

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

Charity Number 248617

Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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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

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**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.

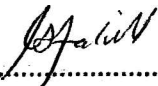
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Independent Examiner's Statement

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
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Date: 16 March 2021

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**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
Total Incoming Resources		9,800	259,411	84,475
Resources Expended				
Costs of generating funds		-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	1,160	171,944	69,572
Governance costs	8	-	986	1,156
Total Resources Expended		1,160	172,930	70,728
Net Outgoing Resources		8,640	86,481	13,747
Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2020		-	424,202	410,455
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		
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	525,801	431,354
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	6,478	7,152
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Net Current Assets	519,323	424,202
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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	
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	£519,323	£424,202

These accounts were approved by the committee and signed on


Mrs J Houghton
Hon Secretary


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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**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 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	-
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		1,358	664
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9	Governance Costs	2020	2019
		£	£
	AGM expenses	26	196
	Independent examiner's fee	960	960
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		986	1,156
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10	Restricted Funds - Sheila Black Fund	2020	2019
		£	£
	Balance brought forward	-	-
	Legacy received	9,800	-
	Other support costs	(1,160)	-
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	Balance carried forward	8,640	-
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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