

RSPCA Poole, East Dorset & South Wiltshire branch

England & Wales · Charity number 248617

Details

Other names	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH, RSPCA POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH, RSPCA Poole, East Dorset & South Wiltshire branch
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1966-07-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	PO Box 9729 Poole BH4 0JA
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Activities

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

Activities: The primary activity of the Charity is welfare assistance whereby assistance is given towards the cost of treating owned animals and in the case of feral and stray animals all of the cost is met. We have a telephone 'help line' whereby we receive calls from members of the public and deal with their enquiries. Continuation of a cat neutering scheme incorporating a micro-chipping arrangement.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** POOLE AND EAST DORSET.
- Dorset
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£92,563	£171,512	-	-
2023-12-31	£80,657	£91,946	-	-
2022-12-31	£33,116	£92,208	-	-
2021-12-31	£79,550	£42,264	-	-
2020-12-31	£259,411	£172,930	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Michael Lewis	Chair	2017-07-18
ANN ADELINE ROBERTSON		
Jane Hoy		2016-05-26
Janet Wildey		2021-10-06
Julie Ellen Houghton		
Lesley Anne Harris		2023-01-24
Lisa Featherstone		2023-01-24
Susan Wills		2015-05-21

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Registered Charity Number: 248617

Charity's Principal Address: RSPCA Poole, PO Box 9729, Poole, BH4 0JA

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Name	Office
Mr David Lewis	Chairman
Mrs A A Robertson	
Mrs J Houghton	Hon Secretary
Ms J Wildey	
Mrs S Wills	
Miss J Hoy	Hon Treasurer
Mrs L Harris	
Mrs L Featherstone	
Ms Andrea Smith – appointed 23/07/2024	

Names and addresses of organisations providing banking services

NS&I: Sunderland SR43 2SB

Virgin Money: 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER

Scottish Widows: PO Box 883, Leeds, LS1 9TY

Charity Bank: Fosse House, 182 High Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BE

Natwest: 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YB

Nationwide: Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN38 1NW

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Teachers: Allenview House, Hanham Rd, Wimborne Minster BH21 1AG

Buckinghamshire: High Street, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4QB

Cambridge and Counties: Charnwood Court, 5B New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TE

Name and address of independent examiners

Newton Magnus Ltd: Arrowsmith Court, Station Approach, Broadstone, Dorset,
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B Structure, Governance and Management

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D. Achievements and Performance

The branch provided financial assistance for 1712 (1467 2023) treatments to animals during 2024, which included dogs, cats and rabbits. The assistance encompassed the neutering of 628 (380) cats and 114 (72) dogs.

The branch continues to financially support Ashley Heath RSPCA Animal Centre and in 2024 funded the purchase of an autoclave (£5,000), cages for degus and steel cat carriers, we also continued to supply scratching boards for rehomed cats.

Our main focus, as usual, was directly supporting animal welfare by funding treatment for animals whose owners had problems in finding the necessary funds, this amounted to £169,694 (2023 £104,700) and wherever possible the treatments were carried out at Bournemouth Branch clinic. The increase in expenditure is due mainly to the increase in welfare and neutering numbers coupled with increasing veterinary charges. Exceptional cases totalled £13,800, including, three dogs with pyometra, emergency surgery on a cat shot with an air rifle and a cat found injured by two cyclists needing urgent leg treatment.

We also held an animal action day in West Howe in April in conjunction with Bournemouth Branch which was very well supported by the local community, including councillors, dog wardens and Cats Protection volunteers.

Supporting Wildlife In Need and Weymouth Seabird Rescue with fish supplies also continued.

E. Financial Review

The main income stream for 2024 was the RSPCA door to door collection of £35,914. The remainder was from donations, collections, collection boxes etc. which amounted to £5,070. This included £880 from Janet Wildey's art exhibitions. We also received £35,000 back from Head Office which had been allocated for x-ray equipment at Ashley Heath, but was not going to be immanently spent. The trustees decided that it could be better used to support our ongoing activities, including Ashley Heath.

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E. Financial Review – continued

With total Branch income of £40,984 (excluding £35,000 returned) and expenditure of £171,320 the trustees are aware that the assets of the Poole fund will exhaust in approximately three years at this rate of expenditure if income remains the same. The South Wiltshire restricted fund with expenditure/income difference of £30,396 can easily be absorbed by South Wiltshire's assets.

Therefore, the trustees are going to work to an overall budget of £100,000 for 2025 for the Poole account, which will impact on monies given for welfare cases and neutering. Expenditure will be reviewed quarterly.

We continued to receive very generous donations of dog and cat food via our collection boxes at Sainsbury's Pitwines, Poole and Sainsbury's Ferndown. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support we receive from customers of Sainsbury's Poole and Ferndown.

It is the policy of the Charity to obtain as much income as possible from its investments subject to convenience of access and ensuring the minimum of risk.

It is the policy to hold reserves in order to obtain a return on capital sufficient to make up the shortfall between expenditure and income. The reserves level is currently £607,208, falling from £686,157 in 2023. Of this amount £246,564 was restricted, £216,168 in 2023.

The Charity continues to operate on a going concern basis.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



Mr D Lewis
Chairman

20.5.25

Date:

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**Independent Examiner's Report
Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Poole, East Dorset and South Wiltshire Branch.**

I report on the financial statements of the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Poole, East Dorset and South Wiltshire Branch for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on page 9 to 14.

