

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 232260

Details

Other names	RSPCA - ASHTON, STALYBRIDGE, MOSSLEY, HYDE, GLOSSOP AND DISTRICT BRANCH, RSPCA - TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH, RSPCA - TAMESIDE, WOODLEY, ROMILEY, BREDBURY AND GLOSSOP BRANCH, RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-12-20
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: The branch boards/fosters previously abused, neglected or unwanted animals in need until new homes are found. RSPCA Inspectorate animals are given priority. Operates welfare neutering and treatment schemes for owners in receipt of certain state benefits and Community Animal Action Days to raise awareness responsible animal ownership. Raises funds to support the above activities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TAMESIDE, GLOSSOP.
- Derbyshire
- Tameside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£112,216	£109,912	-	-
2023-12-31	£130,740	£111,460	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,186	£73,191	-	-
2021-12-31	£113,346	£45,033	-	-
2020-12-31	£62,219	£58,360	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IRENE PLATT	Chair	1994-01-27
ANNE KENYON		2006-06-29
BEATRICE ANGELA CLOUGH		2019-07-08
ELIZABETH ANNE WOOD		2011-06-30
GAIL MARGARET ALICE HILTON		2003-06-26
KATHLEEN MARGARET BIRCH		2002-06-27
KAY DIANE DINSDALE		2019-07-25
LYNN ANDREW		2014-06-26
RICHARD THOMAS HOWARD		1997-06-26

Accounts



(Reg Charity No: 232260)



**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT – 2024

The National Society of the RSPCA celebrated two hundred years of rescuing animals suffering appalling cruelty and neglect from 1824. Our small branch was created 125 years ago in 1899 when local people had got together to raise funds in order to employ a national society trained inspector. The accounts for the Glossop, Ashton, Hyde and Stalybridge branch of the RSPCA declared an income as £47 9s 3p with expenses consisting of one shilling for a branch cheque book and £50 which would be sent to Headquarters in two instalments of £25 the following year. Fortunately, for the branch £81 7s.6p was raised in 1900 from public donations. Because we do not have a copy of an annual report or correspondence from 1900 we can't be sure when an inspector was first employed in the branch area.



Joyce Armfield Memorial Fun Dog Show – Stamford Park

Three dog shows were planned at the start of the year and it was agreed that our first show of the year be called the Joyce Armfield Memorial Show in remembrance of Joyce who had supported the branch for almost 30 years. Dogs Trust joined us on the day of the show to publicise their dog training courses and offer help and advice to owners who may have been experiencing difficulties.

We have seen an increase in veterinary costs this year due to more requests for welfare assistance with vet fees from owners facing financial hardship and by young dogs and cats arriving in our care carrying infectious diseases which could have been prevented if only their previous families had given them adequate food and, importantly, vaccinations. In September alone our veterinary expenses amounted to £13,921 most of which was for the care of branch animals awaiting adoption.



Several puppies and kittens have simply been abandoned in or near our branch area. Finders have taken them to the local out-of-hours veterinary surgery who contact us knowing that we will help if possible. Unfortunately, families seem to be reluctant to have their animals neutered resulting in them not being able to cope with litters of puppies or kittens. We would rather we were asked if we could take them into care before exposure to the elements becomes detrimental to their health. Even though it may not be possible immediately, we are able to refer people to other local or breed specific rescues.

We are always keen to recruit volunteer foster families where there is someone at home during the day.

For many years it has been branch policy to invite all of the four sitting MPs whose constituencies cover the branch area to become one of our four Vice Presidents and following the General Election we welcomed John Pearce MP for High Peak.

We simply couldn't carry on without all our volunteers who give so many hours of their time to help our branch succeed. Trustees, Adoption Support officers, Foster Families, Drivers, Dog Show Organisers and Judges, members who look after our social media presence and those who willingly help with anything else which is needed to ensure we can continue to help local animals for many years to come.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we thank all our wonderful supporters who donate cash and food to the branch and local veterinary practices which accept our vouchers so that we can continue to care for local animals in need. We simply couldn't manage without you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Irene Platt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Irene Platt
Hon Chair
on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 25th May 2025

R.S.P.C.A. TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Vacant.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Andrew Gwynne MP, John Pearce MP, Angela Rayner MP, Jonathan Reynolds MP.

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: Irene Platt, 48 Regent Drive, Mossley OL5 9NZ (Tel: 01457 83 3788)

HONORARY SECRETARY: Kathleen Birch

HONORARY TREASURER: Lynn Andrew

REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathleen Birch

RE-HOMING COORDINATOR: Gail Hilton (Tel: 07954 122 481)

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Angela Clough, Kay Dinsdale, Richard Howard, Anne Kenyon, Louise Siddall; Elizabeth Wood.

A maximum of 14 Trustees/Management Committee members may be elected from eligible members of the branch at the Annual General Meeting & 3 co-options are allowed.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS

GLOSSOP: Anne Kenyon

TAMESIDE: Vacant

WEBSITE COORDINATORS/

CONTRIBUTORS: Kay Dinsdale/Nicola Whitehead/ Elizabeth Wood/Irene Platt

VETERINARY ADVISOR: Vacant

BANKERS: Barclays Bank Ltd., Unit 33 Arcades Shopping Centre,
Ashton-under-Lyne
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Drummond House (CL)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: John Simpson ACA

BRANCH ANSWERPHONE: 07954 122 481

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TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
operates in the North Region of the RSPCA

National Cruelty and Advice Line: 0300 1234 999

**Branch Affairs Committee & Chairman
of the North West Regional Board:-**

Gerry Miles, RSPCA Wigan and District Branch

National Control Centre (*Cruelty & Advice Line*):- 0300 1234 999

RSPCA North Regional Office: PO Box BR29, Leeds. LS13 2XL

Welfare Oversight Development Manager:- Matt Sacks, (RHQ)

Assistant Director Branches and Partnerships:- Amy Barlow, (RHQ)

Head of Branch Partnerships:- Denise McCabe, (RHQ)

Senior Branch Partnership Manager:- Nikki Payne, (RHQ)



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TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
(Reg Charity No: 232260)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established in 1824. It is a charity, entirely supported by voluntary donations and its main function is to prevent cruelty to animals. This is achieved by 330 inspectors, supported by 236 animal rescue officers (AWOs) in England and Wales. On average, we have one officer (including inspectors and animal rescue officers) for every 180,000 people in England and Wales. This compares to one frontline police officer for every 566 members of the public (police per capita / Home office report)

Constitution: The **TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH** was established in 1899 and is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch (charity number: 232260) of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Branch is constituted under the RSPCA Rules for Branches. The primary role of RSPCA branches is to support the Society's Inspectorate, giving priority to the acceptance of case animals and those signed over for welfare offences/concerns, or unowned sick and injured animals presented with an Inspectorate incident number.

Objects: The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the Branch ie Tameside and Glossop, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

RSPCA Areas of Priority in Animal Welfare

(No significance is to be attached to the order in which these priorities are given)

Companion Animals: with particular importance being attached to responsible pet ownership, methods of population control.

Farm Animals: with particular reference to cruelties involved in certain intensive systems, and to the transport, export and slaughter of food animals.

Animal Experimentation: with particular emphasis on reducing both the total number of experiments which are carried out, and the numbers and suffering of such animals as are in fact used in these experiments.

Wild Animals: with particular reference to animals in captivity, blood sports, exploited species and the use of traps, snares and poisons in the control of wild animals.

Public Benefit:

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 Commission. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail below, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

We support our local Inspectors by: taking in previously mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill-health, financial difficulties or who have passed away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

We continue to support individuals in need, including homeless families, to feed and care for their dogs, cats and other animals

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local residents on low incomes. We do this through a voucher scheme. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment. These vouchers are only issued when an animal is in urgent need of veterinary treatment and its owner doesn't have enough money to meet the Veterinary Surgeon's fees.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this on a day to day basis through a voucher scheme with the help and generosity of local veterinary surgeons accepting the vouchers as part payment. This scheme helps to control companion animal populations through neutering and helps those owners in receipt of certain means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip their animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need to caring individuals and families. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to prevent animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need or, depending on the nature of their enquiry, direct them to our National Society's inspectors via the help and advice centre, local veterinary practices or species and breed specific rescue centres.

We offer free animal care advice by phone, leaflets and at our public events. Such as our fun dog shows and our continued support of animal adopters via pre and post adoption home visits which ensure that the animals in our care find their best possible homes.

Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society, other RSPCA branches and local organisations by collaborating on fund raising events and campaigns.

Voluntary opportunities included: Trusteeship & Fostering, Pre and Post Adoption Support and Drivers using the branch van or their own vehicles to transport animals and supplies. Volunteers are recruited from all sectors of the community who support our work, enabling individuals to gain valuable experience in caring for animals, interacting with professionals (eg social workers, housing officers & CPNs) and other members of the public.

Governance: Up to fourteen trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and drawn from individuals who have been members of the National Society and Branch for at least 3 months. All new prospective Trustees are briefed on the responsibilities of the role prior to accepting the position and are offered in-service training such as financial reporting, recruitment of volunteers, public speaking on an ad hoc basis as required. The branch is also empowered to co-opt up to 3 additional Trustees, who bring their skills and experience to the branch.

All major decisions are made by the trustees at 11 monthly management meetings each year. These meetings continue to take place online and urgent decisions are made possible through emails and, in order to overcome any barriers to participation in branch management, via phone calls.

Paid Staff: The Branch is managed and operated on a day to day basis entirely by volunteers working from their own homes and has no paid staff.

Address: The branch has an address for correspondence only which is: C/O, Heyrod Village Hall, John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge, SK15 3BW, and may be contacted via email, phone, website or through the chair (see list of committee members on page 1)

Training: Training is provided by the National Society of the RSPCA.

Risk Management: The Management Committee regularly reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate identified risks. We aim to change our legal identity to that of a Community Interest Organisation within the next 12 months.

Related Parties: The charity is guided by the national body of the RSPCA. The charity is able to purchase goods for resale for fundraising purposes and, most importantly, medicines from the national body to treat the animals in branch care under veterinary supervision.

Investment Policy: There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest however it is branch policy that these funds both unrestricted and restricted should be invested ethically. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees annually and takes into account recent demand for funds. This strategy is set within an overall policy which states that funds in excess of short term needs will be invested in low risk investments with a view to ensuring capital appreciation of the fund at a reasonable market rate. In the year under review, income exceeded expenditure by £2,304.

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to at least 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This reserve is considered necessary in order to mitigate any fluctuation in income and ensure that our service to animal welfare is maintained, including funds to cover boarding costs of animals brought into the branch for re-homing by RSPCA Inspectors, applications from people on low income for financial help to meet assisted veterinary neutering costs or emergency assisted veterinary treatment costs for their animals, management and administration costs. In the event of our funds reducing to £90,000 it has been agreed that we would cease all charitable activity until funds reach a reasonable level to enable the charity to fulfil its objectives.

Future Plans: We are working towards becoming a Community Interest Organisation to bring our branch up to date with current legal and financial legislation. We are committed to helping owners who are experiencing financial hardship or have lost their homes, through donations of animal food and vouchers towards their veterinary costs. We will continue to recruit volunteer foster carers who are able to offer their time and homes to care for those animals in need of extra TLC, because of illness, injury or age and volunteer drivers who are able to deliver food for the animals of people in crisis. The increasing demand on our finances due to rising veterinary costs, that of animal food and requests to take in and care for more animals our plans to carry out Community Animal Action Days have again been put on hold. We will ensure that our policies and procedures are updated on a regular basis following the National Society and Charity Commission's guidelines. We intend to work closely with our neighbouring branches in order to help as many animals and their owners as possible

Achievements and Performance:

We continue to assist owners to access the services of local private veterinary practices which accept our veterinary vouchers for emergency treatment and/or neutering.

We donate pet food to local food banks for owners who are experiencing extreme financial hardship and to deliver food to individuals who have experienced an unexpected or sudden change in their fortunes. This has meant that families have been able to continue to feed their animals and no longer had to forego meals themselves or be faced with the prospect of having to give up their much loved companion animals. We liaise with local veterinary surgeons to help fund extra expense involved in the treatment of strays (mainly cats) and take them into branch care if we have room.

BRANCH STATISTICS

2024				2023
ANIMALS REHOMED				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
78	112	0	190	304
WELFARE NEUTERING - Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
22	21	1	44	87
WELFARE TREATMENT – Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
6	17	1	24	22

2024 saw a significant decrease in the number of dogs and cats rehomed in the year under review. Adoptions fell being 62.5% of the 2023 total (106 dogs, 196 cats and 2 rabbits). It is thought as more people have returned to full time working and despite the cost of veterinary care which has greatly increased, our neutering vouchers are not needed or requested as urgently as in previous years.

At the end of 2023 we had 6 dogs and 25 cats in branch care, with ages ranging from very young to late teenagers. Due to our recent milder winters it seems that the “kitten season” now lasts all year round.





ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tameside & Glossop Branch

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

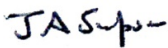
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items for disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

This charity, in common with many others of similar size and organisation, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary donations which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered into the accounting records, and are therefore not susceptible to independent verification.

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraph, has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting record in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant

Date 16th June 2025

48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DN

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	64,534	0	64,534	83,250
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objective	3	44,698	0	44,698	45,667
Activities for generating funds	4	0	0	0	0
Investment income	5	2,984	0	2,984	1,823
Total incoming resources		112,216	0	112,216	130,740
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	6	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure:					
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	7	105,199	0	105,199	107,126
Management and administration	8	4,713	0	4,713	4,334
Total resources expended		109,912	0	109,912	111,460
Net movement in funds for the year		2,304	0	2,304	19,280
Balance at 1 January 2024/23		210,729	0	210,729	191,449
Balance at 31 December 2024/23		213,033	0	213,033	210,729

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts.

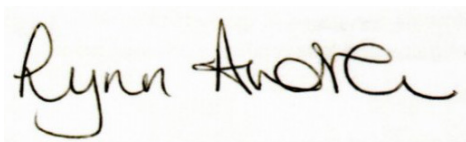
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed assets					
Motor Vehicles	10	0	0	0	0
Investments	11	75	0	75	75
		<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		1,649	0	1,649	818
Cash at bank		215,037	0	215,037	220,478
		<u>216,686</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>216,686</u>	<u>221,296</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>3,728</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,728</u>	<u>10,642</u>
Net current assets		212,958	0	212,958	210,654
Total net assets		<u>213,033</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>213,033</u>	<u>210,729</u>

Funds

Unrestricted funds	213,033	210,729
Restricted funds	0	0
Total funds	<u>213,033</u>	<u>210,729</u>



Approved by the board of trustees on 29th May 2025
and signed on its behalf by Lynn Andrew

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources - These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

the charity becomes entitled to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for the receipt are met;

The trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and

The trustees are reasonably certain that its value can be reliably measured.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Incoming resources from tax claims are included on the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income - This and any tax credits are included in the accounts when receivable

Expenditure and liabilities

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, when owned, are stated at cost less depreciation. The van has been fully depreciated.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation.

Stocks

Stocks consist of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Items donated for resale are not included in the accounts until they are sold.

