

# ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH AND MID HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 259020

## Details

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Other names	ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH, RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH, ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH AND MID HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1969-12-04
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE BRANCH ARE TO PROMOTE THE WORK AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY [ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (219099)], WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AREA OF THE BRANCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY.

**Activities:** Promotes kindness not cruelty to animals. Provides veterinary assistance to pet owners on benefits. Fosters, rehabilitates and rehomes abandoned, unwanted cats and rabbits. Available for animal advice, information, and help to vets, members of the public, social services, and prospective animal adopters.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH.
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Luton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£300,861	£153,825	-	-
2023-12-31	£125,402	£126,032	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,029	£108,863	-	-
2021-12-31	£117,000	£61,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£98,378	£61,162	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Josephine Byrne	Chair	2020-09-15
Barbara Herta Grell		2021-10-21
Claire Christina Robinson		2022-06-16
Claire Craig		2025-08-11
Emily Stratton		2022-06-16
Prashant Thakkar		2024-01-15
Rosanna Rice		2025-06-09

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# Accounts

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Bedfordshire South Branch  
Registered Charity No.259020

# Annual Report

## The trustees present the annual report 2024



*Celebrating 200 years of kindness*

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## Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity branch during the year and the position on 31 December 2024 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue

its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

## Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The branch has a comprehensive Conflict of Interest policy and mitigation strategy to manage the conflicts. Conflicted Trustees leave the room when appropriate and cannot partake in any discussions or votes related to the connected party. Each committee meeting begins with any updates to conflicts of interest. Decisions relating to any remuneration, pay or other benefit will always exclude conflicted Trustees.

There were no conflicts of interest identified in 2024.

We always welcome interest and applications from possible new trustees. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Trustee, please email [info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk).

## Chair's Report by Jo Byrne

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for our RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch for 2024, highlighting our achievements, challenges, and the path forward for our Branch.

We successfully launched our first free microchipping event in November 2023, aimed at providing essential identification for pets as well as giving those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis an opportunity to have their animal companions chipped without charge. We chipped 98 animals at our first event, thus enhancing their chances of being reunited with their owners in case of separation. In total, across five events, we have chipped 996 animals.

Throughout the year, we organised several fundraising events to support our operations and welfare programs. These events not only raised vital funds but also increased community engagement and awareness of our small Branch.

I am delighted to report that our fostering programme continues to be successful, and we have rehomed a total of 269 animals during the year, including cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and other small furrries. This programme is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff, fosterers, and volunteers.

Our Branch is very fortunate to have a strong team of Trustees who have passion and determination in guiding our Branch's success. We have our tireless Branch Manager who manages the day-to-day running of the Branch, dealing with an ever-increasing number of calls for help, co-ordinating the animal fosterers and volunteers, and ensuring the Branch adheres to all required organisational compliance. This year, we've been delighted to add our Branch Manager Assistant to the team to lend our Branch Manager a much-needed extra pair of hands! Our effervescent Shop Manager maintains the steady steering of our Ampthill Charity Shop, which continues to serve as a vital focal point for the local community – and donations are always welcome!

The commitment and leadership demonstrated by the entire Bedfordshire South Branch team has been instrumental in driving our mission forward and ensuring the smooth operation of our charity and I thank them all for their dedication and tenacity, particularly during these financially trying times.

Despite our successes, we face challenges – from rising veterinary bills and the increasing cost of pet food, to the increased number of calls for support and, sadly, rehoming animal companions lost, abandoned, or whose owners can no longer afford their care. To address these challenges effectively, we need to explore strategies to enhance fundraising efforts, recruit more fosterers, and – where we can afford to – provide support to pet owners struggling with veterinary expenses.

As we push forward through another year, I am confident that we have a strong foundation to build upon. With the dedication of our robust team, the support of our community, and a focus on the future, I believe we are well-positioned to overcome challenges and achieve even greater success in the coming year.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Trustees, staff, fosterers, volunteers, branch members, donors, and the community for their unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Together, RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of animals!



## Reference and Administration Details

Charity Details

Charity Number: 259020

Registered Address: 34 Springfield Road, Luton, LU2 3HF, Tel: 07510 390872

Shop Address: 117 Dunstable Street Ampthill Beds MK45 2NG, Tel: 01525 838040

## Trustees during 2024

Jo Byrne, Chair, from 15/09/2020 to present  
Emily Stratton, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present  
Lindsay Carignan, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present  
Claire Robinson, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present  
Barbara Grell, Trustee, from 21/10/21 to present  
Prash Thakkar, Trustee, from 10/02/2020 to present  
Lynda Harris from appointed 01/03/23 to present

## Staff

Branch Manager – Alison Sutton  
Assistant Branch Manager – Michelle Brinkley  
Shop Manager – Marie Moir  
Deputy Shop Manager – Sharon Cutler  
Deputy Shop Manager - Tania Spittle

## Accountants & Independent Examiners

Graham Hunt & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Unit 15  
Hockliffe Business Park  
Watling Street  
Hockliffe  
Bedfordshire  
LU7 9NB

## Bankers

Barclays, 16 High St N, Dunstable LU6 1JZ  
NatWest, 81 High St, Bedford MK40 1YN

## Volunteering

As a Branch we rely on volunteers to make our aims of helping animals in need and improving animal welfare a reality. Our volunteers provide the backbone to our work and make a huge contribution to prevent cruelty and promote kindness. The numbers of volunteers vary throughout the year. Volunteer roles include:

- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Fostering
- ✓ Driving and transport
- ✓ Events
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Shop work

- ✓ Trustee

## Achievements & Branch Statistics

We re-homed:

- ✓ 171 cats
- ✓ 52 rabbits
- ✓ 46 small furries
- ✓ TOTAL: 269



We are always looking for new volunteers and rely on their hard work and commitment to be able to do all we can to help animals in need. Volunteering with us is a great way to meet likeminded people who share the same enthusiasm for animal welfare. Anyone can volunteer and we encourage volunteers from all sections of the community. If you would like to find out more, please e-mail: [info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk)

**Thank you to ALL our volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!**

## Fundraisers



This year we held craft fairs throughout the years raising vital funds to continue our work locally. Our team, trustees and volunteers worked tirelessly to continue to increase fundraising to cover ever increasing costs. In addition to our craft fairs we held several Facebook auctions and

started to reach out and build our social media presence to support our branch, tell the stories of our rescues and most of all build a good reputation locally and to increase online donations.



## Microchipping Events



On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, microchipping became mandatory for cats and the Branch therefore prepared to support our local community of cat owners to be compliant by offering free microchipping in the lead up to and following implementation of this new statute. Whilst we remain unclear who maybe policing the possible £500 fine, we welcome more cats and other pets to be microchipped.

**A microchip with up-to-date details is the golden ticket home....**

We microchipped a total of 996 animals, including cats, dogs and rabbits at our local microchipping events across the year.



## Charity Objectives

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by unlawful means, with reference to the area of the branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. We are to concentrate on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. The legislation and The Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicated an acceptance by society that treating a living creature with compassion has a moral benefit for the public. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to balance against any detriment.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The Branch helps unwanted, abandoned, and sick animals. We support our local Inspectorate by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties, loss of housing or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate rescues animals in distress and enforces the law against cruelty and mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions.

The work is key to 'The prevention and suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objectives and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involve their moral benefit to humankind. The branch offers help and advice to rehome unwanted animals or strays. We take in numbers that reflect the space we have for the most abused and neglected animals and in order of most need. We think this is fair and compliant with welfare needs. The adoption fee charged is reasonable and highlights the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. Animals in our care are given a health check, wormed, flea treated, vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped. We respond to enquiries from the public via telephone and email direct to the Branch Manager at: [info@rspbfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspbfordshiresouth.org.uk)

The Branch raises money to support its work through its charity shop in Ampthill, which also help to promote our rehoming, neutering and other messages in line with RSPCA policies, campaigns, and values. The Branch provides volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including fostering, raising awareness of animal welfare issues through the promotion of campaigns, fundraising and retail opportunities in our shop. This benefits local people and companies through providing the possibility of doing work which is both compassionate and rewarding and offers experience which may assist participants in finding paid work. We thank our volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they have focused on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. In deciding what activities, the Branch should undertake we have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

## Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing the financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- ✓ Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- ✓ Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- ✓ State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- ✓ Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enables and ensures that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.

## Rescue and Foster Stories

### Benny & Teddy

In early September Beds South RSPCA received a request from a dog warden in Slough for an urgent space for a tiny little kitten, with just one eye and a cleft lip. We leapt into action.