Respective Responsibilities.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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C J Fairhall F C C A
Chartered Certified Accountant
Arrowsmith Court
Station Approach
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Dorset BH18 8AT

Date: 12 May 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:				
Voluntary income	3	19,327	21,657	78,952
Investment income	4	-	16,579	7,991
Donation refund		35,000	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		54,327	38,236	86,943
Resources Expended				
Charitable activities	5	23,893	145,801	104,700
Governance costs	8	38	1,780	2,050
Total Resources Expended		23,931	147,581	106,750
Net Outgoing Resources		30,396	(109,345)	(19,807)
Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2024		216,168	469,989	705,964
Total Funds at 31 December 2024		246,564	360,644	686,157

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Current Assets			
National savings income bond		55,000	55,000
Building societies		62,639	61,452
Bank balances		110,121	157,463
South West accounts - Cambridge & Counties and Charity Bank		156,644	151,001
Other income bonds - Virgin, Scottish Widows, Teachers and Buckingham		227,492	270,840
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		611,896	695,756
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9	4,688	9,599
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Net Current Assets		607,208	686,157
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Total Net Assets		£607,208	£686,157
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Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		£360,644	£469,989
Restricted funds	10	£246,564	£216,168
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		£607,208	£686,157
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These accounts were approved by the committee and signed on



 Mrs J Houghton
 Hon Secretary



 Mr D M Lewis
 Chairman

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

b) Income

Voluntary income, legacies, investment income and donations are accounted for as received by the Charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Auxiliaries contributions include income from fundraising ventures organised by the auxiliaries and hence are net of fundraising costs incurred by those auxiliaries.

Other donations include grants from head office including door to door collection.

c) Value Added Tax

Value added tax to the extent to which it is not recoverable by the Charity, is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

d) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the Charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

e) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

f) Trustees remuneration, expenses and related parties

No trustee is to receive a remuneration for services and there are no related party transactions other than reimbursed expenses. The average number of employees during the year was nil (2023 - nil).

f) Other support costs

Other support costs are sundry items incurred in the day to day running of the charity.

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2 Statement of Branch Committee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the branch committee as trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

3	Voluntary Income	2024	2023
		£	£
	Auxiliaries contributions	554	393
	RSPCA grants	17,957	12,069
	Other donations	3,146	5,431
	Legacies	-	48,256
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		21,657	66,149
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4	Investment Income	2024	2023
		£	£
	Bank interest	13,317	1,001
	Building society interest	1,187	6,365
	National savings investments	2,075	625
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		16,579	7,991
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5 Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Animal welfare	111,813	58,772
Fundraising costs	253	-
Contribution to the Regional Fund	24,892	27,446
Insurance	375	823
Telephone	651	632
Other support costs - committee and other expenses (note 7)	750	851
Donations (note 6)	7,067	3,147
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	145,801	91,671
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No trustee or connected person may receive any payment or benefit except for reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses or professional services rendered.

6 Donations	2024	2023
	£	£
Reimbursement of costs for animal welfare	-	248
Frank Greenslade Ltd	3,510	-
Pets at Home	390	195
Gull Rescue Weymouth	786	296
Ashley Heath RSPCA	270	753
Hedgehog Rescue	-	100
Wildlife in Need	2,111	305
Wilshire Wildlife Hospital	-	1,250
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7	Other Support Costs	2024	2023
		£	£
	Printing, postage & stationery	319	438
	Set up PO Box	396	378
	ICO subscription	35	35
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		750	851
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8	Governance Costs	2024	2023
		£	£
	AGM expenses	580	348
	Independent examiner's fee	1,200	1,008
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		1,780	1,356
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9	Creditors	2024	2023
		£	£
	Sundry creditors	3,488	8,591
	Accruals	1,200	1,008
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		4,688	9,599
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10	Restricted Funds - South Wiltshire Branch	2024	2023
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	216,168	217,088
	Refund of donation	35,000	-
	Donations received	1,370	734
	Grants received	17,957	12,069
	Animal welfare	(17,193)	(11,779)
	Donations paid	(6,698)	(1,250)
	AGM expenses	(38)	(34)
	Accountancy - Fawcetts	-	(660)
	Printing, postage & stationery	(2)	-
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	Balance carried forward	246,564	216,168
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This fund is restricted to the day to day running of the South Wiltshire Branch.

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Auxiliaries' Contribution to Branch Funds 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Misc	0.00	81.90
Sturminster Marshall	0.00	79.69
West Moors/Three Cross	548.04	231.08
Wimborne/Canford	5.68	0.00
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	£ 553.72	£ 392.67
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The branch provided financial assistance for 14,675 (1,215 2022) treatments to animals during 2023, which included dogs, cats, crows, pigeons, owls, sheep, foxes and rabbits. The assistance encompassed the neutering of 380 (283) cats and 72 (115) dogs.

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An inspectorate case of seven horses at Wareham requiring neutering which, along with the Bournemouth Branch and World Horse Welfare, we contributed £1,100.

Supporting Wildlife In Need and RSPCA Taylors of Dorchester also continued. A donation of £2,500 was made to the Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital.

E. Financial Review

The main income streams for 2023 were legacies totaling £48,256, RSPCA door to door collection £24,138, Sturminster Newton car boot sale £1,000 and Janet Wildey's art exhibition £1,774. The remainder was from donations, collections, collection boxes etc. which amounted to £5,474.

