

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS DARLINGTON & DISTRICT BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 232264

Details

Other names	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS DURHAM SOUTH AND NORTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH, RSPCA DURHAM-SOUTH AND NORTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH, RSPCA DURHAM SOUTH AND NORTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-12-19
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 ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (219099), WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO DURHAM SOUTH AND NORTH YORKSHIRE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY.

Activities: To promote kindness and prevent cruelty to animals and alleviate suffering of all animals. The Branch operates in Darlington, South Durham, Teesdale and North Yorkshire. (Darlington, Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland, Richmond, Barnard Castle and all area in between)

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTH DURHAM AND NORTH YORKSHIRE.
- Darlington
- Durham
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£261,777	£135,408	-	-
2023-12-31	£179,297	£118,420	-	-
2022-12-31	£139,931	£117,756	-	-
2021-12-31	£141,221	£105,286	-	-
2020-12-31	£31,820	£36,626	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Pegg	Chair	2025-01-25
Jean Pegg		2023-02-18
Linda Griggs		2023-11-16
Linda Moore		2015-09-25
Rebecca Todd		2024-01-06
Richard Toothill		2022-02-12

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

Reference and Administrative details:

Registered Charity Number: 232264

Trustees:

S. Alcorn-Davenport – Chairperson/Website/Facebook
Coordinator/Regional Representative
A.M. Pegg – Assistant Secretary/Admin
J. Pegg – Assistant Secretary/Fundraiser/Cat Hub Events & Admin
R. Toothill – Branch Treasurer
K. Hunton – Admin and Email Animal Welfare – Retired 31.12.24
L. Griggs – Cat Hub Events Representative/Admin
L. Moore – Secretary/Admin/Events/Fundraiser/Education
Fosterer/Volunteer coordinator/Animal Welfare Coordinator
M. Nicholson – Fundraiser
C. Prosser-Fereh-Membership Secretary
R. Todd – Facebook/Events

Branch Partnership Manager

S. Mason (BPM)

Principle Address:

RSPCA Darlington & District Branch
PO Box 200, Richmond
North Yorkshire, DL10 9DN

Tel: 079723 68602 (Branch answering machine)
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DFxXJKC9G>
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Independent Examiners:

Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Ltd
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Moor Road
Melsonby, Richmond,
North Yorkshire, DL10 5NY

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank (General, Clinic and Cat Hub accounts)
PO Box 1000, Andover, BX10 1LT

Redwood Bank Ltd (Branch reserve funds)
Nexus Building Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3TA

United Trust Bank, (Cat Hub reserve funds)
One Ropemaker Street, London, EC2Y 9AW



The Branch Trustees hereby present their Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Darlington & District Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association, which, operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches. The Branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same, objectives as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). The network comprises independent branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care and treatment. A regional structure also exists on a national basis, which provides a team of specialist Inspectors and co-ordinates policies and objectives of the branches. RSPCA National, Regional and Branches meet regularly in pursuit of their common aims.

Recruitment and Responsibilities of the Management Committee

A standard procedure is followed in recruiting Trustees. Nomination papers are sent to every member of the Branch area, with a date for their return. The candidates must have 2 signed members of the Branch as nominees. At the AGM there must be 5 signed members elected by ballot paper for the Branch to be recognised as a committee and at least 5 members should be present at the AGM.

Trustees are elected from eligible Members, at the AGM. They are briefed, about their responsibilities and specific roles which they have been nominated for, at the meeting held after the end of the AGM. The Branch provides an Induction session to explain the role being taken on and new recruits are encouraged to attend the short, online, Induction sessions provided by the National Society which gives guidance on the organisational structure of the RSPCA.

Trustees are volunteers and do not receive any benefits from the charity.

Meetings are held at 6 – 8 weekly intervals usually, to agree the day to day running of the Branch. The Trustees are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregular activities. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity. Trustees actively



review operational, financial and business risks and confirm they have systems to mitigate any potential risks such as:

- Loss of reputation through fraud or error
- Loss of income through fraud or error
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare work

Financial Review:

General a/c and Clinic a/c income for 2024	-	£50,492.99	-	(2023 - £89,933.70)
General a/c and Clinic a/c expenditure for 2024	-	£46,312.72	-	(2023 - £80,651.45)
Cat Hub a/c income for 2024	-	£219,294.69	-	(2023 - £146,695.80)
Cat Hub a/c expenditure for 2024	-	£ 125,496.45	-	(2023 - £98,882.77)

Included in the income is the RSPCA “Door to Door” collection figure for 2024 of £21,816.10 which is given by RSPCA National Society, to Branches all over the country, to help enable them to carry out the animal welfare work which they do.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair record of the affairs of the Charity, the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and consistently apply them
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether application accounting standards have been followed
- disclose and explain the financial statements
- prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation
- copies of the Branch and Cat Hub report and accounts are available upon request from the Branch Secretary, or they can be found on the Branch website in June after the AGM has been held. Please see details below on the last page of the report for contact details.



Reserves Policy & Investment

The policy of the Branch is to maintain 12 - 18 months unrestricted expenditure. As the Charity relies on donations and legacies, which can fluctuate year to year, it is felt prudent to maintain these reserves at this level so, to continue the animal welfare work carried out by the Branch. The committee has agreed the sum of £60,000 should be held in the Lloyds Bank account for general day to day running of the Branch and £40,000 has been invested with the Redwood Bank as reserves for the Branch. The RSPCA Cat Hub Steering Group agreed a figure of £60,000 to be held in their Lloyds Bank account for general day to day activities and a reserve of £80,000 has been invested with the United Trust Bank as reserves. These figures are discussed at Branch and Cat Hub meetings to ensure the animal welfare work remains viable

Aims & Objectives

Focusing on our work and why we do it

The main object of the Branch is to promote the work of the National RSPCA Society in promoting kindness and preventing cruelty to animals by all lawful means, within our Branch area in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The Trustees review the outcomes and achievements of the Branch objectives and activities throughout the year to ensure they remain focussed on the Charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public and animals in need. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch works closely with the National Society and generates its own funds to help and care for animals which need assistance within our local area.
- Subsidised veterinary treatment is provided via the Branch voucher scheme to enable animals to attend a veterinary consultation or be neutered, or microchipped, when they are owned by Members of the Public who receive benefits or are on low income. This increases responsible pet ownership and lessens animal suffering and the risk of unwanted puppies and kittens. Once microchipped, lost or stolen animals can be returned to their rightful owners.
- The Branch also financially supports, abused, abandoned and neglected local animals so they can receive veterinary treatment when rescued by our Inspectorate.

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You can find our Inspectorate 2024 annual report on our RSPCA Darlington & District Branch website, after the Annual General Meeting in June: www.rspca-darlington.org.uk

- During 2024 Branch Veterinary treatments amounted to £9,574.40, which covered Inspectorate animals and those members of the public assisted via the Branch animal welfare scheme. The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub financial support amounted to £10,000.00 and other RSPCA local animal branch centres received £615.50 towards veterinary treatment for those animals rescued from our area. The Branch also supported 5 local animal food banks, providing food, bedding and toys to animals whose owners were struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. This assistance increases the probability of owners being able to keep their pets at home. In total our expenditure for was £46,312
- The Branch has been promoting our activities on Facebook so members of the public are aware of what we do and why.
- Many wild animals become entangled in litter which has been discarded by humans. Litter can cause injury, suffering or death to those creatures tangled up in it. During the Great British Clean Up period, in spring 2024, Branch Trustees gathered 15 large sacks of rubbish from the grass verges either side of the main road through Barton, to help protect the wildlife in that area.



- The Branch has supported feral cats in 2024, by trapping, health checking and neutering them. After which they are released back to where they came from providing the area is safe for them. This prevents unwanted kittens being born in the wild and the health checks highlight any injury or disease so adult cats can be assessed by the vets.

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- RSPCA Darlington & District Branch and RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub provides volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work. Volunteers can become trustees, fundraisers, helpers at events, foster carers, volunteer speakers, social media administrators or drivers. We aim to provide people with voluntary work, which is compassionate and rewarding, in helping the Branch and Cat Rehoming Hub and local animals who are in need.
- Tesco customers at Catterick Garrison very kindly donated 1710 kg of animal food between January and December 2024 which was shared between our Inspectorate and Cat Rehoming Hub foster carers for animals within their care. The Inspectors used some of this food to take out to animals which they are called to and some animal food is taken to the food banks which we support.
- £908.56 of cat and dog food was bought for our local foodbanks. Over £3,000 of Pets at Home vouchers helped to feed foodbank animals and Cat Hub cats and kittens.



- The RSPCA National Society asked if local Branches could join together to help provide food bank resources within their own areas and so far, the Branch has helped Influence Church Richmond, Salvation Army Darlington, St. Andrew's Church Haughton, The Word of Life Darlington and St. Mary's Community Centre Cockerton.
- Your Pet (Pet Co) allows our Officers, Cat Hub and Branch, to pop in and pick up what they need after which an invoice is sent to the Branch for payment. This flexible approach is very convenient for us, particularly when individual owners, which the Inspectorate are called to, need animal food to temporarily help them.

Honeypot Gardens in Brompton-on-Swale, very kindly gave the Branch lots of lovely plants in 2024, to sell on our stalls to help raise funds so we could help more animals.



- The Branch donations came in from RSPCA National Society, stalls, collection boxes, street collections and from individual members of the public. All donations totalled £40,466.16 and we would like to thank all of them for their financial support.

RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

Our Inspectorate rescue many cats from RSPCA Darlington Branch area and from the other 2 areas which support the Cat Hub financially. These cats/kittens are placed in the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub where fosterers care for them until they find a new home. There have been 95 cats and kittens in foster care during some months in the 2024 kitten season, keeping Inspectors, Cat Hub staff and volunteers very busy.

There are currently 28 active volunteers, most of whom are foster carers but others take on roles such as, driving, event organising, social media, website, home checkers and administration.

The volunteers raised £8877.61 at events during 2024 and they are gratefully thanked for their continuous work.

Our local Inspectorate

The RSPCA local Inspectorate Team covers a very large area of Durham, Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Barnard Castle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Darlington and Richmond and all the villages in between. Day to day activities include rescuing, abused, abandoned and neglected animals, placing them within foster care and RSPCA centres, from which they are, rehabilitated and rehomed when the time is right for that animal.

Time given by our Trustees and Volunteers was accrued across the year by:

- Attending Trustee meetings, RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub meetings, RSPCA Regional meetings and conferences online.
- Collecting and delivering foods for cats and dogs.
- Social media and website work, promoting the branch and engaging the public.
- The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub cats and kittens are promoted on both the Branch and Cat Hub Facebook pages. They're health checked, neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments before adoption and then matched to suitable adopters. Home checks are carried out before the adoption takes place.
- Taking reports from members of the public about animals not being cared for properly. These are referred to our National Control Centre who prioritises the calls and passes them to our Inspectors.

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- Taking phone calls/emails from members of the public requesting financial help for Veterinary consultations, neutering or microchipping, for their animal when their owners are on benefits or on low income.
- Collecting and delivering animal foods to our Inspectorate. Food deliveries are also shared with the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub and the animal foodbanks.
- Administration covers many duties, such as phone calls, writing letters and emails to Trustees, Volunteers, businesses, members of the public, veterinary establishments, RSPCA offices and our National Control Centre. Checking volunteer applications forms and obtaining references, updating social media accounts, keeping accounts, banking and other necessary official paperwork up to date to comply with RSPCA and Branch policies and Charity Commission guidance.
- Litter Picking to clear areas where some wildlife may get caught up in the litter as this can cause injury, suffering and death for the animal.
- Trapping, health checking, neutering and releasing, local feral cats to help lessen suffering and the ever- increasing population of ferals in these colonies.



RSPCA Summary of Animal Welfare 2024 – RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub & Darlington Branch

Darlington Branch area had the following uptake for welfare assistance from the general public, as well as the number of cats/kittens which were rescued by our Inspectors and taken to our Cat Hub where they are lovingly cared for until they are ready for adoption.

	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
Welfare Assistance	33	229	4	0	266
Welfare Neutering	33	200	0	0	233
Feral Cats		53			53
Micro-chipping	10	122	0	2	134
Home Visits	1	109	0	0	110



Future Plans

During 2025 we aim to engage in the following activities

- Education – be able to give talks again to children and adults, to promote good animal welfare practices, providing we have the volunteers to help.
- Promotions – to raise the profile of the Branch, the Cat Rehoming Hub and the RSPCA National Society.
- Events/Fundraising – to raise funds to support animal welfare activities within our Branch area, providing we have the volunteers to help at events.
- Food collections - to help feed the animals within our care and help animal foodbanks locally.
- Continue to trap, neuter and release, feral cats within our area. 53 were neutered in 2024.
- Continue to support the work of the Cat Rehoming Hub and our Inspectorate.
- Advertise for more volunteers and Trustees to cover more branch work roles.

Special Thank Yous and Acknowledgement

Thank you to Karen Hunton, our animal welfare email administrator for the past 6 years and Patrick Brown who's collected hundreds of kilos of animal food. Both are retired now.

Thanks, as always, go to Mark Gent our Chief Inspector and his busy team, for the incredible animal welfare work they carry out on a day-to-day basis.

Our BPM Sarah Mason worked incredibly hard throughout the year giving invaluable advice and guidance to the Branch and Cat Rehoming Hub, as well as her other branches.

Thank you to our 2 Cat Hub members of staff for their dedication to the work.

We would also like to thank all Veterinary Surgeries who work alongside us for the benefit of animal welfare.

Many thanks to our Branch Trustees, Volunteers and Cat Hub Volunteers who's unpaid work equates to **4 full time paid workers across the year**. Without the help of dedicated volunteers and the generous public, branches could not carry out the animal welfare work which they do, so THANK YOU to everyone involved.



Volunteer Enquiries

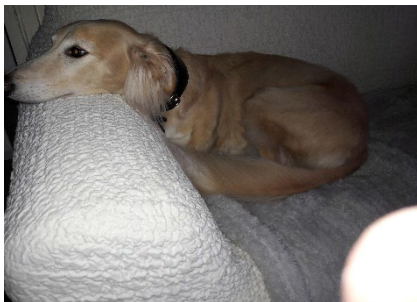
If you would like to help us in any way please contact:

Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DFxXJKC9G>

Our 2024 Branch Annual Report and Accounts, the RSPCA Cat Hub Report and Accounts and Durham & Cleveland Inspectorate Annual Report will be available to view in June on our website. www.rspca-darlington.org.uk

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support.
L. Moore. RSPCA Darlington & District Branch.





RSPCA CAT REHOMING HUB ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Introduction to the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub (Cat Hub) formed in April 2018 and is now in its 6th year of operation. The Cat Hub takes cats and kittens rescued by RSPCA Officers from the areas that fund the project.

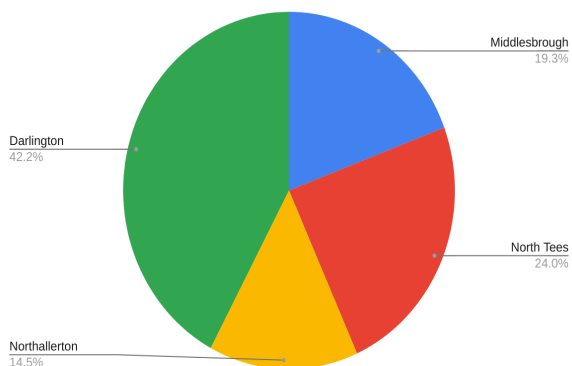
Why we do it

The Cat Hub is a project developed to meet a need in the Tees Valley, Darlington and South Durham and North Yorkshire areas. Numerous cats were being rescued by our national RSPCA Inspectors and placed into private boarding establishments when the animal centres were full, and there they stayed unable to be rehomed. To try and improve the situation of these cats, local RSPCA branches came together to fund the development of a Cat Hub.

The Cat Hub is funded by three local branches of Middlesbrough and Teesside, Northallerton and Thirsk and Darlington and District branch who also take on the administration role of the Cat Hub on behalf of all the three contributing branches. During 2024 the Cat Hub also received funding from the National RSPCA for the first 90 days of a cat or kittens' stay with us.

Since it began in September 2018, the Cat Hub has rehomed **1879** cats and kittens and in 2024 **264** cats and kittens have been rehomed. All being well, if we continue to rehome at a similar rate each year, the Cat Hub will reach a fantastic 2000 cats and kittens rehomed by the end of 2025!.

In 2024, the Cat Hub admitted into foster care a total of **264** cats, of those **116** cats were from Darlington, **53** from Middlesbrough, **66** from North Tees and **40** from Northallerton. Sadly, **10** were euthanized following Veterinary advice and **one** died.



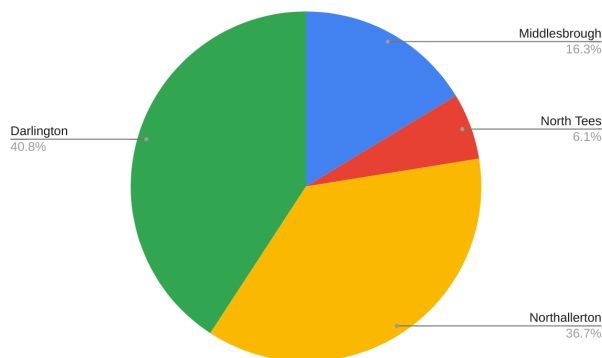


What we do

The Cat Hub takes cats and kittens in that are collected by RSPCA Officers. The range of cats include those who have been abandoned including owners who have moved away and left their cats behind and those who have died, injured stray cats, welfare cases and those that have been signed over by their owners who have been unable to meet their health and welfare needs.