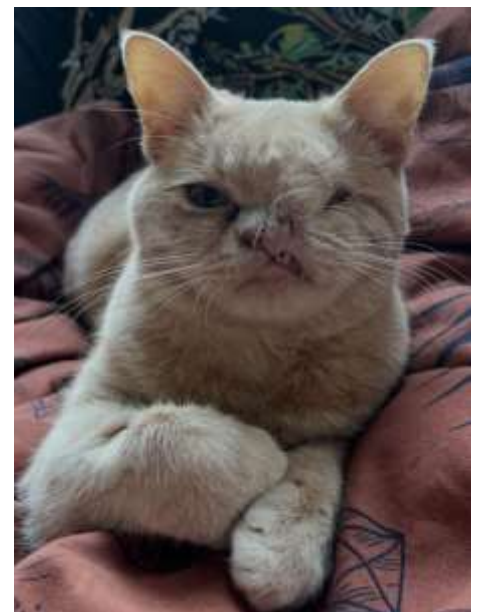
He had been handed in along with his mum, dad and two siblings, following a member of the public fleeing a domestic abuse situation. A vet check deemed the kitten - said to be 12 weeks old - was in good health but TINY! An extra surprise for our fosterer who took him in was that the kitten came accompanied by one of his siblings, easily three times the size of his little brother!

The kittens were officially named: Benjamin Button-Sized and Theodore Jet-Setter....aka Benny and the Jets...but we soon settled on, simply, Benny and Teddy.



The Boys grew fast, and Benny's appetite is second to none...meaning he was soon only HALF the size of his brother Teddy! Two subsequent vet checks gave Benny and Teddy the thumbs up for rehoming.

Today, The Boys are in their forever home - with Sam and Hannah - as well as Charlie, Tony and Merlin, their three other cats. Tony is blind so also an indoor-only cat (as Benny is) - and he loves to give the family's newest members a thorough washing before a proper snuggle and snooze.



## Brie's Story

We can tell her story in the pictures....

**Brie was suffering Pyometra.** This is a serious uterine infection that affects unspayed female cats. It occurs within weeks of a cat being in estrus (or in heat) as a result of abnormal hormone changes. Bloody, purulent vaginal discharge and abdominal swelling are the most indicative symptoms of pyometra. Prompt veterinary treatment is critical because pyometra can be fatal if untreated.



**As well as the Pyometra poor Brie had fly strike.** Fly strike occurs when flies lay eggs on an animal, the eggs then pupate into larvae (also known as maggots) that feed on the flesh of the animal whilst they are still alive. This is, without a doubt, a very painful condition. It is also life threatening, and it is common for affected animals to go into shock once this process begins. Without treatment fly strike can be fatal.

Our volunteer spend many hours on a busy layby trying to trap Brie. They did NOT give up! Brie was immediately taken to the vet, and everything was done to save Brie's life.

### Removing the maggots and Brie at the vet:



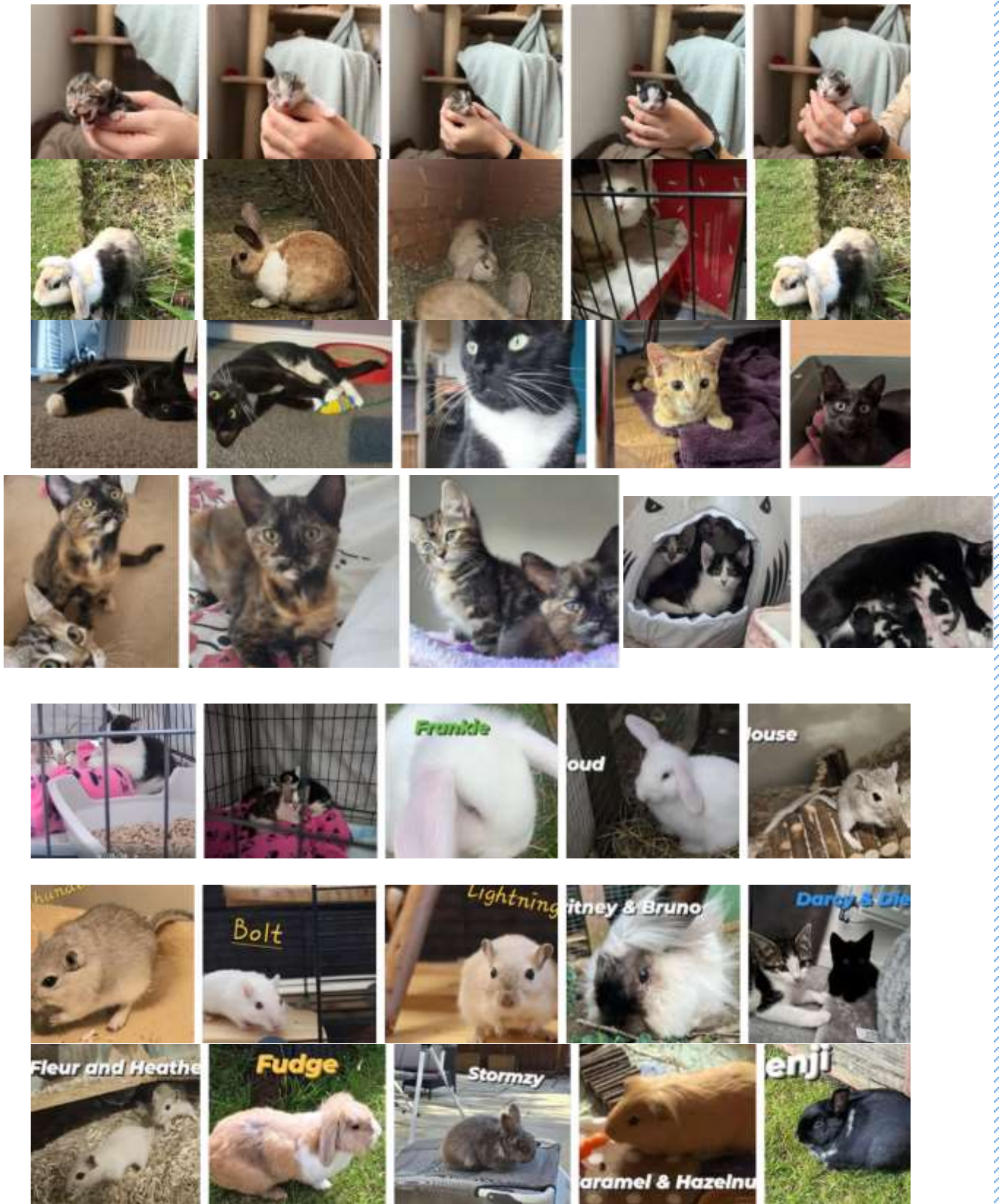
**Brie today in her loving forever home and living her best life**



All this suffering could have been avoided had Brie been spayed.  
But look at her NOW! What a tail, girl!

# Our year in pictures - rescue gallery

We like to share. Here are some of our rescues this year.







REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 259020

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

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## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Treasurers Report**

In 2024, our fundraising efforts continued to improve, and we held a number of events which were very successful, and our income from fundraising was increased by over £6,000 vs 2023.

Sales from our shop in Ampthill were down vs prior year, and the Trustees, Branch manager and Shop manager are looking at ways to increase sales in 2025.

Our adoption income was similar to prior year, although due to the health and neglect of the animals, prior to being placed in our care, the veterinary expenses were significantly increased. However, we are very proud of our fostering and adoption programs which are very successful and an important service that we provide to the animals we rescue and the community.

We continue to work with vets and pet food suppliers to negotiate reduced fees where possible, but as the number of animals in our care increase, it is inevitable that costs associated with their care and welfare will increase also.

The trustees made the decision at the beginning of the year to recruit a Branch Assistant on a part time basis to support the Branch manager, who had been working a significant amount of overtime. All the trustees have full time jobs, and it is increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers. The additional payroll expense for this position was not intended to also increase income, but we will be looking for ways to increase income to offset this cost in 2025.

We received a legacy in 2024 totalling £177,718, with no specific request or restrictions on how we were to spend this money. The trustees would like to invest this money, (in addition to the £25,000 fund we had previously designated for a new shop or other investment), in a project that will not only allow us to help animals and our community but will also provide an ongoing income stream. We will continue to consider options in 2025.

Largely part to the addition of the Branch Assistant overall increase in payroll costs, increase in veterinary costs and reduction in shop sales, we would have made a loss in 2024 of approximately £31,000, if we had not received the legacy. We covered this shortfall by utilizing existing unrestricted funds from prior years.