With total income of £84,664 and expenditure of £106,750 the assets of the branch are adequate but the trustees are fully aware that without large legacies expenditure will have to be more tightly controlled going forward.

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Mr D Lewis
Chairman

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Date:

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

**Independent Examiner's Report
Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Animals Poole, East Dorset and South Wiltshire Branch.**

I report on the financial statements of the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Poole, East Dorset and South Wiltshire Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on page 7 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

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Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 14 May 2024

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023**


	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
			2023	2022
			£	£
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:				
Voluntary income	3	12,803	66,149	31,219
Investment income	4	-	7,991	1,897
Transfer from South Wiltshire Branch		-	-	218,314
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Total Incoming Resources		12,803	74,140	251,430
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Resources Expended				
Charitable activities	5	13,029	91,671	93,509
Governance costs	8	694	1,356	1,008
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Total Resources Expended		13,723	93,027	94,517
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Net Outgoing Resources		(920)	(18,887)	156,913
Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2023		217,088	488,876	705,964
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Total Funds at 31 December 2023		216,168	469,989	862,877
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

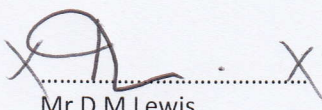
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets		
National savings income bond	55,000	55,000
Building societies	61,452	61,070
Bank balances	157,463	328,249
South West accounts - Cambridge & Counties and Charity Bank	151,001	-
Other income bonds - Virgin, Scottish Widows, Teachers and Buckingham	270,840	266,520
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	695,756	710,839
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	9,599	4,875
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Net Current Assets	686,157	705,964
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Total Net Assets	£686,157	£705,964
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Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	£469,989	£488,876
Restricted funds	9 & 10 £216,168	£217,088
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	£686,157	£705,964
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These accounts were approved by the committee and signed on 21.5.24.



Mrs J Houghton
Hon Secretary



Mr D M Lewis
Chairman

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

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For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

b) Income

Voluntary income, legacies, investment income and donations are accounted for as received by the Charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Auxiliaries contributions include income from fundraising ventures organised by the auxiliaries and hence are net of fundraising costs incurred by those auxiliaries.

Other donations include grants from head office including door to door collection.

c) Value Added Tax

Value added tax to the extent to which it is not recoverable by the Charity, is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

d) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the Charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

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Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

f) Trustees remuneration, expenses and related parties

No trustee is to receive a remuneration for services and there are no related party transactions other than reimbursed expenses. The average number of employees during the year was nil (2022 - nil).

f) Other support costs

Other support costs are sundry items incurred in the day to day running of the charity.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

**Notes to the Accounts - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

3 Voluntary Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Auxiliaries contributions	393	545
RSPCA grants	12,069	21,840
Other donations	5,431	3,482
Legacies	48,256	5,352
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	66,149	31,219
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4 Investment Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	1,001	-
Building society interest	6,365	1,822
National savings investments	625	75
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	7,991	1,897
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**
Notes to the Accounts - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023

5 Charitable Activities	2023 £	2022 £
Animal welfare	58,772	59,071
Fundraising costs	-	370
Contribution to the Regional Fund	27,446	21,523
Insurance	823	740
Telephone	632	664
Other support costs - committee and other expenses (note 7)	851	514
Donations (note 6)	3,147	8,318
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	91,671	91,200
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No trustee or connected person may receive any payment or benefit except for reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses or professional services rendered.

6 Donations	2023 £	2022 £
MDC Export Vets	-	1,236
Four Paws - Ukraine	-	2,000
Reimbursement of costs for animal welfare	248	27
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	-	100
Dorset Sheds Ltd	-	2,000
Pets at Home	195	270
Gull Rescue Weymouth	296	312
Ashley Heath RSPCA	753	2,373
Hedgehog Rescue	100	-
Wildlife in Need	305	-
Wilshire Wildlife Hospital	1,250	-
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	3,147	8,318
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

**Notes to the Accounts - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

7	Other Support Costs	2023	2022
		£	£
	Printing, postage & stationery	438	336
	Set up PO Box	378	-
	Storage boxes	-	23
	Collection tins	-	60
	Convex mirror	-	60
	ICO subscription	35	35
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		851	514
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8	Governance Costs	2023	2022
		£	£
	AGM expenses	348	-
	Independent examiner's fee	1,008	1,008
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		1,356	1,008
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9	Restricted Funds - Sheila Black Fund	2023	2022
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	-	1,083
	Legacy received	-	-
	Other support costs		(1,083)
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	Balance carried forward	-	-
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	This fund is restricted to donations to Ashley Heath.		
10	Restricted Funds - South Wiltshire Branch	2023	2022
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	217,088	-
	Transfer on merger	-	218,314
	Donations received	734	-
	Grants received	12,069	-
	Animal welfare	(11,779)	(1,226)
	Donations paid	(1,250)	-
	AGM expenses	(34)	-
	Accountancy - Fawcetts	(660)	-
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	Balance carried forward	216,168	217,088
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This fund is restricted to the day to day running of the South Wiltshire Branch.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Auxiliaries' Contribution to Branch Funds 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Misc	81.90	0.00
Purbeck	0.00	149.32
Sturminster Marshall	79.69	0.00
Topsies	0.00	88.56
West Moors/Three Cross	231.08	286.48
Wimborne/Canford	0.00	20.60
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	£ 392.67	£ 544.96
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RSPCA Poole, East Dorset & South Wiltshire branch