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Donations and gifts	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
			£	£
Subscriptions	156		156	136
Collection boxes	656		656	838
General donations	34,396		34,396	26,951
Legacies	2,000		2,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	20,226		20,226	515
Profit share	7,100		7,100	4,810
	<u>64,534</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,534</u>	<u>83,250</u>
3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			2024	2023
			£	£
Special events			238	217
Animal sales and adoptions			44,460	45,450
			<u>44,698</u>	<u>45,667</u>
4 Activities for general funds			2024	2023
			£	£
Sales of goods			-	-
			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
5 Investment income			2024	2023
			£	£
Bank interest			2,979	1,823
Dividends			5	-
			<u>2,984</u>	<u>1,823</u>
6 Costs of generating funds			2024	2023
			£	£
Event expenses			0	0
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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2024

7 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Vets fees – (assisted neutering & welfare treatment vouchers)	10,507		10,507	5,493
Boarding	43,157		43,157	45,728
Home-checker, fostering expenses & associated				
Veterinary fees.	47,698		47,698	44,640
Branch contribution to RSPCA	1,378		1,378	6,064
Cat fostering and expenses	1,602		1,602	2,006
Depreciation	-		-	-
Vehicle costs	857		857	3,195
	<u>105,199</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105,199</u>	<u>107,126</u>

8 Management and administration	2024 £	2023 £
Postage and stationary	292	272
Other costs incl room hire	3,821	3,512
Independent examiner's fees	600	550
	<u>4,713</u>	<u>4,334</u>

9 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2024

(2023: £ Nil).

During 2024 trustees expenses for RSPCA business amounted to £2,053 (2023 £3,131)

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10 Fixed Assets	2024	
	£	
Motor Vehicle		
Cost at 01 January 2024	7,158	
Addition	0	
Cost at 31 December 2024	<u>7,158</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation at 01/01/24	7,158	
Depreciation 2024	0	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/24	<u>7,158</u>	
Net Book Value at 31/12/24	<u>0</u>	
11 Investments	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	75	75
(Loss) / gain on revaluation during year.	0	0
Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2024	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
All investments are listed UK securities		
12 Creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	3,728	10,642
	<u>3,728</u>	<u>10,642</u>

13 Related party transactions

Goods and services were purchased from the national RSPCA charity to the value of £6,940. These goods were either sold during the year or held in stock at the year end. The total also includes medicines purchased for the treatment of animals.

The charity received £50,005 from the National RSPCA mainly relating to door to door collections and other legacies.

RSPCA Manchester Group

Annual report for 2024

Summary

2024 was a challenging year for the Manchester group as the team spent their days investigating animal welfare concerns, rescuing wildlife, and tutoring new staff. We had to adapt to new changes in the inspectorate such as the changes to the RSPCA's scope of service, a different approach to dealing with some of our wildlife, new technology (moving away from paper notebooks to digital notebooks), new branding and uniforms and the changes with the XL bully laws.

Also changes to the way in which we care for our boarded animals in private boarding, having a new Welfare Oversight team with dedicated staff means there is more focus on getting animals the veterinary and behavioural care they need, much quicker and finding the most appropriate places for animals with more complex needs. Thus spending less time having to deal with the animals and can spend more time on the road dealing with complaints and rescues

The lack of space for animals has been a huge problem in the region and whilst we still have a huge influx of animals coming into us and still having to push back as much as possible on owners wanting to rehome their animals there does seem to be a better throughput and more available space in the private boarding kennels.

Team Update

During 2024 we welcomed new Animal Rescue officers; Kate Sargent, Aidan McGuirk, Mary Curran and Freya Norton. This takes the team up to 18 members of staff which is a huge positive. We are in a much better place with regards to workload, getting to things much sooner. ARO Alex Ashton also began his training later on in the year and we expect him to be a great team member in 2024. Alex Ashton and Jessica Pierce have changed from ARO to Inspector having completed training. This again really benefits the group, being able to spread the workload of the high number of investigations Manchester deals with. Again we have had help from our Animal Rescue Volunteers who have assisted the group with transporting animals to and from branches/vets, this is hugely important as it helps free up officers to continue investigating welfare concerns.

In 2024, the Manchester team welcomed four new Animal Rescue Officers: Kate Sargent, Aidan McGuirk, Mary Curran, and Freya Norton, bringing the team to a total of 18 staff members. This increase is a significant improvement, allowing the team to manage their workload more effectively and respond to cases more quickly.

Further strengthening the team, Alex Ashton and Jessica Pierce transitioned from AROs to Inspectors after completing their training. This development is particularly beneficial, enabling a better distribution of the heavy investigation caseload in Manchester.

The team continued to receive vital support from Animal Rescue Volunteers, who assisted with transporting animals to branches and veterinary appointments. This assistance is crucial in freeing up officers to concentrate on investigating animal welfare concerns.

Case investigations

Manchester is one of the busiest groups in the country and that means sadly more cruelty case investigations to deal with. In 2024 we submitted approximately 77 case files to our prosecutions department but investigated over hundred.

Inspector Deborah Beats investigated Mr Dean Savage from Manchester after he had left his dog Harley with an extreme ear injury. The ear was hanging off and bleeding, the owner agreed to sign Harley over and also two of his other dogs Joker and Snowflake. All were found new homes. The man received a ban from owning animals for 5 years, had a 12 month community order and had to carry out 120 hours of unpaid work. He also had to attend 15 rehabilitation requirement days and pay £400 in costs.

Inspector Beth Fazackerley investigated a woman called Ms New from Ashton under lyne who owned two terrier type dogs that were terribly matted and had severe skin issues. She had taken Digby to the PDSA that she said had gone missing and had just found it. It had dry eye which had been left and this resulted in a necrosis of the face and had no eyes. The dog was put to sleep and we visited the house and found the other dog Tish in a crate. Tish was lifeless with crusty skin, hair loss and severe eye issues. It became apparent that Diby hadn't been missing. She pleaded guilty and received a life ban on dogs, 24 weeks suspended sentence for 12 months, 12 RAR days and costs.

Inspector Beth Fazackerley also dealt with an investigation involving a dog that had been starved to death. She had been locked in a kitchen and the owner had gone to stay with her boyfriend. The poor dog called Ruben was then put in a plastic storage bin by the owner. Beth attended and recovered Ruben's body and the PM confirmed the dog had died of starvation. The owner called Butterworth from Bolton pleaded guilty and received a 12 week suspended sentence for 12 months. She received 25 RAR days and a 5 year ban from owning all animals. She also had to pay £404 in costs.

Inspector Jess Pierce dealt with a complaint of a dog called Coco living in poor conditions in a garden. Poor Coco was living in a filthy garden with makeshift shelter with little attention paid to her. The dog was signed over to the RSPCA and rehomed via the Preston RSPCA branch.



ARO Lee Ferrans and Inspector Jessica Araujo dealt with a man who had bred some puppies from his friend's dog and his own dog. The puppies were all found to be very underweight and also had parvo. The flat was filthy with ammonia and faeces. The owner called Mr Davies was from Oldham pleaded guilty and received a ban when the matter went to court.

Inspector Ryan King investigated a horrendous case of neglect by the owner. We received a call from the pet crematorium who had been given the body by the owner Ms Hogan from Rochdale. Luckily we managed to get the body and Ryan was able to investigate. The owner received a ban on all animals for 5 years with a 12 month community order, 10 RAR days and costs of £1033. The poor dog called Tiny, a Dog de Bordeaux, had suffered terribly. It had started as a small wound that the owner did not return to the vets to get treatment.

Rescues

The team with Manchester and Salford Branch secured the welfare of a rabbit with hugely overgrown teeth. The rabbit called Bobby was close to having the teeth penetrate the nasal cavity and had it been left any longer the outcome could have been very different.

ARO Alison Wilford and Inspector Rachel Whalley came to the rescue of a distressed swan. The poor swan had a fishing line around its neck and in its mouth causing great discomfort to the bird. ARO Alison Wilford took to action and immediately started to untangle the wire from around the swan. They were able to untangle the wire in situ causing no harm or damage to the bird and it was released back into the wild once more to swim another day.

ARO Alex Ashton attended a flat in Swinton where 2 adult dogs and 7 puppies were found abandoned in a garden. ARO Jess Pierce assisted in transporting all the dogs to GMAH where they received care and treatment. One dog, known as Chai, was emaciated and dehydrated and a staff member at GMAH immediately took to her and fostered her! Jodie helped bring Chai back to full health where she could really see what an amazing dog she was and officially decided to adopt her. The other dogs were taken to Southport RSPCA where they are doing well and being rehomed.



ARO Lee Ferrans, along with the Fox Rescuers, was called to a young fox trapped in a drain pipe in Chorlton this month. The caller could hear strange noises coming from his cellar, on further investigation they found a young fox was stuck. They enlisted the help of a drainage company, Quick Drains, who dug a hole and were able to release the baby fox. Lee took the fox to Ashleigh Vets where they determined it was approximately 4 weeks old. The fox has made an excellent recovery and was rehabilitated and released.

Throughout the summer we saw quite a few birds with fishing line and fishing hooks causing issues and damage. **ARO Steve Wickham** was called out to a goose with a large hook going straight through its beak. Steve was able to cut the hook free, remove it and release the goose back onto the water.

A huge thank you to all the branches for their hard work and support



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**RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP
BRANCH
(Reg Charity No: 232260)**



**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2023**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT – 2023

2023 has been a busy and challenging year, as the country has moved out of all Covid-19 restrictions and many things are returning to “normal” including working practices, especially the advice to companies that people should return to their offices. This has, in many instances, hugely impacted on family dogs who were purchased during the various lock downs and were now facing lonely lives, home alone. As a result we, along with so many other charities, are being overwhelmed with requests to take in young dogs who, due to the restraints on socialisation opportunities, have developed undesirable traits such as dog to dog aggression, destruction in the home or causing neighbours to complain about prolonged barking/howling. Sadly many of the dogs have been rehomed several times during their short lives being sold on through online selling sites, gifted to yet another family home, abandoned in remote areas or euthanised.

There has been a significant increase in the number of very young cats with large litters whose owners have not been able to have them neutered in time to prevent them becoming pregnant. Notably during the C-19 emergency many people seem to have been keen to raise puppies and kittens for sale during the clamour for a new pet and are now unable to find homes for those born later during the pandemic.

Towards the end of 2023 we entered an exclusive semi-boarding agreement with one of our long term fosterers who had raised and cared for so many mums with litters of puppies and kittens, over the years. This has enabled us to double the number of animals successfully rehomed in 2023 and will ensure we continue to prioritise RSPCA inspectors' rescued animals and help local veterinary surgeons by taking in strays and abandoned animals which arrive in their surgeries.

In the last 3 months of the year we received calls asking for help and advice from people who have bought, adopted, or been given a puppy or adult dog which MIGHT be caught up in the latest addition to the banned breeds here in the UK. The RSPCA has long campaigned against the ban on certain breeds of dogs or what they look like as in the case of Pit Bulls and now XL Bullies. The Dangerous Dogs Act has not reduced the number of serious attacks by dogs, which have increased significantly since 1991 when this law was first introduced. Trustees agreed to increase the amount we are able to give on our XL bully neutering vouchers, commensurate with the average price of neutering vets have told us they quote for a certain size of dog. With many of the XLs topping 50 kg this has been a significant demand on family finances when the cost of living is increasing so rapidly.

As a branch we would support the re-introduction of Dog Licensing at a level to at least cover administrative costs which was one of the main reasons given for abandoning the law in 1987.

Our veterinary costs which cover treatment, vaccinations and neutering of all our rehomed animals plus our assisted treatment and neutering scheme to help owners facing financial hardship was £50,000 during the year under review.

We can't thank everyone enough for your wonderful generosity in donating cash or food to help animals brought in by the inspectors and via local veterinary surgeries.

We bid a sad farewell to Joyce Armfield, of Mossley, in March 2023. Joyce had been involved with the branch since 1998 when she answered an advertisement asking for volunteer dog walkers. She took an active part in the branch as a trustee, dog walker, home visitor and cat fosterer support officer for many years until her retirement from her voluntary roles. Post retirement, Joyce continued to support the branch and was always interested in our news.

As a volunteer managed and operated branch of the RSPCA since 1899 we couldn't survive without the many unpaid hours of work given freely by everyone involved. Thank you to all our volunteers, veterinary practices for accepting our welfare vouchers, supermarkets and event organisers who support us by allowing us to fundraise, collect food or simply publicise our work in the area.

Yours



Irene Platt
Hon Chair
on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 07.06.2023



Stamford Park Dog Show contestant 2023

R.S.P.C.A. TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Vacant.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Andrew Gwynne MP, Angela Rayner MP,
Jonathan Reynolds MP.

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: Irene Platt, 48 Regent Drive, Mossley OL5 9NZ (Tel:
01457 83 3788)

HONORARY SECRETARY: Kathleen Birch

HONORARY TREASURER: Lynn Andrew

REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathleen Birch

RE-HOMING COORDINATOR: Gail Hilton (Tel: 07954 122 481)

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Angela Clough, Kay Dinsdale, Richard Howard, Anne
Kenyon, Louise Siddall; Elizabeth Wood.

A maximum of 14 Trustees/Management Committee members may be elected from eligible members of the branch at
the Annual General Meeting & 3 co-options are allowed.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS

GLOSSOP: Anne Kenyon

TAMESIDE: Vacant

WEBSITE COORDINATORS/

CONTRIBUTORS: Kay Dinsdale/Louise Siddall/Nicola Whitehead/Irene Platt

VETERINARY ADVISOR: Ian McConnell BSc (Hons) BVM&S, GPCert(Endo),
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TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
operates in the North Region of the RSPCA

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**Branch Affairs Committee & Chairman
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Operational Superintendent North:- Supt. Matt Sacks, (RHQ)

Assistant Director Branches and Partnerships:- Sandra Fruish, (RHQ)

Head of Branch Partnerships:- Richard Cummins, (RHQ)

Senior Branch Partnership Manager:- Denise McCabe, (RHQ)



THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
(Reg Charity No: 232260)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established in 1824. It is a charity, entirely supported by voluntary donations and its main function is to prevent cruelty to animals. This is achieved by 273 inspectors, supported by 90 animal rescue officers (AWOs) in England and Wales.

Constitution: The **TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH** was established in 1899 and is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch (charity number: 232260) of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Branch is constituted under the RSPCA Rules for Branches. The primary role of RSPCA branches is to support the Society's Inspectorate, giving priority to the acceptance of case animals and those signed over for welfare offences/concerns, or unowned sick and injured animals presented with an Inspectorate incident number.

Objects: The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the Branch ie Tameside and Glossop, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

RSPCA Areas of Priority in Animal Welfare

(No significance is to be attached to the order in which these priorities are given)

Companion Animals: with particular importance being attached to responsible pet ownership, methods of population control.

Farm Animals: with particular reference to cruelties involved in certain intensive systems, and to the transport, export and slaughter of food animals.

Animal Experimentation: with particular emphasis on reducing both the total number of experiments which are carried out, and the numbers and suffering of such animals as are in fact used in these experiments.

Wild Animals: with particular reference to animals in captivity, blood sports, exploited species and the use of traps, snares and poisons in the control of wild animals.