All trustees remain committed to the aim of increasing income, and we are actively exploring investment opportunities, to further enhance the branch and to ensure we have enough funds available to be able to continue carrying out our amazing work, covering all aspects of animal welfare for animals in and out of our care, rescuing animals where necessary and supporting our fantastic team of fosters.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

259020

##### **Principal address**

34 Springfield Road  
Luton  
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

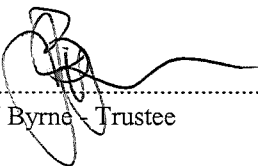
**Trustees**

J Byrne Chair  
E Stratton  
L Carignan (resigned 24.9.24)  
C Robinson  
R Rice (resigned 8.6.24)  
B Grell  
G Hooper (resigned 3.6.24)  
L Francis (resigned 4.6.24)  
P Thakkar  
L Harris

**Independent Examiner**

Graham Hunt & Co  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
J Byrne - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024:

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 20th May 2025.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		208,990	-	208,990	36,633
Other trading activities	2	91,871	-	91,871	88,768
<b>Total</b>		<u>300,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,861</u>	<u>125,401</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable		153,825	-	153,825	126,032
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		147,036	-	147,036	(631)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		188,474	25,000	213,474	214,105
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>335,510</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>360,510</u>	<u>213,474</u>


The notes form part of these financial statements

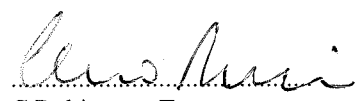
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	5,461	-	5,461	7,282
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	4,754	-	4,754	3,977
Cash at bank		328,959	25,000	353,959	207,341
		<u>333,713</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>358,713</u>	<u>211,318</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,664)	-	(3,664)	(5,126)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>330,049</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>355,049</u>	<u>206,192</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>335,510</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>360,510</u>	<u>213,474</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>335,510</u></u>	<u><u>25,000</u></u>	<u><u>360,510</u></u>	<u><u>213,474</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds:	8				
General fund				335,510	188,474
Designated Fund				25,000	25,000
				<u>360,510</u>	<u>213,474</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>360,510</u></u>	<u><u>213,474</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
J Byrne - Trustee

  
.....  
C Robinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Fundraising	10,873	4,785
Sale of Goods	59,376	64,064
Commission	-	133
Door to Door	21,622	19,786
	<u>91,871</u>	<u>88,768</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	36,633	-	36,633
Other trading activities	88,768	-	88,768
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,401</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable	126,032	-	126,032
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(631)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(631)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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	£	£
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<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	300,861	125,401
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Salaries, NI & Pensions	30,564	30,443
Rates and water	286	268
Insurance	521	950
Light and heat	1,617	1,347
Telephone & Internet	199	445
Sundry Expenses	4,477	5,800
Fostering	45,796	37,827
Fundraising Costs	1,016	1,791
Gift Aid Costs	1,929	1,506
Rent	10,000	10,000
Equipment Hire	1,020	1,503
Motor and Travelling	1,348	-
Repairs & Maintenance	-	238
Plant and machinery	1,560	2,079
Fixtures and fittings	261	511
Credit Card Charges	619	1,246
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	101,213	95,954
<b>Support costs</b>		

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	50,447	28,697
Postage and stationery	258	367
Accountancy	1,255	700
Website & Computer Costs	236	147
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Subscriptions	381	132
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	52,612	30,078
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Total resources expended	153,825	126,032
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Net income/(expenditure)	147,036	(631)
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 259020

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

Graham Hunt & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
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Watling Street  
Hockliffe  
Bedfordshire  
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## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Treasurers Report**

In 2024, our fundraising efforts continued to improve, and we held a number of events which were very successful, and our income from fundraising was increased by over £6,000 vs 2023.

Sales from our shop in Ampthill were down vs prior year, and the Trustees, Branch manager and Shop manager are looking at ways to increase sales in 2025.

Our adoption income was similar to prior year, although due to the health and neglect of the animals, prior to being placed in our care, the veterinary expenses were significantly increased. However, we are very proud of our fostering and adoption programs which are very successful and an important service that we provide to the animals we rescue and the community.

We continue to work with vets and pet food suppliers to negotiate reduced fees where possible, but as the number of animals in our care increase, it is inevitable that costs associated with their care and welfare will increase also.

The trustees made the decision at the beginning of the year to recruit a Branch Assistant on a part time basis to support the Branch manager, who had been working a significant amount of overtime. All the trustees have full time jobs, and it is increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers. The additional payroll expense for this position was not intended to also increase income, but we will be looking for ways to increase income to offset this cost in 2025.

We received a legacy in 2024 totalling £177,718, with no specific request or restrictions on how we were to spend this money. The trustees would like to invest this money, (in addition to the £25,000 fund we had previously designated for a new shop or other investment), in a project that will not only allow us to help animals and our community but will also provide an ongoing income stream. We will continue to consider options in 2025.

Largely part to the addition of the Branch Assistant overall increase in payroll costs, increase in veterinary costs and reduction in shop sales, we would have made a loss in 2024 of approximately £31,000, if we had not received the legacy. We covered this shortfall by utilizing existing unrestricted funds from prior years.

All trustees remain committed to the aim of increasing income, and we are actively exploring investment opportunities, to further enhance the branch and to ensure we have enough funds available to be able to continue carrying out our amazing work, covering all aspects of animal welfare for animals in and out of our care, rescuing animals where necessary and supporting our fantastic team of fosters.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

259020

##### **Principal address**

34 Springfield Road  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU3 2HF

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

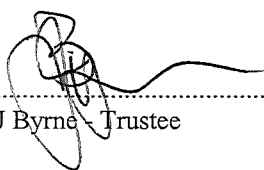
**Trustees**

J Byrne Chair  
E Stratton  
L Carignan (resigned 24.9.24)  
C Robinson  
R Rice (resigned 8.6.24)  
B Grell  
G Hooper (resigned 3.6.24)  
L Francis (resigned 4.6.24)  
P Thakkar  
L Harris

**Independent Examiner**

Graham Hunt & Co  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19th May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
J Byrne - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024:

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Graham Hunt  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 20th May 2025.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		208,990	-	208,990	36,633
Other trading activities	2	91,871	-	91,871	88,768
<b>Total</b>		<u>300,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,861</u>	<u>125,401</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable		153,825	-	153,825	126,032
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		147,036	-	147,036	(631)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		188,474	25,000	213,474	214,105
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>335,510</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>360,510</u>	<u>213,474</u>


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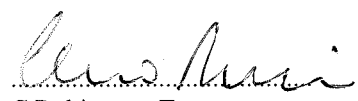
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	5,461	-	5,461	7,282
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	4,754	-	4,754	3,977
Cash at bank		328,959	25,000	353,959	207,341
		<u>333,713</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>358,713</u>	<u>211,318</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,664)	-	(3,664)	(5,126)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>330,049</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>355,049</u>	<u>206,192</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>335,510</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>360,510</u>	<u>213,474</u>
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Unrestricted funds:	8				
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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.....  
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## RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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**Trustees' expenses**

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Legacies & Memoriam Donations	177,718	-
Grants Received	-	2,066
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	208,990	36,633
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising	10,873	4,785
Sale of Goods	59,376	64,064
Commission	-	133
Door to Door	21,622	19,786
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	91,871	88,768
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	300,861	125,401
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Salaries, NI & Pensions	30,564	30,443
Rates and water	286	268
Insurance	521	950
Light and heat	1,617	1,347
Telephone & Internet	199	445
Sundry Expenses	4,477	5,800
Fostering	45,796	37,827
Fundraising Costs	1,016	1,791
Gift Aid Costs	1,929	1,506
Rent	10,000	10,000
Equipment Hire	1,020	1,503
Motor and Travelling	1,348	-
Repairs & Maintenance	-	238
Plant and machinery	1,560	2,079
Fixtures and fittings	261	511
Credit Card Charges	619	1,246
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	101,213	95,954
<b>Support costs</b>		

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	50,447	28,697
Postage and stationery	258	367
Accountancy	1,255	700
Website & Computer Costs	236	147
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Subscriptions	381	132
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	52,612	30,078
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Total resources expended	153,825	126,032
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Net income/(expenditure)	147,036	(631)
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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# Accounts

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Bedfordshire South Branch  
Registered Charity No.259020

# Annual Report

## The trustees present the annual report 2023



The year of the Mamas....

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## Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity branch during the year and the position on 31 December 2023 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

## Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The branch has a comprehensive Conflict of Interest policy and mitigation strategy to manage the conflicts. Conflicted Trustees leave the room when appropriate and cannot partake in any discussions or votes related to the connected party. Each committee meeting begins with any updates to conflicts of interest. Decisions relating to any remuneration, pay or other benefit will always exclude conflicted Trustees.

The branch Board of Trustees in 2023 managed the following conflicts of interest:  
Jo Byrne (Chair) as a connected person to Patsy Coote (Trustee)

The Branch welcomed a new Trustees during 2023, Lynda Harris. We welcome applications from individuals both with an interest in animal welfare and the skills required to help manage the governance and strategy of the Branch. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Trustee, please email [info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk).

## Chair's Report by Jo Byrne

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for our RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch for 2023, highlighting our achievements, challenges, and the path forward for our Branch.

One of the significant achievements this year has been the establishment of three pet food bank partnerships! These partnerships have enabled us to extend our support to pet owners experiencing financial difficulties, ensuring that their beloved companions receive the care and nourishment they deserve and, ideally, remain in their homes.

We also successfully launched our first free microchipping event in November 2023, aimed at providing essential identification for pets as well as giving those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis an opportunity to have their animal companions chipped without charge. We chipped 98 animals at our first event thus enhancing their chances of being reunited with their owners in case of separation.

Throughout the year, we organised several fundraising events to support our operations and welfare programs. These events not only raised vital funds but also increased community engagement and awareness of our small Branch.

I am delighted to report that we have rehomed a total of 248 animals during the year: 112 cats, 57 rabbits, 3 dogs and 76 guinea pigs and other small furrries. This significant achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff, fosterers, and volunteers.

Our Branch is very fortunate to have a strong team of Trustees who have passion and determination in guiding our Branch's success. We have our tireless Branch Manager who

manages the day-to-day running of the Branch, dealing with an ever-increasing number of calls for help, as well as co-ordinating the pet food banks, animal fosterers, volunteers, and ensuring the Branch adheres to all required organisational compliance. Our effervescent Shop Manager maintains the steady steering of our Ampthill Charity Shop, which continues to serve as a vital focal point for the local community – and donations are always welcome! The commitment and leadership demonstrated by the entire Bedfordshire South Branch team has been instrumental in driving our mission forward and ensuring the smooth operation of our charity and I thank them all for their dedication and tenacity, particularly during these financially trying times.

Despite our successes, we face challenges – from rising veterinary bills and the increasing cost of pet food, to the increased number of calls for support and, sadly, rehoming animal companions lost, abandoned, or whose owners can no longer afford their care. To address these challenges effectively, we need to explore strategies to enhance fundraising efforts, recruit more fosterers, and – where we can afford to – provide support to pet owners struggling with veterinary expenses.

As we push forward through another year, I am confident that we have a strong foundation to build upon. With the dedication of our robust team, the support of our community, and a focus on the future, I believe we are well-positioned to overcome challenges and achieve even greater success in the coming year.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Trustees, staff, fosterers, volunteers, branch members, donors, and the community for their unwavering support and commitment to our mission. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of animals!

## Reference and Administration Details

### Charity Details

Charity Number: 259020

Registered Address: 34 Springfield Road, Luton, LU2 3HF, Tel: 07510 390872

Shop Address: 117 Dunstable Street Ampthill Beds MK45 2NG, Tel: 01525 838040 Trustees during 2023.

## Trustees during 2023

Jo Byrne, Chair, from 15/09/2020 to present

Emily Stratton, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present

Lindsay Carignan, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present

Patsy Coote, Trustee, from 21/10/21 resigned 01/02/23

Claire Robinson, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present

Rosie Rice, Trustee, from 16/06/2022 to present

Barbara Grell, Trustee, from 21/10/21 to present

Gary Hooper, Trustee, from 22/07/2021 to present

Lisa Francis, Trustee, from 22/04/2021 to present

Prash Thakkar, Trustee, from 10/02/2020 to present

Dalinda Pani, Trustee, from 11/05/2015 resigned 01/11/2023

Lynda Harris from appointed 01/03/23 to present

## Staff

Branch Manager – Alison Sutton  
Shop Manager – Marie Moir  
Deputy Shop Manager – Sharon Cutler  
Deputy Shop Manager - Tania Spittle

## Accountants & Independent Examiners

Graham Hunt & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Unit 15  
Hockliffe Business Park  
Watling Street  
Hockliffe  
Bedfordshire  
LU7 9NB

## Bankers

Barclays, 16 High St N, Dunstable LU6 1JZ  
NatWest, 81 High St, Bedford MK40 1YN

## Volunteering

As a Branch we rely on volunteers to make our aims of helping animals in need and improving animal welfare a reality. Our volunteers provide the backbone to our work and make a huge contribution to prevent cruelty and promote kindness. The numbers of volunteers vary throughout the year. Volunteer roles include:

- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ Fostering
- ✓ Driving and transport
- ✓ Events
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Shop work
- ✓ Trustee

## Achievements & Branch Statistics

We re-homed:

- ✓ 3 dogs
- ✓ 112 cats
- ✓ 57 rabbits
- ✓ 76 small furries
- ✓ TOTAL: 248



We are always looking for new volunteers and rely on their hard work and commitment to be able to do all we can to help animals in need. Volunteering with us is a great way to meet likeminded people who share the same enthusiasm for animal welfare. Anyone can volunteer and we encourage volunteers from all sections of the community. If you would like to find out more, please e-mail: [info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk)

## Fundraisers:

19 March 2023 – Spring Craft Fair



## 1 July 2023 – Dog Show and Summer Fundraiser



## 30 September 2023 – Autumn Craft Fair



## Charity Objectives

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by unlawful means, with reference to the area of the branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. We are to concentrate on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. The legislation and The Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicated an acceptance by society that treating a living creature with compassion has a moral benefit for the public. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to balance against any detriment.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The Branch helps unwanted, abandoned, and sick animals. We support our local Inspectorate by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties, loss of housing or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate rescues animals in distress and enforces the law against cruelty and mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions.

The work is key to 'The prevention and suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objectives and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involve their moral benefit to humankind. The branch offers help and advice to rehome unwanted animals or strays. We take in numbers that reflect the space we have for the most abused and neglected animals and in order of most need. We think this is fair and compliant with welfare needs. The adoption fee charged is reasonable and highlights the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. Animals in our care are given a health check, wormed, flea treated, vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped. We respond to enquiries from the public via telephone and email direct to the Branch Manager at: [info@rspcabedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspcabedfordshiresouth.org.uk)

The Branch raises money to support its work through its charity shop in Ampthill, which also help to promote our rehoming, neutering and other messages in line with RSPCA policies, campaigns, and values. The Branch provides volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including fostering, raising awareness of animal welfare issues through the promotion of campaigns, fundraising and retail opportunities in our shop. This benefits local people and companies through providing the possibility of doing work which is both compassionate and rewarding and offers experience which may assist participants in finding paid work. We thank our volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they have focused on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. In deciding what activities, the Branch should undertake we have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

## Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing the financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- ✓ Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- ✓ Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- ✓ State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- ✓ Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enables and ensures that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.

## Rescue and Foster Stories

Misha's Story – sometimes, our fosters don't get rehomed but stay with us until the end...



Misha had already lived 16 fairly tough years but following her owner's move to a new home in November 2022, Misha decided she wasn't leaving 'her garden' and kept running away from her new home back to her old garden. Her previous owner dropped off food but soon the new owners occupied the house and started to renovate the garden. Misha took to hiding under another neighbour's garden shed all through the chilly rainy spring of 2023 and steadfastly refused to be trapped – although we did inadvertently trap quite a few *very grumpy* hedgehogs!

The shed-neighbours earned Misha's trust and, thankfully, caught Misha one morning but, upon being returned to her owner and subsequently escaping again – right back to the shed-neighbours – it was agreed Misha would be signed over to the Branch once we caught her again, which was, thankfully, just a couple of damp weeks later. We already knew Misha had an open wound on her flank – she'd had it for a good few years – and, following several months of 'living rough' we knew it would be in a bit of a state. We might be a tiny RSPCA Branch, but we do EVERYTHING we can for those in our care, and after getting Misha's heart scanned to check she could handle an operation, our vet stitched up the wound as best as they could. Unfortunately, but not entirely unexpected, the biopsy showed cancer. Prognosis was 7-ish months. In that time, the wound would likely return and the cancer would spread to other organs like the lungs.