Cats and kittens received into the care of the Cat Hub have health checks completed by local vets and appropriate treatment is carried out along with regular flea and wormer treatments and vaccinations to ensure that the cats are in the best health they can be. Occasionally some cats require life long treatments for some illnesses and in those cases agreement is sought from the funding branches to continue to pay for that treatment when the cat is rehomed.

The Cat Hub also helps branches with Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) programmes for feral cats. In 2024 the Cat Hub helped **49** feral cats. **47** were returned to site or relocated to be fed and monitored by people in the local community. **One** was euthanized following Veterinary advice and **one** died. This can be broken down as **8** from Middlesbrough Branch area, **3** from North Tees branch, **18** came from Northallerton branch and **20** came from the Darlington branch area.



The charts show us that although not many cats came in via the Inspectorate from Northallerton in 2024, the branch was actually very active with TNR due to its more rural area. Also although the majority of cats came in from Darlington, the branch were also very active at TNR to hopefully reduce these figures in the future.

How we do it

Initially, the Cat Hub rented pods in a cattery just outside of Darlington and had 5 foster carers for those cats that did not do well in a cattery environment. For a number of reasons including financial constraints and the impact of covid, the Cat Hub moved from being cattery focussed



care to foster focussed care. This is better for the cats and kittens as they become socialised in a normal family setting, in line with best practice.

During 2024, the Cat Hub had 48 volunteers registered with them although due to personal commitments etc, not all were fully active at the same time. The volunteers can be broken down into:

- 36 Registered foster carers (some did additional voluntary work such as admin, social media, fundraising and homechecking as well as fostering)
- 4 additional voluntary drivers
- 2 additional voluntary admin
- 2 additional social media
- 4 additional fundraisers

The volunteers are supported by two employees. One is a full time Cat Rehoming Coordinator and the other a part time driver. The driver delivers food and litter to the foster carers and transports cats between their foster homes and vet clinics, for appointments. They also collect donations from the public from the collection bins placed in local supermarkets and veterinary clinics.

Home checking

The Cat Hub continues to conduct virtual home checks, using online facilities, to rehome the cats and kittens in their care. There is still an option for home visits to be conducted, for those that request it due to IT problems etc. In total **264** home checks were completed in 2024 by our volunteer home checker.

The home checking role is integral to the successful rehoming of cats. The information gathered during the process is fed back to the Rehoming Coordinator and is reviewed to ensure that the home meets the five basic welfare needs of the cats and kittens and to ensure that people are fully aware of the responsibility of adopting a cat.

Our lead home checker, who is also a volunteer, has put a training pack together to train up other volunteers who are keen to take on the role in the future. We currently have **3** volunteers trained as home checkers.

Volunteer Recruitment

We continue to recruit volunteers to carry out a variety of roles within the Cat Hub including fosterers, (we particularly need fosterers for our older cats), drivers, event helpers, home checkers and volunteers to help with our social media platforms.



Social media activities

We continue to regularly post about cats available for adoption on both Facebook and Instagram, using as much content as the fantastic foster carers provide us with.

Our media posts are a mix of adoption updates, “thank you’s” and pleas for donations, event promotion, calls for more fosterers and fundraising posts. We also actively engage with the followers on our page and by doing so hope to increase the outreach of our page and cats.

In 2024, the social media team consisted of three volunteers.

Please pay us a visit on www.catHub.co.uk

Facebook.com/rspcacatrehoming

www.instagram.com/rspca_cat_Hub

www.tiktok.com/@rspca_cat_Hub

Fundraising activities

To supplement the funding provided by the four branches, volunteers from the Cat Hub also engage in other forms of fundraising for example:

In 2024 the events team attended 24 community events raising a total of **£2349.08** from tombolas, raffles and preloved items. The community events took place across all of the geographical areas of the funding branches.

We also introduced our monthly Pop Up Cafe at Northallerton Town Hall, which raised **£4243**.

During 2024, **£907.97** was made from selling donated items via media platforms such as ebay and market place.

Our online fundraising activities have also raised **£10,444.58** during 2024. This has been achieved through Crowdfunder and Just giving appeals, easy fundraising, One lottery and DONR.

A grant of **£10,000** awarded by Pets Foundation was used to pay vet fees for the cats and kittens in our care.

Donations

As well as financial donations, we also received donations of food, litter, treats and non food related items. These donations were made at one of our many donations points including:

- Stanhope Park Duke Street Cats and Exotics
- Darlington Vet Clinic
- Hartburn and Nunthorpe branches of Jacqui Paterson Vets



- Burts Carpets
- Our collection bins at the Morton Park branch of Morrisons and at Tesco in Eaglescliffe

In 2024 we received donations to the value of **£9,678**

As well as donations of food from members of the public, some of our fosterers donated by providing food and litter to the cats and kittens in their care at no cost to the Cat Hub. During 2024, the fosterers had donated to the value of **£2473.14** in food and litter.

Pets at Home VIP vouchers received via RSPCA Darlington and District Branch also contributed **£3,000** worth of food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

The Cat Hub would like to say a big **Thank You** to everyone who supported, donated and contributed to its' success in 2024.

Plans for the future

- The Cat Hub has not lost sight of its desire to have access to pods in a cattery and continues to consider options.
- Work to facilitate Trap Neuter and Release programmes on behalf of the branches continues to help improve the lives of ferals.
- Planning has started for the 2025 events programme which we hope will be more successful than 2024!



DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.
REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 232264

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.**

I report to the trustees on my examination for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out in pages 3 to 5

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance as required with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	General £	Clinic £	Cat Hub £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Redwood Bank				42828	41216
United Trust			80000	80000	
Cash at Bank	83683	7921	128893	220497	202518
Trade debtors			30714	30714	
VAT			-2225	-2225	2409
Trade creditors			-3176	-3176	-3882
Sundry Creditors	-150			-150	-142
	83533	7921	234207	368488	242119

REPRESENTED BY :

Accumulated Surplus brought forward	242119	181242
Add : Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	126369	60877
	368488	242119

Revenue Policy Statement

RSPCA Darlington & District Branch holds an expenditure figure of £40,000 in reserve with the Redwood Bank and Trustees agreed a £60,000 minimum to be kept in Lloyds bank, to ensure Branch Animal Welfare work remains viable.

Branch Trustees have agreed a planned expenditure increase to allow more animal welfare to be carried out.

£5,000 has been restricted for use in assisting animal foodbanks during the current cost of living crisis.

The committee agreed to provide flea sprays for use in the homes of cats and dogs which are infested, as veterinary flea treatments are already financially assisted.

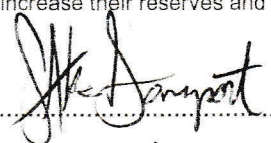
Financial help will be provided for veterinary assistance to have unneutered feral cats trapped, health checked, neutered and released, due to the high population of feral colonies in our area

The Cat Hub Income and Expenditure account is a restricted account for Cat Hub use only.

The Cat Hub Steering Group had agreed the account should hold a minimum of £60,000 in its Lloyds account to ensure the project remains viable and £80,000 has been deposited as reserves with United Trust Bank

The Branch and Cat Hub plan to increase their reserves and animal welfare work when possible.

Chairman



Treasurer



DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	General £	Clinic £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Collection Boxes	313		313	727
Donations General	5594		5594	4089
Door Grant	21816		21816	23094
Subscriptions	5532		5532	4320
Events	613		613	589
Investment Income	1612		1612	1056
Legacy				7131
Cat Hub	500		500	500
Badger	5733		5733	
	41713		41713	41505
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Vet's & Welfare Charges		6917	6917	12225
Insurance	823		823	
Room hire	145		145	
Audit & Accountancy	150		150	151
Budget expenses	2023	1025	3048	
Shildon		1605	1605	
Fostering				1484
Office costs	777		777	1455
Donations	22464		22464	15551
	26382	9548	35929	30865
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR			5784	10640

DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	Cat Hub £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations General	32499	32499	13362
Donations Branch	30000	30000	71000
Lottery	4470	4470	4389
Boarding			6325
Adoption	26308	26308	30014
Fundraising	8642	8642	2571
Grant			10000
Other income			130
Care Contribution Fund	118145	118145	
	220064	220064	137791

EXPENDITURE

Vet's Charges	39455	39455	36646
Wages	38025	38025	34605
Boarding	10824	10824	5877
Office costs	3552	3552	1716
Accountancy	3700	3700	3138
Room hire			135
Marketing	385	385	334
Professional Fees	1335	1335	3484
Volunteer expenses	2204	2204	1620
	99479	99479	87555

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR

120585 50236

Accounts



RSPCA Darlington
& District Branch
Registered Charity No. 232264

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December 2023

Reference and Administrative details:

Registered Charity Number: 232264

Trustees:

- S. Alcorn-Davenport – Website/Facebook Co-ordinator/
Regional Representative
- J. Pegg – Asst Secretary/Fundraiser/Cat Hub Events/Membership
- R. Toothill – Branch Treasurer
- K. Hunton – Admin and Email Animal Welfare
- L. Griggs – Cat Hub Events representative
- R. King – Admin – resigned 2023
- S.M. McLaren – Animal Welfare work- deceased Oct 2023 RIP
- L. Moore – Secretary/Admin/Events/Fundraiser/Education
Fosterer/Volunteer coordinator
- M. Nicholson – Fundraiser

Branch Partnership Manager S. Mason (BPM)

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Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Ltd

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Lloyds Bank (General, Clinic and Cat Hub accounts)

PO Box 1000, Andover, BX10 1LT

Redwood Bank Ltd (reserve funds)

Nexus Building Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3TA

**The Branch Trustees hereby present their Report and Accounts for the
year ended 31st December 2023**

Structure, Governance and Management

The Darlington & District Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association, which, operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

The Branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same, objectives as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

The network comprises independent branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care and treatment. A regional structure also exists on a national basis, which provides a team of specialist Inspectors and co-ordinates policies and objectives of the branches. RSPCA National, Regional and Branches meet regularly in pursuit of their common aims.

Trustees are elected from eligible Members, at the AGM and are briefed on their responsibilities and specific roles which they may be taking on. Meetings are held at 6 – 8 weekly intervals usually, to agree the day to day running of the Branch. The Trustees are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregular activities. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity. They actively review operational, financial and business risks and confirm they have systems to mitigate any potential risks such as:

- Loss of reputation through fraud or error
- Loss of income through fraud or error
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare work

Recruitment of Trustees:

A standard procedure is followed in recruiting Trustees. Nomination papers are sent to every member of the Branch area, with a date for their return. The candidates must have 2 signed members of the Branch as nominees. At the AGM there must be 5 members elected by ballot papers for the Branch to be recognised as a committee and at least 5 members should be present at the AGM.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Branch is to maintain 12 – 18 months unrestricted expenditure. As the Charity relies on donations and legacies, which can fluctuate year to year, it is felt prudent to maintain these reserves at this level so, to continue the animal welfare work carried out by the Branch.

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the Branch is to promote the work of the National RSPCA Society in promoting kindness and preventing cruelty to animals by all lawful means, within our Branch area in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the Charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch works closely with the National Society and generates its own funds to help and care for animals which need assistance within our local area.
- Subsidised veterinary treatment is provided via the Branch voucher scheme to enable animals to attend a veterinary consultation or be neutered, or microchipped, when they are owned by Members of the Public who receive benefits. The Branch also financially supports, abused, abandoned and neglected local animals so they can receive veterinary treatment when rescued by our Inspectorate. You can find our Inspectorate 2023 annual report on our RSPCA Darlington & District Branch website, after the Annual General Meeting in June: www.rspca-darlington.org.uk
- During 2023 Branch Veterinary treatments amounted to £13,878.48, which covered Inspectorate animals and those members of the public assisted via the Branch animal welfare scheme. The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub financial support amounted to £15,000.00 and other RSPCA local animal branch centres received £1,252.14 towards veterinary treatment. The Branch also supported the local RSPCA animal food bank with £500 to help provide people who were struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, so they could keep their pets at home. The Branch also provided food, litter, toys and bedding to 2 local animal foodbanks before Christmas and gave some items from our stalls to the animal owners. When XL Bullies needed to meet the Government requirements of being neutered, the Branch offered £100 towards neutering to help with the expense.

- Responsible pet ownership is promoted by the Branch via a subsidised voucher scheme, for the neutering and microchipping of animals, owned by people on low-income or benefits. This helps to lessen the number of unwanted puppies and kittens and helps lost or stolen animals to be returned to their owners.
- The Branch has been promoting our activities on Facebook and asking whether Schools, Brownies or any other groups of adults or children, would like us to give talks on animal welfare and we're hoping for a good response in 2024.
- Many wild animals become entangled in litter which has been discarded by humans. Litter can cause injury, suffering or death to those creatures tangled up in it. During the Great British Clean Up period, in spring 2023, Branch Trustees gathered 15 large sacks of rubbish and several abandoned car parts, from the perimeter of the Barton Truck Stop site, to help protect the wildlife in that area.



- When possible, the Branch supports our local Inspectors by fostering dogs, cats and kittens. The animals are cared for by our foster carers then neutered, micro-

chipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments, in readiness for adoption when potential adopters come along. The Branch carries out home visit checks for Branch animals to ensure the animal is adopted into an environment where the animal and the adopter are suitably matched and can thrive.

- RSPCA Darlington & District Branch and RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work. Volunteers can become trustees, fundraisers, helpers at events, cat or dog foster carers, volunteer speakers, social media administrators or drivers. We aim to provide people with voluntary work, which is compassionate and rewarding, in helping the Branch and Cat Rehoming Hub and local animals who are in need.
- Tesco at Catterick Garrison very kindly placed an animal food collection bin in-store for us, between February and December 2023. The food donated by their generous customers amounted to 1039kg of cat and dog food as well as some animal blankets and toys. This was shared between our Inspectorate and Cat Rehoming Hub for the animals within their care across the year. Cat food is given to the Cat Hub foster carers to help them to feed their foster cats and kittens. The Inspectors took some of this food out to animals in need in our local community. The cost- of -living crisis placed some animal owners in the difficult position being unable to afford food for themselves or their pets.



- The RSPCA National Society asked if local Branches could join together to help provide a food bank resource within their own areas, so Inspectors and Inspectorate volunteers could deliver food to animals in need when required and the scheme has worked very well.

The Branch has helped Junction 7 Foodbank at Newton Aycliffe with dog and cat food, bedding, toys and items for the animal owners just before Christmas.

We plan to help Kings Centre in Darlington next year.

- Via the Pets at Home VIP voucher scheme the RSPCA Darlington & District Branch was given £4,278 worth of vouchers in 2023, of which £3,600 was given to the Cat Hub to help feed their cats and kittens and £575 was retained by the Branch to help feed animals which the Inspectorate were working with and to help feed the Branch foster cats and dogs.



We are grateful to Your Pet (Pet Co) who allow our Officers, Cat Hub and Branch, to pop in and pick up what they need after which an invoice is sent to the Branch for payment. This flexible approach is very convenient for us, particularly when individual owners which the Inspectorate attend to, need some animal food to temporarily help them out from time to time.



Honeypot Gardens in Brompton-on-Swale, very kindly gave the Branch lots of lovely plants in 2023, to sell on our stalls to help raise funds so we could help more animals.

- The Branch donations came in from RSPCA National Society, stalls and collection boxes. All donations totalled £39,892 and we would like to thank the undermentioned businesses and members of the public for their financial support as well as the RSPCA National Society.

RSPCA National Society

Brompton Shop & PO

Yorkshire Trading

Swale Vets customers

Cockerton Dog show

Meynell Pet Food shop Richmond

Barnard Castle Street collection

Meynell Pet Food shop Barnard Castle

Richmond Street collection

Ziffitt Books

Paddock Farm Nursery

Pawlicki Jewellers

Jefferson's Grocers

Junction 7 customers

Ravensworth Nursery

Marne Barracks

Hurworth Fair

Gainford Fair

Job Centre Darlington





Many thanks to the undermentioned members of the public and local businesses who have

made kind donations to our cause.

Dales Academy

Mr. Cheesebrough

Mr Fisher

Ms Chapman

J. Pegg

Chilton Trust

V. Porter

L & M Adams

J. Thompson

K. Sadler

D. Pentland

G. Crawford

B. Stairmand

E. Shaw

J. Burnside

RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

The Inspectorate work incredibly hard in rescuing the many cats from RSPCA Darlington Branch area. The cats/kittens are then placed in the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub, which opened in 2018. Since opening, the number of cats including ferals, rehomed or rehoused from the Cat Rehoming Hub is over 1,500. At one point there were 80 plus cats in foster care during kitten season.

Cats and kittens are cared for by foster carers prior to rehoming. There are currently 28 active volunteers, most but not all of whom are fosterers. Many take on additional volunteer roles including driving, event organising, social media, website, home checkers and administrative roles.

The Cat Rehoming Hub raises funds via social media to help fund the project and they also have fundraising campaigns for individual cats who have health conditions or injuries which need special treatments or operations. They received £10,171.44p online in 2023 and were awarded a £10,000.00p grant from Pets Foundation to be put towards Vet fees. The volunteers attended 23 local fundraising events in 2023 raising £2,700, some of which are listed below. Thanks go to all the volunteers and the undermentioned event organisers:

Denes Family Fun Day

Cockerton Community & Business Group

Thornaby Show

Tees Cottage

Hurworth Country Show

The Last Post

Jumping Frog Craft fair Northallerton

Pinchinthorpe

Fletchers Farm

Xmas Extravaganza Darlington

Guisborough fair

RAF Leeming Family Day



Middlesbrough, Stockton, Northallerton and Darlington Branches gave financial support of £66,000 during 2023 and as lead branch, Darlington Branch has also given administrative support since 2021 and many miles of travelling, dropping off and collecting foods and other items and attending events for the Cat Rehoming Hub project fundraising.

