market value. Unrealised gains or losses on investments are provided for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Share Disposals

Realised gains/losses on the sale of shares are calculated by deducting the cost of investments from the net proceeds received. Unrealised gains/losses represent the movement during the year of the market value of listed investments, net of any unrealised gains/losses becoming realised on disposal of investments during the year.

Taxation

The society is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Buildings	- 2% on cost.
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% reducing balance method.
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance method.

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Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Governance activity

Staff costs and accommodation costs of the branch office, 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG), are apportioned between Governance costs and Charitable activity costs in the ratio of 2:3. This is based on the level of staff time attributable to the two functions. Due to the nature of the management function it is not possible to split costs between Governance Activity and Support Costs.

Financial Instruments

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities are classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Branch's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. DONATIONS

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Subscriptions, donations and collections	<u>26,886</u>	<u>28,289</u>

3. LEGACIES

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Legacies	<u>12,526</u>	<u>80,674</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Value 2023 £	Value 2022 £	Income 2023 £	Income 2022 £
UK quoted and foreign investments	3,036,331	2,282,369	79,607	39,813
UK portfolio cash	<u>349,868</u>	<u>1,015,145</u>	<u>17,724</u>	<u>13,771</u>
	<u>3,386,199</u>	<u>3,297,514</u>	<u>97,331</u>	<u>53,584</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds		
Pension	-	9
Rent	8,624	8,725
Rates and insurance	1,269	1,164
Printing, stationery and telephone	2,341	2,505
Vets and drugs	11,512	1,125
Pet food for food banks	5,356	-
Grant scheme	108,000	-
Legal and professional fees	271	12,468
Sundry	842	463
Subscriptions	451	89
Depreciation – net	391	489
	<u>139,057</u>	<u>27,037</u>
Restricted Funds		
Legal expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>19,482</u>
Total Funds	<u>139,057</u>	<u>46,519</u>

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

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6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Rent	5,750	5,816
Printing, stationery and phone	1,560	1,670
Bookkeeping charges	7,440	13,734
Independent examination Fee	5,844	3,720
Motor and travelling	183	79
Computer costs	424	1,126
Bank interest and charges	126	98
Anilog Software Support	(5,445)	-
	<u>15,882</u>	<u>26,243</u>

7. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cost of generating funds	-	22,616	22,616	18,668
Charitable activity	391	138,666	139,057	46,519
Governance activity	-	15,882	15,882	26,243
	<u>391</u>	<u>177,164</u>	<u>177,555</u>	<u>91,430</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
Other costs:		
Premises	15,642	15,706
Legal and professional	30,726	68,072
Pension	-	9
Animal welfare and grants	124,868	1,125
Other	5,928	6,029
	<u>177,164</u>	<u>90,941</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £	Total £
COST		
At 1 January 2023	33,691	33,691
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>33,691</u>	<u>33,691</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2023	31,738	31,738
Charge for the year	391	391
On disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>32,129</u>	<u>32,129</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,562</u>	<u>1,953</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,953</u>	<u>2,442</u>

All of the tangible fixed assets included above are for use by the charity.

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9. INVESTMENTS

Movement in market value

	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2023	3,297,514	2,796,965
Acquisitions at cost	834,391	1,141,846
Movement of cash held	(665,277)	(291,419)
Disposals at opening book value	(227,555)	(181,775)
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	147,126	(168,103)
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>3,386,199</u>	<u>3,297,514</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2023	<u>3,381,465</u>	<u>3,439,906</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2023 between funds

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Listed investments		
UK quoted shares	3,036,331	2,282,369
Other		
UK cash held as part of portfolio	349,868	1,015,145
	<u>3,386,199</u>	<u>3,297,514</u>

Quoted Investments	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Ordinary shares	-	3,036,331	3,036,331
Cash	-	349,868	349,868
	<u>2,751,764</u>	<u>634,435</u>	<u>3,386,199</u>

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year under review.

11. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	25,192	-
Prepayments and accrued income	2,173	2,172
	<u>27,365</u>	<u>2,172</u>

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	6,118	36
Accruals and deferred income	12,647	22,587
	<u>18,765</u>	<u>22,623</u>

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13. PENSIONS

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch participated in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit (DB) pension scheme. The Scheme is funded and was contracted out of the state scheme until 31st March 2010, when the scheme was closed to future accrual.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there were two benefit structures available, these were final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate, until the date of the Scheme closure on 31st March 2010.

The scheme closed to future accrual on 31st March 2010. There is currently no intention to wind-up the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme and it continues in paid-up form.

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch withdrew from the Scheme and paid a settlement of £608,978 in January 2022 to cover its Section 75 debt on withdrawal.

14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	3,386,199	1,562	120,896	3,508,657

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-

This Restricted Fund represents grants made by RSPCA Headquarters in Horsham and an amount from Support Adoption for Pets, towards the re-development of the facilities at Halewood Animal Centre, less amounts subsequently written off following the sale of the Halewood Animal Centre a proportion of the proceeds was allocated to the Restricted Fund. During the year the trustees sought professional advice on the appropriateness, or otherwise, as to the designation of the restricted funds. The professional advice concluded that the restriction on the funds were no longer valid and therefore the trustees resolved to reclassify the restricted funds as unrestricted funds. The sum of £2,843,204 was therefore transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds.

16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	-	-
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	3,386,199	3,297,514
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	6,118	36

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

Liverpool Branch

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS FOR 2022**

Registered Charity Number 232254

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2022

PATRONS:

Sir James Sharples, Q.P.M.

PRESIDENT:

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

A LITTLE HISTORY

“The Liverpool Society For Preventing Wanton Cruelty To Brute Animals” was formed by a group of people who got together in the Crown & Anchor Coffee House in Bold Street Liverpool at 7pm on the 25th October 1809. Thus came into being the first animal welfare society in the world. 1809 was the jubilee year of H.M. George III and 25th October was jubilee day. England was at war with France and Napoleon had banned trade between the conquered continental countries and England.

Reports of the Society’s work appeared regularly in “Billings Liverpool Advertiser and Marine Intelligence”. These reports were ill received by certain hauliers and carters who could see that their sick and infirm animals might be prevented from working. This resulted in members of the Society being waylaid after their meetings and in consequence meetings had to be held in secret.

In succession, RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH was established in 1841.

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

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2022

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Registered Charity No. 232254

Principal Office:

2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG

Phone: 0151 705 9090

The Governing Documents and Constitution:

RSPCA Branch Model Rules revised September 2006 and the Charity Commission Scheme 30th April 1971. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

Officers:

Chairman: Mrs F. LYE

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs E BAXTER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs C. MALTON

Members:

Ms G. LYE

Ms L. FARRAR

Mrs I. GARNIER

Ms N. McQUAID

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than five or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch.

Bankers:

HSBC BANK plc

99-101 Lord Street, Liverpool L2 6PG

Reporting Accountants:

MOORE (NW) LLP
110-114 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5AG
(0151 703 1080)

Investment Managers:

RATHBONE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1NW
(0151 236 6666)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

LEGAL STATUS

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254. The principal office is now at 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool, L3 9AG.

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than seven or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as Trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The Branch currently has 7 Trustees.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch is a separate Charity (No. 232254) from the National Society but is subject to and operates under the Rules for the National Society and the Rules for Branches as updated in 2006.

OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The object of the charity is to prevent cruelty and to promote kindness to animals within the Liverpool and Merseyside area as defined by the Society.

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 the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ORGANISATION

The Branch operates as an autonomous Branch of the RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches. The Branch is governed by a committee elected at the AGM who are Trustees of the Branch. The Committee is responsible for the management, financial affairs and animal welfare activities conducted by the Branch.