Public Benefit:

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 Commission. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail below, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

We support our local Inspectors by: taking in previously mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill-health, financial difficulties or who have passed away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

We continue to support individuals in need, including homeless families, to feed and care for their dogs, cats and other animals including those who are found accommodation via “A Bed for Every Night (ABEN) scheme” operating throughout Greater Manchester and specifically for the shelter in the Tameside area.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local residents on low incomes. We do this through a voucher scheme. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment. These vouchers are only issued when an animal is in urgent need of veterinary treatment and its owner doesn't have enough money to meet the Veterinary Surgeon's fees.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this on a day to day basis through a voucher scheme with the help and generosity of local veterinary surgeons accepting the vouchers as part payment. This scheme helps to control companion animal populations through neutering and helps those owners in receipt of certain means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip their animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need to caring individuals and families. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to prevent animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need or, depending on the nature of their enquiry, direct them to our National Society's inspectors via the help and advice centre, local veterinary practices or species and breed specific rescue centres.

We offer free animal care advice by phone, leaflets and at our public events. Such as our fun dog shows and our continued support of animal adopters via pre and post adoption home visits which ensure that the animals in our care find their best possible homes.

Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society, other RSPCA branches and local organisations by collaborating on fund raising events and campaigns.

Voluntary opportunities included: Trusteeship & Fostering, Pre and Post Adoption Support. Volunteers are recruited from all sectors of the community who support our work, enabling individuals to gain valuable experience in caring for animals, interacting with professionals (eg social workers, housing officers & CPNs) and other members of the public.

Governance: Up to fourteen trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and drawn from individuals who have been members of the National Society and Branch for at least 3 months. All new prospective Trustees are briefed on the responsibilities of the role prior to accepting the position and are offered in-service training such as financial reporting, recruitment of volunteers, public speaking on an ad hoc basis as required. The branch is also empowered to co-opt up to 3 additional Trustees, who bring their skills and experience to the branch.

All major decisions are made by the trustees at 11 monthly management meetings each year. These meetings continue to take place online and urgent decisions are made possible through emails and, in order to overcome any barriers to participation in branch management, via phone calls.

Paid Staff: The Branch is managed and operated on a day to day basis entirely by volunteers working from their own homes and has no paid staff.

Address: The branch has an address for correspondence only which is: C/O, Heyrod Village Hall, John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge, SK15 3BW, and may be contacted via email, phone, website or through the chair (see list of committee members on page 1)

Training: Training is provided by the National Society of the RSPCA.

Risk Management: The Management Committee regularly reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate identified risks.

Related Parties: The charity is guided by the national body of the RSPCA. The charity is able to purchase goods for resale for fundraising purposes and, most importantly, medicines from the national body to treat the animals in branch care under veterinary supervision.

Investment Policy: There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest however it is branch policy that these funds both unrestricted and restricted should be invested ethically. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees annually and takes into account recent demand for funds. This strategy is set within an overall policy which states that funds in excess of short term needs will be invested in low risk investments with a view to ensuring capital appreciation of the fund at a reasonable market rate. In the year under review, income exceeded expenditure by £19,280.

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to at least 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This reserve is considered necessary in order to mitigate any fluctuation in income and ensure that our service to animal welfare is maintained, including funds to cover boarding costs of animals brought into the branch for re-homing by RSPCA Inspectors, applications from people on low income for financial help to meet assisted veterinary neutering costs or emergency assisted veterinary treatment costs for their animals, management and administration costs. In the event of our funds reducing to £90,000 it has been agreed that we would cease all charitable activity until funds reach a reasonable level to enable the charity to fulfil its objectives.

Future Plans: We are committed to helping owners who are experiencing financial hardship or have lost their homes, through donations of animal food and vouchers towards their veterinary costs. We will continue to recruit volunteer foster carers who are able to offer their time and homes to care for those animals in need of extra TLC, because of illness, injury or age and volunteer drivers who are able to deliver food for the animals of people in crisis. The increasing demand on our finances due to rising veterinary costs, that of animal food and requests to take in and care for more animals our plans to carry out Community Animal Action Days have again been put on hold. We have updated policies including safeguarding and financial security.

Achievements and Performance:

We continue to assist owners to access the services of local private veterinary practices which accept our veterinary vouchers for emergency treatment and/or neutering.

We donate pet food to local food banks for owners who are experiencing extreme financial hardship and to deliver food to individuals who have experienced an unexpected or sudden change in their fortunes. This has meant that families have been able to continue to feed their animals and no longer had to forego meals themselves or be faced with the prospect of having to give up their much loved companion animals. We liaise with local veterinary surgeons to help fund extra expense involved in the treatment of strays (mainly cats) and take them into branch care if we have room.

BRANCH STATISTICS

2023				2022
ANIMALS REHOMED				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
106	196	2	304	151
WELFARE NEUTERING - Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
17	70	0	87	27
WELFARE TREATMENT – Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
8	14	0	22	33

In order to ensure continued care for the animals we have been asked to take into care, trustees made the decision to enter into an exclusive animal boarding agreement with a local farmer who had previously fostered branch animals, rearing numerous litters of puppies and kittens. This has resulted in a significant increase in the number of cats and dogs we have been able to accept from inspectors and local veterinary surgeons with a corresponding increase in both boarding and veterinary costs (see notes to the accounts number 7). When compared with 2022 (61 dogs, 90 cats) adoptions have increased by 200%.

At the end of 2023 we had 21 dogs and 13 cats in branch care. A very elderly fostered dog sadly died during the year. His caring, knowledgeable, fosterers gave him lots of love and the chance to experience the luxury of a warm, comfortable bed for the first time in his long life.





RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH

(Reg Charity No: 232260)



ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of
The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Tameside & Glossop Branch**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 for disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

This charity, in common with many others of similar size and organisation, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary donations which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered into the accounting records, and are therefore not susceptible to independent verification.

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraph, has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting record in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

JA Simpson

**John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant**

Date *14/06/24*

48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DN

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP BRANCH

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	83,250	0	83,250	30,192
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objective	3	45,667	0	45,667	23,682
Activities for generating funds	4	0	0	0	0
Investment income	5	1,823	0	1,823	312
Total incoming resources		130,740	0	130,740	54,186
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	6	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure: Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	7	107,126	0	107,126	67,797
Management and administration	8	4,334	0	4,334	5,394
Total resources expended		111,460	0	111,460	73,191
Net movement in funds for the year		19,280	0	19,280	(19,005)
Balance at 1 January 2023/22		191,449	0	191,449	210,454
Balance at 31 December 2023/22		210,729	0	210,729	191,449

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Motor Vehicles	10	0	0	0	0
Investments	11	75	0	75	75
		<u>75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		818	0	818	818
Cash at bank		220,478	0	220,478	202,666
		<u>221,296</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>221,296</u>	<u>203,484</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	10,642	0	10,642	12,110
Net current assets		210,654	0	210,654	191,374
Total net assets		<u>210,729</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>210,729</u>	<u>191,449</u>

Funds

Unrestricted funds	210,729	191,449
Restricted funds	0	0
Total funds	<u>210,729</u>	<u>191,449</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 12.06.23
and signed on its behalf by Lynn Andrew



The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP BRANCH

Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources - These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

The charity becomes entitled to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for the receipt are met;

The trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and

The trustees are reasonably certain that its value can be reliably measured.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Incoming resources from tax claims are included on the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income - This and any tax credits are included in the accounts when receivable

Expenditure and liabilities

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, when owned, are stated at cost less depreciation. The van is being depreciated over 6 years.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation.

Stocks

Stocks consist of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Items donated for resale are not included in the accounts until they are sold.

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2 Donations and gifts	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 £	2022 £
Subscriptions	136		136	119
Collection boxes	838		838	894
General donations	26,951		26,951	26,779
Legacies	50,000		50,000	0
Miscellaneous	515		515	80
Profit share	4,810		4,810	2,320
	<u>83,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83,250</u>	<u>30,192</u>
3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			2023 £	2022 £
Special events			217	552
Animal sales and adoptions			45,450	23,130
			<u>45,667</u>	<u>23,682</u>
4 Activities for general funds			2022 £	2022 £
Sales of goods			-	-
5 Investment income			2023 £	2022 £
Bank interest			1,823	312
Dividends			-	-
			<u>1,823</u>	<u>312</u>
6 Costs of generating funds			2023 £	2022 £
Event expenses			0	0
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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7 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Vets fees	5,493		5,493	3,480
Boarding	45,728		45,728	20,060
Home-checker, fostering expenses & associated veterinary fees	44,640		44,640	37,700
Branch contribution to RSPCA	6,064		6,064	1,378
Cat fostering and expenses	2,006		2,006	867
Depreciation	-		-	1,789
Vehicle costs	3,195		3,195	2,523
	<u>107,126</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>107,126</u>	<u>67,797</u>

8 Management and administration	2023 £	2022 £
Postage and stationary	272	440
Other costs	3,512	4,404
Independent examiner's fees	550	550
	<u>4,334</u>	<u>5,394</u>

9 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: £ Nil).

During 2023 trustees expenses for RSPCA business amounted to £3,131 (2022 £NIL)

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10 Fixed Assets	2023	
	£	
Motor Vehicle		
Cost at 01 January 2023	7,158	
Addition	0	
Cost at 31 December 2023	<u>7,158</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation at 01/01/23	7,158	
Depreciation 2023	0	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/23	<u>7,158</u>	
Net Book Value at 31/12/23	<u>0</u>	
11 Investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2023	75	75
(Loss) / gain on revaluation during year.	0	0
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2023	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
All investments are listed UK securities		
12 Creditors	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	10,642	12,110
	<u>10,642</u>	<u>12,110</u>

13 Related party transactions

Goods and services were purchased from the national RSPCA charity to the value of £4,128. These goods were either sold during the year or held in stock at the year end. The total also includes medicines purchased for the treatment of animals. The charity received £23,850 from the National RSPCA mainly relating to door to door collections and legacies.



Greater Manchester Group Annual Report 2023

Chief Inspector Nina Small

Summary

2023 was yet another busy year for the Manchester group as the team spent their days investigating animal welfare concerns, rescuing wildlife, arranging food bank deliveries and tutoring new staff.

It has been another challenging year as the cost of living crisis is still impacting pet owners in a big way. Inspector Alison Fletcher (Lancashire group) set up food banks across the north and Inspector Deb and ARO Helen have been assisting with collecting and delivering food to help stock them.

The lack of space for animals has been a huge problem in the region and we have had to push back as much as possible on owners wanting to rehome their animals. RSPCA Animal Centres are constantly full to capacity, so we have had to source new private boarding establishments as spaces in PBEs are taken as soon as they become available, which results, unfortunately, in animals spending months in there before being assessed and able to be advertised for rehoming.

The devastating effects of Avian Flu and the impact it has had on the rehabilitation and treatment of birds was still a big issue through the spring and summer as well, as birds returned back to the UK. Many vets were refusing to treat wild birds and Stapeley Grange and other private centres were also unable to house them for rehabilitation.

Towards the end of the year, the announcement was made that XL Bullies were going to be added to the list of banned dog breeds in the UK. Although the RSPCA did not support this decision, it had a huge impact on our work.

During 2023 we welcomed two new Animal Rescue officers; Ross Allan and Alison Hasler, both joined the Manchester Group and our Tutor Inspectors; Jess A, Beth and Ryan took them under their wing until they were fully fledged.

ARO Alex Ashton also began his training later on in the year and we expect him to be a great team member in 2024.

Inspector Jess A left the group in May to go on Maternity Leave and Inspector Beth took her place as DCI.

Again we have had help from our Animal Rescue Volunteers who have assisted the group with transporting animals to and from branches/vets, this is hugely important as it helps free up officers to continue investigating welfare concerns.

Case Investigations

Manchester is one of the busiest groups in the country and that means sadly more cruelty case investigations to deal with. In 2023 we investigated 107 cases.

So far over 23 have been dealt with via a prosecution, approx 16 have been dealt with by way of a caution, approx 43 were closed once an investigation was completed and another 26 are still open and/or waiting for a decision.

Some examples of cases the team have dealt with this year are below.

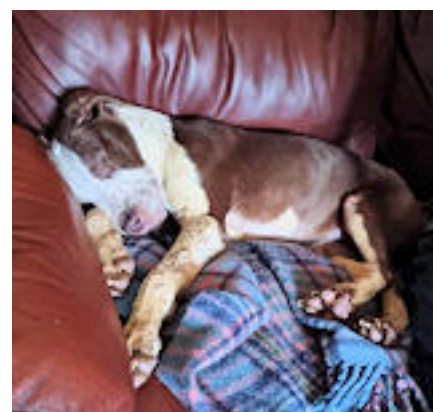
Inspector Jess A investigated concerns over a dog that was being left unattended by the owner. Unfortunately when she got into the address she found an emaciated dead dog and dead cat and two live cats. The owner disappeared but after a year, Insp Jess managed to trace the owner and submit the case file. The owner was found guilty of Section 4 and Section 9 offences and received a 5 year ban on all animals, 16 week suspended sentence and 20 R&R days. The two live cats were successfully rehomed.

One of the cats in the vets



Insp Deb also dealt with a dog that had died from lack of nutrition in 2023. An MOP took the dog off the owner after seeing how emaciated he was, but unfortunately he died a couple of hours later. Del Boy was then taken to a private vet who contacted the RSPCA. The case went to Crown Court where the owner pleaded guilty to section 4 and section 9 offences and received a ban on keeping any animal as a pet for 10 years and a suspended 21 month sentence.

Inspector Beth also dealt with a horrendous case when police found dead dogs left in a house with other animals and children. The owner had rung the police to report a child missing but once the police entered and saw the awful conditions and dead animals they contacted us. A mother had starved to death and her young pup had choked on some food as he was too emaciated and weak to swallow it. Thankfully two other puppies survived and a male dog was found to be normal body condition which suggests he fed that dog and not the others. The owner was sentenced to a 3 year community order, 12 months mental health treatment, lifetime ban on animals, can appeal after 7 years.



One of the pups in a new home

Inspector Rachel's non accidental injury case concluded in 2023. A neighbour's cctv caught the owner beating the cat and picking it up and slamming it down onto the ground. During interview it was revealed this was not the first time it had happened. The owner's partner rehomed the cat before we investigated so unfortunately the cat was never traced. The owner of the cat pleaded guilty and received a 5 year ban on all animals, 12 week suspended sentence unpaid work & costs.



Rachel also had an abandonment case of two cats, which were rescued and rehomed. During interview the owner stated he had not been back to the property for a further nine days from when we first sealed the property. He received a lifetime ban on all animals, 12 months' community order, unpaid work & costs.

One of the cats in her new home

Inspector Ryan investigated a dog that had been neglected by his owner. The dog had a severe skin condition and had not received any treatment from a vet. The owner pleaded guilty and received a 10 year ban on keeping dogs, a 12 month community order and costs.

Some of the rescues of 2023

ARO Lee's cat rescue: Pixie the 9 month old cat who'd only been going outside for 1 week was up this tree for three days, on day one some neighbours used a ladder but she just went up higher and they couldn't reach, day two we were called and I got the fire service to come but she just went higher so they couldn't get her and we had to leave some food up there on a branch, day three I came back and called a tree surgeon who used a cherry picker to finally get her down, the tree surgeons were called 'mad about trees' and said they didn't want to be paid they just wanted to do a nice thing, we returned pixie to a very grateful owner.