The incredible thing was that we did find a family that was prepared to adopt Misha – absolutely knowing she would only have a few months with them! Misha, however, was a shy girl and easily stressed around people and even just a few weeks 'adjusting' to a new home was a few weeks too many if you don't have a lot of them left, so I decided Misha should stay with me until the end. And what a joy was Misha!! She was the most easy-going foster...loving her treats and, hey, if you're dying you can have as many as you can manage, right?! We spent many an evening with me whittering on about everything and Misha calm, sleepily listening. Just enjoying each other's quiet company.

In November, Misha started to show signs of heart failure. Heart failure isn't particularly painful, but it is horrible and slow and so very, very exhausting. We tried meds but Misha utterly hated them, and I wasn't going to ugly-force them down the sweet girl...so on 17<sup>th</sup> November we took our Misha for her last ever trip to the vet. She passed SO quickly in my arms – purring, of course. She was finally at peace without pain.

I shall miss my gentle, purry gal who would patiently let me wash the cancerous wounds that returned in several places all over her flank. She knew there would be a licky-sticky treat at the end, so persevered! I will miss my sweet ginger friend...she's been such an interesting journey. I had worried about her for so many months and was desperately upset when she started to deteriorate but, on the evening of her passing, I actually felt at peace about her for the first time in a very long time. Misha-Masha-Moo-Moo is sleeping the most peaceful sleep now and her ashes are buried in my garden next to the magnolia...love you, Baby Girl x

## Pumpkin

Pumpkin was so named because he was found on Halloween in a field with his brother, no mum in sight. Both were very sick and only estimated to be 4 weeks old. They were taken to a local vet who tried for an hour to save the sickest kitten, but sadly the fight was lost. So, their attention turned to Pumpkin, medication was administered to clear up the infection causing his congestion and poorly eye, the vet was unsure whether his eye could be saved or indeed if Pumpkin would make it.

A lovely veterinary nurse couldn't bear to leave him in the isolation room overnight so took him home each evening and cared for him there and brought him back in during the days. I received a call to say a sick kitten needed a foster home. I'd never had such a young sick kitten before, but I agreed as poor Pumpkin needed help.



He was so tiny and adorable and a total mischief maker right from the start. I slept with him curled up round my throat for a week and gave him his medication 3 times a day. Slowly the eye improved and his sneezing and snuffling reduced. He had a regular Vet check, and they were very pleased with his progress. After 3 weeks he was congestion free, and his eye was fully healed.

At 14 weeks Pumpkin was ready to go to his forever home. We were so very tempted to keep him ourselves, he had stolen our hearts (how couldn't he have). But there are so many other cats out there that also need help so with a heavy heart and many tears we sent Pumpkin off to his forever home.

I have received updates from them, and Pumpkin has truly landed on his paws. He has a doggy friend and two teenagers to terrorise and is very much loved and cared for, with the best garden to go and explore when he's ready. Knowing he is happy and bringing joy to his new family makes all the tears worthwhile.

## Why I foster...

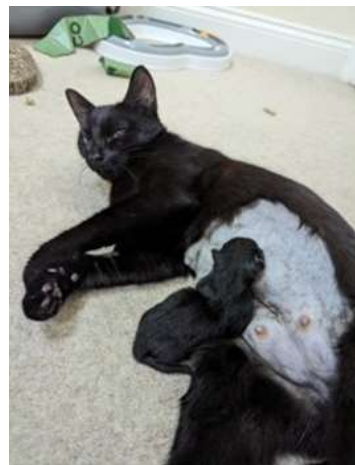
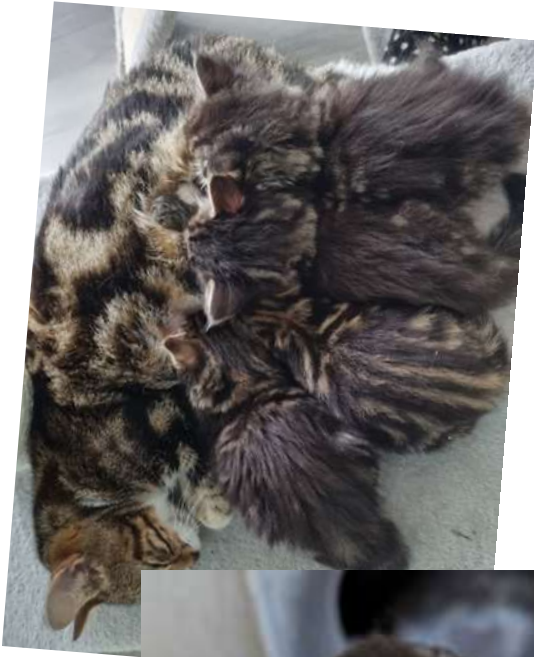


Why did I become a fosterer? Because I love animals and wanted to make a difference to their lives! For most animals being in foster care is the first time they will feel love, warmth and they don't have to worry about when they will next receive food if they have been dumped or are found as a stray.

Fostering is so rewarding as each animal that comes into your foster care have their own individual needs. Some stay for just a few weeks whilst some need some more TLC before they are ready to move onto their forever home.

A lot of people ask if it's upsetting when they are adopted and move onto their forever home. The simple answer is yes, all fosters will say they miss each animal as they have their own character but its delightful to see them go to their forever home where they will continue to be loved and cherished and as a fosterer you are proud to say that you helped provide these first steps for the animal in question.

## The Year of the Mamas – Gallery





**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**FOR**  
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

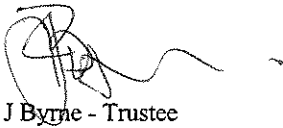
**Trustees**

J Byrne Chair  
E Stratton  
L Carignan  
P Coote (resigned 1.2.23)  
C Robinson  
R Rice  
B Grell  
G Hooper  
L Francis  
P Thakkar  
D Pani (resigned 1.11.23)  
L Harris (appointed 1.3.23)

**Independent Examiner**

Graham Hunt & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
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Hockliffe  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Byrne - Trustee

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Treasurers Report**

In 2023, we held a number of fundraising events, some of which were more successful than others which we have taken as a learning for future endeavours. Our income from these activities were on par with prior year.

For the second year running, we saw a significant increase in income from our shop in Ampthill and it continues to be a positive presence for the local community to learn about the work we are doing.

Our adoption income was down from prior year, but we are continuing with our fostering and rehoming program which is still very successful and an important service that we provide.

We received no government grants during 2023, but from RSPCA National we received a grant of £1,566 to support baby rabbits and a grant of £500 which increased our ability to provide pet food to local food banks. We also received £1,000 from Tesco's blue token program to support the local food bank. We received door to door funding from National of £19,786, which was down from the prior year.

We continue to work with vets and pet food suppliers to negotiate reduced fees where possible, but as the number of animals in our care increases, it is inevitable that costs associated with their care and welfare will increase also.

Due to continuing rises in all categories of expenditure, we saw an increase in spending of approximately £18,000 vs prior year and we made an overall loss of £631. This was primarily due to inflationary factors, but the Trustees agreed to continue serving the community and using a small amount of our non-restricted funds in order to do so.

A designated fund of £25,000 remains in place whilst we continue to search for a potential second retail premises or other investment opportunity and the Trustees decided to 'ringfence' £30,000 to enable us to support the community by assisting with neutering expenses in 2023 continuing into 2024. We also spent approximately £1,000 on training and equipment to establish a very successful chipping program which will continue into 2024.

All trustees remain committed to the aim of increasing income, and we are actively exploring investment opportunities, to further enhance the branch and to ensure we have enough funds available to be able to continue carrying out our amazing work, covering all aspects of animal welfare for animals in and out of our care, rescuing animals where necessary and supporting our fantastic team of fosterers.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

259020

##### **Principal address**

34 Springfield Road  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU3 2HF

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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28 May 2024

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		36,633	-	36,633	37,287
Other trading activities	2	88,768	-	88,768	80,742
<b>Total</b>		<u>125,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,401</u>	<u>118,029</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable		<u>126,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,032</u>	<u>108,863</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(631)	-	(631)	9,166
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		189,105	25,000	214,105	204,939
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>188,474</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>213,474</u>	<u>214,105</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

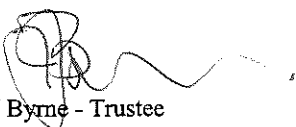
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**


**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	7,282	-	7,282	9,872
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	3,977	-	3,977	6,675
Cash at bank		182,341	25,000	207,341	201,976
		<u>186,318</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>211,318</u>	<u>208,651</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,126)	-	(5,126)	(4,418)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>181,192</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>206,192</u>	<u>204,233</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>188,474</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>213,474</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>188,474</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>213,474</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				188,474	189,105
Designated Fund				25,000	25,000
				<u>213,474</u>	<u>214,105</u>
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	37,287	-	37,287
Other trading activities	80,742	-	80,742
<b>Total</b>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,029</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable	108,863	-	108,863
<b>NET INCOME</b>	9,166	-	9,166
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	179,939	25,000	204,939
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>189,105</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>214,105</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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General fund	125,401	(126,032)	(631)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>125,401</u>	<u>(126,032)</u>	<u>(631)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	118,029	(108,863)	9,166
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>

## RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

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Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
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General fund	243,430	(234,895)	8,535
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>243,430</u>	<u>(234,895)</u>	<u>8,535</u>

The General Fund is available for use in fulfilling the general objects of the Charity.