England & Wales - Charity number 248617

Accounts

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

**Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

A Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: RSPCA Poole, East Dorset & South Wiltshire

Registered Charity Number: 248617

Charity's Principal Address: RSPCA Poole, PO Box 9729, Poole, BH4 0JA

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Name	Office
Mr David Lewis	Chairman
Mrs A A Robertson	
Mrs J Houghton	Hon Secretary
Ms J Wildey	
Mrs S Wills	
Ms S Thorner	
Miss J Hoy	Hon Treasurer
Mrs L Harris	
Mrs L Featherstone	

B Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (as updated in 2019). The charity is a public benefit entity.

The Board of Trustees, elected at the AGM governs the branch and are also Trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The trustees hold at least six meetings a year at which decisions are made. The trustees ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities and other projects by effectively managing assets and carrying out activities such as fundraising.

The charity's assets are, as required by law, held in the names of certain individual trustees.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 – continued

C Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals and to do all such lawful acts as the Society may consider to be conducive or incidental to the attainment of these objects. The branch operates within the branch area and co-operates with other branches of the RSPCA in pursuit of its charitable objective.

The primary activity of the Charity is welfare assistance whereby assistance is given towards the cost of treating owned animals and in the case of feral and stray animals all of the cost is met.

Grants are made to other branches of the Charity and Charities who assist our Charity with approval of the committee and the main Society.

We have a telephone 'help line' whereby we receive calls from members of the public and deal with their enquiries.

We are continuing with our cat neutering scheme and micro-chipping scheme working also with two cat rescue charities in Poole and one in Lytchett Matravers.

On the 1st November 2022 the branch merged with South Wiltshire Branch to become RSPCA Poole, East Dorset and South Wiltshire Branch. We are pleased to have South Wiltshire trustees Lesley Harris and Lisa Featherstone join the branch.

This merger has easily doubled the size of our area and the branch's officers and South Wiltshire trustees have been working hard making contact with vets in order for the transfer to be as seamless as possible.

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

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 - continued

D. Achievements and Performance

The branch provided financial assistance for 1215 (1031 2021) treatments to animals during 2022, which included dogs, cats, crows, pigeons, owls, sheep, foxes and rabbits. The assistance encompassed the neutering of 283 (143) cats and 115 (26) dogs.

The branch continues to financially support Ashley Heath RSPCA Animal Centre and in 2022 funded the purchase of a shed for feral cats, two chick runs and two chicken coops plus grooming clippers, scales and a UV lamp. We also continued to supply scratching boards for rehomed cats.

Our main focus, as usual, was directly supporting animal welfare by funding treatment for animals whose owners had problems in finding the necessary funds, This amounted to £78,069 and wherever possible the treatments were carried out at Bournemouth Branch clinic. Exceptional cases totaled £17285, including treatment for GI hemorrhage staffie for £1200, emergency operation for a cat involved in RTA for £1500, operation for a springer spaniel for £3000, cat with fracture leg for £1243 and an emergency operation for a mastiff cross for £1000 whose owner subsequently ran a car boot sale and raised £603 for us by way of thanks.

A Community Animal Action Day was held by our Branch in June at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Parkstone, where we were supported by Cats Protection who issued vouchers for cat neutering. We issued over 90 vouchers for dogs on the day of which 59 were redeemed during 2022 (with others still being redeemed early this year.) The cost of the neutering vouchers alone comes out at just over £10,000 but the day should be seen as an achievement for our Branch.

E. Financial Review

The main income streams for 2022 were two legacies totaling £5352, RSPCA door to door collection £21,840, Sturminster Newton car boot sale £603 and Janet Wildey's art exhibition £702. The remainder was from donations, collections, collection boxes etc. which amounted to just over £2500.

After a long break we went back to bucket collecting with two small collections at Hilliers garden centre in the pre-Christmas period.

With total income of £33,116 and expenditure of £93,435 the assets of the branch are adequate but the trustees are fully aware that without large legacies expenditure will have to be more tightly controlled going forward.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 - continued

E. Financial Review – continued

With the South Wiltshire merger, funds of £218,314 were received but these have to be accounted for in a restricted fund for use in South Wiltshire area only a period for 10 years.

We continued to receive very generous donations of dog and cat food via our collection box at Sainsbury's Pitwines, Poole throughout the year and this is taken directly to Ashley Heath. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support we receive from customers of Sainsbury's Poole.

It is the policy of the Charity to obtain as much income as possible from its investments subject to convenience of access and ensuring the minimum of risk.

It is the policy to hold reserves in order to obtain a return on capital sufficient to make up the shortfall between expenditure and income.