ARO Steve and Inspector Deb rescued a swan who had been stabbed and attacked with sticks by youths in Sale Water Park. Although she received some nasty looking wounds, the swan was treated by Ashleigh Vets and cared for by ARO's Sonia and Steve over the weekend before being released back to her mate.

ARO Helen rescued a hedgehog that had fallen down an open drain hole. After successfully getting him out, she took him to a rescue centre for some time to recover.

Inspector Rachel was called to a Deer that had got itself stuck in a fence, luckily MOPs stepped in and prised the bars apart, luckily it only had some superficial grazes and ran off as soon as it could.



ARO Dave was called to a poor tangled up fox in goal post netting. He released it and it ran off.

Insp Rachel picked up a cat with a growth on its back. She checked the chip and it had been reported missing since 2017! She went round to the address on the chip and spoke to the family and they couldn't believe he was still alive. They thought it has got in the father's car, travelled 20 minutes to Longsight where he owns a garage, then got lost. They were happy to pay for its treatment and the cat was returned happy & healthy.

ARO's Lee & Steve managed to free this cow that had fallen down a ravine and been stuck there all day. At first they thought she had a broken leg but after calling a vet out, she was safe to move up, given painkillers and some warm hay to sleep on and moved back to her field the next day.



ARO Dan rescued an owl that had got tangled in football nets in Ormskirk. The owl was taken to Stapeley to recover before being re-released a few weeks later.

Insp Ryan made it onto TV in 2023 to discuss the huge rise in abandoned and abused pets. Here he was at RSPCA Greater Manchester Animal Hospital visiting his case dogs and talking about the surge of animals coming into the RSPCA for care that are having to go into private boarding establishments.



Insp Jess arranged a litter picking day for the group for the Act of Kindness campaign. In total they collected around 22 bags of litter from various locations in Manchester!

We are lucky to have a large number of branches in our area that are very supportive of our inspectorate group. Without this help and support we wouldn't be able to rescue the many animals that our officers rescue daily.

On behalf of the Manchester group thank you for all your help and support over 2023

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**RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP
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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2022

January saw the Government's relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions and we all looked forward to planning future public events which had not been possible for the last two years.

We were delighted to be able to take our show rosettes out of storage where they had been sitting since the beginning of 2020 as invitations to organise Fun Dog Shows arrived in our inbox and we tentatively agreed to hold three. A decision was made to put Covid-19 security measures in place to avoid congestion around the registration table. All three shows, Stamford Park's Family Fun Day, Glossop Carnival and Mossley's Friends of Egmont Street's Harvest Festival proved to be very successful, raising much needed funds and publicising our work for animal welfare.

During the year we welcomed several very committed volunteers to help keep our online presence up to date, transport animals and foster those animals in need of extra TLC in their own homes. We can't thank them enough.

The very generous customers and staff at Tesco Glossop and Sainsbury's superstores kept our pet food supplies stocked up despite the rising costs of the family shop. As a result we have been able to help many people via local food banks, housing trusts or individually who have found it difficult to feed their animals.

Three notable successful rehomingings included two litters of large breed puppies, one having eleven puppies and the other seven which had been brought in by inspectors, and a very small emaciated German Shepherd who was growing extremely slowly was a cause for concern. However blood tests proved that she was simply suffering from lack of food. It was only thanks to our dedicated fosterers that they all thrived and went on to find caring new homes.

The north of England has the highest incidence of neglect and cruelty and Inspectors are reporting that the number of animals needing to be taken into care far exceeds our capacity. Even branches with rehoming centres are struggling to cope with demand for kennel space and those which rely on volunteer fosterers are finding it harder to recruit people with the time and space to care for the type of dogs, such as the xl bullies, which are in most need. We've found that many people are abandoning or wanting rescues to take in dogs with medical (usually severe allergies resulting in skin problems and/or breathing difficulties due to their fashionable flat faces) or behavioural issues in many of those puppies bought during the pandemic now they are full grown dogs mostly due to them missing out on vital socialisation during the lockdowns.

As a volunteer operated branch, without a rehoming centre, we are in a better position financially than those branches with large rehoming centres and the employees needed to run them. The huge rise in energy costs for heating and lighting, keeping vehicles on the road, and staff salaries has meant that they are often "just managing" or having to cut back on the services they offer or even having to close their doors.

However, we can't escape the high cost of caring for the animals we help as a branch because of the high cost of veterinary care which is inescapable. Our veterinary costs for the year under review came to £34,363.

Without our generous supporters and those people who have remembered us in their wills we couldn't continue to help so many animals. So thank you everyone who has donated, you have given all of them the prize of finding loving and caring new families so that they can begin to live the life they so deserve.

Irene Platt

Irene Platt
Hon Chair

Date: 20.05.2023



R.S.P.C.A. TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Vacant.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Andrew Gwynne MP, Angela Rayner MP,
Jonathan Reynolds MP.

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: Irene Platt, 48 Regent Drive, Mossley OL5 9NZ (Tel:
01457 83 3788)

HONORARY SECRETARY: Kathleen Birch

HONORARY TREASURER: Lynn Andrew

REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathleen Birch

RE-HOMING COORDINATOR: Gail Hilton (Tel: 07954 122 481)

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Angela Clough, Kay Dinsdale, Richard Howard, Anne
Kenyon, Louise Siddall,(from 21.11.2022) Elizabeth
Wood.

A maximum of 14 Trustees/Management Committee members may be elected from eligible members of the branch at
the Annual General Meeting & 3 co-options are allowed.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS

GLOSSOP: Anne Kenyon

TAMESIDE: Vacant

WEBSITE COORDINATORS/

CONTRIBUTORS: Kay Dinsdale/Louise Siddall/Nicola Whitehead/Irene Platt

VETERINARY ADVISOR: Ian McConnell BSc (Hons) BVM&S, GPCert(Endo),
MRCVS

BANKERS: Barclays Bank Ltd., Unit 33 Arcades Shopping Centre,
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The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Drummond House (CL)

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TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
operates in the North Region of the RSPCA

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National Control Centre (*Cruelty & Advice Line*):- 0300 1234 999

RSPCA North Regional Office: PO Box BR29, Leeds. LS13 2XL

Operational Superintendent North:- Supt. Matt Sacks, (RHQ)

Assistant Director Branches and Partnerships:- Sandra Fruish, (RHQ)

Head of Branch Partnerships:- Richard Cummins, (RHQ)

Senior Branch Partnership Manager:- Denise McCabe, (RHQ)



THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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(Reg Charity No: 232260)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established in 1824. It is a charity, entirely supported by voluntary donations and its main function is to prevent cruelty to animals. This is achieved by 273 inspectors, supported by 90 animal rescue officers (AWOs) in England and Wales.

Constitution: The **TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH** was established in 1899 and is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch (charity number: 232260) of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Branch is constituted under the RSPCA Rules for Branches. The primary role of RSPCA branches is to support the Society's Inspectorate, giving priority to the acceptance of case animals and those signed over for welfare offences/concerns, or unowned sick and injured animals presented with an Inspectorate incident number.

Objects: The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the Branch ie Tameside and Glossop, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

RSPCA Areas of Priority in Animal Welfare

(No significance is to be attached to the order in which these priorities are given)

Companion Animals: with particular importance being attached to responsible pet ownership, methods of population control.

Farm Animals: with particular reference to cruelties involved in certain intensive systems, and to the transport, export and slaughter of food animals.

Animal Experimentation: with particular emphasis on reducing both the total number of experiments which are carried out, and the numbers and suffering of such animals as are in fact used in these experiments.

Wild Animals: with particular reference to animals in captivity, blood sports, exploited species and the use of traps, snares and poisons in the control of wild animals.

Public Benefit:

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 Commission. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail below, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

We support our local Inspectors by: taking in previously mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill-health, financial difficulties or who have passed away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

We continue to support individuals in need, including homeless families, to feed and care for their dogs, cats and other animals including those who are found accommodation via “A Bed for Every Night (ABEN) scheme” operating throughout Greater Manchester and specifically for the shelter in the Tameside area.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local residents on low incomes. We do this through a voucher scheme. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment. These vouchers are only issued when an animal is in urgent need of veterinary treatment and its owner doesn't have enough money to meet the Veterinary Surgeon's fees.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this on a day to day basis through a voucher scheme with the help and generosity of local veterinary surgeons accepting the vouchers as part payment. This scheme helps to control companion animal populations through neutering and helps those owners in receipt of certain means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip their animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need to caring individuals and families. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to prevent animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need or, depending on the nature of their enquiry, direct them to our National Society's inspectors via the help and advice centre, local veterinary practices or species and breed specific rescue centres.

We offer free animal care advice by phone, leaflets and at our public events. The relaxation of the previous Government guidelines regarding the Coronavirus-19 emergency has enabled us to recommence our Dog Shows and by the Autumn we have felt confident enough to begin to undertake local pre and post adoption home visiting to ensure that the animals in our care found their best possible homes.

Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society, other RSPCA branches and local organisations by collaborating on fund raising events and campaigns.

Voluntary opportunities included: Trusteeship & Fostering, Pre and Post Adoption Home Visiting (dependent on Government Restrictions not being re-introduced in the near future). Volunteers are recruited from all sectors of the community who support our work, enabling individuals to gain valuable experience in caring for animals, interacting with professionals (eg social workers, housing officers & CPNs) and other members of the public.

Governance: Up to fourteen trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and drawn from individuals who have been members of the National Society and Branch for at least 3 months. All new prospective Trustees are briefed on the responsibilities of the role prior to accepting the position and are offered in-service training such as financial reporting, recruitment of volunteers, public speaking on an ad hoc basis as required. The branch is also empowered to co-opt up to 3 additional Trustees, who bring their skills and experience to the branch.

All major decisions are made by the trustees at 11 monthly management meetings each year. These meetings continue to take place post Covid-19 pandemic using monthly online meetings and urgent decisions are made possible through emails and/or phone calls to those trustees without internet access.

Paid Staff: The Branch is managed and operated on a day to day basis entirely by volunteers working from their own homes and has no paid staff.

Address: The branch has an address for correspondence only which is: C/O, Heyrod Village Hall, John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge, SK15 3BW, and may be contacted via email, phone, website or through the chair (see list of committee members on page 1)

Training: Training is provided by the National Society of the RSPCA.

Risk Management: The Management Committee regularly reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate identified risks.

Related Parties: The charity is guided by the national body of the RSPCA. The charity is able to purchase goods for resale for fundraising purposes and, most importantly, medicines from the national body to treat the animals in branch care under veterinary supervision.

Investment Policy: There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest however it is branch policy that these funds both unrestricted and restricted should be invested ethically. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees annually and takes into account recent demand for funds. This strategy is set within an overall policy which states that funds in excess of short term needs will be invested in low risk investments with a view to ensuring capital appreciation of the fund at a reasonable market rate. In the year under review, expenditure of £73,191 exceeded income by £19,005.

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to at least 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This reserve is considered necessary in order to mitigate any fluctuation in income and ensure that our service to animal welfare is maintained, including funds to cover boarding costs of animals brought into the branch for re-homing by RSPCA Inspectors, applications from people on low income for financial help to meet assisted veterinary neutering costs or emergency assisted veterinary treatment costs for their animals, management and administration costs. In the event of our funds reducing to £50,000 it has been agreed that we would cease all charitable activity until funds reach a reasonable level to enable the charity to fulfil its objectives.

Future Plans: We are committed to helping owners who are experiencing financial hardship or have lost their homes, through donations of animal food and vouchers towards their veterinary costs. We will continue to recruit volunteer foster carers who are able to offer their time and homes to care for those animals in need of extra TLC, because of illness, injury or age and volunteer drivers who are able to deliver food for the animals of people in crisis. The increasing demand on our finances due to rising veterinary costs, that of animal food and requests to take in and care for more animals our plans to carry out Community Animal Action Days have again been put on hold. We plan to update many of our policies including safeguarding and financial security.

Achievements and Performance:

We have been reluctant to put pressure onto the staff at the RSPCA's Greater Manchester Animal Hospital by referring members of the public to them and continue to assist owners to access the services of local private veterinary practices which accept our veterinary vouchers for emergency treatment and/or neutering.

We donate pet food to local food banks for owners who are experiencing extreme financial hardship and to deliver food to individuals who have experienced an unexpected or sudden change in their fortunes. This has meant that families have been able to continue to feed their animals and no longer had to forego meals themselves or be faced with the prospect of having to give up their much loved companion animals. We liaise with local veterinary surgeons to help fund extra expense involved in the treatment of strays (mainly cats) and take them into branch care if we have room.

BRANCH STATISTICS

2022				2021
ANIMALS REHOMED				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
61	90	0	151	121
WELFARE NEUTERING - Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
6	16	5	27	31
WELFARE TREATMENT – Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	
15	11	7	33	28

When compared with 2021 (40 dogs, 81 cats) our dog adoptions had begun to rise to pre pandemic figures of 72 dogs (2019). At the end of 2022 we had 11 dogs and 21 cats in branch care (one dog having been in foster care for over 6 months and 2 cats for over 6 months, including our OAP of 19 years of age)





**RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP
BRANCH**
(Reg Charity No: 232260)



**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022**

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Tameside & Glossop Branch

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 for disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

This charity, in common with many others of similar size and organisation, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary donations which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered into the accounting records, and are therefore not susceptible to independent verification.

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraph, has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting record in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant

JAS

Date

1/4/23

48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DN

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP BRANCH

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	30,192	0	30,192	96,793
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objective	3	23,682	0	23,682	16,512
Activities for generating funds	4	0	0	0	30
Investment income	5	312	0	312	11
Total incoming resources		54,186	0	54,186	113,346
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	6	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure:					
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	7	67,797	0	67,797	39,022
Management and administration	8	5,394	0	5,394	6,011
Total resources expended		73,191	0	73,191	45,033
Net movement in funds for the year		(19,005)	0	(19,005)	68,313
Balance at 1 January 2022/21		210,454	0	210,454	142,141
Balance at 31 December 2022/21		191,449	0	191,449	210,454

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

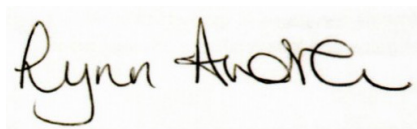
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed assets					
Motor Vehicles	10	0	0	0	1,789
Investments	11	75	0	75	75
		75	0	75	1,864
Current assets					
Stocks		818	0	818	612
Cash at bank		202,666	0	202,666	214,338
		203,484	0	203,484	214,950
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	12,110	0	12,110	6,360
Net current assets		191,374	0	191,374	208,590
Total net assets		191,449	0	191,449	210,454

Funds

Unrestricted funds	191,449	210,454
Restricted funds	0	0
Total funds	191,449	210,454

Approved by the board of trustees on 25.5.2023

and signed on its behalf by
Lynn Andrew



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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources - These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

The charity becomes entitled to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for the receipt are met;

The trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and

The trustees are reasonably certain that it's value can be reliably measured.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Incoming resources from tax claims are included on the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income - This and any tax credits are included in the accounts when receivable

Expenditure and liabilities

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, when owned, are stated at cost less depreciation. The van is being depreciated over 6 years.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation.