The Committee meets 6 times a year to take significant policy or financial decisions on behalf of the Branch.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Branch operates a Welfare Voucher Scheme in partnership with Cats Protection and Care for the Paw to support their outreach work in deprived parts of Liverpool. The Branch also works closely with the Society's Inspectorate providing financial support for animal welfare and neutering. The Branch supports the National Pet Food Partnership and supplies food on a monthly basis to two Food Bank distribution points (St. Andrews Community Centre and

RSPCA Wirral Branch). This scheme will be extended in 2023 to other areas of need (Anfield and Bootle). The Branch supports other local Animal Charities and RSPCA Branches by accepting, for consideration, Grant Applications and funding projects, where appropriate, to further the Branch aims and objectives.

THE SALE OF THE LIVERPOOL ANIMAL CENTRE, HALEWOOD

On 8th April 2021 the Sale of land at Liverpool Animal Centre, Higher Road, Halewood Liverpool L26 9TX to Miller Homes Limited was completed. The sale proceeds amounted to £5,000,000 of which £3,750,000 was received on completion and £1,250,000 was deferred for one year. The balance of sale proceeds was received in April 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2022 fell from £4,078,010 in 2021 to £162,547. This can largely be accounted for by the sale of land as described above and an increase in investment income from £3,152 in 2021 to £53,584 in 2022.

Expenditure decreased to £91,430 compared with £582,144 in 2021 which was largely due to the settlement of the pension scheme deficit amounting to £474,076 in previous period.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in 2022 and no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

RISK ANALYSIS

In previous years the trustees had identified several factors which would pose a risk to the Branch. With the decision taken to close the centre and cease operating in 2019 the main risk was for insufficient trustees to be recruited to continue the Branch work. The other risk identified previously was the loss of legacy income which had continued at a very low level compared with previous years. The trustees were satisfied that there were sufficiently robust procedures in place together with the employment of suitably qualified and experienced staff to minimise the risk error or fraud.

RESERVES POLICY

In view of the current financial position, the Branch is not in a position to formulate a reserves policy. Free reserves stood at £748,432 at the year-end.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Following the sale of the Branch's land at Halewood, substantial funds were available for Investment. The Trustees met with our portfolio management consultants and a strategy was discussed and agreed.

The Branch portfolio is managed by Rathbones Investment Management on a discretionary basis. The portfolio value at 31st December 2022 was £3,297,514, which includes £1,015,145 cash on deposit and at 31st December 2021 was £2,796,965.

LEGACY DONATIONS

During the year an interim legacy donation was received on 15/12/22. Subsequent to the year-end this estate was settled with £86,275.49 being divided between two beneficiaries, RSPCA and RNLI, and a balance of £5,137.75 being received. The trustees have received notice that an invoice from Sefton Council of £23,976.32 for the costs of the donator's care had not been included in the estate's accounts and it has been suggested that the beneficiaries of the estate

will each have to pay 50% of this invoice being £11,988.16. This matter is currently unresolved, and the trustees have made the decision to not make any provision for these costs in the year.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 11 to 22 and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees 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.

GOING CONCERN

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Approved by the Committee on 16/10/2023

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

TRUSTEES

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Liverpool Branch for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met

No matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith Miller

23/10/2023

Chartered Accountant

**Moore (NW) LLP
110-114 Duke Street
Liverpool
L1 5AG**

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations	2	28,289	-	28,289	30,272
Legacies	3	80,674	-	80,674	19,693
		108,963	-	108,963	49,965
Other Trading Activities					
Sales, Events and Promotions		-	-	-	2,438
		-	-	-	2,438
Income from Investments					
Investment income	4	20,507	33,077	53,584	3,152
		20,507	33,077	53,584	3,152
Other Income					
Sale of land and buildings		-	-	-	4,022,455
		-	-	-	4,022,455
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		129,470	33,077	162,547	4,078,010
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Investment Management Costs		7,144	11,524	18,668	5,517
Charitable Activities	5	27,037	19,482	46,519	553,750
Governance Costs	6	26,243	-	26,243	22,877
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7	60,424	31,006	91,430	582,144
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		69,046	2,071	71,117	3,495,866
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
Realised gain/loss on investments		(14,834)	(23,927)	(38,761)	(552)
Unrealised gain/loss on investments		(64,333)	(103,770)	(168,103)	25,711
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		(79,167)	(127,697)	(206,864)	25,159
Net movement in funds relating to the year		(10,121)	(125,626)	(135,747)	3,521,025
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		758,553	2,822,646	3,581,199	60,174
Total Funds carried forward		748,432	2,697,020	3,445,452	3,581,199

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		1,953		2,442
Investments	10		3,297,514		2,796,965
			<u>3,299,467</u>		<u>2,799,407</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12		2,172		1,252,863
Cash at bank			166,436		149,735
			<u>168,608</u>		<u>1,402,598</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13		<u>(22,623)</u>		<u>(19,268)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			<u>145,985</u>		<u>1,383,330</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			3,445,452		4,182,737
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES					
Pension Deficit	14		<u>-</u>		<u>(601,538)</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>3,445,452</u>		<u>3,581,199</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	15		748,432		758,553
Restricted	16		<u>2,697,020</u>		<u>2,822,646</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>3,445,452</u>		<u>3,581,199</u>

These financial statements were approved and signed by the members of the committee on 16/10/2023

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal Status

The charity is a public benefit entity and is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council (effective 1 January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)". They are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments which have been included at fair value.

Before 2015 the financial statements were prepared in accordance with UK GAAP applicable prior to the adoption of FRS102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and referred to as "previous UK GAAP". The financial effects of the transition to FRS102 are set out in note 18 below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Legacies, donations, voluntary income and fees charged.

Cash donations, gifts and fees charged are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become receivable. Fees charged are monies invoiced to the RSPCA National Society for the accommodation of cruelty case dogs. Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the monetary value of the Legacy is known and confirmation has been received that the legacy is due.

Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are disclosed in the financial statements at market value. Unrealised gains or losses on investments are provided for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Share Disposals

Realised gains/losses on the sale of shares are calculated by deducting the cost of investments from the net proceeds received. Unrealised gains/losses represent the movement during the year of the market value of listed investments, net of any unrealised gains/losses becoming realised on disposal of investments during the year.

Taxation

The society is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Buildings	- 2% on cost.
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% reducing balance method.
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance method.

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Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Governance activity

Staff costs and accommodation costs of the branch office, 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG), are apportioned between Governance costs and Charitable activity costs in the ratio of 2:3. This is based on the level of staff time attributable to the two functions. Due to the nature of the management function it is not possible to split costs between Governance Activity and Support Costs.

Financial Instruments

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities are classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Branch's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. DONATIONS

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Subscriptions, donations and collections	<u>28,289</u>	<u>30,272</u>

3. LEGACIES

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Legacies	<u>80,674</u>	<u>19,693</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Value 2022 £	Value 2021 £	Income 2022 £	Income 2021 £
UK quoted and foreign investments	2,282,369	1,490,401	39,813	2,886
UK portfolio cash	<u>1,015,145</u>	<u>1,306,564</u>	<u>13,771</u>	<u>266</u>
	<u>3,297,514</u>	<u>2,796,965</u>	<u>53,584</u>	<u>3,152</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds		
Wages	-	10,099
Pension	9	474,076
Rent	8,725	10,275
Rates and insurance	1,164	9,497
Light and heat	-	524
Printing, stationery and telephone	2,505	2,330
Vets and drugs	1,125	95
Neutering	-	293
Legal & Professional fees	12,468	22,253
Sundry	463	3,183
Subscriptions	89	-
Depreciation – Net	489	610
Loan Interest	-	428
	<u>27,037</u>	<u>533,663</u>
Restricted Funds		
Legal Expenses	<u>19,482</u>	<u>20,087</u>
Total Funds	<u>46,519</u>	<u>553,750</u>

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Salaries	-	6,732
Rent	5,816	6,850
Printing, stationery and phone	1,670	1,555
Bookkeeping charges	13,734	-
Independent Examination Fee	3,720	3,720
Motor and travelling	79	16
Computer costs	1,126	3,782
Bank interest and charges	98	222
	<u>26,243</u>	<u>22,877</u>

7. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cost of generating funds	-	18,668	18,668	5,517
Charitable activity	489	46,030	46,519	553,750
Governance activity	-	26,243	26,243	22,877
	<u>489</u>	<u>90,941</u>	<u>91,430</u>	<u>582,144</u>

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	-	16,831
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,831</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Branch	0	2
	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

	2022 £	2021 £
Other costs:		
Premises	15,706	27,147
Legal and professional	68,072	51,576
Pension	9	474,076
Other	7,154	11,904
	<u>90,941</u>	<u>564,703</u>

8. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	488	610
Independent Examiners remuneration		
- as independent examiner	<u>3,720</u>	<u>3,720</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £	Total £
COST		
At 1 January 2022	33,691	33,691
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>33,691</u>	<u>33,691</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2022	31,249	31,249
Charge for the year	489	489
On disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>31,738</u>	<u>31,738</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,953</u>	<u>1,953</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,442</u>	<u>2,442</u>

All of the tangible fixed assets included above are for use by the charity.