The Charity continues to operate on a going concern basis.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



Mr D Lewis
Chairman

16.5.23

Date:

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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Date: 11 May 2023

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:				
Voluntary income	4	-	31,219	78,812
Investment income	5	-	1,897	738
Transfer from South Wiltshire Branch		218,314	-	-
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Total Incoming Resources		218,314	33,116	79,550
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Resources Expended				
Charitable activities	6	2,309	91,200	48,450
Governance costs	8	-	1,008	1,371
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Total Resources Expended		2,309	92,208	49,821
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Net Outgoing Resources		216,005	(59,092)	29,729
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Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2022		1,083	547,969	519,323
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Total Funds at 31 December 2022		217,088	488,877	549,052
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**


Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
National savings income bond	55,000	55,000
Building societies	61,070	81,029
Bank balances	328,249	150,893
Other income bonds - Virgin, Scottish Widows, Teachers and Buckingham	266,520	265,174
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	710,839	552,096
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	4,875	3,044
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Net Current Assets	705,964	549,052
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Total Net Assets	£705,964	£549,052
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Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	£488,876	£547,969
Restricted funds	£217,088	£1,083
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	£705,964	£549,052
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These accounts were approved by the committee and signed on

16.5.23


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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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3	Voluntary Income	2022	2021
		£	£
	Auxiliaries contributions	545	241
	RSPCA grants	21,840	16,417
	Other donations	3,482	14,783
	Legacies	5,352	47,371
		-----	-----
		31,219	78,812
		-----	-----
4	Investment Income	2022	2021
		£	£
	Building society interest	1,822	730
	National savings investments	75	8
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		1,897	738
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Notes to the Accounts - continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

5 Charitable Activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Animal welfare	59,071	19,531
Fundraising costs	370	-
Inspectors services (quota)	21,523	19,011
Insurance	740	524
Telephone	664	615
Other support costs - committee and other expenses (note 8)	514	142
Donations (note 7)	8,318	1,070
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MDC Export Vets	1,236	-
Four Paws - Ukraine	2,000	-
Reimbursement of costs for animal welfare	27	59
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	100	-
Dorset Sheds Ltd	2,000	-
Pets at Home	270	144
Gull Rescue Weymouth	312	-
Ashley Heath RSPCA	2,373	-
Wildlife in Need	-	867
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	8,318	1,070
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POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

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7	Other Support Costs	2022	2021
		£	£
	Locksmith	-	41
	Printing, postage & stationery	336	15
	iZettle card reader	-	35
	Advertising	-	36
	Fayre room hire	-	15
	Storage boxes	23	-
	Collection tins	60	-
	Convex mirror	60	-
	ICO subscription	35	-
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		514	142
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8	Governance Costs	2022	2021
		£	£
	AGM expenses	-	411
	Independent examiner's fee	1,008	960
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		1,008	1,371
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9	Restricted Funds - Sheila Black Fund	2022	2021
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	1,083	8,640
	Legacy received	-	-
	Other support costs	(1,083)	(7,557)
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	Balance carried forward	-	1,083
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	This fund is restricted to donations to Ashley Heath.		
10	Restricted Funds - South Wiltshire Branch	2022	2021
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	-	-
	Transfer on merger	218,314	-
	Other support costs	(1,226)	-
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	Balance carried forward	217,088	-
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE, EAST DORSET AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

Auxiliaries' Contribution to Branch Funds 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Misc	146.52	0.00
Purbeck	149.32	90.27
Topsies	88.56	0.00
West Moors	286.48	0.00
Wimborne/Canford	20.60	150.33
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	£ 544.96	£ 240.60
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RSPCA Poole, East Dorset & South Wiltshire branch

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Charity Number 248617

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**NEWTON MAGNUS
Chartered Certified Accountants**

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POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

A Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: RSPCA Poole and East Dorset Branch
Registered Charity Number: 248617
Charity's Principal Address: 43 Chaddesley Glen, Poole, BH13 7PB

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Name	Office
Mr David Lewis	Chairman
Mrs A A Robertson	
Mrs J Houghton	Hon Secretary
Ms J Wildey	
Ms S Wills	
Ms S Thorner	
Miss J Hoy	Hon Treasurer
Ms S Marshall	

B Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (as updated in 2019). The charity is a public benefit entity.

The Board of Trustees, elected at the AGM governs the branch and are also Trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role.

The trustees hold at least six meetings a year at which decisions are made. The trustees ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities and other projects by effectively managing assets and carrying out activities such as fundraising.

The charity's assets are, as required by law, held in the names of certain individual trustees.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 – continued

C Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals and to do all such lawful acts as the Society may consider to be conducive or incidental to the attainment of these objects. The branch operates within the branch area and co-operates with other branches of the RSPCA in pursuit of its charitable objective.

The primary activity of the Charity is welfare assistance whereby assistance is given towards the cost of treating owned animals and in the case of feral and stray animals all of the cost is met.

Grants are made to other branches of the Charity and Charities who assist our Charity with approval of the committee and the main Society.

We have a telephone 'help line' whereby we receive calls from members of the public and deal with their enquiries.

We are continuing with our cat neutering scheme and micro-chipping scheme working also with two cat rescue charities in Poole and one in Lytchett Matravers.

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

D. Achievements and Performance

The branch provided financial assistance for 1031 (1081 2020) treatments to animals during 2021, which included dogs, cats, crows, pigeons, owls, sheep, foxes and rabbits. The assistance encompassed the neutering of 143 (141) cats and 26 (10) dogs.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 - continued

D. Achievements and Performance - continued

The branch continues to financially support Ashley Heath RSPCA Animal Centre and in 2021 funded the purchase of a chicken coops and chicken runs, dental equipment, centrifuge, drip pump, digital dog scales, camera and other miscellaneous items. We also continued to supply scratching boards for rehomed cats. Support totalling £1600 was also given for emergency animal treatment for a cat caesarean and care of a husky puppy. We also continued to support the local wildlife rescue charity Wildlife In Need by funding supplies of fresh fish for gulls totalling £893.

