

**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 2024**

**NEWTON MAGNUS
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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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 | |
| 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,
BH18 8AT

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 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
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Date: 12 May 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
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| | 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 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 611,896 | 695,756 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Creditors - amounts falling due within one year | 9 | 4,688 | 9,599 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net Current Assets | | 607,208 | 686,157 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Net Assets | | £607,208 | £686,157 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Funds of the Charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | £360,644 | £469,989 |
| Restricted funds | 10 | £246,564 | £216,168 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | £607,208 | £686,157 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 21,657 | 66,149 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 4 Investment Income | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ |
| Bank interest | 13,317 | 1,001 |
| Building society interest | 1,187 | 6,365 |
| National savings investments | 2,075 | 625 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 16,579 | 7,991 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 145,801 | 91,671 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 7,067 | 3,147 |
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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 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 750 | 851 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 8 | Governance Costs | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | AGM expenses | 580 | 348 |
| | Independent examiner's fee | 1,200 | 1,008 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 1,780 | 1,356 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 9 | Creditors | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Sundry creditors | 3,488 | 8,591 |
| | Accruals | 1,200 | 1,008 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | 4,688 | 9,599 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| 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) | - |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | Balance carried forward | 246,564 | 216,168 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |

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 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | £ 553.72 | £ 392.67 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |