

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

Charity Number 248617

**Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

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	
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.

The Trustees are continuing to explore ways of increasing income by using digital platforms.

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 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 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.

The branch continues to financially support Ashley Heath RSPCA Animal Centre and in 2023 funded the purchase of UV lighting sets for reptiles, grooming combs and 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 £94,000 (£78,069) and wherever possible the treatments were carried out at Bournemouth Branch clinic. The increase in expenditure is due to the increased Branch Area due to the 2022 merger with South Wiltshire Branch. Exceptional cases totaled £12,149, including emergency operation for a dog that had swallowed a fishing line. Emergency operation and neuter of a stray cat, emergency amputation for a feral cat, two separate wound surgeries for bulldogs, lump removal for a Staffie, American bulldog puppy operation to save a leg, cat requiring complex caesarean section and treatment for a cat with a broken jaw and minor other injuries.

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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E. Financial Review – continued

We continued to receive very generous donations of dog and cat food via our collection box at Sainsbury's Pitwines, Poole and we have recently set up a box at 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 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:

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Mr D Lewis
Chairman

21.5.24.....

Date:

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

**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 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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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: 14 May 2024

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**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
Total Incoming Resources		12,803	74,140	251,430
Resources Expended				
Charitable activities	5	13,029	91,671	93,509
Governance costs	8	694	1,356	1,008
Total Resources Expended		13,723	93,027	94,517
Net Outgoing Resources		(920)	(18,887)	156,913
Net Movement in Funds				
Total Funds at 1 January 2023		217,088	488,876	705,964
Total Funds at 31 December 2023		216,168	469,989	862,877

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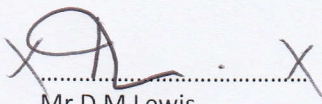
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	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	£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

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

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 (2022 - 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	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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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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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.

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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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