Our main focus, as usual, was directly supporting animal welfare by funding treatment for animals whose owners had problems in finding the necessary funds, This amounted to £42,264 and wherever possible the treatments were carried out at Bournemouth Branch clinic. Exceptional cases included £3,464 for a Dachshund orthopaedic operation, £1,879 for a cataract operation on a Boston Terrier, £1,993 for a ligament operation on a German Shepherd, £1,000 for treatment of a broken foot on a Border Collie and £517 on treatment for a Golden Retriever with epilepsy.

E. Financial Review

The branch received £47,371 from a legacy on a Swanage property, £16,416 from the HQ door to door contribution and a rebate of £13,372 from the HQ emergency fund.

Other income came from investments, collections tins, and miscellaneous donations. However, there were no bucket collections held due to the pandemic. A stall was held at the Wimborne Charity Fayre.

Whilst a healthy surplus was maintained this year there is no guarantee that this income rate will be continued into the coming years.

It is the policy of the Charity to obtain as much income as possible from its investments subject to convenience of access and ensuring the minimum of risk.

It is the policy to hold reserves in order to obtain a return on capital sufficient to make up the shortfall between expenditure and income.

The Charity continues to operate on a going concern basis.


ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 - continued

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:


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Mr D Lewis
Chairman

25-3-22
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Date:

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

**Independent Examiner's Report
Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Poole And East Dorset Branch.**

I report on the financial statements of the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Poole And East Dorset Branch for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on page 7 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Poole And East Dorset Branch.**

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**C J Fairhall F C C A
Chartered Certified Accountant
Arrowsmith Court
Station Approach
Broadstone
Dorset BH18 8AT**

Date: *25 March 2022*

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:				
Voluntary income	4	-	78,812	267,196
Investment income	5	-	738	2,015
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Total Incoming Resources		-	79,550	269,211
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Resources Expended				
Charitable activities	6	7,557	40,893	173,104
Governance costs	8	-	1,371	986
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Total Resources Expended		7,557	42,264	174,090
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Net Outgoing Resources		(7,557)	37,286	95,121
Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2021		8,640	510,683	424,202
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Total Funds at 31 December 2021		1,083	547,969	519,323
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ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets		
National savings income bond	55,000	55,000
Building societies	81,029	80,978
Bank balances	150,893	125,320
Other income bonds - Virgin, Scottish Widows, Teachers and Buckingham	265,174	264,503
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	552,096	525,801
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	3,044	6,478
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Net Current Assets	549,052	519,323
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Total Net Assets	£549,052	£519,323
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Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	£547,969	£510,683
Restricted funds	£1,083	£8,640
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	£549,052	£519,323
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These accounts were approved by the committee and signed on


Mrs J Houghton
Hon Secretary


Mr D M Lewis
Chairman

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

b) Income

Voluntary income, legacies, investment income and donations are accounted for as received by the Charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Auxiliaries contributions include income from fundraising ventures organised by the auxiliaries and hence are net of fundraising costs incurred by those auxiliaries.

Other donations include grants from head office including door to door collection.

c) Value Added Tax

Value added tax to the extent to which it is not recoverable by the Charity, is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

d) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the Charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

e) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

f) Trustees remuneration, expenses and related parties

No trustee is to receive a remuneration for services and there are no related party transactions other than reimbursed expenses. The average number of employees during the year was nil (2020 - nil).

f) Other support costs

Other support costs are sundry items incurred in the day to day running of the charity.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

**Notes to the Accounts - continued
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2 Statement of Branch Committee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the branch committee as trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

3 Legacies

In January 1999 the branch was left a property in Swanage subject to a right of occupancy for the life of three individuals.

4 Voluntary Income	2021	2020
	£	£
Auxiliaries contributions	241	385
RSPCA grants	16,417	25,173
Other donations	14,783	3,375
Legacies	47,371	228,463
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	78,812	257,396
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5 Investment Income	2021	2020
	£	£
Building society interest	730	1,616
National savings investments	8	399
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	738	2,015
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6 Charitable Activities	2021 £	2020 £
Animal welfare	19,531	23,669
Welfare assistance - Honoraria	-	1,750
Inspectors services (quota)	19,011	16,978
Insurance	524	524
Telephone	615	659
Other support costs - committee and other expenses (note 8)	142	1,358
Donations (note 7)	1,070	127,006
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	40,893	171,944
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No trustee or connected person may receive any payment or benefit except for reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses or professional services rendered.

The honoraria is in recognition to a member who voluntarily provides a welfare assistance telephone help line for members of the public.

7 Donations	2021 £	2020 £
RSPCA Emergency Fund	-	60,576
RSPCA Solent Branch	-	50,000
Reimbursement of costs for animal welfare	59	14,597
RSPCA Bournemouth Clinic	-	844
Pets at Home	144	-
Ashley Heath RSPCA	-	306
Wildlife in Need	867	683
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	1,070	127,006
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**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

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For the year ended 31 December 2021**

8	Other Support Costs	2021	2020
		£	£
	Locksmith	41	-
	Printing, postage & stationery	15	274
	iZettle card reader	35	-
	Advertising	36	-
	Fayre room hire	15	50
	ICO subscription	-	35
	Long service award	-	17
	Cat food to donate	-	100
	Aviaries to loan out	-	882
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		142	1,358
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9	Governance Costs	2021	2020
		£	£
	AGM expenses	411	26
	Independent examiner's fee	960	960
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		1,371	986
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10	Restricted Funds - Sheila Black Fund	2021	2020
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	8,640	-
	Legacy received	-	9,800
	Other support costs	(7,557)	(1,160)
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	Balance carried forward	1,083	8,640
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This fund is restricted to donations to Ashley Heath.

