

**RSPCA NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WEST BRANCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

(A) REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Number: 255762

Trustees:

Mr M Boyd (Vice Chairman)
Mr P Harrison (Treasurer)
Mr B Hufton (Secretary)
Mrs A Hufton
Mr P Wood
Mrs M Wood
Mrs K Harrison
Mrs S Boyd

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Accountants STOPFORD ASSOCIATES LIMITED
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Bankers: Virgin Money 26 West Gate, Mansfield. Notts. NG18 1HS

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Branch is constituted as an unincorporated association. The branch operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (as updated in 2012).

A Committee, elected at the AGM governs the branches, who are Trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold bimonthly meetings at which decisions are made. Day to day running of the shop is delegated to the Shop Manager.

The Branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same objectives and which are known collectively as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The network comprises of separately registered branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care facilities and treatments. A regional structure also exists that is overseen on a national basis. This structure provides a team of specialist Inspectors and coordinates the policies and objectives of the branches.

Representatives of the branches, regional and national organisations meet on an annual basis as a forum to consider all issues affecting animal welfare; and to develop policies for the future pursuit of their common aims.

The Branch also has links with other organisations committed to the same objectives.

The trustees actively review the risks, which the branch faces on a regular basis through regular meetings of the trustees that cover operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks which the branch face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- Loss of reputation through error or fraud.
- Loss of income through error or fraud.
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities.

(B) OBJECTS, AND PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The objects of the branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA – to promote kindness or to suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means – with particular reference to the area of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society.

The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch's objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public.

The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch supports the local Inspectors by taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away.
- The Branch provides education, information and advice, benefiting the public by promoting compassionate human sentiments towards animals.
- The Branch provides subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. This is achieved through a voucher scheme. During 2023 welfare vouchers were issued to the public with a value of £39,283 Thus benefiting those on means tested benefits by giving financial help to obtain veterinary care for companion animals.
- The Branch offers subsidised neutering and micro-chipping of companion animals for owners on low incomes. This helps to control dog and cat populations and promotes responsible pet ownership.
- RSPCA Notts West Branch provides volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work including trusteeship, fundraising and shop volunteers. This benefits local people, schools and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

(C) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Branch continues to provide financial assistance to members of the public in the branch area and helping the inspectorate. The committee decided to increase the support allowance for neutering vouchers in light of increased veterinary costs the continued success of the Charity Shop providing the majority of funds required. Supporting the Radcliffe -on -Trent animal shelter which takes in all the unwanted animals from our area.

(D) FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £136,415

Expenditure in the year amounted to £135,803

The surplus for the year was £612

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the branch to maintain the free reserves of the branch, at a level equal to one year's unrestricted expenditure. As the charity relies heavily on donations and legacies, both of which can fluctuate enormously from year to year to fund its animal welfare work in the area.

Free reserves at the year-end were 24 months. Trustees are of the opinion that the existing level of reserves is sufficient to meet any reduction in incoming resources in the next twelve months. Free reserves are defined as unrestricted funds not held as tangible assets.

The branch holds reserves that are both restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reserves represent funds donated for a specific purpose, which cannot be used for anything other than the purpose for which they were donated. The total level of restricted funds is N/A.

(E) FUTURE PLANS

The Branch aims to continue to provide high levels of Animal Welfare in line with the branch and the National Society policies.

Carry out rebranding activities as per National Society.

(F) STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statement by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the net incoming or outgoing resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to prevent and to detect fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

Additionally, the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

The Board of Trustees approved this report on 27th June 2024.

B Hufton

Mr B Hufton Hon Branch Secretary

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Region: North
Branch: Nottingham West

Accounts to 31 December 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Financial summary

The revenue account shows a surplus of £748 (2022 surplus £27,489) detailed in the Income and Expenditure account on page 4 of the financial statements, which has been transferred to reserves. The branch's major source of income is a charity shop.


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27/6/24.
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>2023</u> £	£	<u>2022</u> £
Funds					
General (accumulated fund)	1	£	<u>537,495</u>	£	<u>536,747</u>
Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	2		275,575		281,563
Current assets					
Prepayments		1,809		700	
Cash and bank balances		<u>263,096</u>		<u>258,629</u>	
		264,905		259,329	
Current liabilities					
Creditors		<u>2,985</u>		<u>4,145</u>	
		£	<u>261,920</u>		<u>255,184</u>
			<u>537,495</u>	£	<u>536,747</u>

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Income					
Sale of goods - shop			110,909		104,975
General					
Subscriptions and donations		1,412		5,442	
Bank and building society interest received		<u>1,136</u>		<u>131</u>	
			2,548		5,573
Donations:					
Door to door collections		23,094		25,024	
Legacies		-		20,469	
General including collecting boxes		<u>-</u>		<u>102</u>	
Total income			<u>£ 136,551</u>		<u>£ 156,143</u>
Expenditure					
Branch contribution			551		1,378
Ratcliffe on Trent - Boarding costs			10,495		15,763
Homeless animal veterinary costs		39,283		28,610	
Occupation costs (kennels)		<u>45</u>		<u>514</u>	
Publicity and appeals			39,328		29,124
Publicity and advertising			4,291		6,288
Motor					
Depreciation		6,284		8,379	
Loss on sale		-		940	
General expenses		<u>10,193</u>		<u>9,601</u>	
			16,477		18,920
Fixtures and fittings depreciation			820		768
Administration					
Telephone and postage		944		1,121	
Wages and salaries		25,164		23,999	
Other expenses(including shop)		<u>37,733</u>		<u>31,293</u>	
Total expenditure			<u>63,841</u>		<u>56,413</u>
			135,803		128,654
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	1		<u>£ 748</u>		<u>£ 27,489</u>
			<u>£ 136,551</u>		<u>£ 156,143</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1. Funds

	£
Balance at beginning of the year	536,747
Income for the year	<u>136,551</u>
Expenditure for the year	<u>673,298</u>
	<u>135,803</u>
Balance at end of the year	£ <u>537,495</u>

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Property Improvements	Van	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost					
At 1st January 2023	252,075	11,739	33,516	12,104	309,434
Additions	-	-	-	1,116	1,116
At 31st December 2023	<u>252,075</u>	<u>11,739</u>	<u>33,516</u>	<u>13,220</u>	<u>310,550</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2023	-	11,739	8,379	7,753	27,871
Charge for the year	-	-	6,284	820	7,104
At 31st December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>11,739</u>	<u>14,663</u>	<u>8,573</u>	<u>34,975</u>
Net book value					
At 31st December 2023	<u>252,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,853</u>	<u>4,647</u>	<u>275,575</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>252,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,137</u>	<u>4,351</u>	<u>281,563</u>

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