10. INVESTMENTS

Movement in market value

	2022 £	2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	2,796,965	50,449
Acquisitions at cost	1,141,846	1,492,561
Movement of cash held	(291,419)	1,256,116
Disposals at opening book value	(181,775)	(27,872)
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	(168,103)	25,711
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>3,297,514</u>	<u>2,796,965</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2022	<u>3,439,906</u>	<u>2,771,254</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2022 between funds

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Listed investments		
UK quoted shares	2,282,369	1,490,401
Other		
UK cash held as part of portfolio	1,015,145	1,306,564
	<u>3,297,514</u>	<u>2,796,965</u>
Quoted Investments		
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Ordinary shares	1,866,738	415,631
Cash	830,282	184,863
	<u>2,697,020</u>	<u>600,494</u>
		<u>3,297,514</u>

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11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year under review.

12. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	-	1,250,092
Prepayments and accrued income	2,172	2,771
	<u>2,172</u>	<u>1,252,863</u>

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	36	7,440
Accruals and deferred income	22,587	11,828
	<u>22,623</u>	<u>19,268</u>

14. PENSIONS

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch participated in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit (DB) pension scheme. The Scheme is funded and was contracted out of the state scheme until 31st March 2010, when the scheme was closed to future accrual.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there were two benefit structures available, these were final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate, until the date of the Scheme closure on 31st March 2010.

The scheme closed to future accrual on 31st March 2010. There is currently no intention to wind-up the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme and it continues in paid-up form.

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch withdrew from the Scheme and paid a settlement of £608,978 in January 2022 to cover its Section 75 debt on withdrawal.

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	600,494	1,953	145,985	748,432

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	2,697,020	-	-	2,697,020

This Restricted Fund represents grants made by RSPCA Headquarters in Horsham and amounted from Support Adoption for Pets, towards the re-development of the facilities at Halewood Animal Centre, less amounts subsequently written off following the sale of the Halewood Animal Centre a proportion of the proceeds was allocated to the Restricted Fund.

17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	-	1,250,092
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	3,297,514	2,796,965
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	36	7,440

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

Liverpool Branch

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS FOR 2021**

Registered Charity Number 232254

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2021

PATRONS:

Sir James Sharples, Q.P.M.

PRESIDENT:

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

A LITTLE HISTORY

“The Liverpool Society For Preventing Wanton Cruelty To Brute Animals” was formed by a group of people who got together in the Crown & Anchor Coffee House in Bold Street Liverpool at 7pm on the 25th October 1809. Thus came into being the first animal welfare society in the world. 1809 was the jubilee year of H.M. George III and 25th October was jubilee day. England was at war with France and Napoleon had banned trade between the conquered continental countries and England.

Reports of the Society’s work appeared regularly in “Billings Liverpool Advertiser and Marine Intelligence”. These reports were ill received by certain hauliers and carters who could see that their sick and infirm animals might be prevented from working. This resulted in members of the Society being waylaid after their meetings and in consequence meetings had to be held in secret.

In succession, RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH was established in 1841.

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2021

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Registered Charity No. 232254

Principal Office:

2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG

Phone: 0151 705 9090

The Governing Documents and Constitution:

RSPCA Branch Model Rules revised September 2006 and the Charity Commission Scheme 30th April 1971. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

Officers:

Chairman: Mrs F. LYE

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs E BAXTER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs C. MALTON

Members:

Ms G. LYE

Ms L. FARRAR

Mrs I. GARNIER

Ms N. McQUAID

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than seven or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch.

Branch Secretary & Administrator:

Mr J.P. SMALLWOOD, DMA, ACIS, FRSA

Bankers:

HSBC BANK plc

99-101 Lord Street, Liverpool L2 6PG

Reporting Accountants:

MOORE (NW) LLP
110-114 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5AG
(0151 703 1080)

Investment Managers:

RATHBONE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1NW
(0151 236 6666)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

On 8th December 2022 the Charity Commission for England & Wales gave the charity exemption from audit for the year ended 31st December 2021 under a dispensation within Regulation 31(f).

LEGAL STATUS

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254. The principal office is now at 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool, L3 9AG.

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than seven or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as Trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The Branch currently has 7 Trustees.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch is a separate Charity (No. 232254) from the National Society but is subject to and operates under the Rules for the National Society and the Rules for Branches as updated in 2006.

OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The object of the charity is to prevent cruelty and to promote kindness to animals within the Liverpool and Merseyside area as defined by the Society.

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 the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ORGANISATION

The Branch operates as an autonomous Branch of the RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches. The Branch is governed by a Committee elected at the AGM who are Trustees of the Branch. The Committee is responsible for the management, financial affairs and animal welfare activities conducted by the Branch.

During the year the Committee employed a Secretary/Administrator and a bookkeeper who both retired in July 2021.

The Committee meets 6 times a year to take significant policy or financial decisions on behalf of the Branch.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Branch operates a Welfare Voucher Scheme in partnership with Cats Protection and Care for the Paw to support their outreach work in deprived parts of Liverpool. The Branch also works closely with the Society's Inspectorate providing financial support for animal welfare and neutering.

THE SALE OF THE LIVERPOOL ANIMAL CENTRE, HALEWOOD

On 8th April 2021 the Sale of land at Liverpool Animal Centre, Higher Road, Halewood Liverpool L26 9TX to Miller Homes Limited was completed. The sale proceeds amounted to £5,000,000 of which £3,750,000 was received on completion and £1,250,000 was deferred for one year. The balance of sale proceeds was received in April 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2021 rose from £209,596 in 2020 to £4,103,721. This can largely be accounted for by the sale of land as described above and a decrease in legacy income from £177,376 in 2020 to £19,693 in 2021. Since 2002 the Branch has received, on average, £243,000 per annum from legacies and this drop has had a major impact on the Branch.

Expenditure increased to £582,144 compared with £155,870 in 2020 which was largely due to the settlement of the pension scheme deficit amounting to £608,978 over and above the provision of £151,000 provided in prior periods.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in 2021 and no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

RISK ANALYSIS

In previous years the trustees had identified several factors which would pose a risk to the Branch. With the decision taken to close the centre and cease operating in 2019 the main risk was for insufficient trustees to be recruited to continue the Branch work. The other risk identified previously was the loss of legacy income which had continued at a very low level compared with previous years. The trustees were satisfied that there were sufficiently robust procedures in place together with the employment of suitably qualified and experienced staff to minimise the risk error or fraud.

RESERVES POLICY

In view of the current financial position, the Branch is not in a position to formulate a reserves policy. Free reserves stood at £781,792 at the year-end.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Following the sale of the Branch's land at Halewood, substantial funds were available for Investment. The Trustees met with our portfolio management consultants and a strategy was discussed and agreed.

The Branch portfolio is managed by Rathbones Investment Management on a discretionary basis. The portfolio value at 31st December 2021 was £2,796,965, which includes £1,306,564 cash on deposit and at 31st December 2020 was £50,449.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing these financial statements,

the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 11 to 22 and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees 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.

