

**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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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:

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**Independent Examiner's Report
Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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 2022, 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, East Dorset and Wiltshire 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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Date: 11 May 2023

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**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
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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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


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 2022**

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 (2021 - 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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**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	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
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		31,219	78,812
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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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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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	91,200	40,893
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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	2022	2021
	£	£
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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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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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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