Our local Inspectorate

The RSPCA local Inspectorate Team covers a very large area of Durham, Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Barnard Castle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Darlington and Richmond and all the villages in between. They are kept busy every day in rescuing, abused, abandoned and neglected animals, placing them within foster care and RSPCA centres, from which they are then, rehabilitated and rehomed when the time is right

for that animal. Our Inspectors worked tirelessly across the year through the cost-of-living crisis when many animal owners needed to make the decision to give up their pets at this difficult time in their lives and animal centres all over the country were up to capacity.

Time given by our Trustees was accrued across the year by:

- Attending Trustee meetings, RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub meetings, RSPCA Regional meetings and conferences online.
- Collecting and delivering foods for cats and dogs.
- Fostering kittens and dogs which we took into our care during 2023. Fostering kittens just a few weeks old without their mother takes up many, many hours of care and fostering dogs who have injuries or health conditions takes patience and time for them to heal.
- Social media and website work, advertising volunteer posts, promoting our Branch and activities as well as giving out leaflets to members of the public, to promote good animal welfare.
- The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub cats and kittens are promoted on both the Branch and Cat Hub Facebook pages, once they are ready to be adopted into new homes. They are health checked, neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments before adoption and then matched to suitable adopters. Home checks are carried out before the adoption takes place.
- Taking reports of cruelty from members of the public about animals not being cared for properly. These are referred to our National Control Centre who prioritises the calls and passes them to our Inspectors who are then called to assist the animals.

- Taking phone calls/emails from members of the public requesting financial help for Veterinary consultations or having their animal neutered or microchipped, when their owners are on certain benefits or on low income.
- Collecting and delivering animal foods to our Inspectorate, so they can help the animals they are called to. Food deliveries are also shared with the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub, to help the foster carers feed their foster cats and kittens.
- Administration covers many duties, such as phone calls, writing letters and emails to Trustees, Volunteers, businesses, members of the general public, veterinary establishments, RSPCA offices and our National Control Centre. Keeping accounts up to date, checking volunteer applications forms and obtaining references, updating social media accounts, keeping accounts and other necessary official paperwork up to date to comply with RSPCA and Branch policies and Charity Commission guidelines.
- Litter Picking to clear areas where some wildlife may get caught up in the litter as this can cause injury, suffering and death for the animal.

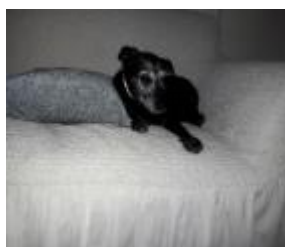
Many thanks go to Karen, Sheila, Stacy, Ruth, Richard, Lisa, Jean, Patrick, Julian, Ceri, Linda, Janet and Linda, who have helped with animal welfare, admin, finances, social media, fostering, driving, fundraising events and much more.

- **Fostering**

This little cat is fostered by Jean, one of the foster carers. He is blind, has a pellet in his thigh and had broken his pelvis at some point earlier on in his life. He will be lovingly cared for by his foster carer until the end of his days.



During 2023 we cared for 12 kittens, who were picked up when they were tiny and without their mothers. Our Branch foster carer lovingly looked after those little kittens until they were old enough and well enough to be adopted.



The Branch fostered 1 dog from our Inspectorate and he is doing well, living a more normalised life after being given time and patience. We also fostered 1 dog

when her elderly owner was admitted to hospital long term. After just a few weeks the dog was adopted and has settled well into her new home.

We have dedicated foster carers, who look after sick, injured and elderly animals, for as long as they need care.

Having cats neutered is important, especially when they are allowed to roam, outdoors. Neutering is beneficial for the mother's welfare but also for all the kittens, who can be born outdoors, in obscure places with little chance of survival especially, when their mother isn't with them anymore. Neutering would help to stop some of this terrible suffering and microchipping can help owners have their pets returned to them should they become lost or stolen. Our Branch may help, make a financial contribution, to owners, on low income/benefits, should they decide to have their cats neutered or microchipped.

RSPCA Summary of Animal Welfare 2023 – RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub & Darlington Branch

Darlington Branch area had the following uptake for welfare assistance from the general public, as well as the number of cats/kittens which were rescued by our Inspectors and taken to our Cat Hub where they are lovingly cared for until they are ready for adoption.

	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
Welfare Assistance	20	91	1	0	112
Welfare Neutering	31	167	0	0	198

Feral Cats		55	55		
Micro-chipping	10	122	0	0	132
Home Visits	1	123	0	0	124
Wildlife					

Future Plans

During 2024 we aim to engage in the following activities

- Education – be able to give talks again to children and adults, to promote good animal welfare practices.
- Promotions – to raise the profile of the Branch, the Cat Rehoming Hub and the RSPCA National Society.
- Fostering – to give more animals an alternative caring place to stay whilst in our care
- Events/Fundraising – to raise as much money as possible to support animal welfare activities within our Branch area.
- Food collections - to help feed the animals within our care and help animal foodbanks.
- Continue to support the wonderful work of the Cat Rehoming Hub and our hard - working Inspectorate.
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Financial Review:

General a/c and Clinic a/c income for 2023	-	£89,933.70	(2022 - £31,440)
General a/c and Clinic a/c expenditure for 2023	-	£80,651.45	(2022 - £25,000)
Cat Hub a/c income for 2023	-	£146,695.80	(2022 - £84,873)
Cat Hub a/c expenditure for 2023	-	£98,882.77	(2022 - £76,439)

Included in the income is the RSPCA “Door to Door” collection figure for 2023 of £23,094p which is given by RSPCA National Society, to Branches all over the country, to help enable them to carry out the animal welfare work which they do.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair record of the affairs of the Charity, the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and consistently apply them
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether application accounting standards have been followed
- disclose and explain the financial statements
- prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is

inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

- copies of the Branch accounts are available upon request from the Branch Secretary

or they can be found on the Branch website in June after the AGM has been held.
Please see details below on the last page of the report for contact details.

Special Thank Yous and Acknowledgements

Sheila McLaren was a Trustee for the Branch for over 10 years and sadly passed away in October 2023 after a short illness. Sheila was our Animal Welfare Coordinator and spent many hours over the past 6 years taking phone calls and reporting cruelty and neglect to our National Control Centre. She also helped animals belonging to members of the public when they were facing financial difficulties, by offering a Branch contribution, so they could take their pet to the Vet. Sheila was dedicated and cared for all the kittens and cats which she looked after. Feeding tiny kittens every 3 hours throughout day and night until they could feed themselves is one example. She fostered for the RSPCA for many, many years and fostered for another charity before that. Sheila loved her volunteering role and will be remembered fondly for the work she carried out.

Thanks as always, go to Mark Gent our Chief Inspector and his busy team, for the incredible animal welfare work that they carry out daily, rescuing some animals from terrible conditions so giving them a second chance in life.

Thanks also go to our BPM Sarah Mason who has worked incredibly hard throughout the year to help the Branch, Cat Rehoming Hub and all of her other Branches, overcome hurdles, offer advice and help them move forward. Sarah oversees several Branches in the Co. Durham, Teesside and Yorkshire areas.

Thank you to Sophie Moran-Barker, who is incredibly committed to the work she does for the Cat Rehoming Hub. Chantel Davies now assists Sophie and she does a great job in that role.

We would also like to thank all Veterinary Surgeries who work alongside us for the benefit of animal welfare and we couldn't do without them.

Many thanks go to the supermarkets who allow us to install food donation bins on their premises and also their generous customers who donate the animal food to us.

Last, but not least, thanks go to all our Trustees and Volunteers who have put in many hours of their unpaid time for the Branch, equating to **4 full time paid workers across the year.**
The Cat Hub volunteers have also given many, many hours, of their unpaid time too.
Without the help of dedicated volunteers and the generous donations given by members of the great British public, Branches could not carry out the animal welfare work which they do, so a very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved.

Volunteer Enquiries

If you can help us in any way please contact us at:

Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Facebook: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

You can find our 2023 Branch Annual Report and Accounts on our website, where you will also find the RSPCA Cat Hub Report and Durham & Cleveland Annual Report from our Inspectorate who covers our Branch area, as well as 5 other neighbouring Branch areas.

Website: www.rspca-darlington.org.uk

Many thanks for your support, on behalf of the Trustees of RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

Linda Moore

Branch Secretary

RSPCA CAT REHOMING HUB ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Introduction to the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub (Cat hub) formed in April 2018 and is now in its 5th year of operation. The Cat hub only takes cats and kittens rescued by RSPCA Officers from the areas that fund the project. It does not take cats and kittens directly from members of the public.

Why we do it

The Cat hub is a project developed to meet a need in the Tees Valley, Darlington and South Durham and North Yorkshire areas. Numerous cats were being rescued by our national RSPCA Inspectors and placed into private boarding establishments when the animal centres were full and there they stayed unable to be rehomed. To try and improve the situation of these cats, local RSPCA branches came together to fund the development of a cat hub.

The Cat hub is funded by the four local branches of North Tees, Middlesbrough, Northallerton and Darlington and District branch who also take on the administration role of the Cat hub on behalf of all the four contributing branches.

Since it began in September 2018, the Cat hub has rehomed 1521 cats and kittens and in 2023 252 cats and kittens have been rehomed. All being well, if we continue to rehome at a similar rate each year, the Cat Hub will reach a fantastic 2000 cats and kittens rehomed by the end of 2025!.

In 2023, the Cat Hub admitted into foster care 119 cats from Darlington, 66 from Middlesbrough, 63 from North Tees and 23 from Northallerton totalling 271 cats.

What we do

The Cat hub takes cats and kittens in that are collected by RSPCA Officers. The range of cats include those who have been abandoned including owners who have moved away and left their cats behind and those who have died, injured stray cats, welfare cases and those that have been signed over by their owners who have been unable to meet their health and welfare needs.

Cats and kittens received into the care of the cat hub have health checks completed by local vets and appropriate treatment is carried out along with regular flea and wormer treatments and vaccinations to ensure that the cats are in the best health they can be. Occasionally some cats require life long treatments for some illnesses and in those cases agreement is sought from the funding branches to continue to pay for that treatment when the cat is rehomed.

The Cat hub also helps branches with Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) programmes for feral cats. In 2023 the Cat hub helped 48 feral cats and either moved them to new and safer environments or returned them back to the area they came from to be fed and monitored by people in the local community.

How we do it

Initially, the Cat hub rented pods in a cattery just outside of Darlington and had 5 foster carers for those cats that did not do well in a cattery environment. For a number of reasons including financial constraints and the impact of covid, the Cat hub moved from being cattery focussed care to foster focussed care. This is better for the cats and kittens as they become socialised in a normal family setting, in line with best practice.

By the end of 2023, the Cat hub had a team of 42 volunteers, including 28 who took on the roles of fosterers with others taking on roles of drivers, home checkers, social media and events and fundraising. Some volunteers took on more than one role. Of the 42 volunteers some are occasionally inactive due to other personal commitments.

The volunteers are supported by two employees. One is a full time Cat Rehoming Coordinator and the other a part time driver. The driver delivers food and litter to the foster carers and transports cats between their foster homes and vet clinics, for appointments. They also collect donations from the public from the collection bins placed in local supermarkets and veterinary clinics.



Home checking

During 2023, the Cat Hub continued to conduct virtual home checks using online facilities, to rehome the cats and kittens in their care. There is still an option for home visits to be conducted, for those that request it due to IT problems etc. In total 195 home checks were completed in 2023 by our volunteer home checker.

The home checking role is integral to the successful rehoming of cats. The information gathered during the process is fed back to the Rehoming Coordinator and is reviewed to ensure that the home meets the five basic welfare needs of the cats and kittens and to ensure that people are fully aware of the responsibility of adopting a cat.

Our lead home checker who is also a volunteer, has put a training pack together to train up other volunteers who are keen to take on the role in the future.

Volunteer Recruitment

During 2023 we have continued to recruit volunteers to carry out a variety of roles within the Cat Hub including fosterers, (we particularly need fosterers for our older cats), drivers, event helpers, home checkers and volunteers to help with our social media platforms. We had approximately 37 active volunteers at anyone time, during the year.



Social media activities

We continue to regularly post about cats available for adoption on both Facebook and Instagram using as much content as the fantastic foster carers provide us with.

All mixed in with adoption updates, “thank you’s” and pleas for donations, event promotion, calls for more fosterers and fundraising posts. We also actively engage with the followers on our page and by doing so hope to increase the outreach of our page and cats.”

In 2023, the social media team consisted of two volunteers.

Please pay us a visit on www.cathub.co.uk

[Facebook.com/rspcacatrehoming](https://www.facebook.com/rspcacatrehoming)

www.instagram.com/rspca_cat_hub

www.tiktok.com/@rspca_cat_hub

Fundraising activities

To supplement the funding provided by the four branches, volunteers from the Cat hub also engage in other forms of fundraising for example:

In 2023 the events team attended 23 community events raising a total of £2,700 from tombolas, raffles and preloved items. The community events took place across all of the four geographical areas of the funding branches including Northallerton, Guisborough, Thornaby, Great Ayton and Darlington.



Since August 2023, £500 was also made from selling donated items via media platforms such as e.bay and market place.

Our online fundraising activities have also raised £10,171.44 during 2023. This has been achieved through Crowdfunder and Just giving appeals, easy fundraising, One lottery and DONR.

The Cat hub was also successful in being awarded a grant of £10,000 from Pets Foundation to be used on vet fees for the cats and kittens in our care. This grant is to be used during 2024.



Donations

As well as financial donations, we also received donations of food, litter, treats and non food related items. These donations were made at one of our many donations points including:

- Stanhope Park Duke Street Cats and Exotics
- Darlington Vet Clinic
- Hartburn and Nunthorpe branches of Jacqui Paterson Vets
- Burts Carpets
- Our collection bins at the Morton Park branch of Morrisons and at Tesco in Eaglescliffe.



In 2023 we received donations to the value of £10,101.

As well as donations of food from members of the public, some of our fosterers donate by providing food and litter to the cats and kittens in their care at no cost to the cat hub. We started to collect data on this in October 2023. By December 2023 the fosterers had donated to the value of £833.93 in food and litter.

Pets at Home VIP vouchers received via RSPCA Darlington and District Branch also contributed £3700 worth of food and litter for the cats and kittens in our care.

The Cat Hub would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who donated and contributed to its' success.

Plans for the future

In 2022, the Cat hub planned on building a cattery to use for cats and kittens first coming into the Cat hub so they had a safe place to be health checked before moving into foster care.

Unfortunately due to a short fall in funding and other complications associated with building on land not owned by the RSPCA, the plans were shelved. The Cat hub has not lost sight of this goal and are considering ways in which this could be achieved in the future.

Planning has started for 2024 events programme which we hope will be more successful than 2023!