GOING CONCERN

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Branch had been experiencing cash flow difficulties and was dependent upon the continuing financial support given by the National Society. Following the sale of the land at Halewood the Branch was able to repay, in full, the amounts loaned by the National Society in the sum of £1,026,176 on 15th June 2021. Following the year end, the Branch also withdrew from the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme by paying the agreed exit valuation in the sum of £608,978. The Trustees believe that the going concern basis is entirely appropriate for these financial statements.

Approved by the Committee on 19th December 2022

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

TRUSTEES

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report on the accounts of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Liverpool Branch for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The Charity's gross income exceeded £1,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2021 and therefore an audit would have been required. On 8th December 2022 the Charity Commission gave dispensation from audit under Regulation 31(f).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention
- in addition to the above we will specifically review all the supporting documentation with respect to the sale of land, repayment of loan monies to RSPCA National Society, settlement of the pension deficit and the investing of funds with the Investment Managers

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met

No matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith Miller

5th January 2023

Chartered Accountant

**Moore (NW) LLP
110-114 Duke Street
Liverpool
L1 5AG**

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations	2	30,272	-	30,272	31,017
Legacies	3	19,693	-	19,693	177,376
		49,965	-	49,965	208,393
Other Trading Activities					
Sales, Events and Promotions		933	1,505	2,438	1,070
		933	1,505	2,438	1,070
Income from Investments					
Investment income	4	1,206	1,946	3,152	3
		1,206	1,946	3,152	3
Income from Charitable Activities					
Fees charged		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Other Income					
Other income		-	-	-	130
Sale of land and buildings		1,539,404	2,483,051	4,022,455	
Grants Received		-	-	-	-
		1,539,404	2,483,051	4,022,455	130
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		1,591,509	2,486,502	4,078,010	209,596
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Investment Management Costs					
		2,111	3,405	5,517	-
Charitable Activities	5	533,663	20,087	553,750	123,888
Governance Costs	6	22,877	-	22,877	31,982
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7	558,652	23,492	582,144	155,870
Net (losses)/gains on investment assets		-	-	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		1,032,857	2,463,009	3,495,866	53,726
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
Realised gain/loss on investments		(211)	(341)	(552)	-
Unrealised gain/loss on investments		9,840	15,871	25,711	-
Net movement in funds relating to the year		1,042,485	2,478,540	3,521,025	53,726
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		(283,932)	344,106	60,174	6,448
Total Funds carried forward		758,553	2,822,646	3,581,199	60,174

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets		9	2,442		980,764
Investments		10	2,796,965		50,449
			<u>2,799,407</u>		<u>1,031,213</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		12	1,252,863		14,910
Cash at bank			149,735		219,495
			<u>1,402,599</u>		<u>234,405</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		13	(19,268)		(1,054,444)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			<u>1,383,330</u>		<u>(820,039)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,179,967		211,174
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES					
Pension Deficit	14		(601,538)		(151,000)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
NET ASSETS			<u>3,581,199</u>		<u>60,174</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted		16	758,553		(283,932)
Restricted		17	2,822,646		344,106
			<u></u>		<u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>3,581,199</u>		<u>60,174</u>

These financial statements were approved and signed by the members of the committee on 19th December 2022.

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal Status

The charity is a public benefit entity and is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council (effective 1 January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)". They are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments which have been included at fair value.

Before 2015 the financial statements were prepared in accordance with UK GAAP applicable prior to the adoption of FRS102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and referred to as "previous UK GAAP". The financial effects of the transition to FRS102 are set out in note 18 below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis

Legacies, donations, voluntary income and fees charged

Cash donations, gifts and fees charged are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become receivable. Fees charged are monies invoiced to the RSPCA National Society for the accommodation of cruelty case dogs. Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the monetary value of the Legacy is known and confirmation has been received that the legacy is due.

Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are disclosed in the financial statements at market value. Unrealised gains or losses on investments are provided for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Share Disposals

Realised gains/losses on the sale of shares are calculated by deducting the cost of investments from the net proceeds received. Unrealised gains/losses represent the movement during the year of the market value of listed investments, net of any unrealised gains/losses becoming realised on disposal of investments during the year.

Taxation

The society is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax.

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Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Buildings	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% reducing balance method
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance method

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Governance activity

Staff costs and accommodation costs of the branch office, 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG), are apportioned between Governance costs and Charitable activity costs in the ratio of 2:3. This is based on the level of staff time attributable to the two functions. Due to the nature of the management function it is not possible to split costs between Governance Activity and Support Costs.

Pension costs

The charity operated a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The contributions to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to spread the cost of pensions over the service lives of employees. Variations from the regular costs are spread over the average expected remaining working lives of current members in the scheme.

The charity also operates a stakeholder pension scheme for auto enrolment purposes.

Financial Instruments

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities are classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Branch's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2. DONATIONS

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Subscriptions, donations and collections	<u>30,272</u>	<u>31,017</u>

3. LEGACIES

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Legacies	<u>19,693</u>	<u>177,376</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Value 2021 £	Value 2020 £	Income 2021 £	Income 2020 £
UK quoted and foreign investments	1,490,401	-	2,886	-
UK portfolio cash	<u>1,306,564</u>	<u>50,449</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>2,796,965</u>	<u>50,449</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>3</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Provision of charitable services:				
Branch Office	498,519	-	498,519	28,165
Halewood Animal Home	<u>35,144</u>	<u>20,087</u>	<u>55,231</u>	<u>95,723</u>
	<u>533,663</u>	<u>20,087</u>	<u>553,750</u>	<u>123,888</u>

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

Analysis of provision of charitable services:

	Branch £	Halewood £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds				
Wages	10,099	-	10,099	36,122
Pension	474,076	-	474,076	-
Rent	10,275	-	10,275	8,214
Rates and insurance	-	9,497	9,497	30,751
Light and heat	-	524	524	2,383
Printing, stationery and telephone	1,008	1,322	2,330	3,033
Motor expenses	-	-	-	1,213
Vets and drugs	-	95	95	1,171
Neutering	-	293	293	- 100
Legal & Professional fees	-	22,253	22,253	6,770
Sundry	3,061	122	3,183	387
Cleaning	-	-	-	106
Depreciation – Net	-	610	610	14,500
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	-	- 205
Finance cost	-	-	-	2,000
Loan Interest	-	428	428	2,693
	<u>498,519</u>	<u>35,144</u>	<u>533,663</u>	<u>109,038</u>
Restricted Funds				
Depreciation	-	-	-	14,850
Legal Expenses	-	20,087	20,087	-
	<u>498,519</u>	<u>55,231</u>	<u>553,750</u>	<u>123,888</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Salaries	6,732	11,701
Rent	6,850	5,476
Printing, stationery and phone	1,555	920
Independent Examination Fee	3,720	3,100
Motor and travelling	16	126
Computer costs	3,782	3,978
Quota parent society	-	110
Bank interest and charges	222	129
General expenses	-	6,345
Depreciation	-	97
	<u>22,877</u>	<u>31,982</u>

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7. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Cost of generating funds	-	-	5,517	5,517	-
Charitable activity	10,099	610	543,041	553,750	123,888
Governance activity	6,732	-	16,145	22,877	31,982
	<u>16,831</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>564,703</u>	<u>582,144</u>	<u>155,870</u>

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	16,831	38,732
Social security costs	-	1,167
Other pension costs	-	7,924
	<u>16,831</u>	<u>47,823</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Branch	2	2
Halewood	0	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more. No trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

	2021 £	2020 £
Other costs:		
Premises	27,147	46,823
Legal and professional	51,576	9,870
Finance costs re pension scheme	-	2,000
Pension	474,076	-
Other	11,904	20,112
	<u>564,703</u>	<u>78,805</u>

8. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff pension contributions	-	7,924
Depreciation	610	29,242
Independent Examiners remuneration		
- as independent examiner	3,720	3,100
	<u>3,720</u>	<u>3,100</u>

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Motor vehicles	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2021	1,407,526	71,862	12,210	1,491,598
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(1,407,526)	(38,171)	(12,210)	(1,457,907)
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>33,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,691</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2021	433,800	65,741	11,293	510,834
Charge for the year	-	610	-	610
On disposals	(433,800)	(35,102)	(11,293)	(480,195)
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>31,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,249</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>2,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,442</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>973,726</u>	<u>6,121</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>980,764</u>

All of the tangible fixed assets included above are for use by the charity.