The Designated Fund represents funds that have been set aside to finance a new shop.

#### 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Door to Door income of £19,786 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year (2022: £22,667).

No payments were made to the Branch Emergency Fund during the year or in the previous year.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Adoption Donations	23,570	29,415
Subscriptions & Donations	3,339	3,666
Gift aid	7,658	4,076
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	-	130
Grants Received	2,066	-
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	36,633	37,287
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising	4,785	4,386
Sale of Goods	64,064	53,592
Commission	133	97
Door to Door	19,786	22,667
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	88,768	80,742
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	125,401	118,029
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Salaries, NI & Pensions	30,443	28,967
Rates and water	268	498
Insurance	950	739
Light and heat	1,347	868
Telephone & Internet	445	630
Sundry Expenses	5,800	1,631
Fostering	37,827	27,002
Fundraising Costs	1,791	1,587
Gift Aid Costs	1,506	277
Cost of Goods Sold	-	75
Rent	10,000	10,329
Equipment Hire	1,503	1,593
Motor and Travelling	-	609
Repairs & Maintenance	238	1,350
Plant and machinery	2,079	2,773
Fixtures and fittings	511	519
Credit Card Charges	1,246	718
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	95,954	80,165
<b>Support costs</b>		

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	28,697	25,493
Postage and stationery	367	275
Accountancy	700	1,409
Website & Computer Costs	147	840
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Subscriptions	132	646
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	30,078	28,698
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Total resources expended	126,032	108,863
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<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(631)</b>	<b>9,166</b>
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**FOR**  
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

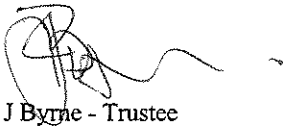
**Trustees**

J Byrne Chair  
E Stratton  
L Carignan  
P Coote (resigned 1.2.23)  
C Robinson  
R Rice  
B Grell  
G Hooper  
L Francis  
P Thakkar  
D Pani (resigned 1.11.23)  
L Harris (appointed 1.3.23)

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Treasurers Report**

In 2023, we held a number of fundraising events, some of which were more successful than others which we have taken as a learning for future endeavours. Our income from these activities were on par with prior year.

For the second year running, we saw a significant increase in income from our shop in Ampthill and it continues to be a positive presence for the local community to learn about the work we are doing.

Our adoption income was down from prior year, but we are continuing with our fostering and rehoming program which is still very successful and an important service that we provide.

We received no government grants during 2023, but from RSPCA National we received a grant of £1,566 to support baby rabbits and a grant of £500 which increased our ability to provide pet food to local food banks. We also received £1,000 from Tesco's blue token program to support the local food bank. We received door to door funding from National of £19,786, which was down from the prior year.

We continue to work with vets and pet food suppliers to negotiate reduced fees where possible, but as the number of animals in our care increases, it is inevitable that costs associated with their care and welfare will increase also.

Due to continuing rises in all categories of expenditure, we saw an increase in spending of approximately £18,000 vs prior year and we made an overall loss of £631. This was primarily due to inflationary factors, but the Trustees agreed to continue serving the community and using a small amount of our non-restricted funds in order to do so.

A designated fund of £25,000 remains in place whilst we continue to search for a potential second retail premises or other investment opportunity and the Trustees decided to 'ringfence' £30,000 to enable us to support the community by assisting with neutering expenses in 2023 continuing into 2024. We also spent approximately £1,000 on training and equipment to establish a very successful chipping program which will continue into 2024.

All trustees remain committed to the aim of increasing income, and we are actively exploring investment opportunities, to further enhance the branch and to ensure we have enough funds available to be able to continue carrying out our amazing work, covering all aspects of animal welfare for animals in and out of our care, rescuing animals where necessary and supporting our fantastic team of fosterers.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

259020

##### **Principal address**

34 Springfield Road  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU3 2HF

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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28 May 2024

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable		<u>126,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,032</u>	<u>108,863</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(631)	-	(631)	9,166
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
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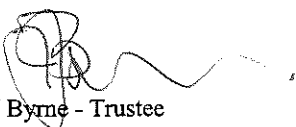
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**


**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	7,282	-	7,282	9,872
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	3,977	-	3,977	6,675
Cash at bank		182,341	25,000	207,341	201,976
		<u>186,318</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>211,318</u>	<u>208,651</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,126)	-	(5,126)	(4,418)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>181,192</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>206,192</u>	<u>204,233</u>
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	118,029	(108,863)	9,166
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>

## RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	179,939	8,535	188,474
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>204,939</u>	<u>8,535</u>	<u>213,474</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>8,535</u>	<u>213,474</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	243,430	(234,895)	8,535
	<u>243,430</u>	<u>(234,895)</u>	<u>8,535</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>243,430</u>	<u>(234,895)</u>	<u>8,535</u>

The General Fund is available for use in fulfilling the general objects of the Charity.

The Designated Fund represents funds that have been set aside to finance a new shop.

#### 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Door to Door income of £19,786 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year (2022: £22,667).

No payments were made to the Branch Emergency Fund during the year or in the previous year.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Adoption Donations	23,570	29,415
Subscriptions & Donations	3,339	3,666
Gift aid	7,658	4,076
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	-	130
Grants Received	2,066	-
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	36,633	37,287
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising	4,785	4,386
Sale of Goods	64,064	53,592
Commission	133	97
Door to Door	19,786	22,667
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	88,768	80,742
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	125,401	118,029
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Salaries, NI & Pensions	30,443	28,967
Rates and water	268	498
Insurance	950	739
Light and heat	1,347	868
Telephone & Internet	445	630
Sundry Expenses	5,800	1,631
Fostering	37,827	27,002
Fundraising Costs	1,791	1,587
Gift Aid Costs	1,506	277
Cost of Goods Sold	-	75
Rent	10,000	10,329
Equipment Hire	1,503	1,593
Motor and Travelling	-	609
Repairs & Maintenance	238	1,350
Plant and machinery	2,079	2,773
Fixtures and fittings	511	519
Credit Card Charges	1,246	718
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	95,954	80,165
<b>Support costs</b>		

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	28,697	25,493
Postage and stationery	367	275
Accountancy	700	1,409
Website & Computer Costs	147	840
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Subscriptions	132	646
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	30,078	28,698
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Total resources expended	126,032	108,863
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<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(631)</b>	<b>9,166</b>
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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**FOR**  
**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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259020

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##### **Trustees**

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E Stratton (appointed 16.6.22)  
L Carignan (appointed 16.6.22)  
P Coote  
C Robinson (appointed 16.6.22)  
R Rice (appointed 16.6.22)  
B Grell  
G Hooper  
L Francis  
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D Pani  
M Ridley (resigned 15.6.22)  
K Morris (resigned 5.9.22)

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
J Byrne - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Graham Hunt  
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Date: .....