Stocks

Stocks consist of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Items donated for resale are not included in the accounts until they are sold.

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2022

2 Donations and gifts	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
			£	£
Subscriptions	119		119	283
Collection boxes	894		894	794
General donations	26,779		26,779	30,872
Legacies	0		0	63,721
Miscellaneous	80		80	1,123
Profit share	2,320		2,320	-
	<u>30,192</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,192</u>	<u>96,793</u>
3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			2022	2021
			£	£
Special events			552	-
Animal sales and adoptions			23,130	16,512
			<u>23,682</u>	<u>16,512</u>
4 Activities for general funds			2022	2021
			£	£
Sales of goods			-	30
			<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>
5 Investment income			2022	2021
			£	£
Bank interest			312	11
Dividends			-	-
			<u>312</u>	<u>11</u>
6 Costs of generating funds			2022	2021
			£	£
Event expenses			0	0
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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7 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Vets fees	3,480		3,480	3,761
Boarding	20,060		20,060	16,602
Home-checker, fostering expenses & associated veterinary fees	37,700		37,700	14,024
Branch contribution to RSPCA	1,378		1,378	1,378
Cat fostering and expenses	867		867	450
Depreciation	1,789		1,789	1,790
Vehicle costs	2,523		2,523	1,017
	<u>67,797</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>67,797</u>	<u>39,022</u>

8 Management and administration	2022 £	2021 £
Postage and stationary	440	92
Other costs	4,404	5,419
Independent examiner's fees	550	500
	<u>5,394</u>	<u>6,011</u>

9 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2022
(2021: £ Nil).
During 2022 trustees expenses for RSPCA business amounted to £NIL (2021 £NIL)

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	2022	
	£	
10 Fixed Assets		
Motor Vehicle		
Cost at 01 January 2022	7,158	
Addition	0	
Cost at 31 December 2022	<u>7,158</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation at 01/01/22	5,369	
Depreciation 2022	<u>1,789</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/22	<u>7,158</u>	
Net Book Value at 31/12/22	<u>0</u>	
 11 Investments	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2022	75	75
(Loss) / gain on revaluation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2022	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
All investments are listed UK securities		
 12 Creditors	 2022	 2021
	£	£
Accruals	<u>12,110</u>	<u>6,360</u>
	<u>12,110</u>	<u>6,360</u>

13 Related party transactions

Goods and services were purchased from the national RSPCA charity to the value of £4,402. These goods were either sold during the year or held in stock at the year end. The total also includes medicines purchased for the treatment of animals.
The charity received £23,470 from the National RSPCA mainly relating to door to door collections and legacies.



Greater Manchester Group Annual Report 2022

Chief Inspector Nina Small

Summary

2022 saw the arrival of a new Chief Inspector, with Ben taking up a new post as the wellbeing advisor within the society. The team were back to resuming normal duties after the lock down measures had been removed.

It has been another challenging year with the cost of living crisis impacting on pet owners in the region, not to mention the influx of dogs during lock down which saw an increase in sign overs of pets.

The lack of space for animals has been a huge problem in the region and we have had to push back as much as possible on owners wanting to rehome their animals. We have lots of animals in private boarding establishments around the group and some of these animals are sadly spending months there.

The team have also had to contend with the devastating effects of Avian Flu and the impact it has had on the rehabilitation and treatment of birds.

Staff Changes

During 2022 we have seen many changes in the group with the arrival of a new ARO Lee Ferrans who joined us in the spring of 2022. Lee spent most of 2022 training and is now fully fledged!

We were pleased to be able to welcome back into the group Daniel Tomlinson who had taken up post as a Branch Partnership Manager and had decided to come back to the field.

We were also lucky to have ARO Jessica Pierce back last year after she left the society to join the police to pursue a career as a detective.

Inspector Rachel Henderson returned to the group after her maternity leave to provide the group with more support.

We also said farewell to Inspector Paul Heaton, Inspector Angela Paxton Taylor and Inspector Catherine Byrnes and wished them the best of luck for the future.

Case Investigations

Manchester is one of the busiest groups in the country and that means sadly more cruelty case investigations to deal with. In 2022 we investigated just over 100 cases. So far over 30 have been dealt with via a prosecution, approx 21 have been dealt with by way of a caution, approximately 30 were closed once an investigation was completed and another 20 are still waiting for a decision.

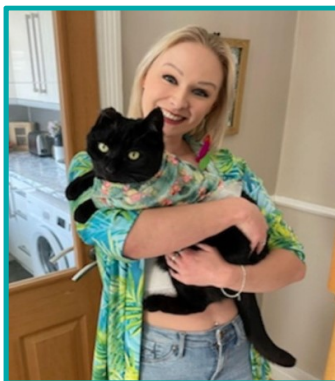
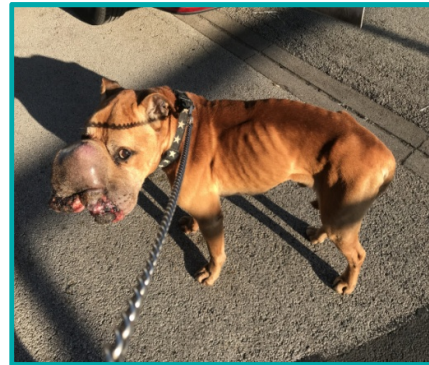
Inspector Deborah Beats

Has dealt with a violent dog beating case in Wigan where a man was caught on video throwing his mothers dog down the steps and then grabbing it and punching the dog. The man was also caught on another occasion mistreating the dog. The dog belonged to his mother who lived elsewhere and the dog was returned to her. The dog was not found to be injured. The man, Mr Butler, pleaded guilty and received a 10 year ban from owning animals, a 16 week custodial sentence suspended for 12 months, 20 RAR days and 40 hours of unpaid work. He had to pay £2187 in costs.

CASES

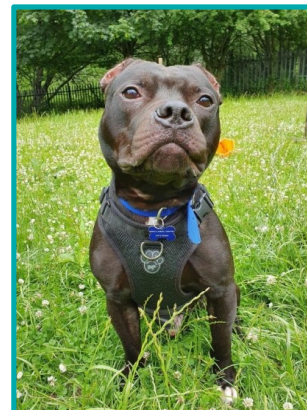
Inspector Jessica Araujo

Has dealt with a horrific case in Oldham from 2020 only concluded in 2022 of a dog with huge untreated tumours on its face. The dog couldn't eat or breathe properly. The dog was sadly put to sleep. The owner received a 12 week suspended sentence, a 5 year ban on all animals and costs of £400 to pay.



Inspector Catherine Byrnes

Catherine secured a successful conviction against a cat owner from Oldham that poured boiling water onto his cat called Shadow. The case made it into the Manchester Evening news and the owner received a 10 year ban from keeping animals, an 18 week suspended sentence, fined £260 and ordered to pay £260 towards costs. The cat was rehomed to one of the vet nurses that helped him with treatment.



Inspector Ryan King

Ryan dealt with a horrific dog beating in Wigan where the man had been caught on camera stamping on his dog numerous times. The dog was rescued by Ryan and successfully rehomed. The man received a 16 week suspended sentence, 10 year ban on keeping animals, rehabilitation order and fine.

RESCUES

Manchester is always busy with various rescues, here are some of the main ones in 2022.



ARO Dave Cottingham

Dave rescued Sparky the cat after he spent over 30 hours in a tree and reunited with its owner.

**Animal Rescue Officer Lee Ferrans and
Animal Rescue Officer Helen Chapman**
Rescued this Badger that got himself into trouble
under a car and needed a little help!



Inspector Rachel Henderson

This made it into the national papers! A Gecko survived a 3000 mile trip from Egypt stowed away on a punnet of strawberries. Insp Rachel Henderson collected him and took him to live at a reptile rescue centre.

**Animal Rescue Officer Helen Chapman,
Animal Rescue Officer Lee Ferrans and
Inspector Ryan King**

Another successful rescue, this time of a sheep trapped by its fleece in brambles, another had fallen down a deep muddy hole and the third had become trapped in the feed trough.





Animal Rescue Officer Steve Wickham and Animal Rescue Officer Dave Cottingham

Water rescue of a trapped swan at Sale Water Park rescued by Steve and Dave, one of the many boat rescues this year by our Water Rescue trained officers.

Animal Rescue Officer Alison Wilford

Alison rescued a mum and puppies from a household where they were at high risk of being beaten. The dogs were taken to the RSPCA Southport Branch and are now safe.



Animal Rescue Officer Jess Pierce

Jess rescued a 14 week old puppy named Sunday after her owners couldn't meet her needs, she had multiple issues and was fostered by Jess for 6 weeks until she was better, she is now on the road to recovery and in a new foster home.



Inspector Beth Fazackerley

Beth rescued this little puppy named Olive after she was found roaming, she needed veterinary care due to having kennel cough symptoms, Beth then found her a lovely foster home to recover in.

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**RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP
BRANCH
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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2021

2021 has been extremely challenging for both this branch and those of our neighbours, affecting our rehoming systems and fundraising efforts to support animals in branch care.

As a branch entirely managed and operated by volunteers, a few of whom are over 70 years of age, we are eternally grateful for the contribution made by those who freely donate so many hours of their time to help the branch and our work for the welfare of local animals and their owners.

Pre-Covid 19 our volunteer support officers were able to visit potential adopters in their own homes to discuss the dogs and cats in branch care and their needs in full, to make suggestions on securing gardens and yards, to explain our conditions of adoption face to face. Online forms, videos and texts leave a lot to be desired and do not seem to be as effective. It's very much hoped that one day soon we will be able to visit our wonderful, potential adopters in their own homes to ensure happy and successful adoptions. Perhaps 2022 will be less restrictive when as many people as possible are fully vaccinated and "boosted".

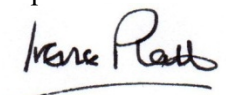
We couldn't have continued to help so many animals in need without everyone's support and want to give a huge thank you to our fosterers who open their homes and hearts to care for those cats and dogs in need of extra TLC, our drivers who travel many miles to deliver animals from the hospital, veterinary surgeries or previous homes to their places of safety and those who come along to help at our special events which we were unable to organise this year, but plan to do so in 2022.

The photos demonstrate the difference our volunteer fosterers can make to the lives of animals saved by the inspectors and brought to the branch to be cared for until new families are found. Puppies at just 2 days of age who were abandoned outside the gates of the Animal Hospital in Salford without their mum and just 9 months later a photo of those whose families lived near enough to make it to the Carol Service in Friezland Arena



In these extraordinary times, when fundraising has been so difficult, we'd like to thank those generous people who continue to support the branch through regular donations and those who have remembered the branch in their wills. Our thanks also go to Tesco Glossop and Sainsbury's Denton who allow us to place a food collection bin in store and their very kind and thoughtful customers who donate so much food. This has been invaluable for the dogs and cats in branch foster care and to enable us to help residents who are currently facing financial difficulties resulting in them often choosing to go without food themselves in order to feed their much loved pets, or facing the possibility of having to find new homes for them.

Veterinary practices have experienced intense demand for their services whilst facing a shortage of qualified staff, yet have continued to assist the branch by accepting our vouchers for those clients facing financial hardship in addition to treat the dogs and cats in branch care. We simply cannot thank them enough.


Irene Platt
Honorary Chair

Date: 6.6.2021

R.S.P.C.A. TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Vacant.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Andrew Gwynne MP, Angela Rayner MP,
Jonathan Reynolds MP.

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: Irene Platt, 48 Regent Drive, Mossley OL5 9NZ (Tel:
01457 83 3788)

HONORARY SECRETARY: Kathleen Birch

HONORARY TREASURER: Lynn Andrew

REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathleen Birch

RE-HOMING COORDINATOR: Gail Hilton (Tel: 07954 122 481)

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Angela Clough, Kay Dinsdale, Richard Howard, Anne
Kenyon, Elizabeth Wood.

A maximum of 14 Trustees/Management Committee members may be elected from eligible members of the branch at
the Annual General Meeting & 3 co-options are allowed.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS

GLOSSOP: Anne Kenyon
TAMESIDE: Vacant

**WEBSITE COORDINATORS/
CONTRIBUTORS:** Gail Hilton/Kay Dinsdale/Irene Platt

VETERINARY ADVISOR: Ian McConnell BSc (Hons) BVM&S, GPCert(Endo),
MRCVS

BANKERS: Barclays Bank Ltd., Unit 33 Arcades Shopping Centre,
Ashton-under-Lyne
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Drummond House (CL)

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TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
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Operational Superintendent North:- Supt. Matt Sacks, (RHQ)

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Operations Manager (branches):- Richard Cummins, (RHQ)

**Operations Manager North West & Branch
Partnership Manager:-** Denise McCabe, (RHQ)

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established in 1824. It is a charity, entirely supported by voluntary donations and its main function is to prevent cruelty to animals. This is achieved by 273 inspectors, supported by 90 animal rescue officers (AWOs) in England and Wales.

Constitution: The **TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH** was established in 1899 and is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch (charity number: 232260) of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Branch is constituted under the RSPCA Rules for Branches. The primary role of RSPCA branches is to support the Society's Inspectorate, giving priority to the acceptance of case animals and those signed over for welfare offences/concerns, or unowned sick and injured animals presented with an Inspectorate incident number.

Objects: The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the Branch ie Tameside and Glossop, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

RSPCA Areas of Priority in Animal Welfare

(No significance is to be attached to the order in which these priorities are given)

Companion Animals: with particular importance being attached to responsible pet ownership, methods of population control.

Farm Animals: with particular reference to cruelties involved in certain intensive systems, and to the transport, export and slaughter of food animals.

Animal Experimentation: with particular emphasis on reducing both the total number of experiments which are carried out, and the numbers and suffering of such animals as are in fact used in these experiments.

Wild Animals: with particular reference to animals in captivity, blood sports, exploited species and the use of traps, snares and poisons in the control of wild animals.

Public Benefit:

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 Commission. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail below, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

We support our local Inspectors by: taking in previously mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill-health, financial difficulties or who have passed away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

We continue to support individuals in need, including homeless families, to feed and care for their dogs, cats and other animals including those who are found accommodation via “A Bed for Every Night (ABEN) scheme” operating throughout Greater Manchester and specifically for the shelter in the Tameside area.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local residents on low incomes. We do this through a voucher scheme. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment. These vouchers are only issued when an animal is in urgent need of veterinary treatment and its owner doesn't have enough money to meet the Veterinary Surgeon's fees.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this on a day to day basis through a voucher scheme with the help and generosity of local veterinary surgeons accepting the vouchers as part payment. This scheme helps to control companion animal populations through neutering and helps those owners in receipt of certain means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip their animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need to caring individuals and families. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to prevent animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need or, depending on the nature of their enquiry, direct them to our National Society's inspectors via the help and advice centre, local veterinary practices or species and breed specific rescue centres.

We offer free animal care advice by phone, leaflets and at our public events. Sadly the Coronavirus-19 emergency has continued to impact on our public events which have had to be discontinued for the duration of the restrictions imposed by central and local government in order to preserve the health and life of the population.

Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society, other RSPCA branches and local organisations by collaborating on fund raising events and campaigns.

Voluntary opportunities included: Trusteeship & Fostering (which carried on throughout the year). However Pre and Post Adoption Home Visiting, and Fundraising opportunities have been put on hold for the duration of the epidemic. Volunteers are recruited from all sectors of the community who support our work, but again much of our volunteering work is in abeyance preventing individuals from gaining previous valuable experience in caring for animals, interacting with professionals (eg social workers, housing officers & CPNs) and other members of the public. We very much hope that, once the worst effects of the pandemic cease, the branch will once again be able to benefit local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

Governance: Up to fourteen trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and drawn from individuals who have been members of the National Society and Branch for at least 3 months. All new prospective Trustees are briefed on the responsibilities of the role prior to accepting the position and are offered in-service training such as financial reporting, recruitment of volunteers, public speaking on an ad hoc basis as required. The branch is also empowered to co-opt up to 3 additional Trustees, who bring their skills and experience to the branch.

All major decisions are made by the trustees at 11 monthly management meetings each year. These meetings continue to take place during the Covid-19 pandemic using monthly online meetings and urgent decisions are made possible through emails and/or phone calls to those trustees without internet access.

Paid Staff: The Branch is managed and operated on a day to day basis entirely by volunteers working from their own homes and has no paid staff.

Address: The branch has an address for correspondence only which is: C/O, Heyrod Village Hall, John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge, SK15 3BW, and may be contacted via email, phone, website or through the chair (see list of committee members on page 1)

Training: Training is provided by the National Society of the RSPCA.

Risk Management: The Management Committee regularly reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate identified risks.

Related Parties: The charity is guided by the national body of the RSPCA. The charity is able to purchase goods for resale for fundraising purposes and, most importantly, medicines from the national body to treat the animals in branch care under veterinary supervision.

Investment Policy: There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest however it is branch policy that these funds both unrestricted and restricted should be invested ethically. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees annually and takes into account recent demand for funds. This strategy is set within an overall policy which states that funds in excess of short term needs will be invested in low risk investments with a view to ensuring capital appreciation of the fund at a reasonable market rate. In the year under review, in order to break-even, the charity required an income of £45,033 and this was exceeded by £68,313.

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to at least 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This reserve is considered necessary in order to mitigate any fluctuation in income and ensure that our service to animal welfare is maintained, including funds to cover boarding costs of animals brought into the branch for re-homing by RSPCA Inspectors, applications from people on low income for financial help to meet assisted veterinary neutering costs or emergency assisted veterinary treatment costs for their animals, management and administration costs. In the event of our funds reducing to £10,000 it has been agreed that we would cease all charitable activity until funds reach a reasonable level to enable the charity to fulfil its objectives.

Future Plans: As the pandemic continues our plans to organise community animal action days have had to be put on hold for the foreseeable future, although we are (at the time of writing this report) able to organise fun dog shows once again. We are committed to helping owners who are experiencing financial hardship or have lost their homes, through donations of animal food and vouchers towards their veterinary costs. We will continue to recruit volunteer foster carers who are able to offer their time and homes to care for those animals in need of extra TLC, because of illness, injury or age and volunteer drivers who are able to deliver food for the animals of people in crisis.

Achievements and Performance:

During the pandemic we are reluctant to put pressure onto the staff at the RSPCA's Greater Manchester Animal Hospital (GMAH) and have increased the value of our assisted treatment and neutering vouchers in order to contribute to the cost of local private veterinary care, where possible, for residents experiencing financial hardship ensuring that they are able to access the veterinary care which every responsible owner wants for their pet. We are hopeful that once life returns to some semblance of normality and veterinary students in their final years are able to take up placements in the hospital, residents in Greater Manchester and beyond who are dependent on state benefits will be able to fully access GMAH's services.

We donate pet food to local food banks for owners who are experiencing extreme financial hardship and to deliver food to individuals who have experienced an unexpected or sudden change in their lives. This has meant that families have been able to continue to feed their animals and no longer had to forego meals themselves or be faced with the prospect of having to give up their much loved companion animals. We liaise with local veterinary surgeons to help fund extra expense involved in the treatment of strays (mainly cats) and take them into branch care if we have room.

BRANCH STATISTICS

2021				2020
ANIMALS REHOMED				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
40	81	0	121	139
WELFARE NEUTERING - Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
9	15	7	31	8
WELFARE TREATMENT – Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	
10	13	5	28	16

When compared with 2020 (47 dogs, 90 cats and exceptionally 2 rabbits) our dog and cat adoptions continued to fall due to the pandemic. At the end of 2021 we had 5 dogs and 15 cats in branch care (two dogs having been in foster care for over 4 months and one 18 year old cat for almost 12 months)





RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH

(Reg Charity No: 232260)



ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of
The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Tameside & Glossop Branch**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 for disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

This charity, in common with many others of similar size and organisation, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary donations which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered into the accounting records, and are therefore not susceptible to independent verification.

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraph, has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting record in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
 have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



**John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant**

Date 18.06.22

48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DN

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	96,793	0	96,793	46,560
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objective	3	16,512	0	16,512	15,545
Activities for generating funds	4	30	0	30	25
Investment income	5	11	0	11	89
Total incoming resources		113,346	0	113,346	62,219
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	6	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure: Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	7	39,022	0	39,022	55,254
Management and administration	8	6,011	0	6,011	3,106
Total resources expended		45,033	0	45,033	58,360
Net movement in funds for the year		68,313	0	68,313	3,859
Balance at 1 January 2021/20		142,141	0	142,141	138,282
Balance at 31 December 2021/20		210,454	0	210,454	142,141

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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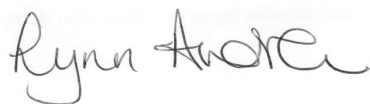
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed assets					
Motor Vehicles	10	1,789	0	1,789	3,579
Investments	11	75	0	75	75
		<u>1,864</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>3,654</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		612	0	612	612
Debtors	12	0	0	0	784
Cash at bank		<u>214,338</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>214,338</u>	<u>142,362</u>
		<u>214,950</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>214,950</u>	<u>143,758</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>6,360</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,360</u>	<u>5,271</u>
Net current assets		<u>208,590</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>208,590</u>	<u>138,487</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>210,454</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>210,454</u></u>	<u><u>142,141</u></u>

Funds

Unrestricted funds	210,454	142,141
Restricted funds	0	0
Total funds	<u><u>210,454</u></u>	<u><u>142,141</u></u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 1.6.22
and signed on its behalf by Lynn Andrew



The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources - These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

The charity becomes entitled to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for the receipt are met;

The trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and

The trustees are reasonably certain that its value can be reliably measured.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Incoming resources from tax claims are included on the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income - This and any tax credits are included in the accounts when receivable

Expenditure and liabilities

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, when owned, are stated at cost less depreciation. The van is being depreciated over 6 years.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation.

Stocks

Stocks consist of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Items donated for resale are not included in the accounts until they are sold.

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2021

2 Donations and gifts	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			£	£
Subscriptions	283		283	164
Collection boxes	794		794	311
General donations	30,872		30,872	12,351
Legacies	63,721		63,721	5,844
Door to door collections	1,123		1,123	25,173
Profit share	0		-	2,717
	<u>96,793</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>96,793</u>	<u>46,560</u>
 3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			2021	2020
			£	£
Special events			-	4,020
Animal sales and adoptions			16,512	11,525
			<u>16,512</u>	<u>15,545</u>
 4 Activities for general funds			2021	2020
			£	£
Sales of goods			<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>
 5 Investment income			2021	2020
			£	£
Bank interest			11	89
Dividends			-	
			<u>11</u>	<u>89</u>
 6 Costs of generating funds			2021	2020
			£	£
Event expenses			0	0
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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7 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Vets fees	3,761		3,761	2,758
Boarding	16,602		16,602	25,190
Home-checker, fostering expenses & associated veterinary fees	14,024		14,024	12,316
Branch contribution to RSPCA	1,378		1,378	11,898
Cat fostering and expenses	450		450	484
Depreciation	1,790		1,790	1,193
Vehicle costs	1,017		1,017	1,415
	<u>39,022</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,022</u>	<u>55,254</u>

8 Management and administration	2021 £	2020 £
Postage and stationary	92	335
Other costs	5,419	2,271
Independent examiner's fees	500	500
	<u>6,011</u>	<u>3,106</u>

9 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: £ Nil).

During 2021 trustees expenses for RSPCA business amounted to £NIL (2020 £237) mainly having been spent on travel for the charity. This does not include RSPCA costs paid personally by trustees and reimbursed e.g. microchips, dog boarding, vets bills etc.

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10 Fixed Assets	2021	
	£	
Motor Vehicle		
Cost at 01 January 2021	7,158	
Addition	0	
Cost at 31 December 2021	<u>7,158</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/20	3,579	
Depreciation 2021	1,790	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/21	<u>5,369</u>	
Net Book Value at 31/12/21	<u>1,789</u>	
11 Investments	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2021	75	75
(Loss) / gain on revaluation	0	0
Market value at 31 December 2021	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2020	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
All investments are listed UK securities		
12 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
VAT receivable	0	784
Profit share receivable	0	0
Boarding paid in advance	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>784</u>
13 Creditors	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	6,360	5,271
	<u>6,360</u>	<u>5,271</u>

14 Related party transactions

Goods and services were purchased from the national RSPCA charity to the value of £2993. These goods were either sold during the year or held in stock at the year end.

The total also includes medicines purchased for the treatment of animals.

The charity received £43,052 from the National Society mainly relating to door to door collections and legacies

Greater Manchester Inspectorate: Annual Report for 2021

Chief Inspector Ben Strangwood

2021 was another challenging year as we continued to get to grips with the Covid pandemic, building the new team following the restructures at the end of 2020, and dealing with the wide variety of challenges that this line of work brings with it.

Part of the 2020 restructure included the Animal Welfare Officer role evolving into the Animal Rescue Officer role. This new role required some significant additional training, including how to issue Warning Notices, and how to remove animals to begin case investigations. These would then be handed over to an Inspector to continue the investigation and interview the suspect(s).

We had five AWOs (Dave Cottingham, Sonia Hulme, Helen Chapman, Steve Wickham, and Alison Wilford) who all successfully completed their training and are now AROs.

We had some further staffing moves during 2021. Insp Rachel Henderson was on furlough and then maternity leave, having a bouncing baby boy at the end of the summer. Insp Demi Hodby transferred over to the West Yorkshire team as they were in need of some reinforcements. DCI Natalie Avery transferred down to the West Mercia team to be with her partner. Insp Danni Jennings transferred back into the Manchester team and returned to her previous role as DCI. Sadly, Danni left The Society for pastures new at the end of the year. Insp Angela Paxton-Taylor went on a career break for 6 months, so should be back with us in the spring/summer.

Another huge challenge for us this winter has been Avian Influenza, otherwise known as bird flu. In certain locations it seemed to spread really quickly, and seemed to be affecting waterfowl more than anything else. The officers were collecting and euthanasing large numbers of birds, mostly geese and swans, both in Greater Manchester but also assisting in other areas. The disease can cross into humans, so wearing the correct PPE is essential for the officers to keep themselves safe.

Activities of note during 2021

Food Bank

Following on from a pilot project in the Lancashire area, Inspector Natalie Avery continued the scheme to assist food banks across the Greater Manchester area. This proactive Food Bank initiative is there to help provide pet food to food banks so that we can assist animal owners who may be struggling to afford to feed their pets. Inspector Deb Beats and Animal Rescue Officer Helen Chapman have now taken over the coordination of this work from Natalie. Thank you if you have provided us with any supplies to support this work, and a big thanks to the Bury & Oldham branch for letting us keep the stock at Strinesdale!

2021 will have continued to be a difficult and challenging year for all of you branches as well, I am sure. However, I'd like to thank you all for your hard work and the support that you have given to the Manchester Team and the animals that they help. You're all stars - so thank you from all of us!

Sticky Traps

We have had quite a number of animals and birds caught in glue traps and other sticky situations this year. The RSPCA have been campaigning about these inhumane traps, and the Glue Traps (Offences) Bill is now going through Parliament, so hopefully these horrible things will soon be a thing of the past

Fox Rescues

We've had a good selection of successful fox rescues during 2021! Four foxes got themselves tangled, stuck, or wrapped up in fences or netting. Thankfully they were all able to be released straight away or taken to Stapeley for rehabilitation and then released

Concluded Court Cases

Covid has meant that the court system has ground to a bit of a halt, so a number of our case investigations where summons have been issued, are taking longer to get through court than normal. Below are some of our cases that concluded during 2021.

Tessa was found collapsed and in pain by a member of the public in an alleyway in Dukinfield. She had severe hip dysplasia and the owner had opted to dump her rather than take her to the vets. Insp Beth Fazackerley investigated and tracked down the owner via the microchip details. He tried to claim that he had just rehomed the dog, but he had been seen in the area with the dog the same day. He received a 12 month community order and a 2 year disqualification order from the courts. Sadly, Tessa had to be put to sleep due to the severity of her hip problem.

Back in 2019, DCI Danni Jennings attended a house in Eccles at the request of the police. She was confronted by 17 dead dogs, cats and rabbits, and 5 underweight Akitas. It's believed that all of the animals died of dehydration as there was no water in the house. The person responsible was found guilty of several offences. He received a suspended 24 month sentence, a 10 year ban from keeping any animal, and ordered to pay costs. 4 of the Akitas were owned by breeders and were returned to them. The 5th made her recovery in RSPCA care.

Insp Ryan King investigated a breach of ban in Ashton-under-Lyne. The suspect had previously been prosecuted and disqualified for throwing a kitten to its death from his balcony. In February 2021, the police found 15 dogs and puppies at his address and contacted Ryan who had left a note on the police system to be contacted if they attended and found dogs. Previous calls about him breaching his ban had insufficient evidence. All the dogs were taken into RSPCA care and have since been found loving new homes. The suspect pleaded guilty, had an extra 1 year added to his ban and ordered to pay £400 costs

In February, Insp Beth dealt with a call in Rochdale regarding a 10 month old puppy that had been beaten by her owner. She was found to have bruising on her head, neck and around her eyes and ears, and a broken tooth. There was a witness video, but unfortunately the witness pulled out. Beth persevered and the owner was prosecuted. He received a 5 year ban on all animals, a 12 month community order and a tagged curfew, and ordered to pay £400 costs. Tia has since been rehomed to a lovely family

Insp Catherine Byrnes investigated this case at the start of 2020. This involved an elderly Frenchie in Dukinfield. She was underweight with cysts in her ears and had not received vet treatment for the previous six months. The owner was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering and received a suspended 6 month sentence, 20 days Rehabilitation Activity Requirement, 100 hours unpaid work, a 5 year ban from keeping dogs, and ordered to pay £400 costs.

Insp Dan Tomlinson's dog beating case from Salford was finally concluded in court after a very long time. His owner was found guilty of causing his dog Bronson to suffer unnecessarily. He was disqualified from keeping animals for 3 years and received a suspended sentence. Bronson was being fostered as he had been with us for so long, and after the case he was officially adopted by his fosterer.