10. INVESTMENTS

Movement in market value

	2021 £	2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	50,449	50,446
Acquisitions at cost	2,748,124	-
Disposals at opening book value	(27,631)	-
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	25,711	3
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>2,796,965</u>	<u>50,449</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2021	<u>2,771,254</u>	<u>50,449</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2021 between funds

	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Listed investments		
UK quoted shares	1,490,401	-
Foreign Investments	-	-
Other		
UK cash held as part of portfolio	1,306,564	50,449
	<u>2,796,965</u>	<u>50,446</u>

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10. INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

	£	£	£
	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
Quoted Investments			
Fixed interest	-	-	-
Ordinary shares	919,851	570,550	1,490,401
Cash	806,389	500,175	1,306,564
	<u>1,726,240</u>	<u>1,070,725</u>	<u>2,796,965</u>

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year under review.

12. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees receivable	-	-
Other debtors	1,250,092	3,235
Prepayments and accrued income	2,771	11,675
	<u>1,252,863</u>	<u>14,910</u>

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	7,440	17,640
Other creditors	-	1,242
Emergency loan from Headquarters	-	1,026,176
Accruals and deferred income	11,828	9,386
	<u>19,268</u>	<u>1,054,444</u>

Emergency Loan

The loan from Headquarters in the sum of £1,026,176 represents sums advanced to the Branch to support the Branch during its present cash flow difficulties. The Loan is secured against the freehold property of the Branch and interest is paid on the amount outstanding to Headquarters. The loan was repaid during the year.

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14. PENSIONS

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch participates in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit (DB) pension scheme. The Scheme is funded and was contracted out of the state scheme until 31st March 2010, when the scheme was closed to future accrual.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there were two benefit structures available, these were final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate, until the date of the Scheme closure on 31st March 2010.

The scheme closed to future accrual on 31st March 2010. There is currently no intention to wind-up the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme and it continues in paid-up form.

The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Scheme every three years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Scheme in order to determine the level of future contributions required so that the Scheme can meet its pension obligations as they fall due.

The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Scheme's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

It is not possible in the normal course of events to identify on a consistent and reasonable basis the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. This is because the Scheme is a multi-employer scheme where the Scheme assets are co-mingled for investment purposes and benefits are paid from total scheme assets. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Scheme, the accounting charge for the period under FRS102 represents the employer contribution payable as adjusted for the present value of future payments to fund the scheme deficit.

A formal full actuarial valuation of the Scheme was performed as at 30 September 2017, by a professionally qualified actuary. This actuarial valuation was certified on 19th December 2018 and showed that the market value of the Scheme's assets as at the 30th September 2017 was £120.0 million. The Scheme liabilities at that date amounted to £145.9 million. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £25.9 million.

The financial assumptions underlying the valuation as at 30 September 2017 were as follows:

	% pa
- Pre retirement discount rate	Gilt curve plus 1.30%
- Post retirement discount rate	Gilt curve plus 0.45%
- Inflation (RPI growth)	RPI inflation curve
- Inflation (CPI growth)	RPI less 0.90%
- Earnings growth	RPI
- Return on assets over deficit recovery period	2.80%
- Revaluation up to retirement	RPI
- Pension increases in payment	In line with inflation assumptions with relevant caps and collars and adjusted in line with statistical distribution for increases in payment. The model used is the Black-Scholes Model with 1.75% pa volatility

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14. PENSIONS (Continued)

If an actuarial valuation reveals a shortfall of assets compared to liabilities the Trustee must prepare a recovery plan setting out the steps to be taken to make up the shortfall.

From 1 April 2019 a new recovery plan came into effect, following the finalisation of the 2017 valuation. If the valuation assumptions are borne out in practice, this pattern of contributions should be sufficient to eliminate the entire funding shortfall by 30 September 2026.

A copy of the recovery plan must be sent to The Pensions Regulator after each valuation is finalised. The Regulator has the power under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004 to issue Scheme funding directions where it believes that the actuarial valuation assumptions and/or recovery plan are inappropriate. For example the Regulator could require that the Trustee strengthens the actuarial assumptions (which would increase the scheme liabilities and hence have impact on the recovery plan) or impose a schedule of contributions on the Scheme (which would effectively amend the terms of the recovery plan).

The recovery plan from the 2017 valuation has been submitted to The Pensions Regulator.

Following a change in legislation in September 2005 there is a potential debt on the employer that could be levied by the Trustee of the Scheme. The debt is due in the event of the employer becoming insolvent or ceasing to participate in the Scheme or the Scheme winding up.

The debt for the Scheme as a whole is calculated by comparing the liabilities for the Scheme (calculated on a buyout basis i.e. the cost of securing benefits by purchasing annuity policies from an insurer, plus an allowance for expenses) with the assets of the Scheme. If the liabilities exceed assets there is a buy-out debt.

The leaving employer's share of the buy-out debt is the proportion of the Scheme's liability attributable to employment with the leaving employer compared to the total amount of the Scheme's liabilities (relating to employment with all the currently participating employers). The leaving employer's debt therefore includes a share of any 'orphan' liabilities in respect of previously participating employers. The amount of the debt therefore depends on many factors including total Scheme liabilities, Scheme investment performance, the liabilities in respect of current and former employees of the employer, financial conditions at the time of the cessation event and the insurance buy-out market. The amounts of debt can therefore be volatile over time.

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch has been notified by the Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Scheme based on the financial position of the Scheme as at 30 September 2019. As of this date the estimated employer debt for the RSPCA, Liverpool Branch was £1,016,749.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 102 non-associated employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the charity to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

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14. PENSIONS (Continued)

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the charity is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

To eliminate the funding shortfall revealed by the 2017 Actuarial Valuation, the Trustees and the participating employers have agreed that additional contributions will be paid, in combination from all employers, to the scheme as follows

Deficit contributions

From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2026:	£1,404,638 per annum (payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April)
From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2027:	£136,701 per annum (payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April)

The contributions to 30 September 2027 are in respect of those employers that have agreed concessions (both past and present) with the Trustee.

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the charity has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the charity recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Subsequent to the year end the charity paid a settlement of £608,978 to withdraw from the scheme. This amount has been included in these accounts as a financial liability.

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15. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2021 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	2021		2020	
	Land and buildings £	Other items £	Land and buildings £	Other items £
Operating leases which expire:				
Within 1 year	-	-	-	-
Within 2 to 5 years	-	-	-	-
After more than 5 years	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year operating lease expenditure totalled £0 (2020 - £0).

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	1,070,725	2,442	(314,614)	758,553
	<u>1,070,725</u>	<u>2,442</u>	<u>(314,614)</u>	<u>758,553</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Investments £	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	1,726,240	-	1,096,406	2,822,646
	<u>1,726,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,096,406</u>	<u>2,822,646</u>

This Restricted Fund represents grants made by RSPCA Headquarters in Horsham and amounted from Support Adoption for Pets, towards the re-development of the facilities at Halewood Animal Centre, less amounts subsequently written off following the sale of the Halewood Animal Centre a proportion of the proceeds was allocated to the Restricted Fund.

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18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,250,092	3,235
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	<u>2,796,965</u>	<u>50,449</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>7,440</u>	<u>1,045,058</u>

Accounts

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

Liverpool Branch

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS FOR 2020**

Registered Charity Number 232254

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2020

PATRONS:

Sir James Sharples, Q.P.M.