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9-Jan	Wilson Vet Group		FP01	19.40					19.40		19.40	19.40	
9-Jan	Wilson Vet Group		FP02	54.75					54.75		54.75	54.75	
9-Jan	Scott Mitchell		FP03	40.50				40.50			40.50	40.50	
13-Jan	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP04	37.00		37.00					37.00	37.00	152948
13-Jan	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP05	50.59		50.59					50.59	50.59	
13-Jan	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP06	49.07		49.07					49.07	49.07	152953
13-Jan	Wilson Vet Group		FP07	192.05				192.05			192.05	192.05	152982
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP08	30.00					30.00		30.00	30.00	152970
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP09	30.00					30.00		30.00	30.00	152963
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP10	50.00					50.00		50.00	50.00	152966
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP11	97.39				97.39			97.39	97.39	
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP12	10.06				10.06			10.06	10.06	
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP13	413.00				413.00			413.00	413.00	
13-Jan	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP14	30.68					30.68		30.68	30.68	152952
30-Jan	Wilson Vet Group		FP15	250.00				250.00			250.00	250.00	152990
23-Jan	Scott Mitchell		FP16	264.90				264.90			264.90	264.90	
16-Feb	Stanhope / Shildon legacy		FP17	388.99			388.99				388.99	388.99	
16-Feb	Castle Vets		FP18	90.00					90.00		90.00	90.00	
6-Feb	Grange Vets		FP19	48.00					48.00		48.00	48.00	
24-Feb	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP20	20.00					20.00		20.00	20.00	152986
24-Feb	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP21	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	152974
24-Feb	SorePaws		FP22	50.00				50.00			50.00	50.00	
24-Feb	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP23	83.51				83.51			83.51	83.51	
24-Feb	Wilson Vet Group/Shildon ringfenced les		FP24	653.78			653.78				653.78	653.78	163553
24-Feb	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP25	38.20					38.20		38.20	38.20	163610
26-Feb	Wilson Vet Group/Shildon ringfenced les		FP26	115.00			115.00				115.00	115.00	
3-Mar	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP27	105.00		105.00					105.00	105.00	
10-Mar	Castle Vets		FP28	255.61				255.61			255.61	255.61	
10-Mar	Swale Vets		FP29	80.00					80.00		80.00	80.00	163613
17-Mar	SorePaws		FP30	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
17-Mar	Stanhope Medivet		FP31	110.00				110.00			110.00	110.00	
4-Apr	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP33	25.00					25.00		25.00	25.00	163602
5-Apr	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP34	188.00		188.00					188.00	188.00	163629
5-Apr	Scott Mitchell		FP35	307.84	307.84						307.84	307.84	
5-Apr	Wilson Vet Group		FP32	74.80					74.80		74.80	74.80	
20-Apr	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP36	70.16				70.16			70.16	70.16	
20-Apr	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP37	58.61				58.61			58.61	58.61	

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20-Apr	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP38	83.51				83.51			83.51	83.51	
22-Apr	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP39	212.00		212.00					212.00	212.00	163633
22-Apr	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP40	212.00		212.00					212.00	212.00	163634
22-Apr	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP41	234.50		234.50					234.50	234.50	163631
24-Apr	Castle Vets		FP42	100.00				100.00			100.00	100.00	1036482
29-Apr	Forrest House Bedale		FP43	115.07					115.07		115.07	115.07	
30-Apr	Swale Vets		FP44	102.96					102.96		102.96	102.96	
4-May	Wilson Vet Group		FP45	25.22					25.22		25.22	25.22	
6-May	Scott Mitchell		FP46	106.24	106.24						106.24	106.24	
14-May	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP47	54.94					54.94		54.94	54.94	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP48	40.00				40.00			40.00	40.00	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP49	40.00				40.00			40.00	40.00	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP50	70.75				70.75			70.75	70.75	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP51	70.00				70.00			70.00	70.00	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP52	77.95				77.95			77.95	77.95	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP53	60.00					60.00		60.00	60.00	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP54	20.00					20.00		20.00	20.00	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP55	19.68					19.68		19.68	19.68	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP56	12.00					12.00		12.00	12.00	
8-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP57	215.33				215.33			215.33	215.33	
9-Jun	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP61a	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
8-Jun	Wilson Vet Group		FP58	272.00				272.00			272.00	272.00	
26-Jun	Wilson Vet Group		FP59	250.00				250.00			250.00	250.00	
26-Jun	Wilson Vet Group		FP60	75.58				75.58			75.58	75.58	
13-Jul	Medivet		FP61b	500.36				500.36			500.36	500.36	
19-Jul	Medivet		FP62	90.64				90.64			90.64	90.64	
4-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP63	65.00				65.00			65.00	65.00	
4-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP64	25.00				25.00			25.00	25.00	
4-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP65	40.00				40.00			40.00	40.00	
4-Aug	Wilson Vet Group		FP66	29.08				29.08			29.08	29.08	
4-Aug	Wilson Vet Group		FP67	104.49				104.49			104.49	104.49	
4-Aug	Wilson Vet Group		FP68	14.21				14.21			14.21	14.21	
4-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP69	87.74					87.74		87.74	87.74	
4-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP70	33.07					33.07		33.07	33.07	
4-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP71	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
18-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP72	25.00				25.00			25.00	25.00	
18-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP73	65.00				65.00			65.00	65.00	

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18-Aug	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP74	40.00				40.00			40.00	40.00	
29-Aug	Wilson Vet Group		FP75	14.21				14.21			14.21	14.21	
29-Aug	Wilson Vet Group		FP76	44.65				44.65			44.65	44.65	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP77	329.15		329.15					329.15	329.15	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP78	87.80					87.80		87.80	87.80	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP79	66.45		66.45					66.45	66.45	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP80	37.20					37.20		37.20	37.20	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP81	98.32					98.32		98.32	98.32	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP82	120.90			120.90				120.90	120.90	
11-Oct	Medivet		FP83	37.20					37.20		37.20	37.20	
3-Oct	Vets4Pets Bishop Auckland		FP84	76.50					76.50		76.50	76.50	
4-Oct	Medivet Darlington		FP85	37.20					37.20		37.20	37.20	
18-Oct	John Muir Slatburn Vets		FP86	705.16	705.16						705.16	705.16	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP87	72.00				72.00			72.00	72.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP88	10.00					10.00		10.00	10.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP89	41.42					41.42		41.42	41.42	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP90	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP91	133.41				133.41			133.41	133.41	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP92	18.00					18.00		18.00	18.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP93	22.00					22.00		22.00	22.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP94	44.00					44.00		44.00	44.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP95	46.45					46.45		46.45	46.45	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP96	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP97	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP98	50.00					50.00		50.00	50.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP99	50.00					50.00		50.00	50.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP100	18.00					18.00		18.00	18.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP101	25.00					25.00		25.00	25.00	
1-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP102	11.54					11.54		11.54	11.54	
5-Nov	John Muir Slatburn Vets		FP103	14.86	14.86						14.86	14.86	
21-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP104	25.00				25.00			25.00	25.00	
21-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP105	65.00				65.00			65.00	65.00	
21-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP106	40.00				40.00			40.00	40.00	
21-Nov	Scott Mitchell		FP107	77.54	77.54						77.54	77.54	
21-Nov	Scott Mitchell		FP108	40.50	40.50						40.50	40.50	
30-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP109	65.00					65.00		65.00	65.00	
30-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP110	25.00					25.00		25.00	25.00	

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30-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP111	40.00					40.00		40.00	40.00	
30-Nov	Darlington Vet Clinic		FP112	294.76				294.76			294.76	294.76	
10-Dec	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP113	66.00				66.00			66.00	66.00	
10-Dec	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP114	110.00				110.00			110.00	110.00	
14-Dec	Vets4Pets Darlington		FP114a	40.00				40.00			40.00	40.00	
14-Dec	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP115	265.31				265.31			265.31	265.31	
14-Dec	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP116	234.50				234.50			234.50	234.50	
14-Dec	Vets4Pets Catterick		FP117	212.00				212.00			212.00	212.00	
21-Dec	Vets4Pets Bishop Auckland		FP118	55.25				55.25			55.25	55.25	
23-Dec	Medivet Darlington		FP120	43.88					43.88		43.88	43.88	
23-Dec	Medivet Darlington		FP121	8.59					8.59		8.59	8.59	
23-Dec	Medivet Darlington		FP122	152.34				152.34			152.34	152.34	
23-Dec	Medivet Darlington		FP123	106.95				106.95			106.95	106.95	
23-Dec	Medivet Darlington		FP124	574.30				574.30			574.30	574.30	
23-Dec	Medivet Darlington		FP125	873.93					873.93		873.93	873.93	
				13,878.48	1,252.14	1,483.76	1,278.67	6,695.37	3,168.54	-	13,878.48	13,878.48	

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31-Jan	Amazon Europe	16.83	16.83	0.00	16.83	16.83
10-Feb	Tfr from General	5000.00		5000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
24-Apr	Amazon Europe	5.00	5		5.00	5.00
19-May	Amazon Europe	32.75	32.75		32.75	32.75
10-Jul	Tfr from General	5000.00		5000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
22-Dec	Tfr from General	5000.00		5000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
					0.00	0.00
					0.00	0.00
					0.00	0.00
		15,054.58	54.58	15,000.00	15,054.58	15,054.58

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3-Jan	Diaries	2360	15	30.97			30.97								30.97
23-Jan	EE	DD		7.98			7.98								7.98
10-Feb	Tfr to Clinic	TFR		5000.00										5,000.00	5000.00
17-Feb	ICO	DD		35.00							35.00				35.00
21-Feb	EE	DD		7.98			7.98								7.98
1-Mar	RSPCA Insurance	TFR		63.33										63.33	63.33
21-Mar	EE	DD		7.98			7.98								7.98
8-Apr	Stamps/Envelopes	2361	1	41.83			41.83								41.83
21-Apr	EE	DD		9.12			9.12								9.12
27-Apr	Cat Hub	TFR		15000.00									15,000.00		15000.00
5-May	RSPCA branch contrib (from door to door money)	FPO		551.00					551.00						551.00
22-May	EE	DD		9.12			9.12								9.12
19-Jun	Momentum	FPO		135.00							135.00				135.00
20-Jun	RSPCA Purchase	FPO		176.46					176.46						176.46
21-Jun	EE	DD		9.12			9.12								9.12
25-Jul	Royal Mail	TFR		396.00			396.00								396.00
10-Jul	Tfr to Clinic	TFR		5000.00										5,000.00	5000.00
21-Jun	EE	DD		9.12			9.12								9.12
9-Aug	Tesco Mobile (R)	2362		144.98			144.98								144.98
10-Aug	Barton Hall Hire	2363		53.50						53.50					53.50
21-Aug	Sarah Teasdale	FPO		5.00				5.00							5.00
21-Aug	EE	DD		9.12			9.12								9.12
29-Aug	RSPCA for Tfr to	TFR		34484.00										34,484.00	34484.00
4-Sep	ZooPlus	FPO		499.86			499.86								499.86
11-Sep	Hurworth Comm	FPO		20.00				20.00							20.00
14-Sep	Barton Institute	FPO		14.00						14.00					14.00
21-Sep	EE	DD		9.70				9.70							9.70
29-Sep	Barton Hall Hire	DD		14.00						14.00					14.00
20-Oct	EE	DD		9.60			9.60								9.60
20-Nov	EE	DD		9.60			9.60								9.60
21-Dec	EE	DD		9.60			9.60								9.60
22-Dec		TFR		5000.00										5,000.00	5000.00
				66772.97	0.00	0.00	1211.98	34.70	727.46	81.50	170.00	0.00	15000.00	49547.33	66772.97

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3-Jan	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
9-Jan	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
12-Jan	Jean Burnside	250.00					250.00			
13-Jan	RSPCA No1	55.50	55.50							
16-Jan	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
23-Jan	500432 Pentland	5.00					5.00			
23-Jan	500432 Ziffet	6.06					6.06			
31-Jan	RSPCA No1	63.33	63.33							
31-Jan	RSPCA No1	2055.43	2,055.43							
1-Feb	Dales Acadamies	10.40					10.40			
1-Feb	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
9-Feb	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
15-Feb	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
1-Mar	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
8-Mar	500433 Sadler and Brompton	50.14					50.14			
9-Mar	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
15-Mar	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
3-Apr	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
6-Apr	500434 Pentland and Truett	15.00					15.00			
6-Apr	500434 Ziffet	5.58					5.58			
11-Apr	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
17-Apr	RSPCA No1	33.00	33.00							
17-Apr	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
2-May	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
9-May	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
9-May	500435 L adams	100.00					100.00			
11-May	RSPCA No1	23094.00		23,094.00						
15-May	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			

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16-May	RSPCA No1	8.00	8.00							
1-Jun	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
9-Jun	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
15-Jun	RSPCA No1	53.50	53.50							
15-Jun	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
26-Jun	500439 Brompton Shop	21.46					21.46			
26-Jun	500438 Pawlicki	20.60								20.60
26-Jun	500442 Swale Vet	45.39								45.39
26-Jun	500443 Jeffersons	10.04								10.04
26-Jun	500400 Meynells Richmon	45.72								45.72
28-Jun	500437 Ravensworth	84.14								84.14
29-Jun	500436 Meynells B/Castle	348.92								348.92
30-Jun	RSPCA No1	32.00	32.00							
3-Jul	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
5-Jul	500444 Marne Barracks	60.00								
10-Jul	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
17-Jul	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
18-Jul	500445 Chilton trust	250.00					250.00			
26-Jul	500446 J Pegg	5.00					5.00			
31-Jul	Royal Soc PAYTR	15.50	15.50							
1-Aug	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
9-Aug	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
9-Aug	500447 Adams	1200.00					1,200.00			
15-Aug	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
18-Aug	RSPCA No1	34484.00								
24-Aug	500448 Yorkshire Trading	9.41								9.41
24-Aug	500449 Mr Fisher	263.60					263.60			
31-Aug	Royal Soc PAYTR	50.00	50.00							

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1-Sep	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
4-Sep	500450 Sadler	20.00					20.00			
4-Sep	500301 Hurworth fair	259.50								
4-Sep	500302 Cockerton dog show	53.70								
11-Sep	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
15-Sep	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
18-Sep	Jo Thompson	30.00					30.00			
29-Sep	500303 Chapman	50.00					50.00			
3-Oct	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
8-Oct	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
9-Oct	500304 Richmond street	85.65								85.65
16-Oct	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
16-Oct	Royal Soc PAYTR	25.00	25.00							
18-Oct	500305 Adoption	150.00					150.00			
26-Oct	500306 Sadler	20.00					20.00			
31-Oct	Royal Soc Reimburse Brar	499.86	499.86							
1-Nov	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
9-Nov	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
10-Nov	500307 Bnd Castle Street	54.19								54.19
15-Nov	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
17-Nov	Royal Soc Cheesborough I	7130.94				7130.94				
23-Nov	500308 Gainford Fair	80.00	0.00							
1-Dec	EJ Shaw	60.00					60.00			
1-Dec	Porter Sales `Ebay	32.76								

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GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2023

GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2023

Date	Payer Reference	Total Received	RSPCA Subs and Donations	Door to Door	VAT refunds	Legacy	Donations	Fees paid from Cat Hub	Adoption s	Collectio n Boxes
4-Dec	500310 Brompton Shop	22.73								22.73
4-Dec	500311 L Adams Donation	500.00					500.00			
4-Dec	500309 Paddock Farm	103.00								
11-Dec	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00			
13-Dec	Royal Soc PAYTR	1429.04	1429.04							
13-Dec	Jo Thompson	30.00					30.00			
15-Dec	G Crawford	10.00					10.00			
18-Dec	500313 Junction 7	41.69					41.69			
18-Dec	500312 Fisher	86.34					86.34			
22-Dec	RSPCA Dton Admin Cat H	500.00								
		74879.12	4320.16	23094.00	0.00	7130.94	4034.27	0.00	0.00	726.79

To be Transferred To Cat Hub	Transfere d from Cat Hub	Events / Fund Raising	Sub Total	In Bank
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			250.00	250.00
			55.50	55.50
			10.00	10.00
			5.00	5.00
			6.06	6.06
			63.33	63.33
			2055.43	2055.43
			10.40	10.40
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			10.00	10.00
			60.00	60.00
			50.14	50.14
			7.00	7.00
			10.00	10.00
			60.00	60.00
			15.00	15.00
			5.58	5.58
			7.00	7.00
			33.00	33.00
			10.00	10.00
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			100.00	100.00
			23094.00	23094.00
			10.00	10.00

To be Transferred To Cat Hub	Transferred from Cat Hub	Events / Fund Raising	Sub Total	In Bank
			8.00	8.00
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			53.50	53.50
			10.00	10.00
			21.46	21.46
			20.60	20.60
			45.39	45.39
			10.04	10.04
			45.72	45.72
			84.14	84.14
			348.92	348.92
			32.00	32.00
			60.00	60.00
		60.00	60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			10.00	10.00
			250.00	250.00
			5.00	5.00
			15.50	15.50
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			1200.00	1200.00
			10.00	10.00
34,484.00			34484.00	34484.00
			9.41	9.41
			263.60	263.60
			50.00	50.00

To be Transferred To Cat Hub	Transferre d from Cat Hub	Events / Fund Raising	Sub Total	In Bank
			60.00	60.00
			20.00	20.00
		259.50	259.50	259.50
		53.70	53.70	53.70
			7.00	7.00
			10.00	10.00
			30.00	30.00
			50.00	50.00
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			85.65	85.65
			10.00	10.00
			25.00	25.00
			150.00	150.00
			20.00	20.00
			499.86	499.86
			60.00	60.00
			7.00	7.00
			54.19	54.19
			10.00	10.00
			7130.94	7130.94
		80	80.00	80.00
			60.00	60.00
		32.76	32.76	32.76

To be Transferred To Cat Hub	Transferre d from Cat Hub	Events / Fund Raising	Sub Total	In Bank
			22.73	22.73
			500.00	500.00
		103	103.00	103.00
			7.00	7.00
			1429.04	1429.04
			30.00	30.00
			10.00	10.00
			41.69	41.69
			86.34	86.34
	500.00		500.00	500.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
34484.00	500.00	588.96	74879.12	74879.12

RSPCA DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE (I&E) ACCOUNT SUMMARY 2023

Bank Statement Reconciliation

1st Jan - 31 Dec 2023	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
Clinic Bank Account	6,292.09	15,054.58	13,878.48	7,468.19
General Bank Account	71,848.94	74,879.12	66,772.97	79,955.09
Total	78,141.03	89,933.70	80,651.45	87,423.28

Cat Hub Accounts Summary 2023

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals 2023
Opening Bank	67,281.97	68,685.73	60,791.31	58,303.05	70,073.03	108,719.75	116,582.82	115,363.75	148,342.53	143,889.20	106,575.17	105,951.54	
INCOME													
Donations	727.39	1,231.17	2,508.37	1,667.55	6,123.47	847.45	743.76	1,362.47	429.25	1,040.91	1,172.31	1,460.08	19,314.18
Adoptions	4,214.15	2,615.74	1,319.39	2,543.70	1,368.85	1,101.07	2,392.25	3,789.79	2,795.65	3,001.12	2,054.47	3,427.06	30,623.24
Events & Findraising					25.23		852.23	161.95	644.26	26.98	449.37	515.44	2,675.46
HMRC VAT		2,249.94			2,334.78			1,677.28			2,511.77		8,773.77
Grants												10,000.00	10,000.00
Branch Donations				15,636.58	36,000.00	15,000.00		34,484.00	-	34,484.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	69,436.58
Cat Hub a/c's 2023		630.00			618.03		2,662.87			862.19	915.60		5,688.69
Insurance			63.33							33.33		20.00	116.66
Misc							67.22						67.22
Sub Total	4,941.54	6,726.85	3,891.09	19,847.83	46,470.36	16,948.52	6,718.33	41,475.49	3,869.16	- 29,519.47	8,503.52	16,822.58	146,695.80
EXPENDITURE													
Professional Fees	303.51	616.01	467.25	291.32	1,026.78	366.32	378.82	353.82	266.32	366.32	680.52	116.32	5,233.31
Employment Costs	2,590.90	2,457.22	2,577.66	3,251.06	2,759.08	2,374.43	3,590.20	3,115.05	2,955.33	3,204.63	2,865.32	2,863.85	34,604.73
Office Expenses	38.80	67.31	50.40	188.60	44.06	92.90	83.05	86.65	105.85	86.65	83.47	87.75	1,015.49
Volunteer Expenses	301.49	197.46	95.76	174.31	-	147.60	115.02	77.40	41.04	246.60	239.89	62.50	1,699.07
Vet Fees	112.20	8,775.32	1,566.40	4,127.66	3,959.50	5,983.72	3,011.64	4,500.59	4,121.11	3,110.92	5,033.52	3,200.53	47,503.11
Misc	190.88	2,507.95	1,621.88	44.90	34.22	120.48	758.67	363.20	832.84	779.44	224.43	1,348.17	8,827.06
Sub Total	3,537.78	14,621.27	6,379.35	8,077.85	7,823.64	9,085.45	7,937.40	8,496.71	8,322.49	7,794.56	9,127.15	7,679.12	98,882.77
Closing Bank	68,685.73	60,791.31	58,303.05	70,073.03	108,719.75	116,582.82	115,363.75	148,342.53	143,889.20	106,575.17	105,951.54	115,095.00	115,095.00

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 232264

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Limited
Harelands Courtyard Offices
Moor Road
Melsonby
Richmond
North Yorkshire
DL10 5NY

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.**

I report to the trustees on my examination for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out in pages 3 to 5

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance as required with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper unstanding of the accounts to be reached

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DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	General £	Clinic £	Cat Hub £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Redwood Bank				41216	40160
Cash at Bank	79955	7468	115095	202518	145168
VAT			2409	2409	2047
Trade creditors			-3881	-3881	-6007
Sundry Creditors	-142			-142	-126
	79813	7468	113623	242119	181242

REPRESENTED BY :

Accumulated Surplus brought forward	181242	166370
Add : Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	60877	14872
	242119	181242

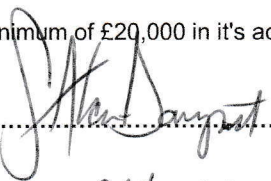
Revenue Policy Statement

RSPCA Darlington & District Branch plan hold a 12-18 month expenditure figure of £40,000 in reserve with Redwood Bank.

As interest rates have been rising lately the Branch will look at other banks to ascertain where the reserves are best placed to gain the most interest in 2024 to ensure the Branch stays financially viable.

The Cat Hub account will hold a minimum of £20,000 in it's account to ensure the project remains viable.

Chairman


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Treasurer


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DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	General £	Clinic £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Collection Boxes	727		727	300
Donations General	4034	55	4089	4445
Door Grant	23094		23094	24863
Subscriptions	4320		4320	412
Events	589		589	761
Investment Income	1056		1056	160
Legacy	7131		7131	
Cat Hub	500		500	500
	41451	55	41505	31441
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Vet's Charges		12225	12225	6988
Insurance				1180
Marketing				198
Audit & Accountancy	151		151	132
Great Ayton				724
Felledge				698
Fostering		1484	1484	1557
Office costs	1455		1455	915
Donations	15551		15551	12610
	17157	13708	30865	25002
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR			10640	6439

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	Cat Hub £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations General	13362	13362	7042
Donations Branch	71000	71000	50000
Lottery	4389	4389	3525
Boarding	6325	6325	4170
Adoption	30014	30014	20136
Fundraising	2571	2571	
Grant	10000	10000	
Other income	130	130	
	137791	137791	84873
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Purchases			
Vet's Charges	36646	36646	23456
Vouchers			1233
Wages	34605	34605	19413
Boarding	5877	5877	28972
Office costs	1716	1716	1305
Accountancy	3138	3138	188
Room hire	135	135	
Marketing	334	334	
Professional Fees	3484	3484	1296
Volunteer expenses	1620	1620	576
	87555	87555	76439
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		50236	8434

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RSPCA Darlington and District Branch

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December 2022

Reference and Administrative details:

Registered Charity Number: 232264

Trustees:

- S. Alcorn-Davenport – Website/Facebook Co-ordinator/
Regional Representative
- R. Toothill – Branch Treasurer
- K. Hunton – Admin
- R. King - Admin
- S.M. McLaren – Animal Welfare Coordinator, Fosterer,
Home Visitor
- L. Moore – Secretary/Admin, Events/Fundraiser coordinator,
Fosterer/Bookkeeper/Volunteer coordinator
- J. Dean – Cat Hub Treasurer (retired 31st Dec 2022)
- M. Nicholson - Fundraiser

Branch Partnership Manager S. Mason (BPM)

Principle Address: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch
PO Box 200, Richmond
North Yorkshire, DL10 9DN

Tel: 079723 68602 (Branch answering machine)
RSPCA Emergency 24 hour helpline: 0300 1234 999

Web: www.rspca-darlington.org.uk
Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Independent Examiners: Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Ltd
Harelands Courtyard Offices
Moor Road
Melsonby, Richmond,
North Yorkshire, DL10 5NY

Bankers:

- Lloyds Bank (General & Clinic accounts)
PO Box 1000, Andover, BX10 1LT
- National Savings Investments Bank (Reserve account)
Glasgow G58 1SB
- Redwood Bank Ltd (reserves transferred from NSIB)
Nexus Building Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3TA



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The Branch Trustees hereby present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The Darlington & District Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association, which operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches. The Branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same objectives as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). The network comprises independent branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care and treatment. A regional structure also exists on a national basis, which provides a team of specialist Inspectors and co-ordinates policies and objectives of the branches. National, regional and branches meet regularly in pursuit of their common aims.

Trustees are elected from eligible Members, at the AGM and are briefed on their responsibilities and specific roles which they may be taking on. Meetings are held at 6 weekly intervals usually, to agree the day to day running of the Branch. The Trustees are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregular activities. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity. They actively review operational, financial and business risks and confirm they have systems to mitigate any potential risks such as:

- Loss of reputation through fraud or error
- Loss of income through fraud or error
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities

Recruitment of Trustees:

A standard procedure is followed in recruiting Trustees. Nomination papers are sent to every member of the Branch area, with a date for their return. The candidates must have 2 signed members of the Branch as nominees. At the AGM there must be 5 members elected by ballot papers for the Branch to be recognised as a committee and at least 5 members should be present at the AGM.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Branch is to maintain 12 – 18 months unrestricted expenditure. As the Charity relies on donations and legacies, which can fluctuate year to year, it is felt prudent to maintain these reserves at this level so, to continue the animal welfare work carried out by the Branch.



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Objectives and Activities

The main object of the Branch is to promote the work of the National RSPCA Society in promoting kindness and lessening cruelty to animals by all lawful means, within our Branch area and in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the Charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch works closely with the National Society and generates its own funds to help and care for animals which need assistance within our local area.
- Subsidised veterinary treatment is provided via the Branch voucher scheme to enable animals to attend a veterinary consultation or be neutered, or microchipped, when they are owned by Members of the Public who receive benefits. The Branch also financially supports, abused, abandoned and neglected local animals so they can receive veterinary treatment when rescued by our Inspectorate. During 2022 Branch Veterinary treatments amounted to £9595.23, which covered Inspectorate animals and those members of the public assisted via the Branch animal welfare scheme. The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub financial support amounted to £12,000.00 and Great Ayton Animal Centre and Felledge Animal Centre financial support amounted to £1,423.70p and fostering amounted to £1,389.46p
- Responsible pet ownership is promoted by the Branch via a subsidised voucher scheme, for the neutering and microchipping of animals, owned by earners on low-income, which helps to lessen the numbers of unwanted puppies and kittens and helps lost/stolen dogs to be returned to their owners.
- As promoted and supported by the RSPCA, the Branch ventured into Volunteer Speaking in 2019. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions no talks were given throughout 2020 and 2021 and this trend followed on into 2022. We're advertising talks to be given during 2023 and promoting good animal welfare on our Facebook page and we gave out information to the students at Queen Elizabeth College, Darlington and at the fundraising events we held.



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Many wild animals become entangled in litter which has been discarded by humans. Litter can cause injury or death to those tangled up in it. The Branch worked with Richmond District Council to collect litter from one hedge approximately 300 meters in length. We gathered 11 bags of rubbish and a child's broken scooter in 3 hours.

- When possible, the Branch supports the local Inspectors by fostering dogs and cats/kittens. The animals are cared for by our foster carers then, neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments, in readiness for adoption when potential adopters come along. The Branch carries out home visit checks to ensure the animal is adopted into an environment where the animal and the adopter are suitably matched.
- RSPCA Darlington & District Branch and RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work. Volunteers can become trustees, fundraisers, helpers at events, cat or dog foster carers, volunteer speakers or social media administrators. The activities mentioned benefit local people by providing voluntary work, which is compassionate and rewarding, in helping the Branch, Cat Rehoming Hub and local needy animals.
- Tesco at Catterick Garrison very kindly placed an animal food collection bin in-store for us, between May and December 2022, collecting 719 kg of animal food donations from their customers. This was shared between our Inspectorate and Cat Rehoming Hub. The Inspectors take food out, on their vans, to needy animals which they attend to. Food and litter given to the Cat Rehoming Hub foster carers helps them to look after their foster cats and kittens.



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Via the Pets at Home VIP voucher scheme, the Branch was given over £2,000 of food for cats and dogs and litter for cats. This was shared between Inspectorate animals and the Cat Rehoming Hub with a small amount being used for Branch foster kittens.



- The Branch attended the following fundraising events and collection boxes
Totalling £1,341.27 and we would like to thank the undermentioned businesses for their help.

Wensleydale Agricultural Show £240
Darlington street collection £121.43p
Richmond Christmas Fair £138.40p
Brompton shop & PO £103.73
Chilton Trust £250

Reeth Agricultural Show £164.70
Hurworth Fair £217.51p
Richmond street collection £80.38
Art shop Richmond £13.69
Ziffit books £25.12

We would also like to thank Individual members of the public for their very kind and generous donations

Mr. & Mrs Adams, Mr. Fisher, D. Pentland, E. Lowe, L Schorter, J.E.Taylor,
V. K. Saddler, E. Shaw, B Stairmand and G. Crawford. Their kind donations totalled
£3,426.55p.



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RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

The Inspectorate work incredibly hard in rescuing as many cats as possible and place them in the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub, which opened in 2018. Since opening, the number of cats including ferals, rehomed or rehoused from the Cat Rehoming Hub is 1,251. At one point there were 85 cats in foster care!

Cats and kittens are cared for by foster carers prior to rehoming. There are currently 28 active volunteers, most but not all of whom are fosterers. Many take on additional volunteer roles including drivers, event organisers, social media, website, home checkers and administration roles.

The Cat Rehoming Hub raises funds to help cover costs including specific fundraising campaigns for individual cats on social media and attending local fundraising events. The events team have also attended, a number of local fundraising events and raised the following:

Denes Family Fun Day £125	Wensleydale Show £190.98p
Reeth Show £112.18p	Thornaby Show £167
Hurworth Country Show £271	Tees Cottage Christmas Market £264.37p
Cockerton Community & Business Group Christmas Fayre £108.60p	

The Cat Rehoming Hub is currently in the process of seeking permission to build a 10 pod Cattery to support and supplement the fostering team. Middlesbrough, Stockton, Northallerton and Darlington Branches give financial and practical support to the Cat Rehoming Hub project annually.



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Our local Inspectorate

The RSPCA local Inspectorate Team covers a very large area of Durham, Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Barnard Castle, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Darlington and Richmond and all the villages in between. They are kept busy every day in rescuing, abused, abandoned and neglected animals, placing them within foster care and RSPCA centres, from which they are then, rehabilitated and then rehomed when the time is right for that animal.

Our Inspectors have worked through difficulties over the past few years, in dealing with Covid 19, Avian Flu and the cost-of-living crisis but they tirelessly continue to rescue many abandoned, neglected, abused and injured animals. They also help the animals belonging to members of the general public, who are facing difficulties at certain points in their own lives.

Time given by our Trustees was accrued across the year by;

- Attending Trustee meetings, RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub meetings, RSPCA Regional meetings and conferences online.
- Selling books online, which we would normally have sold at fundraising events, but book sales have reduced at events over the past few years.
- Fostering kittens and 1 dog which we took into our care during 2022. Fostering kittens just a few weeks old without their mother takes up many, many hours and fostering dogs who have injuries or health conditions also takes up lots of time.
- Social media and website work, advertising volunteer posts, promoting our Branch and activities as well as giving out leaflets to members of the public, to promote good animal husbandry. The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub cats and kittens are promoted on our Facebook page when they are ready to be adopted into new homes. They are health checked, neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments before adoption.



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- Taking reports and questions from the public about animals not being cared for properly. Some of these are referred to our National Control Centre and passed to our Inspectors who are called out to assist the animals.
- Taking phone calls/emails from members of the public requesting financial help towards Veterinary consultations or having their animal neutered or microchipped, when their owners are on certain benefits or on low income.
- Collecting and delivering animal foods to our Inspectorate, so they can help the animals they are called to. Food deliveries are also shared with the RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub, to help the foster carers feed their foster cats and kittens.
- Administration which covers many duties, such as phone calls, writing letters and emails to Trustees, Volunteers, businesses, members of the general public, veterinary establishments, RSPCA offices and our National Control Centre. Keeping accounts up to date, checking volunteer applications forms and obtaining references, updating social media accounts, keeping necessary official paperwork up to date to comply with RSPCA and Branch policies and Charity Commission guidelines.

Many thanks go to Karen, Sheila, Stacy, Ruth, Richard, John, Joan, Lisa and Linda who have helped with admin, finances, social media, fostering, driving, fundraising events and selling books online.

- **Fostering**

During 2022 we cared for 19 kittens, who were picked up when they were tiny and without their mothers.



The Branch fostered 1 injured dog for our Inspectorate. He's been doing well and has a new and loving home to go to.



Having cats neutered is important, especially when they are allowed to roam, outdoors. Neutering is beneficial for the mother's welfare but also for all the kittens, who can be born outdoors, in obscure places with little chance of survival especially, when their mother isn't with them anymore. Neutering would help to stop some of this terrible suffering and our Branch may be able help, make a contribution, to owners, on low income/benefits, to have their cats neutered or microchipped.

RSPCA Summary of Animal Welfare 2022 – RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub & Darlington Branch

Darlington Branch area had the following uptake for welfare assistance from the general public, as well as the number of cats/kittens which were rescued by our Inspectors and taken to our Cat Hub where they are lovingly cared for until they are ready for adoption.

	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
Welfare Assistance	26	29	0	0	55
Welfare Neutering	37	144	4	0	185
Feral Cats					
Micro-chipping	6	109	0	0	115
Home Visits		101			101
Wildlife				1 released	

Several injured, small wildlife animals were picked up and taken to the vets but unfortunately only 1 was well enough to be re-released back into the wild.

Future Plans

- Education – be able to give talks again to promote good animal welfare practices
- Promotions – to raise the profile of the Branch, the Cat Rehoming Hub and the RSPCA National Society
- Fostering – to give more animals an alternative caring place to stay whilst in our care
- Events/Fundraising – to raise as much money as possible to support animal welfare activities
- Food collections - to help feed the animals within our care
- Continue to support the wonderful work of the Cat Rehoming Hub and our Inspectorate.

Financial Review:

General a/c and Clinic a/c income for 2022	- £31,440
General a/c and Clinic a/c expenditure for 2022	- £25,000
Cat Hub a/c income for 2022	- £84,873
Cat Hub a/c expenditure for 2022	- £76,439



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Included in the income is the RSPCA “Door to Door” collection figure for 2022 of £23,218.00p, which is given by RSPCA National Society, to Branches all over the country, to help enable them to carry out the animal welfare work which they do.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair record of the affairs of the Charity, the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and consistently apply them
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether application accounting standards have been followed
- disclose and explain the financial statements
- prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation
- copies of the Branch accounts are available upon request from the Branch Secretary





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Thank you

Thanks as always, go to Mark Gent our Chief Inspector and his busy team for the incredible animal welfare work that they carry out daily. Thanks also go to our BPM Sarah Mason who has worked consistently throughout the year to help the Branch and the Cat Rehoming Hub overcome hurdles and move forward. Thank you to Sophie Moran-Barker, who is incredibly committed to the work she carries out for the Cat Rehoming Hub. We'd also like to thank all Veterinary Surgeries who work alongside us, particularly when they too have had difficult times to work through.

Many thanks go to the supermarkets who allow us to install food donation bins on their premises and to their customers who donate animal foods to us.

Pets at Home have been most generous in donating VIP vouchers to the Branch. The vouchers have been spent on animal foods and litter and dog leads. Last but not least, thanks go to all of our Trustees and Volunteers who have put in many hours of their unpaid time for the Branch, equating to **4 full time paid workers across the year. The Cat Hub volunteers have also given many, many hours, of their unpaid time too.** Without the help of dedicated volunteers and the generous donations given by the great British public, Branches could not carry out the animal welfare work which they do, so a very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has been involved.