Awards for Steve and Sonia

AROs Steve Wickham and Sonia Hulme have been working exceptionally hard during 2021. Steve has been creating great links with Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service (GMFRS) to increase their knowledge on what the RSPCA do and how we can work together more effectively. Steve's done numerous presentations to different fire stations and also to more senior F&R officers as well. To show their appreciation for Steve's work, they presented him with a plaque

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2020

I am sure that no one will forget 2020 and the impact it has had on all our lives and the lives of so many of the animals in RSPCA care.

In the first two months of the year we were in the midst of planning our fundraising events including annual Stamford Park Family Fun Day, Hollingworth Festival and Glossop Carnival dogs shows, rosettes were ordered, schedules and posters designed and discussions on long term planning for our major fundraiser, the next Christmas Ball, following on from the success of 2019. March brought the first lockdown putting an end to all the above for the foreseeable future. Luckily rosettes don't have a sell by date and we have enough to be able to put on 3 dog shows at a moment's notice.

The closure of all non-essential shops has had a huge impact on so many branches and other charities which rely on income from their shops. As we have a share in the profits of Bury and Oldham Branch's Glossop shop, we will miss this source of income. However, as we don't have paid staff salaries or building costs to finance we agreed to donate half our share of the door to door scheme to the Society's Branch Emergency Fund in order to support those branches facing the very real possibility of being forced to close their doors.

In March, knowing that the lockdown was fast approaching, we brought an elderly border collie into foster care from the Bury and Oldham branch kennels in Strinesdale as we didn't know how long the situation would last and, at 13 years of age, we felt that she should spend her final years in a home environment.

In July RSPCA Bury and Oldham informed us that they would not be renewing our dog boarding agreement and we would like to thank them for the care they have given to our branch dogs during the 3 years the centre has been open.

Despite this set back and thanks only to our wonderful fosterers, including Newgate Kennels who donate 2 places (often more) to the branch we have been able to continue to accept dogs in need of places of safety from inspectors. Initially, due in the main to Covid-19 restrictions, rehoming wasn't possible unless adopters were known to branch volunteers, Trustees and foster carers, as we could no longer send our pre and post adoption support visitors into potential adopters' homes. This greatly reduced the number of dogs we were able to rehome. Our grateful thanks also go to the staff at Bowler's Boarding Cattery for their help in caring for branch cats, often referred directly from the RSPCA's Greater Manchester Animal Hospital and rescued by RSPCA inspectors.

Due to the Pandemic and subsequent loss of income so many individuals have experienced the Trustees agreed to increase the value of our vouchers by as much as 20% in some instances in order to ensure that owned animals get to see a vet and receive any emergency treatment they need. Changes to veterinary surgeries' guidelines and subsequent reduction in the number of appointments for surgical procedures during the various lockdowns has meant that individuals have often put off neutering operations and vaccinations have been delayed. Thankfully, the situation is improving all the time and we are grateful for the help local veterinary practices give to the branch by accepting our welfare treatment and neutering vouchers on behalf of owners experiencing financial hardship.



Unusually, for this branch we facilitated the rehoming of two birds, an African Grey Parrot and his cockatiel housemate. It was a "home to home" rehoming as one of our Trustees was able to oversee the transfer of ownership. *(NB. We don't have facilities to care for birds, small mammals, equines or exotics.)*

We placed several mothers with litters of kittens and one litter of large mixed breed puppies into foster homes during the year. All thrived and went on to live with their forever families and to date are doing really well in their new homes.

Due to the government's restrictions and closure of the Stalybridge Fire Station's Community Room we had to stop face to face committee meetings. Following a short break, Trustees began to meet via Zoom and with permission from HQ our AGM was delayed until November 2020 in order to accept our 2019 Annual Report and Accounts. All our Trustees agreed to continue in post until the next AGM when a vote could be carried out in person. We had hoped face to face meetings would be made possible by 2021 but once again we are relying on zoom.

Worryingly, a large reduction in the National Society's income and reserves has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of RSPCA uniformed officers who cover the whole of England and Wales. Inspectors 273 (340)*, Animal Rescue Officers ARO's 90 (88 Animal Collection Officers & 50 Animal Welfare officers - a percentage of whom will be absorbed into the ARO role)*. Subsequently, an even greater workload is placed on their shoulders. Worthy of note is that there are 129,110 serving police officers employed to cover the same area of the UK. (*Home Office Police Workforce, England and Wales as at 31.3.2020 – 2nd edition*)

We are grateful to our local group Chief Inspector, Ben Strangwood, for his continuing attendance at our 40 minute monthly zoom meetings which means that we are now kept up to date on the restructuring of the inspectorate and animal welfare issues in Greater Manchester. (*See the Greater Manchester Group Report - page 17*)



The branch is extremely grateful to our volunteers and supporters, without whom the branch couldn't continue to support our inspectors and those animals in most need.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Irene Platt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Irene Platt
Honorary Chair

Date: 30.5.2020

**Inspectorate numbers 2019*

R.S.P.C.A. TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
HONORARY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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HONORARY TREASURER: Lynn Andrew

REGIONAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathleen Birch

RE-HOMING COORDINATOR: Gail Hilton (Tel: 07954 122 481)

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Angela Clough, Kay Dinsdale, Richard Howard, Anne
Kenyon, Elizabeth Wood.

A maximum of 14 Trustees/Management Committee members may be elected from eligible members of the branch at
the Annual General Meeting & 3 co-options are allowed.

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS

GLOSSOP: Anne Kenyon

TAMESIDE: Vacant

WEBSITE COORDINATORS/

CONTRIBUTORS: Gail Hilton/Kay Dinsdale/Irene Platt

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TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
operates in the North Region of the RSPCA

National Cruelty and Advice Line: 0300 1234 999

**Branch Affairs Committee & Chairman
of the North West Regional Board:** Gerry Miles, RSPCA Wigan and District Branch

National Control Centre (*Cruelty & Advice Line*):- 0300 1234 999

RSPCA North Regional Office: PO Box BR29, Leeds. LS13 2XL

Operational Superintendent North:- Supt. Matt Sacks, (RHQ)

Assistant Director Branches and Partnerships:- Sandra Fruish, (RHQ)

Operations Manager (branches):- Richard Cummins, (RHQ)

**Operations Manager North West & Branch
Partnership Manager:-** Denise McCabe, (RHQ)

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH
(Reg Charity No: 232260)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established in 1824. It is a charity, entirely supported by voluntary donations and its main function is to prevent cruelty to animals. This is achieved by 273 inspectors, supported by 90 animal rescue officers (AWOs) in England and Wales.

Constitution: The **TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH** was established in 1899 and is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch (charity number: 232260) of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The Branch is constituted under the RSPCA Rules for Branches. The primary role of RSPCA branches is to support the Society's Inspectorate, giving priority to the acceptance of case animals and those signed over for welfare offences/concerns, or unowned sick and injured animals presented with an Inspectorate incident number.

Objects: The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the Branch ie Tameside and Glossop, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

RSPCA Areas of Priority in Animal Welfare

(No significance is to be attached to the order in which these priorities are given)

Companion Animals: with particular importance being attached to responsible pet ownership, methods of population control.

Farm Animals: with particular reference to cruelties involved in certain intensive systems, and to the transport, export and slaughter of food animals.

Animal Experimentation: with particular emphasis on reducing both the total number of experiments which are carried out, and the numbers and suffering of such animals as are in fact used in these experiments.

Wild Animals: with particular reference to animals in captivity, blood sports, exploited species and the use of traps, snares and poisons in the control of wild animals.

Public Benefit:

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 Commission. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail below, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

We support our local Inspectors by: taking in previously mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill-health, financial difficulties or who have passed away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.

We continue to support individuals in need, including homeless families, to feed and care for their dogs and other animals including those who are found accommodation via “A Bed for Every Night (ABEN) scheme” operating throughout Greater Manchester and specifically for the shelter in the Tameside area.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local residents on low incomes. We do this through a voucher scheme. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment. These vouchers are only issued when an animal is in urgent need of veterinary treatment and its owner doesn't have enough money to meet the Veterinary Surgeon's fees.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this on a day to day basis through a voucher scheme with the help and generosity of local veterinary surgeons accepting the vouchers as part payment. This scheme helps to control companion animal populations through neutering and helps those owners in receipt of certain means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip their animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.

We rehome animals in need to caring individuals and families. Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to prevent animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects, to rehome to those who could not afford them.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need or, depending on the nature of their enquiry, direct them to our National Society's inspectors via the help and advice centre, local veterinary practices or species and breed specific rescue centres.

We offer free animal care advice by phone, leaflets and at our public events. Sadly the Coronavirus-19 emergency has continued to impact on our public events which have had to be discontinued for the duration of the restrictions imposed by central and local government in order to preserve the health and life of the population.

Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society, other RSPCA branches and local organisations by collaborating on fund raising events and campaigns.

Voluntary opportunities included: Trusteeship & Fostering (which carried on throughout the year). However Pre and Post Adoption Home Visiting, and Fundraising opportunities have been put on hold for the duration of the epidemic. Volunteers are recruited from all sectors of the community who support our work, but again much of our volunteering work is in abeyance preventing individuals from gaining previous valuable experience in caring for animals, interacting with professionals (eg social workers, housing officers & CPNs) and other members of the public. We very much hope that, once the worst effects of the pandemic cease, the branch will once again be able to benefit local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

Governance: Up to fourteen trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and drawn from individuals who have been members of the National Society and Branch for at least 3 months. All new prospective Trustees are briefed on the responsibilities of the role prior to accepting the position and are offered in-service training such as financial reporting, recruitment of volunteers, public speaking on an ad hoc basis as required. The branch is also empowered to co-opt up to 3 additional Trustees, who bring their skills and experience to the branch.

All major decisions are made by the trustees at 11 monthly management meetings each year. These meetings continue to take place during the Covid-19 pandemic using monthly zoom meeting and urgent decisions are made possible through emails and/or phone calls to those trustees without internet access.

Paid Staff: The Branch is managed and operated on a day to day basis entirely by volunteers working from their own homes and has no paid staff.

Address: The branch has an address for correspondence only which is: Care Of, Heyrod Village Hall, John Street, Heyrod, Stalybridge, SK15 3BW, and may be contacted via email, phone, website or through the chair (see list of committee members on page 1)

Training: Training is provided by the National Society of the RSPCA.

Risk Management: The Management Committee regularly reviews the major risks to which the charity is exposed annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate identified risks.

Related Parties: The charity is guided by the national body of the RSPCA. The charity is able to purchase goods for resale for fundraising purposes and, most importantly, medicines from the national body to treat the animals in branch care under veterinary supervision.

Investment Policy: There are no restrictions on the charity's power to invest however it is branch policy that these funds both unrestricted and restricted should be invested ethically. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees annually and takes into account recent demand for funds. This strategy is set within an overall policy which states that funds in excess of short term needs will be invested in low risk investments with a view to ensuring capital appreciation of the fund at a reasonable market rate. In the year under review, in order to break-even, the charity required an income of £58,360 and this was exceeded by £1,859.

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to at least 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This reserve is considered necessary in order to mitigate any fluctuation in income and ensure that our service to animal welfare is maintained, including funds to cover boarding costs of animals brought into the branch for re-homing by RSPCA Inspectors, applications from people on low income for financial help to meet assisted veterinary neutering costs or emergency assisted veterinary treatment costs for their animals, management and administration costs.

Future Plans: As the pandemic continues our plans to organise community animal action days have had to be put on hold for the foreseeable future. However, we are committed to helping owners who are experiencing financial hardship or have lost their homes, through donations of animal food and vouchers towards their veterinary costs. We will continue to recruit volunteer foster carers who are able to offer their time and homes to care for those animals in need of extra TLC, because of illness, injury or age.

Achievements and Performance:

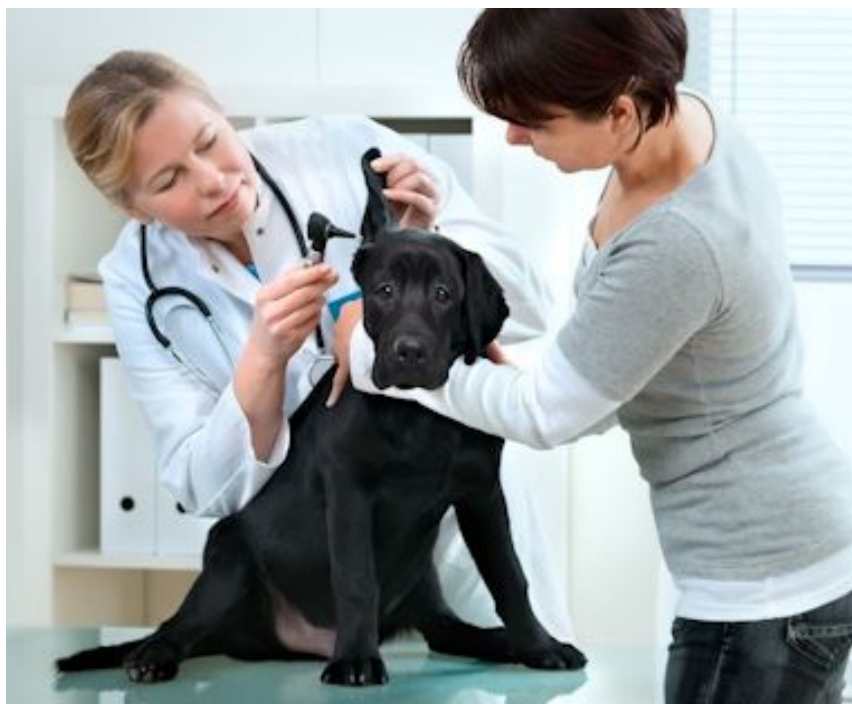
During the pandemic we are reluctant to put pressure onto the staff at the RSPCA's Greater Manchester Animal Hospital (GMAH) and have increased the value of our assisted treatment and neutering vouchers in order to contribute to the cost of local private veterinary care, where possible, for residents experiencing financial hardship ensuring that they are able to access the veterinary care which every responsible owner wants for their pet. We are hopeful that once life returns to some semblance of normality and veterinary students in their final years are able to take up placements in the hospital, residents in Greater Manchester and beyond who are dependent on state benefits will be able to fully access GMAH's services.

We donate pet food to local food banks for owners who are experiencing extreme financial hardship. This has meant that families have been able to continue to feed their animals and no longer had to forego meals themselves or be faced with the prospect of having to give up their much loved companion animals. We liaise with local veterinary surgeons to help fund extra expense involved in the treatment of strays (mainly cats) and take them into branch care if we have room.

BRANCH STATISTICS

2020				2019
ANIMALS REHOMED				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
47	90	2	139	164
WELFARE NEUTERING - Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	TOTAL
0	6	2	8	44
WELFARE TREATMENT – Privately owned				
DOGS	CATS	MISC (incl Rabbits)	TOTAL	
4	12	0	16	22

When compared with 2019 (72 dogs and 90 cats) our dog adoptions fell by approximately 35% due to the pandemic and cessation of our kennel boarding agreement at RSPCA Bury, Oldham and District branch. However, thanks to the efforts of staff at the boarding cattery our cat rehoming numbers continue to remain fairly static.