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

Auxiliaries' Contribution to Branch Funds 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Dorset	0.00	100.67
Purbeck	90.27	209.86
Wimborne/Canford	150.33	74.93
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	£ 240.60	£ 385.46
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Charity Number 246213

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REPORT MADE BY
Chartered Certified Accountants

Approved on behalf of the
Trustees
Date: 12/01/2021
Dr. S. H. B. GAT

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH

Trustees' Annual Report year ending 31st December 2020

A. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: RSPCA Poole and East Dorset Branch

Registered Charity Number: 248617

Charity's Principal Address: 43 Chaddesley Glen, Poole, BH13 7PB

Trustees

Name	Office
Derek Lott	Chairman
Julie Houghton	Hon Secretary
Jane Hoy	Hon Treasurer
Ann Robertson	
Susan Jones	
David Lewis	
Sarah Thorner	

B. Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

The Charity operates as an autonomous branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) but is subject to the RSPCA Rules for Branches (updated 2019).

The Board of Trustees is elected at the Annual General Meeting and is responsible for the governance of the Branch for the following 12 months. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities prior to their acceptance of the role.

The Trustees hold a minimum six Trustee meetings a year at which decisions covering the various activities are made. The Trustees manage the funds of the Branch and endeavour to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities and other projects by effectively managing the assets and carrying out activities such as fundraising.

C. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society shall be to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals and to do all such lawful acts as the Society may consider to be conducive or incidental to the attainment of these objects.

The Branch operates within its designated area and co-operates with other RSPCA branches in pursuit the Society's objectives.

A primary activity of the Branch is welfare assistance for animals including, where circumstances are appropriate, assistance towards the cost of treating owned animals and in the case of feral and stray animals, the full cost of treatment.

Subject to the approval of the Trustees, the Branch may provide financial support/grants to other RSPCA branches and to other charities who assist in delivering the Branch's objectives.

The Branch funds the operation of a telephone 'help line' whereby calls are received from members of the public relating to animal welfare issues and where advice or assistance may be provided.

The Branch continues to run its neutering and microchipping scheme working also with two cat rescue charities in Poole and one in Lytchett Matravers.

The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of its objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on its charitable aims and continue to deliver benefit to animals.

The Branch has complied with its duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

D. Achievements and Performance

(Figures for 2019 listed alongside for comparison)

The Branch provided financial assistance for 1081(927) treatments to animals during 2020 which included 641(601) dogs, 407(363) cats and 33(13) other animals. This assistance encompassed the neutering of 141(181) cats and 10(25) dogs.

The Branch continues financially to support Ashley Heath RSPCA Animal Centre and in 2020 we funded the purchase of a cat activity house, cat grooming tools, the ongoing supply of cat scratching boards for cat re-homing and bird handling gloves. A donation of £9,800 was received specifically for use at Ashley Heath of which £1,159 has now been spent.

We also continued to support the local wildlife rescue charity Wildlife in Need by purchasing two aviaries and by funding supplies of fresh fish for gulls.

As a result of an appeal for funds from RSPCA Solent Branch we gave **£50,000** towards the rebuilding of their cattery at Stubbington Ark. Because of the crisis caused by the Covid19 pandemic, RSPCA Head Office created an emergency fund and we donated **£60,576** towards this. These two significant donations to assist other RSPCA branches equated to 25.6% of the balance of the Charity's available funds at the end of 2019.

Our main focus as usual was directly supporting local animal welfare by funding treatment for animals whose owners had problems in finding the necessary funds. This amounted to £41,457 in total for the year and wherever possible the treatments were carried out at the RSPCA Bournemouth Branch clinic.

E. Financial Review

During 2020 the Branch was fortunate enough to receive a payment of £228,463 from a legacy relating to the sale of a property in Swanage. The Trustees will use this to provide animal welfare assistance in line with the Charity's objectives over the coming years.

Other income came from investments, collection tins and bucket collections, although the latter were only in the first two months of the year. Waitrose & Partners Wimborne however continued to support local charities through the pandemic and we received £333 from them in December. However, raising funds by bucket collections was impossible for most of the year and although collection box returns were varied we did receive £385 (£251 in 2019). Raising funds will be an increasing challenge in the future.

Our Branch did however continue to receive throughout the year generous donations of dog and cat food via our collection box at Sainsbury's Poole and this is taken directly to Ashley Heath. We appreciate the ongoing support we receive from customers of Sainsbury's Poole.

The Trustees policy is to obtain as much income as possible from its investments subject to convenience of access and ensuring the minimum of risk.

The Branch policy is to hold reserves in order to obtain a return on capital sufficient to make up the shortfall between expenditure and income.