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		37,287	-	37,287	42,654
Other trading activities	2	80,742	-	80,742	73,984
Other income		-	-	-	438
<b>Total</b>		<u>118,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>117,076</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Direct Charitable		<u>108,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,863</u>	<u>87,743</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		9,166	-	9,166	29,333
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>179,939</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>175,606</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>189,105</u></u>	<u><u>25,000</u></u>	<u><u>214,105</u></u>	<u><u>204,939</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	5	9,872	-	9,872	7,500
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	6	6,675	-	6,675	9,731
Cash at bank		176,976	25,000	201,976	189,167
		<u>183,651</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>208,651</u>	<u>198,898</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,418)	-	(4,418)	(1,459)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>179,233</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>204,233</u>	<u>197,439</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>189,105</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>214,105</u>	<u>204,939</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>189,105</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>214,105</u>	<u>204,939</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				189,105	179,939
Designated Fund				25,000	25,000
				<u>214,105</u>	<u>204,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>214,105</u>	<u>204,939</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
J Byrne - Trustee

.....  
E Stratton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Fundraising	4,386	3,660
Sale of Goods	53,592	38,732
Commission	97	7,007
VAT Recovered	-	451
Door to Door	22,667	24,134
	<u>80,742</u>	<u>73,984</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	42,654	-	42,654
Other trading activities	73,984	-	73,984
Other income	438	-	438
<b>Total</b>	<u>117,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,076</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable	87,743	-	87,743
<b>NET INCOME</b>	29,333	-	29,333
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	150,606	25,000	175,606
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>179,939</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>204,939</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2022	29,117	-	29,117
Additions	3,590	2,074	5,664
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At 31 December 2022	32,707	2,074	34,781
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2022	21,617	-	21,617
Charge for year	2,773	519	3,292
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At 31 December 2022	24,390	519	24,909
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2022	8,317	1,555	9,872
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At 31 December 2021	7,500	-	7,500
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**6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other debtors	416	416
VAT	3,960	5,037
Prepayments and accrued income	2,299	4,278
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	6,675	9,731
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,233	-
Other creditors	2,185	1,459
	<u>4,418</u>	<u>1,459</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	179,939	9,166	189,105
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	118,029	(108,863)	9,166
	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	150,606	29,333	179,939
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>175,606</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>204,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,606</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>204,939</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	117,076	(87,743)	29,333
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>117,076</u>	<u>(87,743)</u>	<u>29,333</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	150,606	38,499	189,105
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>175,606</u>	<u>38,499</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,606</u>	<u>38,499</u>	<u>214,105</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	235,105	(196,606)	38,499
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>235,105</u>	<u>(196,606)</u>	<u>38,499</u>

The General Fund is available for use in fulfilling the general objects of the Charity.

The Designated Fund represents funds that have been set aside to finance a new shop.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Adoption Donations	29,415	16,505
Subscriptions & Donations	3,666	2,442
Gift aid	4,076	6,106
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	130	326
Government Grants	-	17,275
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	37,287	42,654
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising	4,386	3,660
Sale of Goods	53,592	38,732
Commission	97	7,007
VAT Recovered	-	451
Door to Door	22,667	24,134
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	80,742	73,984
<b>Other income</b>		
Other	-	438
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	118,029	117,076
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Salaries, NI & Pensions	28,967	27,896
Rates and water	498	185
Insurance	739	134
Light and heat	868	450
Telephone & Internet	630	592
Sundry Expenses	1,631	648
Fostering	27,002	14,362
Fundraising Costs	1,587	1,119
Gift Aid Costs	277	605
Cost of Goods Sold	75	159
Rent	10,329	11,613
Equipment Hire	1,593	1,207
Carried forward	74,196	58,970

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	74,196	58,970
Motor and Travelling	609	36
Repairs & Maintenance	1,350	96
Plant and machinery	2,773	1,875
Fixtures and fittings	519	-
Credit Card Charges	718	655
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	80,165	61,632
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	25,493	22,493
Postage and stationery	275	313
Accountancy	1,409	1,371
Website & Computer Costs	840	521
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Branch Contributions	-	1,378
Subscriptions	646	-
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	28,698	26,111
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	108,863	87,743
<b>Net income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	9,166	29,333

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 259020**

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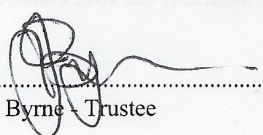
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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
J Byrne, Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

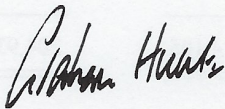
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Date: 24 July 2023

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		37,287	-	37,287	42,654
Other trading activities	2	80,742	-	80,742	73,984
Other income		-	-	-	438
<b>Total</b>		<u>118,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>117,076</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
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Direct Charitable		<u>108,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,863</u>	<u>87,743</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		9,166	-	9,166	29,333
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>179,939</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>175,606</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>189,105</u></u>	<u><u>25,000</u></u>	<u><u>214,105</u></u>	<u><u>204,939</u></u>


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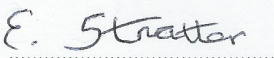
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Unrestricted funds:	8				
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##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Fundraising	4,386	3,660
Sale of Goods	53,592	38,732
Commission	97	7,007
VAT Recovered	-	451
Door to Door	22,667	24,134
	<u>80,742</u>	<u>73,984</u>

#### **3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

##### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	42,654	-	42,654
Other trading activities	73,984	-	73,984
Other income	438	-	438
<b>Total</b>	<u>117,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,076</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable	87,743	-	87,743
<b>NET INCOME</b>	29,333	-	29,333
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	150,606	25,000	175,606
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>179,939</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>204,939</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2022	29,117	-	29,117
Additions	3,590	2,074	5,664
At 31 December 2022	<u>32,707</u>	<u>2,074</u>	<u>34,781</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2022	21,617	-	21,617
Charge for year	2,773	519	3,292
At 31 December 2022	<u>24,390</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>24,909</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<u>8,317</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>9,872</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

**6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other debtors	416	416
VAT	3,960	5,037
Prepayments and accrued income	2,299	4,278
	<u>6,675</u>	<u>9,731</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,233	-
Other creditors	2,185	1,459
	<u>4,418</u>	<u>1,459</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	179,939	9,166	189,105
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	118,029	(108,863)	9,166
	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	150,606	29,333	179,939
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>175,606</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>204,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,606</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>204,939</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	117,076	(87,743)	29,333
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>117,076</u>	<u>(87,743)</u>	<u>29,333</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	150,606	38,499	189,105
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>175,606</u>	<u>38,499</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,606</u>	<u>38,499</u>	<u>214,105</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	235,105	(196,606)	38,499
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>235,105</u>	<u>(196,606)</u>	<u>38,499</u>

The General Fund is available for use in fulfilling the general objects of the Charity.

The Designated Fund represents funds that have been set aside to finance a new shop.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Door to Door income of £22,667 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year (2021: £24,134).

No payments were made to the Branch Emergency Fund during the year or in the previous year.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

31.12.22                      31.12.21  
£                                      £

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

**Donations and legacies**

Adoption Donations	29,415	16,505
Subscriptions & Donations	3,666	2,442
Gift aid	4,076	6,106
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	130	326
Government Grants	-	17,275
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	37,287	42,654

**Other trading activities**

Fundraising	4,386	3,660
Sale of Goods	53,592	38,732
Commission	97	7,007
VAT Recovered	-	451
Door to Door	22,667	24,134
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	80,742	73,984

**Other income**

Other	-	438
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**Total incoming resources**

118,029                      117,076

**EXPENDITURE**

**Charitable activities**

Salaries, NI & Pensions	28,967	27,896
Rates and water	498	185
Insurance	739	134
Light and heat	868	450
Telephone & Internet	630	592
Sundry Expenses	1,631	648
Fostering	27,002	14,362
Fundraising Costs	1,587	1,119
Gift Aid Costs	277	605
Cost of Goods Sold	75	159
Rent	10,329	11,613
Equipment Hire	1,593	1,207
Carried forward	74,196	58,970

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	74,196	58,970
Motor and Travelling	609	36
Repairs & Maintenance	1,350	96
Plant and machinery	2,773	1,875
Fixtures and fittings	519	-
Credit Card Charges	718	655
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	80,165	61,632
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	25,493	22,493
Postage and stationery	275	313
Accountancy	1,409	1,371
Website & Computer Costs	840	521
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Branch Contributions	-	1,378
Subscriptions	646	-
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	28,698	26,111
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	108,863	87,743
<b>Net income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	9,166	29,333

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 259020**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
**FOR**  
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## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

259020

##### **Principal address**

34 Springfield Road  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU3 2HF

##### **Trustees**

J Byrne Chair  
E Stratton (appointed 16.6.22)  
L Carignan (appointed 16.6.22)  
P Coote  
C Robinson (appointed 16.6.22)  
R Rice (appointed 16.6.22)  
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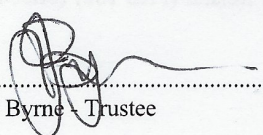
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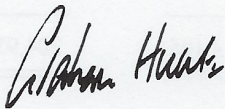
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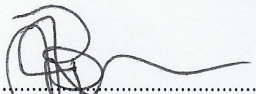
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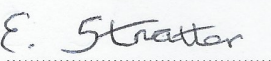
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All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## **RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