PRESIDENT:

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley

The Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

A LITTLE HISTORY

“The Liverpool Society For Preventing Wanton Cruelty To Brute Animals” was formed by a group of people who got together in the Crown & Anchor Coffee House in Bold Street Liverpool at 7pm on the 25th October 1809. Thus came into being the first animal welfare society in the world. 1809 was the jubilee year of H.M. George III and 25th October was jubilee day. England was at war with France and Napoleon had banned trade between the conquered continental countries and England.

Reports of the Society’s work appeared regularly in “Billings Liverpool Advertiser and Marine Intelligence”. These reports were ill received by certain hauliers and carters who could see that their sick and infirm animals might be prevented from working. This resulted in members of the Society being waylaid after their meetings and in consequence meetings had to be held in secret.

In succession, RSPCA LIVERPOOL BRANCH was established in 1841.

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

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS LIVERPOOL BRANCH**

Year ended 31st December 2020

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Registered Charity No. 232254

Principal Office:

2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG

Phone: 0151 705 9090

The Governing Documents and Constitution:

RSPCA Branch Model Rules revised September 2006 and the Charity Commission Scheme 30th April 1971. The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

Officers:

Chairman: Mrs F. LYE

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs E BAXTER

Hon. Secretary: Mrs C. MALTON

Members:

Ms G. LYE

Ms L. FARRAR

Mrs I. GARNIER

Ms A. HOGG (Resigned 28th May 2020)

Ms N. McQUAID (Co-opted 5th October 2020)

Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than seven or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch.

Branch Secretary & Administrator:

Mr J.P. SMALLWOOD, DMA, ACIS, FRSA

Bankers:

HSBC BANK plc

99-101 Lord Street, Liverpool L2 6PG

Reporting Accountants:

MOORE (NW) LLP
110-114 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5AG
(0151 703 1080)

Investment Managers:

RATHBONE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
Port of Liverpool Building, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1NW
(0151 236 6666)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2020

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

LEGAL STATUS

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254. The principal office is now at 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool, L3 9AG.

Trustees are elected from Branch members at every Annual General Meeting to carry on the work for the ensuing year. The members of the Committee shall consist of no less than seven or more than fourteen elected members. The elected Committee can co-opt not more than three persons who shall be members of the Branch Committee until the next Annual General Meeting and who are eligible to be appointed as officers of the Branch. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as Trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The Branch currently has 7 Trustees.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch is a separate Charity (No. 232254) from the National Society but is subject to and operates under the Rules for the National Society and the Rules for Branches as updated in 2006.

OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The object of the charity is to prevent cruelty and to promote kindness to animals within the Liverpool and Merseyside area as defined by the Society.

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 the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ORGANISATION

The Branch operates as an autonomous Branch of the RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches. The Branch is governed by a Committee elected at the AGM who are Trustees of the Branch. The Committee is responsible for the management, financial affairs and animal welfare activities conducted by the Branch.

The Committee employs a Secretary/Administrator and a bookkeeper.

The Committee meets 6 times a year to consider financial reports, animal statistics and to take significant policy or financial decisions on behalf of the Branch.

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN AND THE SALE OF THE SITE

The saga of the Knowsley development plan continued during 2020 with Knowsley Council embarking on a consultation exercise with local residents about the development of the large site known as East of Halewood which includes the Halewood Animal Centre. The

results of that consultation exercise were still being evaluated at the end of the year with the council unable to consider any individual planning application from developers.

During this period the Branch agreed a net sale price with Miller Homes Ltd who were the preferred developer. The final net price could not be agreed until the planning consent was given which would indicate the amount of open space required and the land to be retained surrounding the grave of Blackie the warhorse. In addition the council had still to determine the level of the roof tax to be levied on the development which again would reduce the net sale price. Other factors affecting the final price were the costs of abnormal works required to develop the site where negotiations are to be held once planning consent was gained. In particular the developers proposed a very large sum to be deducted for surface water attenuation over which the Branch had engaged cost consultants.

The Local Plan exercise dragged on interminably and, at the end of the year, although contracts had been exchanged with Miller Homes, the final sale price had not been agreed and completion was not likely to take place until 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for 2020 rose from £161,882 in 2019 to £209,596. This can largely be accounted for by the increase in legacy income from £60,634 in 2019 to £177,376 in 2020, the decrease in boarding fees charges from £60,226 in 2019 to £0 in 2020 and the decrease in donations from £36,318 in 2019 to £31,017 in 2020. The decrease in Boarding Charges arose because the Branch closed its Animal Centre on 31st May 2019. Since 2002 the Branch has received, on average, £243,000 per annum from legacies and this drop has had a major impact on the Branch.

Expenditure fell to £155,870 compared with £410,882 in 2019 again largely due to the Animal Centre closing on 31st May 2019.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions in 2020 and no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

RISK ANALYSIS

In previous years the trustees had identified several factors which would pose a risk to the Branch. With the decision taken to close the centre and cease operating in 2019 the main risk was for insufficient trustees to be recruited to continue the Branch work. The other risk identified previously was the loss of legacy income which had continued at a very low level compared with previous years. The trustees were satisfied that there were sufficiently robust procedures in place together with the employment of suitably qualified and experienced staff to minimise the risk error or fraud.

RESERVES POLICY

In view of the current financial position, the Branch is not in a position to formulate a reserves policy. Free reserves stood at (£971,039) at the year-end.

As previously mentioned because of the lack of legacy income the Branch had to liquidate its Investments during the course of 2015.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Branch portfolio was managed by Rathbones Investment Management on a discretionary basis. Its value at 31st December 2019 was £50,446 and 31st December 2020 was £50,449.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 11 to 13 and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees 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.

GOING CONCERN

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. Up to 31st December 2020 the National Society had loaned the sum of £1,026,176 to the Branch and will consider further support when necessary. Following the year end the Branch's land and buildings were sold for £5,000,000 and the loan from the National Society was repaid in full in June 2021.

Approved by the Committee on 17th September 2021

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

TRUSTEES

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report on the accounts of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Liverpool Branch for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met

(2) In my opinion, attention should be drawn to the following matter in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached:

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Liverpool Branch has been experiencing cash flow difficulties and is dependent upon the continuing financial support given by the National Society. The trustees consider the charity is a going concern subject to the continued support of the National Society as explained in note 1 under Going Concern in the accounts.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Keith Miller

22nd September 2021

Chartered Accountant

**Moore (NW) LLP
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ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, LIVERPOOL BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations	2	31,017	-	31,017	36,318
Legacies	3	177,376	-	177,376	60,634
		<u>208,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,393</u>	<u>96,952</u>
Other Trading Activities					
Sales, Events and Promotions		1,070	-	1,070	2,619
		<u>1,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>2,619</u>
Income from Investments					
Investment income	4	3	-	3	-
		<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
Income from Charitable Activities					
Fees charged		0	-	0	60,226
		<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60,226</u>
Other Income					
Other income		130	-	130	2,085
Grants Received		-	-	-	-
		<u>130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>2,085</u>
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		<u>209,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,596</u>	<u>161,882</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Investment Management Costs		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	5	109,038	14,850	123,888	342,249
Governance Costs	6	31,982	-	31,982	68,633
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7	<u>141,020</u>	<u>14,850</u>	<u>155,870</u>	<u>410,882</u>
Net (losses)/gains on investment assets		-	-	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		68,576	(14,850)	53,726	(249,000)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
Net movement in funds relating to the year		68,576	(14,850)	53,726	(249,000)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		(352,508)	358,956	6,448	255,448
Total Funds carried forward		<u>(283,932)</u>	<u>344,106</u>	<u>60,174</u>	<u>6,448</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		980,764		1,010,210
Investments	10		50,449		50,446
			<u>1,031,213</u>		<u>1,060,656</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	14,910		44,828	
Cash at bank		<u>219,495</u>		<u>122,661</u>	
		234,405		167,489	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(1,054,444)</u>		<u>(1,052,697)</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(820,039)		(885,208)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>211,174</u>		<u>175,448</u>
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES					
Pension Deficit	14		(151,000)		(169,000)
NET ASSETS			<u>60,174</u>		<u>6,448</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted	16		(283,932)		(352,508)
Restricted	17		344,106		358,956
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>60,174</u>		<u>6,448</u>

These financial statements were approved and signed by the members of the committee on 17th September 2021

Mrs F. Lye

Mrs E. Baxter

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Legal Status

The charity is a public benefit entity and is constituted as an unincorporated association, its registered charity number being 232254.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council (effective 1 January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)". They are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments which have been included at fair value.