Volunteer Enquiries

Please contact us at:

Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Facebook: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

Thank you on behalf of the Trustees of RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

Linda Moore
Branch Secretary



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3 May 2023

CAT HUB ANNUAL REPORT 2022 to be included with branch annual reports

The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub (Cat Hub) is a project run by RSPCA branches in the Tees Valley, County Durham and North Yorkshire to care for and rehome cats rescued by RSPCA officers.

Branches which support the Cat Hub are North Teesside Branch, Northallerton, Thirsk and the Dales Branch, Middlesbrough South Tees & District Branch, and Darlington and District Branch which also administers the Cat Hub.

Each branch contributes financially to the Cat Hub, and Cat Hub volunteers also fundraise under the Darlington Branch charity number.

The Cat Hub project is led by Mark Gent, Chief Inspector for Durham/Cleveland Inspectorate Group and is overseen by a Steering Group made up of one member of each of the participating branches. It employs a full-time Rehoming Coordinator – Sophie Moran-Barker – who oversees intake, rehabilitation and rehoming of cats and kittens collected by RSPCA Animal Rescuers. She also recruits and manages volunteers to help foster cats, fundraise, undertake social media and website promotion and carry out home checks etc.

All cats rehomed are health checked, vaccinated, treated for fleas and worms, microchipped and neutered, and all prospective owners are carefully matched to cats and home checked before they can adopt.

The Cat Hub project was established in April 2018 to increase local branches' intake of cats collected by Inspectors. The initial aim of the Cat Hub project was to take in a minimum of 120 cats a year, using a local cattery and fosterers to care for them.

In April 2022 the Cat Hub rehomed its 1,000th cat, when Julian Norton, the Yorkshire Vet, visited the cattery and together with Mark Gent handed over rescue cat Hugo to new owners the Pegg family. Rehoming an average of 250 cats a year makes the Cat Hub one of the most successful cat rehoming centres in the country.



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(l-r) Yorkshire Vet Julian Norton with Jean Pegg, Hugo the cat and RSPCA Chief Inspector Mark Gent

2022 saw the Cat Hub face a major challenge when the privately run cattery, which provided 20 pods for the Cat Hub, proposed to increase its fees significantly and then terminated its contract in July.

While searching for an alternative cattery the Cat Hub launched a campaign to recruit many more foster carers and by July had enough to transfer all the cats from the cattery to foster care.

This change in method of operation could have resulted in a significant fall in the number of cats rehomed, but by the end of 2022, 219 cats had been found new homes, and 21 foster carers, supported by some members of the local Inspector team, were looking after cats in their own homes.

In fact the Cat Hub cared for more cats than ever before in 2022, with an average of 70 cats in care at any one time. Very many thanks must go to all our fabulous foster carers, old and new, who have



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helped so much this year – Jean, Julie, Emma, Josie, Chantel, Madelaine, Helen, Joanne and Paul, Fiona, Kelly, Karen, Laura, Rachel, Clare, Amy, Sarah, Hollie, Terri-leigh, Alex and Liz, Debbie, Zoe, Ruth, Anna and Jonathan. The foster group has been especially generous in sharing knowledge and supporting each other as they care for cats and kittens.

The move to foster care also increased the need for volunteer drivers, as Cat Hub foster cats are now much more widespread across the area covered by the four RSPCA branches. They help Sophie transport cats to and from vets and deliver supplies of food and litter.

We recruited many more volunteer drivers in 2022. Many thanks to Alex and Liz, Andrew and Rhian, Chantel, Dani, Hollie, Jean and Andrew, Anna and Jonathan, Josie, Madelaine, Sarah and Zoe. Despite all their efforts, it was clear that Sophie was spending too much time transporting cats, so the decision was made to recruit a dedicated part-time driver who started work in January 2023.

Funds have been secured from within the RSPCA to build a new 10 pod cattery which will be managed for the Cat Hub at a private cattery. We hope that this will be operating from mid-2023 onwards.

2022 saw the Cat Hub deal with a large number of kittens, either coming in very young, with, or without mothers, or born into our care as we took in more pregnant cats.



We also found homes for a number of older cats which are traditionally harder to place, such as 15 year old Dave and his eight year old companion Elsa, and 17 years female cat Windixy and her companion, 10 year old Tommy Lee.



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Dave and Elsa in their new home

We also rehomed a number of feral cats and cared for a number of cats which required significant and long term medical treatment. These included two cats, Eliza and Autumn, who both recovered from life threatening conditions, thanks largely to the care and persistence of the foster carers who looked after them.



Eliza and Autumn

Eliza was rescued as a stray by the RSPCA with a severe collar injury under her front leg and Autumn was signed over with a severe skin condition. Both successfully found new homes after more than 12 months in our care.



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Thank you very much to all the vets practices, especially Darlington Vet Clinic, Jacqui Patersons Vets and Stanhope Park Vets, who worked with us to provide vaccinations, microchipping and neutering, as well as much more complex care and treatments.

In 2022 we took in a total 243 cats from the following branch areas:

Darlington	88
North Teesside	48
Middlesbrough	80
Northallerton	27

During 2022, we rehomed 219 cats. Each required a home check. The majority were carried by Linda, helped by Sophie and Jonathan. We are training new home checkers for 2023 to relieve some of the burden from Linda, to whom we are very grateful for all her hard work.

Rehoming so many cats each year relies on good awareness of the Cat Hub, so many thanks to Jonathan for posting cats onto the website and running the Cat Hub's social media accounts. At present the Cat Hub has more than 6,000 followers on Facebook, more than 1,000 on Instagram and more than 300 on Twitter. Thank you, too, to John for supplying our IT services.

Jean and Linda, supported by Linda Moore from the Darlington Branch, attended seven shows throughout the year, boosting awareness of the Cat Hub, and raising more than £1200.



(l-r) Jean with Linda Moore at Cockerton Christmas Fayre

Volunteers were also active in placing Cat Hub cards and posters on community noticeboards and in shops and in asking vets practices, shops and local businesses if they would become a donation collection point for us.



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By the end of the year we had collection points in Stanhope Park Vets, Burts Carpets in Darlington, Darlington Vet Clinic, Morrisons' Morton Park store, Tesco in Eaglescliffe and in Cummins offices in Darlington. Donations of food and litter play a key role in helping us reduce outgoings.



Donation bin in Tesco in Eaglescliffe

We have been especially successful in recruiting new volunteers this year and, we hope, building them into a community thanks to regular meetings, our Messenger groups and a Christmas Party! We look forward to recruiting more in 2023 to help us continue our vital work.

Once again in 2022 the Cat Hub's volunteers raised more than £10,000. Thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraising campaigns on our JustGiving pages, raising more than £6,500. Clare, a member of the local RSPCA Inspector team contributed a magnificent £846 by taking on the challenge of hiking 100 miles on the West Highland Way.

The Cat Hub weekly lottery also played a key role in raising funds, contributing more than £3,500 to our cause. Thank you very much to all the players who can win prizes of up to £25,000 for a £1 ticket each week, and thanks to Jonathan for administering the lottery, helped by Linda Moore and Stacey.



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In 2022 it cost £76,439 to operate the Cat Hub. This was significantly lower than £91,110 which it cost in 2021, as we left our cattery and moved to a full time foster operation. Annual expenditure will increase in 2023 to more than £100,000, as we take on a part-time driver and return to a cattery.

Due to the cost of living crisis, donations were down in 2022 and income fell by some £4,000. The Cat Hub's full income and expenditure figures form part of the Darlington and District Branch Accounts.

In 2023 with the cost of living crisis continuing, coupled with high inflation, the Cat Hub will require even more donations and will start to make approaches to Charitable Trusts for help with funding.

Thank You

Thank you very much to Sophie, our marvellous Rehoming Coordinator, who runs the Cat Hub and works tirelessly caring for the cats and finding them new homes. She is the lynchpin of the Cat Hub and so dedicated she dreams about cats! Her hard work is very much appreciated.

Thank you to RSPCA Chief Inspector Mark Gent and his incredible team of Animal Rescuers who continue to support the Cat Hub on a daily basis, transporting cats and helping out when the need arises.

Many thanks to Linda Moore, Secretary of the Darlington Branch, who undertakes all the administration for the Cat Hub and who has also attended all our events. Many thanks also to our supporting branches, their trustees, the members of the Steering Group and BPM Sarah Mason.

Finally, many thanks to all our staff, volunteers, donors, supporters and followers. We could not do it without you!

Further information about the Cat Hub is available at www.cathub.co.uk

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CLINIC EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2022

Cheque Date	Payee	Chq No Ref	File No.	Total Paid	RSPCA Gt Ayton	RSPCA Felledge	Fostering	Inspector Welfare / Neutering	Branch Welfare/Neutering	Sub Total
	from 2021	3000								
	from 2021	2994								
	from 2021	2982								
Jan 13	Wilsons Vet Group	3004	1	34.36	0				34.36	34.36
Mar 07	Dton Vet Clinic	3005	2	20.00					20.00	20.00
Mar 07	Dton Vet Clinic	3006	3	70.00					70.00	70.00
	Void	3007	4	0.00						-
Jan 06	Stanhope Park	3008	5	405.52				314.50	91.02	405.52
Feb 10	Abbey Vets	3009	6	30.00				30.00		30.00
Feb 08	VetsForPets Darlington	3010	7	106.32				106.32		106.32
Jan 27	PetCo	3021	8	24.98				24.98		24.98
Feb 14	Stanhope Park	3022	9	246.50				246.50		246.50
Feb 14	Stanhope Park	3023	10	53.56				53.56		53.56
	Void	3024	11	0.00						-
Feb 19	Tees Vet	3025	12	50.00				50.00		50.00
Feb 19	Forest House	3026	13	40.00					40.00	40.00
Feb 22	Wilsons Vet Group	3027	14	26.32					26.32	26.32
Feb 22	Jacqui Paterson	3028	15	358.88				358.88		358.88
Feb 22	Fell Edge	3029	16	697.50		697.50				697.50
Feb 26	VetsForPets Catterick	3030	17	130.76			130.76			130.76
Mar 10	Dton Vet Clinic	3031	18	154.57				154.57		154.57
Mar 20	Stanhope Park	3032	19	578.47				423.00	155.47	578.47
Mar 20	Great Ayton	3033	20	724.20	724.20					724.20
Apr 05	Stanhope Park	3034	21	34.20				34.20		34.20
Apr 05	Stanhope Park	3035	22	700.00				700.00		700.00
Apr 04	Grange Vets darlington	BACS	FPO1	56.00				56.00		56.00
Apr 04	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO2	40.00					40.00	40.00
Apr 19	Vets4Pets	BACS	FPO3	61.38				61.38		61.38
Apr 24	Fell Edge	3036	23	61.00				61.00		61.00
May 06	VetsForPets Darlington	3037	24	50.00					50.00	50.00
May 10	Jacqui Paterson Vets	BACS	FPO4	608.81			608.81			608.81
May 19	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO5	69.50				69.50		69.50
Jun 01	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO6	57.50				57.50		57.50
Jun 01	Medivet	BACS	FPO7	101.27					101.27	101.27
Jul 04	Jacqui Paterson Vets	BACS	FPO8	102.06			102.06			102.06
Jul 26	Castle Vets	BACS	FPO9	168.88					168.88	168.88
Jul 26	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO10	44.20					44.20	44.20
Jul 28	Payee Sore Paws Vet	3038	25	30.00					30.00	30.00

Aug 05	Vets4Pets	3039	26	100.43			100.43			100.43
Aug 15	Forest House	3040	27	50.01				50.01		50.01
Aug 30	Castle Vets	BACS	FPO11	40.00					40.00	40.00
Aug 30	Wilsons Vet Group	BACS	FPO12	127.87					127.87	127.87
Sep 26	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO13	30.00				30.00		30.00
Oct 05	Castle Vets	BACS	FPO14	30.00					30.00	30.00
Nov 01	VetsForPets Darlington	BACS	FPO15	41.00					41.00	41.00
Nov 01	Wilsons Vet Group	BACS	FPO16	105.00					105.00	105.00
Nov 14	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO17	10.06					10.06	10.06
Nov 14	Castle Vets	BACS	FPO18	72.00				72.00		72.00
Nov 14	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO19	13.50					13.50	13.50
Nov 15	XMAS FAIR RICHMOND	BACS	FPO20	60.00					60.00	60.00
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO21	38.62					38.62	38.62
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO22	20.00					20.00	20.00
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO23	60.00					60.00	60.00
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO24	80.00					80.00	80.00
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO25	38.62					38.62	38.62
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO26	45.80					45.80	45.80
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO27	10.00					10.00	10.00
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO28	60.00					60.00	60.00
Nov 24	Darlington Vet Clinic	BACS	FPO29	295.32				295.32		295.32
Nov 24	Scott Mitchell	BACS	FPO30	150.30				150.30		150.30
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO31	45.16					45.16	45.16
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO32	250.00					250.00	250.00
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO33	22.48					22.48	22.48
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO34	66.72				66.72		66.72
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO35	42.59					42.59	42.59
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO36	60.00					60.00	60.00
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO37	45.08					45.08	45.08
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO38	728.48					728.48	728.48
Nov 28	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO39	133.99			133.99			133.99
Dec 05	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO40	180.17			180.17			180.17
Dec 05	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO41	69.54			69.54			69.54
Dec 05	Medivet D'ton	BACS	FPO42	63.70			63.70			63.70
Dec 05	Sore Pws	BACS	FPO43	250.00					250.00	250.00
Dec 19	Wilsons Vet Group	BACS	FPO44	30.00				30.00		30.00
Dec 19	Wilsons Vet Group	BACS	FPO45	43.30				43.30		43.30
Dec 28	Wilsons Vet Group	BACS	FPO46	106.91				106.91		106.91
Dec 28	Vets4Pets Catterick	BACS	FPO47	76.23					76.23	76.23
Dec 28	Vets4Pets Catterick	BACS	FPO48	50.59					50.59	50.59
				9680.21	724.20	697.50	1389.46	3,646.45	3222.60	9680.21

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CLINIC INCOME ACCOUNT 2022

Date	Payer Reference	Total Received	Donations	Transfer from General A/C	Sub Total
Feb 23	Amazon	20.81	20.81		20.81
Mar 21	Transfer from General account	5000.00		5000.00	5,000.00
May 09	Amazon	9.84	9.84		9.84
Aug 16	Amazon	10.66	10.66		10.66
Nov 15	Amazon	21.36			21.36
Nov 24	Transfer from General account	60.00		60.00	60.00
Nov 28	Transfer from General account	4000.00		4000.00	4,000.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
		9,122.67	41.31	9,060.00	9,122.67

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GENERAL EXPENDITURE 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2022

Cheque Date	Payee	Chq No Ref	File No.	Total Paid	Redwood	Fostering	Office Exp / Branch Phone/Royal Mail stamps	Marketing	Goods	Room Hire	NS&I / Insur / Data Protection/ Accountant	Payments to HQ	Donations	Donation to Cat Hub	Transfer to Clinic	Sub Total
Jan 03	Office Expenses	2346	1	55.00			55.00									55.00
Jan 11	RSPCA Brch Insurance	2347	2	525.31							525.31					525.31
Jan 12	ICO	2348	3	40.00							40.00					40.00
Jan 20	Branch Contrn Cat Hub	2349	4	10000.00										10,000.00	-	10000.00
Jan 21	EE		DD 1	9.40			9.40									9.40
Feb 04	Tfr to Cat Hub		TFR1	862.50										862.50	-	862.50
Feb 14	Office Expenses	2350	5	27.50			27.50									27.50
Feb 14	Office Expenses	2351	6	14.87			14.87									14.87
Feb 21	EE		DD 2	9.40			9.40									9.40
Mar 21	EE		DD 3	9.40			9.40									9.40
Mar 21	Tfr to Clinic		TFR2	5000.00											5,000.00	5000.00
Mar 31	BITP Stall		FPO1	30.00				30.00								30.00
Mar 31	Wensleydale show	2352	7	93.00				93.00								93.00
Apr 18	RSPCA Branch contribution to HQ			110.00								110.00				110.00
Apr 19	Four Paws		FPO2	500.00									500.00			500.00
Apr 21	EE		DD 4	10.26			10.26									10.26
May 10	Office Expenses	2353	8	72.41			72.41									72.41
May 23	EE		DD 5	10.26			10.26									10.26
Jun 21	EE		DD 6	10.26			10.26									10.26
Jun 23	Momentum accountants		FPO3	126.00							126.00					126.00
Jul 08	Reeth Show	2354	9	75.00				75.00								75.00
Jul 21	EE		DD 7	10.26			10.26									10.26
Aug 11	Royal Mail PO box	2355	10	378.00			378.00									378.00
Aug 22	EE		DD 8	10.26			10.26									10.26
Sep 13	McAfee software	2356	11	129.99			129.99									129.99
Sep 21	EE		DD9	7.46			7.46									7.46
Oct 03	RSPCA Insurance refund	25.00	TFR3	25.00							25.00					25.00
Oct 21	EE	DD	DD10	7.98			7.98									7.98
Oct 18	Office Expenses	2358	13	168.00		168.00										168.00
Oct 19	Office Expenses	2359	14	71.84			71.84									71.84
Nov 21	EE	DD	DD11	7.98			7.98									7.98
Nov 24	Tfr to Clinic		TFR4	60.00											60.00	60.00
Nov 24	Tfr to Clinic		TFR5	4000.00											4,000.00	4000.00
Nov 28	RSPCA accident report books		FPO4	14.33							14.33					14.33
Nov 28	RSPCA Brch Insurance		FPO5	630.12							630.12					630.12
Dec 19	Tfr to Cat Hub		TFR6	2000.00										2,000.00		2000.00
Dec 21	EE		DD12	7.96			7.96									7.96
																0.00
																0.00
																0.00
																0.00
				25119.75	0.00	168.00	860.49	198.00	0.00	0.00	1360.76	110.00	500.00	12862.50	9060.00	25119.75