In conclusion, the Trustees recognise that income for the Branch has been increasingly difficult to raise in recent years and the long-term impact of the Covid pandemic on charity fundraising may be profound. The Branch has been extremely fortunate in the past to have received a number of legacies which has put it in its current financial position of being able to plan to continue funding animal welfare assistance for several years ahead. However, the Trustees are mindful of the fact that future legacies are not guaranteed and that new methods of fundraising will need to be developed.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Lott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Derek Lott
Chair

Date: 19th January 2021

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

**Independent Examiner's Report
Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Poole And East Dorset Branch.**

I report on the financial statements of the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Poole And East Dorset Branch for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on page 7 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

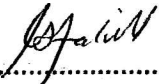
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Royal Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals Poole And East Dorset Branch.**

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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**C J Fairhall F C C A
Chartered Certified Accountant
Arrowsmith Court
Station Approach
Broadstone
Dorset BH18 8AT**

Date: 16 March 2021

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
POOLE AND EAST DORSET BRANCH**

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:				
Voluntary income	4	9,800	257,396	81,861
Investment income	5	-	2,015	2,614
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Total Incoming Resources		9,800	259,411	84,475
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Resources Expended				
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	1,160	171,944	69,572
Governance costs	8	-	986	1,156
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Total Resources Expended		1,160	172,930	70,728
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Net Outgoing Resources		8,640	86,481	13,747
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Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2020		-	424,202	410,455
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Total Funds at 31 December 2020		8,640	510,683	424,202
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Current Assets		
National savings income bond	55,000	55,000
Building societies	80,978	80,455
Bank balances	125,320	81,873
Other income bonds - Virgin, Scottish Widows, Teachers and Buckingham	264,503	214,026
Trade debtors	-	-
	<hr/> 525,801	<hr/> 431,354
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6,478	7,152
	<hr/> 519,323	<hr/> 424,202
Net Current Assets	519,323	424,202
	<hr/> £519,323	<hr/> £424,202
Total Net Assets	£519,323	£424,202
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Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	£510,683	£424,202
Restricted funds	£8,640	-
	<hr/> £519,323	<hr/> £424,202

These accounts were approved by the committee and signed on


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Mrs J Houghton
Hon Secretary


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Mr D M Lewis
Trustee

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**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

1 Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in compliance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Act 2011.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement.

b) Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the Charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Auxiliaries contributions include income from fundraising ventures organised by the auxiliaries and hence are net of fundraising costs incurred by those auxiliaries.

Other donations include grants from head office including door to door collection.

c) Value Added Tax

Value added tax to the extent to which it is not recoverable by the Charity, is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

d) Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the Charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

e) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

f) Trustees remuneration, expenses and related parties

No trustee is to receive a remuneration for services and there are no related party transactions other than reimbursed expenses. The average number of employees during the year was nil (2019 - nil).

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2 Statement of Branch Committee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the branch committee as trustees, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records of the Charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

3 Legacies

In January 1999 the branch was left a property in Swanage subject to a right of occupancy for life of three individuals.

4 Voluntary Income	2020	2019
	£	£
Auxiliaries contributions	385	454
RSPCA grants	25,173	26,739
Other donations	3,375	1,987
Legacies	228,463	52,681
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	257,396	81,861
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5 Investment Income	2020	2019
	£	£
Building society interest	1,616	2,373
National savings investments	399	241
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	2,015	2,614
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6 Charitable Activities	2020	2019
	£	£
Animal welfare	23,669	30,298
Welfare assistance - Honoraria	1,750	2,625
Inspectors services (quota)	16,978	12,110
Insurance	524	524
Telephone	659	905
Other support costs - committee and other expenses (note 8)	1,358	665
Donations (note 7)	127,006	22,445
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	171,944	69,572
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No trustee or connected person may receive any payment or benefit except for reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses or professional services rendered.

The honoraria is in recognition to a member who voluntarily provides a welfare assistance telephone help line for members of the public.

7 Donations	2020	2019
	£	£
RSPCA Emergency Fund	60,576	-
RSPCA Solent Branch	50,000	-
Reimbursement of costs for animal welfare	14,597	12,635
RSPCA Bournemouth Clinic	844	855
Guide dogs	-	500
Ashley Heath RSPCA	306	8,116
Wildlife in Need	683	339
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Total per note 6	127,006	22,445
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8	Other Support Costs	2020 £	2019 £
	Wildlife in Need	-	22
	Printing, postage & stationery	274	133
	Advertising	-	256
	Folding table	-	10
	Buckets for collections	-	29
	Fayre room hire	50	124
	Coin count scales	-	55
	ICO subscription	35	35
	Long service award	17	
	Cat food to donate	100	-
	Aviaries to loan out	882	-
		1,358	664
9	Governance Costs	2020 £	2019 £
	AGM expenses	26	196
	Independent examiner's fee	960	960
		986	1,156
10	Restricted Funds - Sheila Black Fund	2020 £	2019 £
	Balance brought forward	-	-
	Legacy received	9,800	-
	Other support costs	(1,160)	-
		8,640	-

This fund is restricted to donations to Ashley Heath.

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Auxiliaries' Contribution to Branch Funds 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Corfe Castle	0.00	0.00
Dorset	100.67	0.00
Poole	0.00	0.00
Purbeck	209.86	224.19
Wareham	0.00	0.00
West Moors	0.00	186.80
Wimborne/Canford	74.93	43.35
	£ 385.46	£ 454.34