Before 2015 the financial statements were prepared in accordance with UK GAAP applicable prior to the adoption of FRS102, as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and referred to as "previous UK GAAP". The financial effects of the transition to FRS102 are set out in note 18 below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Branch has been experiencing cash flow difficulties and was dependent upon the continuing financial support given by the National Society. Up to 31st December 2020 the National Society had loaned the sum of £1,026,176 to the Branch. Following the year end the Branch completed the sale of its Land and Buildings for a total sum of £5,000,000. £3,750,000 of this was received by the Branch on 9th April 2021 and the remaining balance of £1,250,000 is receivable twelve months after the first instalment. The Branch has a charge on the land to secure the second instalment. This means that the Branch is no longer dependent on the support given by the National Society and repaid this loan in full in June 2021.

Legacies, donations, voluntary income and fees charged

Cash donations, gifts and fees charged are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as they become receivable. Fees charged are monies invoiced to the RSPCA National Society for the accommodation of cruelty case dogs. Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the monetary value of the Legacy is known and confirmation has been received that the legacy is due.

Grants

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are disclosed in the financial statements at market value. Unrealised gains or losses on investments are provided for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Share Disposals

Realised gains/losses on the sale of shares are calculated by deducting the cost of investments from the net proceeds received. Unrealised gains/losses represent the movement during the year of the market value of listed investments, net of any unrealised gains/losses becoming realised on disposal of investments during the year.

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Taxation

The society is a registered charity and is therefore not liable to corporation tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Buildings	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and Fittings	- 20% reducing balance method
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance method

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Governance activity

Staff costs and accommodation costs of the branch office, 2nd Floor, Unity Building, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool L3 9AG), are apportioned between Governance costs and Charitable activity costs in the ratio of 2:3. This is based on the level of staff time attributable to the two functions. Due to the nature of the management function it is not possible to split costs between Governance Activity and Support Costs.

Pension costs

The charity operated a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The contributions to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities so as to spread the cost of pensions over the service lives of employees. Variations from the regular costs are spread over the average expected remaining working lives of current members in the scheme.

The charity also operates a stakeholder pension scheme for auto enrolment purposes.

Financial Instruments

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities are classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Branch's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2. DONATIONS

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Subscriptions, donations and collections	<u>31,017</u>	<u>36,318</u>

3. LEGACIES

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Legacies	<u>177,376</u>	<u>60,634</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Value 2020 £	Value 2019 £	Income 2020 £	Income 2019 £
UK quoted and foreign investments	-	-	-	-
UK portfolio cash	<u>50,449</u>	<u>50,446</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>50,449</u>	<u>50,446</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Provision of charitable services:				
Branch Office	28,165	-	28,165	79,183
Halewood Animal Home	<u>80,873</u>	<u>14,850</u>	<u>95,723</u>	<u>263,066</u>
	<u>109,038</u>	<u>14,850</u>	<u>123,888</u>	<u>342,249</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

Analysis of provision of charitable services:

	Branch £	Halewood £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Unrestricted Funds				
Wages	17,552	18,570	36,122	216,231
Rent	8,214	-	8,214	10,080
Rates and insurance	-	30,751	30,751	20,832
Light and heat	-	2,383	2,383	9,840
Printing, stationery and telephone	1,379	1,654	3,033	4,331
Repairs – equipment	-	-	-	6,698
Repairs – Buildings	-	-	-	9,539
Motor expenses	-	1,213	1,213	2,885
Food	-	-	-	713
Vets and drugs	-	1,171	1,171	3,938
Neutering	-	(100)	(100)	320
Professional fees	1,020	5,750	6,770	2,604
Sundry	-	387	387	1,019
Cleaning	-	106	106	13,499
Depreciation – Net	-	14,500	14,500	14,268
(Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(205)	(205)	-
Finance cost	-	2,000	2,000	5,000
Loan Interest	-	2,693	2,693	5,602
	<u>28,165</u>	<u>80,873</u>	<u>109,038</u>	<u>327,399</u>
Restricted Funds				
Depreciation	-	14,850	14,850	14,850
Total Funds	<u>28,165</u>	<u>95,723</u>	<u>123,888</u>	<u>342,249</u>

6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Salaries	11,701	36,814
Rent	5,476	6,720
Rates and insurance	-	483
Light and heat	-	804
Repairs & renewals – equipment	-	176
Repairs & renewals – buildings	-	5,400
Printing, stationery and phone	920	1,491
Independent Examination Fee	3,100	3,100
Motor and travelling	126	288
Computer costs	3,978	4,271
Quota parent society	110	110
Bank interest and charges	129	826
General expenses	6,345	8,029
Depreciation	97	121
	<u>31,982</u>	<u>68,633</u>

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7. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activity	36,122	29,145	58,621	123,888	342,249
Governance activity	11,701	97	20,184	31,982	68,633
	<u>47,823</u>	<u>29,242</u>	<u>78,805</u>	<u>155,870</u>	<u>410,882</u>

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	38,732	332,643
Social security costs	1,167	15,642
Other pension costs	7,924	(95,240)
	<u>47,823</u>	<u>253,045</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the charity during the financial year amounted to:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Branch	2	2
Halewood	1	8
	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more. No trustee received any remuneration or expenses.

	2020 £	2019 £
Other costs:		
Premises	46,823	58,298
Legal and professional	9,870	5,704
Finance costs re pension scheme	2,000	5,000
Restricted Funds	-	-
Other	20,112	59,596
	<u>78,805</u>	<u>128,598</u>

8. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff pension contributions	7,924	(95,240)
Depreciation	29,242	29,239
Independent Examiners remuneration - as independent examiner	3,100	3,100

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Motor vehicles	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2020	1,407,526	71,862	12,210	1,491,598
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,407,526</u>	<u>71,862</u>	<u>12,210</u>	<u>1,491,598</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2020	406,190	64,211	10,987	481,388
Charge for the year	27,610	1,530	306	29,446
On disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>433,800</u>	<u>65,741</u>	<u>11,293</u>	<u>510,834</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2020	<u>973,726</u>	<u>6,121</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>980,764</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,001,336</u>	<u>7,651</u>	<u>1,223</u>	<u>1,010,210</u>

All of the tangible fixed assets included above are for use by the charity.

10. INVESTMENTS

Movement in market value

	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 1 January 2020	50,446	50,446
Acquisitions at cost	-	-
Disposals at opening book value	-	-
Net (losses)/gains on revaluations in the year ended 31 December 2019	3	-
Market value at 31 December 2020	<u>50,449</u>	<u>50,446</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2020	<u>50,449</u>	<u>50,446</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2020 between funds

	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Listed investments		
UK quoted shares	-	-
Foreign Investments	-	-
Other		
UK cash held as part of portfolio	50,449	50,446
	<u>50,449</u>	<u>50,446</u>

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10. INVESTMENTS *(continued)*

	£ Unrestricted Fund
Quoted investments	
Fixed interest	-
Ordinary shares	-
Cash	50,449
	<u>50,449</u>

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year under review.

12. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees receivable	-	-
Other debtors	3,235	3,435
Prepayments and accrued income	11,675	41,393
	<u>14,910</u>	<u>44,828</u>

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	17,640	6,672
Other creditors	1,242	1,158
Emergency loan from Headquarters	1,026,176	1,026,176
Accruals and deferred income	9,386	18,691
	<u>1,054,444</u>	<u>1,052,697</u>

Emergency Loan

The loan from Headquarters in the sum of £1,026,176 represents sums advanced to the Branch to support the Branch during its present cash flow difficulties. The Loan is secured against the freehold property of the Branch and interest is paid on the amount outstanding to Headquarters. The loan has been repaid post year end.

Deferred Income

At the year end deferred income totalled £0 (2019 £0) which related to boarding fees invoiced in advance for the first month of the following accounting period.

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14. PENSIONS

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch participates in the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit (DB) pension scheme. The Scheme is funded and was contracted out of the state scheme until 31st March 2010, when the scheme was closed to future accrual.

The Scheme operated a single benefit structure, final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate until 30 September 2007. From October 2007 there were two benefit structures available, these were final salary with a 1/60th accrual rate and final salary with a 1/80th accrual rate, until the date of the Scheme closure on 31st March 2010.

The scheme closed to future accrual on 31st March 2010. There is currently no intention to wind-up the Scottish Voluntary Sector Pension Scheme and it continues in paid-up form.

The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Scheme every three years. The main purpose of the valuation is to determine the financial position of the Scheme in order to determine the level of future contributions required so that the Scheme can meet its pension obligations as they fall due.

The actuarial valuation assesses whether the Scheme's assets at the valuation date are likely to be sufficient to pay the pension benefits accrued by members as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued pension benefits are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.

It is not possible in the normal course of events to identify on a consistent and reasonable basis the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. This is because the Scheme is a multi-employer scheme where the Scheme assets are co-mingled for investment purposes and benefits are paid from total scheme assets. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Scheme, the accounting charge for the period under FRS102 represents the employer contribution payable as adjusted for the present value of future payments to fund the scheme deficit.

A formal full actuarial valuation of the Scheme was performed as at 30 September 2017, by a professionally qualified actuary. This actuarial valuation was certified on 19th December 2018 and showed that the market value of the Scheme's assets as at the 30th September 2017 was £120.0 million. The Scheme liabilities at that date amounted to £145.9 million. The valuation revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £25.9 million.

The financial assumptions underlying the valuation as at 30 September 2017 were as follows:

	% pa
- Pre retirement discount rate	Gilt curve plus 1.30%
- Post retirement discount rate	Gilt curve plus 0.45%
- Inflation (RPI growth)	RPI inflation curve
- Inflation (CPI growth)	RPI less 0.90%
- Earnings growth	RPI
- Return on assets over deficit recovery period	2.80%
- Revaluation up to retirement	RPI
- Pension increases in payment	In line with inflation assumptions with relevant caps and collars and adjusted in line with statistical distribution for increases in payment. The model used is the Black-Scholes Model with 1.75% pa volatility

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14. PENSIONS (Continued)

If an actuarial valuation reveals a shortfall of assets compared to liabilities the Trustee must prepare a recovery plan setting out the steps to be taken to make up the shortfall.

From 1 April 2019 a new recovery plan came into effect, following the finalisation of the 2017 valuation. If the valuation assumptions are borne out in practice, this pattern of contributions should be sufficient to eliminate the entire funding shortfall by 30 September 2026.

A copy of the recovery plan must be sent to The Pensions Regulator after each valuation is finalised. The Regulator has the power under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004 to issue Scheme funding directions where it believes that the actuarial valuation assumptions and/or recovery plan are inappropriate. For example the Regulator could require that the Trustee strengthens the actuarial assumptions (which would increase the scheme liabilities and hence have impact on the recovery plan) or impose a schedule of contributions on the Scheme (which would effectively amend the terms of the recovery plan).

The recovery plan from the 2017 valuation has been submitted to The Pensions Regulator.

Following a change in legislation in September 2005 there is a potential debt on the employer that could be levied by the Trustee of the Scheme. The debt is due in the event of the employer becoming insolvent or ceasing to participate in the Scheme or the Scheme winding up.

The debt for the Scheme as a whole is calculated by comparing the liabilities for the Scheme (calculated on a buyout basis i.e. the cost of securing benefits by purchasing annuity policies from an insurer, plus an allowance for expenses) with the assets of the Scheme. If the liabilities exceed assets there is a buy-out debt.

The leaving employer's share of the buy-out debt is the proportion of the Scheme's liability attributable to employment with the leaving employer compared to the total amount of the Scheme's liabilities (relating to employment with all the currently participating employers). The leaving employer's debt therefore includes a share of any 'orphan' liabilities in respect of previously participating employers. The amount of the debt therefore depends on many factors including total Scheme liabilities, Scheme investment performance, the liabilities in respect of current and former employees of the employer, financial conditions at the time of the cessation event and the insurance buy-out market. The amounts of debt can therefore be volatile over time.

The RSPCA, Liverpool Branch has been notified by the Pensions Trust of the estimated employer debt on withdrawal from the Scheme based on the financial position of the Scheme as at 30 September 2019. As of this date the estimated employer debt for the RSPCA, Liverpool Branch was £1,016,749.

The RSPCA Liverpool Branch participates in the scheme, a multi-employer scheme which provides benefits to some 102 non-associated employers. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme in the UK. It is not possible for the charity to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for the scheme as a defined benefit scheme. Therefore it accounts for the scheme as a defined contribution scheme.

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlined in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension schemes in the UK.

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14. PENSIONS (Continued)

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the charity is potentially liable for other participating employers' obligations if those employers are unable to meet their share of the scheme deficit following withdrawal from the scheme. Participating employers are legally required to meet their share of the scheme deficit on an annuity purchase basis on withdrawal from the scheme.

To eliminate the funding shortfall revealed by the 2017 Actuarial Valuation, the Trustees and the participating employers have agreed that additional contributions will be paid, in combination from all employers, to the scheme as follows

Deficit contributions

From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2026:	£1,404,638 per annum (payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April)
From 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2027:	£136,701 per annum (payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April)

The contributions to 30 September 2027 are in respect of those employers that have agreed concessions (both past and present) with the Trustee.

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the charity has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the charity recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

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14. PENSIONS (Continued)

Present value of provision

	2020 (£000s)	2019 (£000s)
Present value of provision	151	169

Reconciliation of opening and closing provisions

	2020 (£000s)	2019 (£000s)
Provision at start of period	169	289
Unwinding of the discount factor (interest expense)	2	5
Deficit contribution paid	(24)	(24)
Remeasurements – impact of any change in assumptions	4	4
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedule	-	(105)
Provision at end of period	151	169

Income and expenditure impact

	2019 (£000s)	2018 (£000s)
Interest expense	2	5
Remeasurements – impact of any change in assumptions	4	4
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedule	-	(105)
Contributions paid in respect of future service*	-	-
Costs recognised in income and expenditure account	6	(96)

*includes defined contribution schemes and future service contributions (i.e. excluding any deficit reduction payments) to defined benefit schemes which are treated as defined contribution schemes.

Assumptions

	2020 % per annum	2019 % per annum
Rate of discount	0.36	1.20

The discount rates shown above are the equivalent single discount rates which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

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15. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2020 the charity had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	2020		2019	
	Land and buildings £	Other items £	Land and buildings £	Other items £
Operating leases which expire:				
Within 1 year	-	-	12,155	-
Within 2 to 5 years	-	-	-	-
After more than 5 years	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,155</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year operating lease expenditure totalled £13,260 (2019 - £16,200).

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	<u>687,107</u>	<u>(971,039)</u>	<u>(283,932)</u>

17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	<u>344,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>344,106</u>

This Restricted Fund represents grants made by RSPCA Headquarters in Horsham totalling £463,125, and an amount of £40,000 from Support Adoption for Pets, towards the re-development of the facilities at Halewood Animal Centre, less amounts subsequently written off.

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18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	3,235	3,435
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	50,449	50,446
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	1,045,058	1,034,006