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GENERAL INCOME ACCOUNT 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2022

Date	Payer Reference	Total Received	RSPCA Subs / VAT Refund & door to door	Door to Door	Legacy	NSIB Int/Transfer/Re pay branch	Donations	Branch Donations via Cat Hub	Adoptions	Collection Boxes	To Be Tfr to cat Hub	Events / Fund Raising	Sub Total
Jan 04	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Jan 10	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Jan 11	D Pentland. PIR 500406	5.00					5.00						5.00
Jan 11	E Lowe PIR 500406	10.00					10.00						10.00
Jan 17	RSPCA subs	40.50	40.50										40.50
Jan 17	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
Jan 31	RSPCA	873.50	11.00								862.50		873.50
Feb 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Feb 14	RSPCA grant	1000.00	1,000.00										1000.00
Feb 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
Feb 15	L Schorter (PIR 500407)	500.00					500.00						500.00
Feb 15	Ziffit (PIR 500407)	8.26					8.26						8.26
Feb 18	D Pentland. PIR 500408	5.00					5.00						5.00
Mar 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Mar 01	Brompton Shop (PIR 500409)	25.50								25.50			25.50
Feb 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Mar 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Mar 09	pets at Home	137.34					137.34						137.34
Mar 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
Apr 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Apr 11	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Apr 14	RSPCA subs	40.00	40.00										40.00
Apr 19	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
Apr 22	500410 D penman	10.00					10.00						10.00
Apr 18	RSPCA grant	23218.00	23218.00										23218.00
May 03	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
May 04	500411 Brompton Shop	18.88					18.88						18.88
May 04	500412 Chilton Trust	250.00					250.00						250.00
May 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
May 12	500413	5.63					5.63						5.63
May 16	RSPCA No 1 RSPCA	92.50	92.5										92.50
May 16	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
May 25	500414 Lynn and Michael	500.00					500.00						500.00
Jun 17	RSPCA No 1 RSPCA	24.00	24.00										24.00
Jun 15	500415 J E Taylor	20.00					20.00						20.00
Jun 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
Jun 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Jun 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Jul 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Jul 11	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Jul 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00						10.00
Jul 27	Dales Acadamies	158.81					158.81						158.81
Jul 29	RSPCA	25.00	25.00										25.00
Aug 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00						60.00
Aug 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00						7.00
Aug 11	500416 D Pentland	5.00					5.00						5.00
Aug 11	500416 Ziffit books	13.43					13.43						13.43

Aug 11	500417 mr and Mrs adams	600.00					600.00					600.00
Aug 11	500418 Darlington street collection	121.43							121.43			121.43
Aug 11	500419 Brompton shop	24.27							24.27			24.27
Aug 15	RSPCA	34.00	34.00									34.00
Aug 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00					10.00
Aug 30	LFE Freeman	250.00					250.00					250.00
Aug 31	RSPCA	645.00	645.00				0.00					645.00
Sep 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00					60.00
Sep 01	500412 Wensleydale fair	240.00									240.00	240.00
Sep 01	500421 reeth show	164.70									164.70	164.70
Sep 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00					7.00
Sep 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00					10.00
Sep 15	500422 mrfisher	147.55					147.55	0.00				147.55
Sep 15	500423 art shop richmond	13.69								13.69		13.69
Sep 16	RSPCA No 1 RSPCA	70.50	70.50									70.50
Sep 20	500424 hurworth fair	217.51									217.51	217.51
Sep 20	500425 Adams	300.00					300.00					300.00
Oct 03	E Shaw	60.00					60.00					60.00
Oct 10	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00					7.00
Oct 14	RSPCA No 1 RSPCA	21.00	21.00									21.00
Oct 17	G Crawford	10.00					10.00					10.00
Nov 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00					60.00
Nov 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00					7.00
Nov 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00					10.00
Nov 17	500426 D Pentland	10.00					10.00					10.00
Nov 24	D Pentland. PIR 500427	5.00					5.00					5.00
Nov 24	Sadler PIR 500427	20.00					20.00					20.00
Nov 30	RSPCA No 1 RSPCA	53.00	53.00									53.00
Dec 01	E Shaw	60.00					60.00					60.00
Dec 07	500428 Richmond Xmas Fair	138.40									138.40	138.40
Dec 09	B Stairmand	7.00					7.00					7.00
Dec 14	500429 Mrs L Adams	500.00					500.00					500.00
Dec 14	500430 Brompton shop	35.08								35.08		35.08
Dec 15	G Crawford	10.00					10.00					10.00
Dec 20	Richmond St Collection 500431	80.38								80.38		80.38
Dec 19	RSPCA fron Cat Hub Account	500.00	500.00									500.00
		32101.86	25774.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	4403.90	0.00	0.00	300.35	760.61	32101.86

RSPCA DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH
Charity No. 232264
INCOME & EXPENDITURE (I&E) ACCOUNT SUMMARY

1st Jan - 31 Dec 2022	Income	Expenditure	Net
General a/c	32,101.86	25,119.75	6,982.11
Clinic a/c	9,122.67	9,680.21	(557.54)
Total	41,224.53	34,799.96	6,424.57

Bank Statement Reconciliation

1st Jan - 31 Dec 2022	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance
General Bank Account	64,866.85	32,101.86	25,119.75	71,848.96
Clinic Bank Account	7,141.74	9,122.67	9,972.32	6,292.09
Total	72,008.59	41,224.53	35,092.07	78,141.05

Reserves

Redwood Bank 40000

Trial Balance

For Period Ending 31 December 2022

Code	Name	Oct - Dec 2022	
		Debit	Credit
1200	Bank Account	183.67	0.00
2100	Trade Creditors	2,292.07	0.00
2201	VAT on Purchases	2,047.09	0.00
2202	VAT Liability	0.00	1,883.50
3200	Capital introduced	0.00	0.00
4000	Adoption/Donation	0.00	5,488.68
4002	Donations	0.00	10,260.00
4003	Facebook Donations	0.00	0.00
4004	Donr	0.00	8.55
4005	Just Giving	0.00	1,094.73
4006	Giving.com	0.00	0.00
4007	7-14 Day Boarding	0.00	1,710.00
4008	Lottery	0.00	907.50
4900	Other income	0.00	32.80
5000	Vet Fees - Neutering	2,121.67	0.00
5002	Vet Fees - Microchip	79.00	0.00
5004	Vet Fees - Treatment	6,401.18	0.00

5006	Boarding Costs - Food etc	1,445.29	0.00
5007	Cattery Boarding	0.00	0.00
5008	Vouchers	0.00	0.00
5050	Volunteer Expenses	296.25	0.00
5060	Other Direct Expenses	554.00	0.00
7000	Employee Wages and Salaries	4,775.01	0.00
7020	Employers NI	0.00	0.00
7030	Employer's Pension	65.00	0.00
7430	Entertainment	280.00	0.00
7520	Office Stationery	0.00	0.00
7530	Telephone	31.20	0.00
7540	Internet Charges	0.00	0.00
7550	Computer & Software	46.80	0.00
7560	Mobile Charges	0.00	0.00
7610	Accountancy Fees	187.50	0.00
7620	Consultancy & Professional Fees	300.03	0.00
8200	General Expenses	280.00	0.00

9999	Suspense	0.00	0.00
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		21,385.76	21,385.76
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Debit	Credit
67,281.97	0.00
0.00	6,006.59
2,047.09	0.00
0.00	0.00
0.00	94,887.90
0.00	20,135.94
0.00	10,450.85
0.00	234.12
0.00	52.94
0.00	6,475.16
116.88	0.00
0.00	4,170.00
0.00	3,524.96
0.00	32.80
2,121.67	0.00
79.00	0.00
21,255.27	0.00

1,741.55	0.00
27,229.98	0.00
1,232.80	0.00
296.25	0.00
554.00	0.00
16,687.38	0.00
1,838.08	0.00
887.49	0.00
280.00	0.00
63.47	0.00
31.20	0.00
159.60	0.00
46.80	0.00
140.40	0.00
187.50	0.00
1,295.88	0.00
310.00	0.00

87.00

0.00

145,971.26

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DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.
REGISTERED CHARITY NO:- 232264

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Limited
Harelands Courtyard Offices
Moor Road
Melsonby
Richmond
North Yorkshire
DL10 5NY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

I report to the trustees on my examination for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out in pages 3 to 4

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

It is my responsibility to :

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance as required with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper unstanding of the accounts to be reached



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DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	General £	Clinic £	Cat Hub £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Redwood Bank	40160			40160	40000
Cash at Bank	71764	6122	67282	145168	122994
VAT			2047	2047	3497
Trade creditors			-6007	-6007	
Sundry Creditors	-126			-126	-120
	111798	6122	63322	181242	166370

REPRESENTED BY :

Accumulated Surplus brought forward	166370	84018
Add Transfers from Sunderland Branch		46417
Add : Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	14872	35935
	181242	166370

Revenue Policy Statement

RSPCA Darlington & District Branch plan hold a 12-18 month expenditure figure of £40,000 in reserve with Redwood Bank.

As interest rates have been rising lately the Branch will look at other banks to ascertain where the reserves are best placed to gain the most interest in 2023 to ensure the Branch stays financially viable.

The Cat Hub account will hold a minimum of £20,000 in it's account to ensure the project remains viable.

Chairman

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Treasurer

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DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH - R.S.P.C.A.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

<u>INCOME</u>	General £	Clinic £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Collection Boxes	300		300	134
Donations General	4404	41	4445	11237
Door Grant	24863		24863	24024
Subscriptions	412		412	1073
Events	761		761	897
Miscellaneous Income (including gift aid tax)				3
Investment Income	160		160	
Adoption				195
Legacy				15000
Cat Hub	500		500	
	31399	41	31441	52563
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Vet's Charges		6988	6988	8536
Insurance	1180		1180	
Marketing	198		198	
Audit & Accountancy	132		132	120
Great Ayton		724	724	925
Felledge		698	698	3218
Fostering	168	1389	1557	
Office costs	915		915	1077
Donations	12610		12610	300
	15203	9799	25002	14176
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR			6438	38387

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
<u>INCOME</u>		Cat Hub	Total
		£	£
Donations	General	7042	11198
Donations	Branch	50000	50160
Lottery		3525	1674
Boarding		4170	5820
Adoption		20136	19806
		84873	88658
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Purchases			536
Vet's Charges		23456	19737
Vouchers		1233	1583
Wages		19413	15251
Boarding		28972	50867
Office costs		1305	943
Accountancy		188	
Professional Fees		1296	2194
Volunteer expenses		576	
		76439	91110
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		8434	-2452

Accounts



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RSPCA Darlington and District Branch

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December 2021

Reference and Administrative details:

Registered Charity Number: 232264

Trustees:

- S. Alcorn-Davenport – Website/Facebook Co-ordinator/Admin Volunteer Speaker, Regional Representative
- A. Gillborn – Treasurer
- K. Hunton – Admin
- R. King - Admin
- S.M. McLaren – Animal Welfare Co-ordinator, Fosterer, Home Visitor
- L. Moore – Secretary/Admin, Events/Fundraiser co-ordinator, Volunteer Speaker, Fosterer/Bookkeeper
- C. Mullen – Cat Hub Treasurer
- M. Nicholson - Fundraiser
- J. Shields – Fundraiser/Home Visitor (resigned/retired 9.5.21)

Branch Partnership Manager S. Mason (BPM)

Principle Address: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch
PO Box 200, Richmond
North Yorkshire, DL10 9DN

Tel: 079723 68602 (Branch answering machine)
RSPCA Emergency 24 hour helpline: 0300 1234 999

Web: www.rspca-darlington.org.uk
Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Independent Examiners: Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Ltd
Harelands Courtyard Offices
Moor Road
Melsonby, Richmond,
North Yorkshire, DL10 5NY

Bankers: Lloyds Bank (General & Clinic accounts)
PO Box 1000, Andover, BX10 1LT

National Savings Investments Bank (Reserve account)
Glasgow G58 1SB
Redwood Bank Ltd (reserves transferred from NSIB)
Nexus Building Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3TA



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The Branch Trustees hereby present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The Darlington & District Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association, which operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches. The Branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same objectives as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). The network comprises independent branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care and treatment. A regional structure also exists on a national basis, which provides a team of specialist Inspectors and co-ordinates policies and objectives of the branches. National, regional and branches meet regularly in pursuit of their common aims.

Trustees are elected from eligible Members, at the AGM and are briefed on their responsibilities and specific roles which they may be taking on. Meetings are held at 6 weekly intervals usually, to agree the day to day running of the Branch. The Trustees are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregular activities. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity. They actively review operational, financial and business risks and confirm they have systems to mitigate any potential risks such as:

- Loss of reputation through fraud or error
- Loss of income through fraud or error
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities

Recruitment of Trustees:

A standard procedure is followed in recruiting Trustees. Nomination papers are sent to every member of the Branch area, with a date for their return. The candidates must have 2 signed members of the Branch as nominees. At the AGM there must be 7 members elected by ballot papers for the Branch to be recognised as a committee and at least 7 members should be present at the AGM.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Branch is to maintain 12 – 18 months unrestricted expenditure. As the Charity relies on donations and legacies, which can fluctuate year to year, it is felt prudent to maintain these reserves at this level so to continue the animal welfare work carried out by the Branch.



Objectives and Activities

The main object of the Branch is to promote the work of the National RSPCA Society in promoting kindness and suppressing cruelty to animals by all lawful means, within our Branch area and in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the Charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch works closely with the National Society and generates its own funds to help and care for animals which need assistance within our local area.
- Subsidised veterinary treatment is provided via the Branch voucher scheme to enable animals to attend a veterinary consultation or be neutered, or microchipped, when they are owned by Members of the Public who receive benefits. The Branch also financially supports, abused, abandoned and neglected local animals so they can receive veterinary treatment when rescued by our Inspectorate. During 2021 Branch Veterinary treatments amounted to £12,677.80p, which covered Inspectorate animals and those members of the public assisted via the Branch animal welfare scheme. The Cat Hub financial support amounted to £10,000.00p and Great Ayton Animal Centre and Felledge Animal Centre financial support amounted to £4,142.28p
- Responsible pet ownership is promoted by the Branch, by subsidising neutering and micro-chipping of animals, for low-income earners, which helps to lessen the number of unwanted puppies and kittens and helps lost/stolen dogs to be returned to their owners.
- As promoted and supported by the RSPCA, the Branch ventured into Volunteer Speaking in 2019 with groups such as Brownies, Scouts and other children's and young people's groups, as well as those of adults, when their leaders request a talk on animal welfare. All talks were cancelled in 2020 and no talks were requested during 2021 due to the Corona Virus restrictions but the Branch does hope to get back to speaking about animal welfare hopefully in 2022.
- When possible, the Branch supports the local Inspectors by fostering, dogs and cats/kittens. The animals are cared for by our foster carers then, neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments, in readiness for adoption when potential adopters come along. The Branch carries out home visit checks to ensure the animal is adopted into an environment where the animal and the adopter are suitably matched. Our Home Visitors usually carry out home visits within our



area, for other Branches and Animal centres, situated in other areas of the country but this was put on hold during 2020 and again in 2021 due to the pandemic restrictions. Animal centres are carrying out their home visits mainly online and as a Branch we do home visits over the phone with adopters we usually already know.

- RSPCA Darlington & District Branch provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work which involves; trusteeship, fundraising, helping at events, fostering animals, volunteer speaking, social media and online fundraising. The activities mentioned benefit local people by providing voluntary work, which is compassionate and rewarding, in helping the Branch and our local needy animals. However, during 2021 most of these activities were put on hold due to the pandemic. Tesco at Catterick Garrison very kindly put out an animal food dumper for us from August – December collecting 262kg of animal food which was given to our Inspectorate to give out to needy animals which they were called out to attend to them and the Cat Hub foster carers also received part of the 262 kg.



- The Branch usually raises funds monthly, to enable it to carry out it's work and raise the profile of the RSPCA, the Branch and the Cat Hub but unfortunately due to Covid 19, lockdowns and restrictions, there were no events and no fundraising activities until the Autumn of 2021 when we then attended the Wensleydale show and raised



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- £307. Hurworth fair was scaled back but we raised £250 and also raised £56 at Paddock Farm Nursery and Water Garden Christmas event. The Cat Hub were invited along to these events and raised a similar amount of money to that of the Branch. Richmond District Council allowed the Branch to hold a street collection in Richmond marketplace. The weather was very cold day that day but we managed to raise £161.97p
- It has been another difficult year for the National Society and the Branch because of Covid 19. Our Inspectorate have worked through the difficulties which 2021 has thrown at them but they have still managed to help many animals in difficult situations, such as being cruelly treated, abandoned, neglected or injured.