RSPCA TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP BRANCH

(Reg Charity No: 232260)



ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of
The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Tameside & Glossop Branch**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

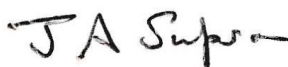
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items for disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 statement below. I have prepared the financial statements from the books written up by the charity.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

This charity, in common with many others of similar size and organisation, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary donations which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered into the accounting records, and are therefore not susceptible to independent verification.

In connection with my examination, no other matter, except that referred to in the above paragraph, has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting record in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant

Date 1st June 2021

48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, SK6 3DN

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	2	46,560	0	46,560	35,217
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objective	3	15,545	0	15,545	24,745
Activities for generating funds	4	25	0	25	0
Investment income	5	89	0	89	261
Total incoming resources		62,219	0	62,219	60,223
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds	6	0	0	0	3,007
Charitable expenditure:					
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	7	55,254	0	55,254	53,519
Management and administration	8	3,106	0	3,106	6,166
Total resources expended		58,360	0	58,360	62,692
Net movement in funds for the year		3,859	0	3,859	5,747
Balance at 1 January 2020		138,282	0	138,282	140,751
Balance at 31 December 2020		142,141	0	142,141	140,751

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fixed assets					
Motor Vehicles	10	3,579	0	3,579	4,772
Investments	11	75	0	75	75
		<u>3,654</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,654</u>	<u>4,847</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		612	0	612	1,412
Debtors	12	784	0	784	10,391
Cash at bank		142,362	0	142,362	126,283
		<u>143,758</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>143,758</u>	<u>138,086</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>5,271</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>4,651</u>
Net current assets		138,487	0	138,487	133,435
Total net assets		<u>142,141</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>142,141</u>	<u>138,282</u>

Funds

Unrestricted funds	142,141	138,282
Restricted funds	0	0
Total funds	<u>142,141</u>	<u>138,282</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on
Thursday 24th May 2020
and signed on its behalf by Lynn Andrew



THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit as defined by FRS 102.

Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources - These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

The charity becomes entitled to the donation, legacy or similar income and any conditions for the receipt are met;

The trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and

The trustees are reasonably certain that its value can be reliably measured.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts - Incoming resources from tax claims are included on the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income - This and any tax credits are included in the accounts when receivable

Expenditure and liabilities

Generally liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, when owned, are stated at cost less depreciation. The van is being depreciated over 6 years.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation.

Stocks

Stocks consist of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Items donated for resale are not included in the accounts until they are sold.

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 December
2020

2 Donations and gifts	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
			£	£
Subscriptions	164		164	3
Collection boxes	311		311	2,088
General donations	12,351		12,351	3,209
Legacies	5,844		5,844	-
Door to door collections	25,173		25,173	25,897
Profit share	2,717		2,717	4,020
	<u>46,560</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>46,560</u>	<u>35,217</u>
3 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects			2020	2019
			£	£
Special events			4,020	3,970
Animal sales and adoptions			11,525	20,775
			<u>15,545</u>	<u>24,745</u>
4 Activities for general funds			2020	2019
			£	£
Sales of goods			<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>
5 Investment income			2020	2019
			£	£
Bank interest			89	248
Dividends			-	13
			<u>89</u>	<u>261</u>
6 Costs of generating funds			2020	2019
			£	£
Event expenses			0	3007
			<u>0</u>	<u>3007</u>

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For the year ended 31 December 2020

7 Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £	2019 £
Vets fees	2,758		2,758	2,480
Boarding	25,190		25,190	25,857
Home-checker, fostering expenses & associated veterinary fees	12,316		12,316	21,764
Donation to RSPCA BEF*	11,898		11,898	-
Cat fostering and expenses	484		484	251
Depreciation	1,193		1,193	1,193
Vehicle costs	1,415		1,415	1,974
	<u>55,254</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>55,254</u>	<u>53,519</u>

*BEF = Branch Emergency Fund

8 Management and administration	Unrestricted 2020 £	Unrestricted 2019 £
Postage and stationary	335	262
Other costs	2,271	5,404
Independent examiner's fees	500	500
	<u>3,106</u>	<u>6,166</u>

9 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees received no remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2020
(2019: £ Nil).

During 2020 trustees expenses for RSPCA business amounted to £237 (2019 £310) mainly
having been spent on travel for the charity.

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For the year ended 31 December 2020

10 Fixed Assets	2020	
	£	
Motor Vehicle		
Cost at 01 January 2020	7,158	
Addition	0	
Cost at 31 December 2020	<u>7,158</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/19	2,386	
Depreciation 2019	1,193	
Accumulated Depreciation at 31/12/20	<u>3,579</u>	
Net Book Value at 31/12/20	<u>3,579</u>	
11 Investments	2020	2019
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2019	75	75
(Loss) / gain on revaluation	0	0
Market value at 31 December 2019	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2019	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
<i>All investments are listed UK securities</i>		
12 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
VAT receivable	784	841
Profit share receivable	0	4,020
Boarding paid in advance	0	5,530
	<u>784</u>	<u>10,391</u>
13 Creditors	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals	5,271	4,651
	<u>5,271</u>	<u>4,651</u>

14 Related party transactions

Goods and services were purchased from the national RSPCA charity to the value of £3523. These goods were either sold during the year or held in stock at the year end. The total also includes medicines purchased for the treatment of animals. The charity received £20,513 from the National RSPCA mainly relating to door to door collections.

Greater Manchester Group: Annual Report for 2020

Chief Inspector Ben Strangwood

Summary

It goes without saying that 2020 had huge challenges. First the Coronavirus pandemic, lockdown, and furloughing staff, then the organisational restructure and associated redundancies, followed by some officers and managers moving teams/areas.

The north was particularly hard-hit by the restructure, in terms of the number of people, expertise, and dedication that we lost. The old Manchester N3 group sadly lost a number of officers. ACOs Gina Ratcliff, Jess Pierce and Emma Pollard were made redundant as a result of the ACO role becoming disestablished. However, Jess was able to secure an Animal Rescue Officer role in the West Yorkshire group. Inspector Nick Waterworth was moved to the Derbyshire/Staffordshire group and Inspectors Danni Jennings, Emma Dingley, Lorna Campbell and Dan Tomlinson were pulled into the Lancashire group due to their locations. Lorna and Dan were unfortunately made redundant, but Dan was able to secure a position as a Branch Partnership Manager.

The borders of the Manchester group now cover the whole of Greater Manchester, meaning a number of officers have now moved into the new Greater Manchester team. Inspector Demi Hodby joined us from the old N7 (East Lancs/WestYorks) group. AWO Sonia Hulme has joined us from the old N2 (Cheshire) group. Inspectors Paul Heaton, Rachel Henderson, Deb Beats and AWO Alison Wilford have joined us from the N4 (Merseyside) group.

Inspectors Nat Avery, Catherine Byrnes, Jess Araujo, Beth Fazackerley, Ryan King, Angela Paxton-Taylor, and AWOs Dave Cottingham, Steve Wickham and Helen Chapman remain in the new Manchester team. So we have 10 Inspectors and 5 AWOs. The AWOs are undergoing some additional training during 2021 to upskill them into the new Animal Rescue Officer role, which was developed as part of the restructure.



The Trainee Inspector cohort graduated in February 2020. This included Beth Fazackerley, who did her field training and probation period in N3, along with Ryan King who is now with us after a stint in North London, and Rachel Henderson who joined Manchester from the Merseyside group. So congratulations were well deserved for those guys!

I recognise that 2020 was incredibly difficult for all of you and your branches as well, with 2021 still proving very tough with lots of challenges. However, please accept my thanks for all of your hard work and the support that you have given to me, my team, our colleagues, and the animals that they rescue. It's really appreciated and we couldn't do so much of our work without you.

Investigations, Rescues and Collections of note during 2020

A horrendously matted dog was found on Hale Lane, Failsworth, in June by a member of the public. She was so badly neglected it was impossible to tell what breed of dog she was and her matted fur left her unable to walk. Inspector Lorna Campbell took the dog to GMAH where staff got to work on shaving her. Fortunately there were no serious problems once 5 kilograms of fur had been shaved off after four hours of clipping. She was also completely transformed and staff were then able to identify her as a Labradoodle (see before and after photos below). The owner was never traced, but the dog was successfully rehomed.



February was a very cold and wet month with Storms Ciara and Dennis causing havoc. Inspector Dan Tomlinson received a complaint about a homeless lady with her dog which was fine but the dog was a lurcher and he felt the dog could do with a coat.

Inspector Jess Araujo located the lady a few days later and gave the dog a new pink coat. A lovely happy dog and her owner in Clayton.

Inspector Lorna Campbell investigated a paramedic from Stalybridge for causing unnecessary suffering to Pippa, a 9 year old German Shepherd dog, and Ollie, a 10 year old Cocker Spaniel.

He pleaded guilty at court. He was banned from keeping all animals for 5 years, ordered to pay £400 costs and also ordered to do 100 hours unpaid work.



In January 2020, Animal Collection Officer and Equine Officer Gina Ratcliff accompanied Her Royal Highness Princess Anne on her trip to Parbold Equestrian Centre, run by The British Horse Society. This was to meet the young participants enrolled on the 'Changing Lives Through Horses' scheme which aims to place neglected or abandoned horses from the RSPCA into BHS centres for rehabilitation and adoption. The young participants are aged between 16-18 and are not in employment education or training (NEET). The aim is to improve low self esteem and education through interaction. 96% of participants went back into education on completion.



In July 2019, Inspector Emma Dingley launched an investigation into Greenmount Wildbird Hospital, near Bury, following information received highlighting concerns about the condition of birds at the location. Over the course of two days, over 200 birds were removed by Emma and the team and examined by the vet Bev Panto from Stapeley Grange. The matter went to court in early 2020 and the owner was banned for life from keeping birds, ordered to pay costs, and received a four month community order.

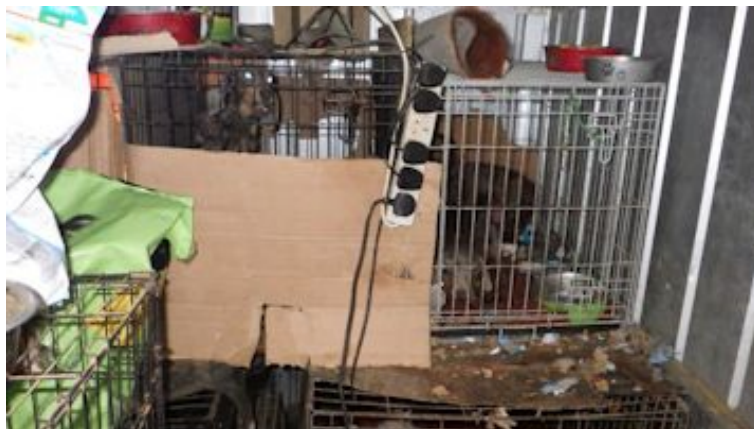


A man from Audenshaw was caught on CCTV kicking a cat and it was shared thousands of times on social media. The matter was investigated by Inspector Jess Araujo. She obtained a name and address for the individual and he was interviewed.

At a later date he pleaded guilty to the offence and was given a £120 fine and ordered to pay £400 costs.

Inspector Danielle Jennings investigated a man from Rochdale for causing unnecessary suffering to a Dachshund puppy and failing to meet the needs of 26 others by keeping them in filthy cages inside a shed at his property.

He pleaded guilty at court and was ordered to pay £1085 costs and banned from keeping animals for 5 years. All the dogs were rehomed quickly.

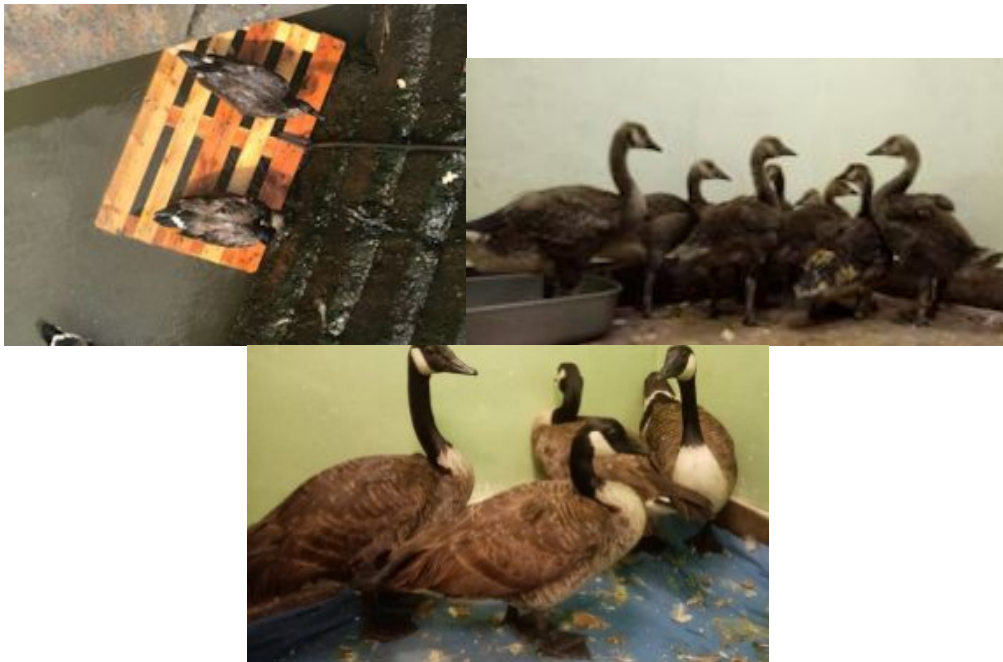




In October, Inspector Ryan King picked up a stray parrot in Oldham who had gotten a little lost.

Luckily, through some detective work and a press release, Ryan managed to track down the owner and was able to happily reunite them!

In June, AWO Steve Wickham and Inspector Jess Araujo were assisted by GMF&RS in catching 18 Canada Geese, goslings and swans at various locations on the Bridgewater Canal in Manchester following a diesel spillage. The birds were taken to Stapeley Grange for a thorough clean up before being released back onto a clean stretch of the canal under a licence from Natural England. Photos show before and after catching and cleaning.



In November, Inspector Paul Heaton went to the aid of a robin that had been caught in a glue trap in Levenshulme. These are designed to catch pest rodents but are well known for catching non-target species. Unfortunately they are legal, and sadly the robin had to be euthanased as it was too badly injured.



The RSPCA is currently running a “Wild Animals and Glue Traps” project; as we feel that if these traps have to be used, they should only be used by trained professionals. The press release with Paul’s robin went viral on social media, so did a great job of raising awareness of the issues of using glue traps.

In November, AWO Steve Wickham picked up a cat in Rochdale that had its leg in an illegal gin trap. She was taken to GMAH for treatment. The cat's leg was very badly damaged and had to be amputated as a result, before going for rehoming.



Thank you once again for the amazing support from our branches which allows us to achieve all the more through working together for Animal Welfare. We look forward to working together in partnership and ever more collaboratively in keeping with the recently introduced 2021-2030 RSPCA Strategy - Together for Animal Welfare.

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