- We would like to thank all the members of the public and small business who donated to our Branch. Our regular donations totalled £954.00p from, E. Shaw, B. Stairmand, G. Crawford and D Pentland. The late D. Robinson left a legacy of £15,000, which is hugely appreciated and we plan to hold a dog welfare event in memory of Miss Robinson. Lynn and Mike from Brompton very kindly donated £700



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to the Branch and S. Stanyer from Brompton generously gave £3,000. Durham TVCR (Probation Service) gave £1,000. Howdens Joinery donated £100.00 and V & K Dickinson gave £100. Chiltern Trust donated £253.42p, Chris & Margaret £40.00p and a collection from the late JR Nesbitt's funeral amounted to £277.00p and The Animal Welfare Trust Telford donated £353.91p. Meynells Pet Food shop, Jeffersons Grocers, Brompton shop/Post Office and Vets 4 Pets Darlington together raised £190.75p which were collection box donations from their customers. Wensleydale show, Hurworth show and Richmond street collection raised 897.39p.

Many thanks go to the individuals and businesses who generously donated to help us continue with our animal welfare locally. Pets at Home kindly gave £700 worth of vouchers to spend in store which was an additional amount due to our BPM kindly nominating the Branch for the extra amount. Pets at Home has also given a £1,760 voucher which is being shared between the Inspectorate, the Cat Hub and the Branch, and is being spent on flea and worm treatments, cat litter, animal food, bedding and dog leads.



Time given by our Trustees was accrued across the year by

- Attending Trustee meetings, Cat Hub meetings and RSPCA Regional meetings, online.
- Selling some books online, which we would normally sell at events.
- Fostering kittens which we took into our care during 2021.
- Social media and website work, advertising volunteer posts, promoting our Branch and activities as well as good animal husbandry. The Cat Hub is also promoted on our Facebook page and any cats/kittens they have which are ready for adoption.
- Taking reports and questions from the public about animals not being cared for properly, which we passed on to our National Control Centre to attend to.
- Taking phone calls/emails from members of the public requesting financial help towards Veterinary consultations or having their animal neutered.
- Taking animal food deliveries to our Inspectorate, so they could help animals they were called to and also delivering cat food to the Cat Hub to help their foster carers look after the fostered cats and kittens.
- Attending to admin which covers many duties, such as phone calls, letters and emails, to and from the general public and veterinary establishments, as well as RSPCA offices and our National Control Centre. Keeping accounts up to date, checking volunteer applications forms and obtaining references, keeping necessary



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official paperwork up to date to comply with RSPCA and Branch policies and Charity Commission guidance.

Many thanks go to Karen, Sheila, Anita, Celia, Stacy, Ruth, Joan, Lisa, Aimee and Linda who have helped with admin, finances, social media, fostering, events and selling books online.



- **Fostering**

During 2021 we cared for 19 kittens and rehomed 11 of them.



The Branch took in 2 litters of tiny kittens, just a few days old, but they had little chance of survival at such a young age.

The first litter of 5 were found in a recycling centre in Middlesbrough. They were in very poor condition and although our foster carer looked after them constantly, they unfortunately, sadly, all passed away within the week.



The second litter of 5 were found in a skip in Northallerton Industrial Centre. They were just a few days old, soaking wet and in poor condition and although constant care was given, 3 of them passed away within the week. Luckily for the other 2 kittens, they were a little stronger and with much care and attention and veterinary treatments, they managed to survive and were rehomed to loving new families.

Having cats neutered is really important, especially when they are allowed to roam outdoors. Neutering is beneficial for the mother's welfare but also for all these kittens who are born outdoors, in obscure places with little chance of survival. When owners don't want to keep the kittens, they are sometimes left in parks or skips and other places where there is no chance of survival without their mother. Neutering would help to stop some of the suffering and our Branch promotes neutering and making a financial contribution towards helping owners on low income/benefits, so they can have their cats neutered.

RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

The pandemic added pressure to the way in which our Inspectors were able to work but cats and kittens were still being rescued and Darlington Branch area had the biggest intake of the 4 local Branches, which support the Cat Hub financially.

2021 Branch Animal Welfare

	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
Welfare Assistance	48	90		1	139
Welfare Neutering	52	208	7	3	270
Feral Cats					
Micro-chipping		116			116
Home Visits		127			127
Wildlife					37

Future Plans

- Education – be able to give talks again to promote good animal welfare practices
- Promotions – to raise the profile of the Branch, Cat Hub and RSPCA National Society
- Fostering – to give more animals an alternative caring place to stay whilst in our care
- Events/Fundraising – advertise for an Events Organiser to enable us to hold events again, to raise more funds to help local animals and our Inspectorate
- Treasurers – advertise for a Cat Hub Treasurer and a Branch Treasurer as the current Cat Hub treasurer is retiring in March 2022
- Continue to support the good work of the Cat Hub Re-homing centre and our Inspectorate.



Financial Review:

Branch income for 2021 - £52,563.00p (includes £24,024.00p door to door collection figure from RSPCA National)

Branch expenditure for 2021 - £14,176.00p

Cat Hub Income for 2021 - £88,658.00p

Cat Hub Expenditure for 2021 - £91,110.00p

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law in England and Wales require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair record of the affairs of the Charity, the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and consistently apply them
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether application accounting standards have been followed
- disclose and explain the financial statements
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation
- copies of the Branch accounts are available upon request from the Branch Secretary

Thank you

Thanks as always, goes to Mark Gent our Chief Inspector and his busy team for the incredible work that they do, on a daily basis. Thanks also go to our BPM Sarah Mason who has worked consistently throughout the year to help the Branch move forward. We'd also like to thank all Veterinary Surgeries who work alongside us within our Branch area, for the benefit of animal welfare. Many thanks also go to all the Members of the Public and Businesses who have donated to the Branch and last but not least, thanks to all our Trustees and Volunteers who have put in many hours of their unpaid time to assist with animal welfare in one way or another throughout 2021. Without all the help and donations given, the Branch would not exist, so a very BIG THANK YOU to everyone.

Volunteer Enquiries

Please contact us at:

Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Facebook: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

Many thanks on behalf of the Trustees of RSPCA Darlington & District Branch
Linda Moore (Branch Secretary)

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	General £	Clinic £	Cat Hub £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Investments National Savings Bank Income Bonds					40000
Redwood Bank	40000			40000	
Cash at Bank	64782	6680	51532	122994	44138
VAT			3497	3497	
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Door to Door				13480
	1497	12679	14176	36626
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			£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
Donations	General	11198	11198	1450
	Branch	50160	50160	
Lottery		1674	1674	
Boarding		5820	5820	
Adoption		19806	19806	
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Purchases		536	536	
Vet's Charges		19737	19737	
Vouchers		1583	1583	
Wages		15251	15251	
Boarding		50867	50867	
Office costs		943	943	
Professional Fees		2194	2194	
		91110	91110	
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RSPCA Darlington and District Branch

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ending 31st December 2020

Reference and Administrative details:

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Trustees:

- S. Alcorn-Davenport – Website/Facebook Co-ordinator/Admin Volunteer Speaker, Regional Representative
- J. Evans – Resigned - Nov 2020
- A. Gillborn – Treasurer
- K. Hunton – Admin
- R. King - Admin
- S.M. McLaren – Animal Welfare Co-ordinator, Fosterer, Home Visitor
- S. McTrusty – Resigned – 02.06.21
- L. Moore – Secretary/Admin, Events/Fundraiser co-ordinator, Volunteer Speaker, Fosterer
- C. Mullen – Cat Hub Treasurer
- M. Nicholson - Fundraiser
- J. Shields – Chairperson – retired 09.06.21

Branch Partnership Manager S.Mason (BPM)

Principle Address: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch
PO Box 200, Richmond
North Yorkshire, DL10 9DN

Tel: 079723 68602 (Branch answering machine)
RSPCA Emergency helpline: 0300 1234 999

Web: www.rspca-darlington.org.uk
Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Independent Examiners: Momentum Taxation & Accountancy Ltd
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Melsonby, Richmond,
North Yorkshire, DL10 5NY

Bankers: Lloyds Bank (General & Clinic & Cat Hub accounts)
PO Box 1000, Andover, BX10 1LT

National Savings Investments Bank (Reserve account)
Glasgow G58 1SB



The Branch Trustees hereby present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

Structure, Governance and Management

The Darlington & District Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association, which operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches. The Branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same objectives as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA). The network comprises independent branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care and treatment. A regional structure also exists on a national basis, which provides a team of specialist Inspectors and co-ordinates policies and objectives of the branches. National, regional and branches meet regularly in pursuit of their common aims.

Trustees are elected from eligible Members, at the AGM and are briefed on their responsibilities and specific roles which they may be taking on. Meetings are held at 6 weekly intervals usually, to agree the day to day running of the Branch. The Trustees are responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregular activities. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity. They actively review operational, financial and business risks and confirm they have systems to mitigate any potential risks such as:

- Loss of reputation through fraud or error
- Loss of income through fraud or error
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities

Recruitment of Trustees:

A standard procedure is followed in recruiting Trustees. Nomination papers are sent to every member of the Branch area, with a date for their return. The candidates must have 2 signed members of the Branch as nominees. At the AGM there must be 7 members elected by ballot papers for the Branch to be recognised as a committee and at least 7 members should be present at the AGM.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Branch is to maintain 12 – 18 months unrestricted expenditure. As the Charity relies on donations and legacies, which can fluctuate year to year, it is felt prudent to maintain these reserves at this level so to continue the animal welfare work carried out by the Branch.



Objectives and Activities

The main object of the Branch is to promote the work of the National RSPCA Society in promoting kindness and suppressing cruelty to animals by all lawful means, within our Branch area and in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the Charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch works closely with the National Society and generates its own funds to help and care for animals which need assistance within our local area.
- Subsidised veterinary treatment is provided via the Branch voucher scheme to enable animals to attend a veterinary consultation or have their animal neutered, when they are owned by Members of the Public who receive benefits. The Branch also financially supports, abused, abandoned and neglected local animals so they can receive veterinary treatment when rescued by our Inspectorate. During 2020 Branch Veterinary treatments amounted to £12,101.76p which is less than 2018 and 2019, due to the pandemic and the Cat Hub financial support amounted to £10,000,00p.
- Responsible pet ownership is promoted by the Branch, by subsidising neutering and micro-chipping of animals, for low-income earners, which helps to lessen unwanted puppies and kittens and helps lost/stolen dogs to be returned to their owners.
- As promoted and supported by the RSPCA, the Branch has recently ventured into Volunteer Speaking with groups such as Brownies, Scouts and other children's and young people's groups, as well as those of adults, when their leaders request a talk on animal welfare. We had several talks booked to attend this year but all those arranged for after February, were cancelled due to Covid 19 lockdowns and restrictions.
- When possible, the Branch supports the local Inspectors by fostering, dogs and cats/kittens. The animals are cared for by our foster carers then, neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated and given flea and worm treatments, in readiness for adoption when potential adopters come along. The Branch carries out home visit checks to ensure the animal is adopted into an environment where the animal and the adopter are suitably matched. Our Home Visitors also carry out home visits in our area as well as for other Branches and Animal centres, situated in other areas of the country but this was put on hold during 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions.



- RSPCA Darlington & District Branch provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work which involves; trusteeship, fundraising, helping at events, fostering animals, volunteer speaking, social media and online fundraising. Those activities benefit local people by providing voluntary work, which is compassionate and rewarding, in helping the Branch and our local needy animals. Due to Covid 19 this year, all the fundraising activities were put on hold with the exception of the Tesco collections in January.

However, we did manage to recruit 2 Trustees online. One to help with Admin and one to help with Accounts. We also recruited 2 more volunteers to help with fundraising once restrictions are lifted. Our new Trustee accountant then became our Treasurer for the Cat Hub as we are now the Employing Branch for the Hub and deal with their admin and finances. Having a Treasurer for the Branch and one for the Cat Hub keeps the work separated.

- Usually, the Branch raises funds to enable it to carry out its work and raise the profile of the RSPCA, the Branch and the Cat Hub but unfortunately due to Covid 19 less money was raised during 2020. Veterinary surgeries were restricted to emergency treatments only in the spring and summer and these were still in place to some extent when restrictions were lifted a little in the autumn before we had lockdown again during the winter. Our Trustees did what they could from home to keep the Branch functioning and members of the public made some donations online or by cheque
- It has been a difficult year for the National Society and the Inspectorate because of Covid 19 and animal movement was restricted too so making re-homing more difficult for the animals. Our Inspectorate needed to adopt a different way of working as the animals were still being referred through to them.

Our local Inspectorate figures throughout 2020

COLLECTIONS	1748
ENQUIRIES	3520
ABANDONMENTS	629
TRANSFERS	656
PHONE CALLS	1600
RESCUES	424



- Tesco superstore, in Catterick Garrison collected animal foods in store and their customers were very generous in donating 343 kg of animal food over the year. Regular donations made directly into the Branch bank account by Members of the Public amounted to £1,852.50p, for which we are most grateful.
- The Branch needed to find other ways of raising funds and engaging members of the public in our work and we achieved this to some extent by fundraising online and promoting the Branch, the Cat Hub and National RSPCA on social media platforms.



Time given by our Trustees was accrued across the year by

- Attending Trustee meetings, Cat Hub meetings and Regional meetings, online.
- Selling some books online, which usually we sell at events.
- Fostering the kittens and dogs we had in our care at the time.
- Social media and website work, advertising volunteer posts, promoting our Branch and what we do in a normal year. Promoting good animal husbandry. Promoting the Cat Hub and any cats/kittens which might be ready for adoption.
- Taking reports and questions from the public about animals not being cared for properly, which we passed on to our National Control Centre to attend to.
- Taking phone calls/emails from members of the public requesting financial help towards a Veterinary consultation or towards having their animal neutered.
- Animal food deliveries to our Inspectorate, so they could help the animals which they were called to.
- Admin which covers many duties, such as phone calls, letters and emails, to and from the general public and veterinary establishments, as well as RSPCA offices and our National Control Centre. Keeping accounts up to date, checking volunteer applications forms and obtaining references, keeping necessary official paperwork up to date to comply with RSPCA and Branch policies and Charity Commission guidance.

Many thanks go to Sheila, Anita, Celia, Stacy, Ruth, Joan and Linda who helped with admin, finances, social media and fostering.



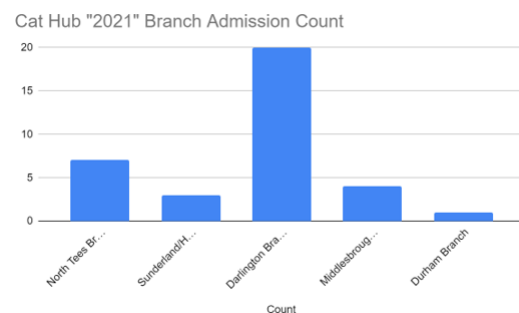
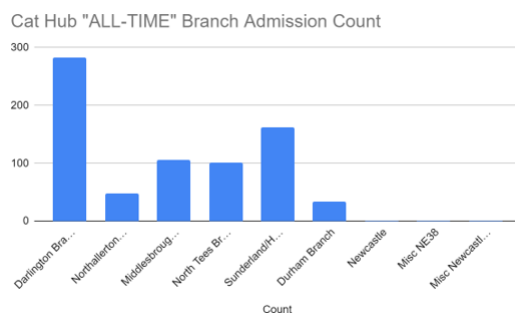
Fostering

During 2020 we cared for 1 dog and 6 kittens all of whom were adopted when restrictions were lifted.



RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub

The pandemic added pressure to the way in which our Inspectors were able to work but cats and kittens were still being rescued and Darlington Branch area had the biggest intake of our 5 local Branches which support the Cat Hub financially.





2020 Branch Animal Welfare

Neutering	Welfare	Microchipping	Home Visits	Rehoming	Animals helped
184	98	50	38	76	446

Future Plans

- Education – be able to give talks again to promote good animal welfare practices
- Promotions – to raise the profile of the Branch, Cat Hub and RSPCA National Society
- Fostering – to give more animals an alternative caring place to stay whilst in RSPCA care
- Events/Fundraising – advertise for an Events Organiser to enable us to hold events again, to raise more funds to help local animals and our Inspectorate
- Continue to support the good work of the Cat Hub Re-homing centre

Financial Review:

Total income for the year 2020 - £ 31,820p - (2019 - £34,479.38p)

Total expenditure for the year 2020 - £36,626p - (2019 - £32,071.00p)

Included in the income is the RSPCA “Door to Door” collection figure for 2020 of £25,173.00p – (2019 - £19,021.00p). The Branch holds NS & IB income bonds in reserve, to the value of £40,000.00p. This interest rate will drop next year so we are looking for an account which will pay better interest rates.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The law in England and Wales require, the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair record of the affairs of the Charity, the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and consistently apply them
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether application accounting standards have been followed
- disclose and explain the financial statements
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation
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Thank you

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We welcome our new Branch Partnership Manager Sarah Mason and look forward to the new 2021 – 2030 RSPCA Strategy which will be introduced in 2021.

Thanks as always, go to Mark Gent our Chief Inspector and his busy team and the Veterinary Surgeries who work alongside us within our Branch area, for the benefit of animal welfare.

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We would like to give our thanks to the shops which have collection boxes on their counters (although most of them have been closed throughout this year). Without public and business support, our Branch and the RSPCA generally, would not be able to carry out all the animal welfare and promotional/educational work which they do.

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Volunteer Enquiries

Please contact us at:

Email: admin@rspca-darlington.org.uk

Facebook: RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

Thank you on behalf of the Trustees of RSPCA Darlington & District Branch

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Office costs	845			845	1075
Volunteer expenses					230
Door to Door	13480			13480	
	25155	11471		36626	32071
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR				-4806	-7575