#### **2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Fundraising	4,386	3,660
Sale of Goods	53,592	38,732
Commission	97	7,007
VAT Recovered	-	451
Door to Door	22,667	24,134
	<u>80,742</u>	<u>73,984</u>

#### **3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

##### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Designated Fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	42,654	-	42,654
Other trading activities	73,984	-	73,984
Other income	438	-	438
<b>Total</b>	<u>117,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,076</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Direct Charitable	87,743	-	87,743
<b>NET INCOME</b>	29,333	-	29,333
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	150,606	25,000	175,606
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>179,939</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>204,939</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2022	29,117	-	29,117
Additions	3,590	2,074	5,664
At 31 December 2022	<u>32,707</u>	<u>2,074</u>	<u>34,781</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2022	21,617	-	21,617
Charge for year	2,773	519	3,292
At 31 December 2022	<u>24,390</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>24,909</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<u>8,317</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>9,872</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

**6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Other debtors	416	416
VAT	3,960	5,037
Prepayments and accrued income	2,299	4,278
	<u>6,675</u>	<u>9,731</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,233	-
Other creditors	2,185	1,459
	<u>4,418</u>	<u>1,459</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	179,939	9,166	189,105
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>204,939</u>	<u>9,166</u>	<u>214,105</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	118,029	(108,863)	9,166
	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>118,029</u>	<u>(108,863)</u>	<u>9,166</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	150,606	29,333	179,939
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>175,606</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>204,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,606</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>204,939</u>

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	117,076	(87,743)	29,333
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>117,076</u>	<u>(87,743)</u>	<u>29,333</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	150,606	38,499	189,105
Designated Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>175,606</u>	<u>38,499</u>	<u>214,105</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>175,606</u>	<u>38,499</u>	<u>214,105</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	235,105	(196,606)	38,499
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>235,105</u>	<u>(196,606)</u>	<u>38,499</u>

The General Fund is available for use in fulfilling the general objects of the Charity.

The Designated Fund represents funds that have been set aside to finance a new shop.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Door to Door income of £22,667 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year (2021: £24,134).

No payments were made to the Branch Emergency Fund during the year or in the previous year.

**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

31.12.22                      31.12.21  
£                                      £

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

**Donations and legacies**

Adoption Donations	29,415	16,505
Subscriptions & Donations	3,666	2,442
Gift aid	4,076	6,106
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	130	326
Government Grants	-	17,275
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	37,287	42,654

**Other trading activities**

Fundraising	4,386	3,660
Sale of Goods	53,592	38,732
Commission	97	7,007
VAT Recovered	-	451
Door to Door	22,667	24,134
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	80,742	73,984

**Other income**

Other	-	438
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**Total incoming resources**

118,029                      117,076

**EXPENDITURE**

**Charitable activities**

Salaries, NI & Pensions	28,967	27,896
Rates and water	498	185
Insurance	739	134
Light and heat	868	450
Telephone & Internet	630	592
Sundry Expenses	1,631	648
Fostering	27,002	14,362
Fundraising Costs	1,587	1,119
Gift Aid Costs	277	605
Cost of Goods Sold	75	159
Rent	10,329	11,613
Equipment Hire	1,593	1,207
Carried forward	74,196	58,970

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**RSPCA BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	74,196	58,970
Motor and Travelling	609	36
Repairs & Maintenance	1,350	96
Plant and machinery	2,773	1,875
Fixtures and fittings	519	-
Credit Card Charges	718	655
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	80,165	61,632
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension	25,493	22,493
Postage and stationery	275	313
Accountancy	1,409	1,371
Website & Computer Costs	840	521
Legal & Professional Fees	35	35
Branch Contributions	-	1,378
Subscriptions	646	-
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	28,698	26,111
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	108,863	87,743
<b>Net income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	9,166	29,333

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# Accounts

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**RSPCA Bedfordshire  
South Branch**

Registered Charity No. 259020

# **Annual Report**

**The trustees present the  
annual report 2021**



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## Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity branch during the year and the position on 31 December 2021 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

## Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The branch has a comprehensive Conflict of Interest policy and mitigation strategy to manage the conflicts. Conflicted Trustees leave the room when appropriate and cannot partake in any discussions or votes related to the connected party. Each committee meeting begins with any updates to conflicts of interest. Decisions relating to any remuneration, pay or other benefit will always exclude conflicted Trustees.

The branch Board of Trustees in 2021 managed the following conflicts of interest:

- Matthew Ridley (Trustee) as a connected person to Alison Sutton (Branch Manager)
- Jo Byrne (Chair) as a connected person to Patsy Coot (Trustee)

The Branch has welcomed several new Trustees during 2021. We welcome applications from individuals both with an interest in animal welfare and the skills required to help manage the governance and strategy of the Branch. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Trustee, please email [chair@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:chair@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk).

## Chairs Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch of 2021.

As for all charities, times continue to be uncertain. Unlocking out of 'lockdown' presents so many challenges, particularly in keeping our team safe – everyone from our Ampthill Shop staff and volunteers, to our branch staff and all our fosterers. We remain vigilant and careful.

And yet, despite the challenges, the Branch has achieved incredible things. We've rehomed a total of 173 animals in these crazy times! 141 cats, 20 rabbits and 3 dogs. Our fostering teams are going from strength to strength with regular 'pushes' on social media and other outlets calling for more foster volunteers.

Our fosterers are invaluable to us – they offer an option of a 'real home' before a 'forever home' and gives our wards an opportunity to recover from whatever they've left behind and settle – whilst we find that perfect place for them to finally call 'home'.

The beacon Ampthill shop has survived the worst of the restrictions and, indeed, seems to be a welcomed place of 'norm' in the social upheaval. Our staff have ensured visitors will be as safe as possible and we've continued to receive generous donations of goods to sell on.

There is so very much that goes on behind the scenes at all Branches. We struggle to raise funds, we struggle to find enough fosterers, we struggle to find Trustees to make things

happen...and yet our Branch achieves so very, very much. We neutered 145 cats in 2021; we microchipped 158 animals and we helped 60 people with financial aid for their pets, where we could. As a small Branch, this is a BIG achievement!

I'm looking forward to the year ahead. I believe it's going to be a good one! But this could not be done without our incredible team of people: our Branch Manager, our Shop Manager, and our Shop Assistants. We also must have a huge shout-out for all our Fosterers – cats, dogs, rabbits...and other critters! We are massively grateful to all of you who support us – as adopters, donors, and supporters. We are a very small Branch and we're hoping for another successful year – all thanks to YOU!

## Reference and Administration Details

### Charity Details

Charity Number: 259020

Registered Address: 34 Springfield Road, Luton, LU2 3HF, Tel: 07510 390872

Shop Address: 117 Dunstable Street Ampthill Beds MK45 2NG, Tel: 01525 838040

## Trustees during 2021

Jo Byrne, Chair, 15 September 2021 to present  
Kendall Morris, Trustee 09 May 2016 to present  
Dalida Pani, Trustee 11 May 2015 to present  
Barbara Herta Grell, Trustee, 21 October 2021 to present  
Patsy Coote, Trustee, 21 October 2021 to present  
Gary Hooper, Trustee, 22 July 2021 to present  
Lisa Francis, Trustee 22 April 2021 to present  
Prashant Thakkar, Trustee 10 February 2020  
Matt Ridley, Trustee, 24 May 2018

## Staff

Branch Manager – Alison Sutton  
Shop Manager – Marie Moir  
Deputy Shop Manager – Sharon Cutler  
Deputy Shop Manager - Tania Spittle

## Accountants & Independent Examiners

Miller & Co Chartered Accountants, 5 Imperial Court, Laporte Way, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU4 8FE

## Bankers

Barclays, 16 High St N, Dunstable LU6 1JZ  
NatWest, 81 High St, Bedford MK40 1YN

## Volunteers

As a Branch we rely on volunteers to make our aims of helping animals in need and improving animal welfare a reality. Our volunteers provide the backbone to our work and make a huge contribution to prevent cruelty and promote kindness. The numbers of volunteers vary throughout the year and have helped us with the following:



We are always looking for new volunteer and rely on their hard work and commitment to be able to do all we can to help animals in need. Volunteering with us is a great way to meet likeminded people who share the same enthusiasm for animal welfare. Anyone can volunteer we encourage volunteers from all sections of the community. If

you would like to find out more, please e-mail [volunteers@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk).

Fantastic Fundraiser! How BRILLIANT!



11-year-old Farren Catling took time out of her lunch breaks to set up her own stall and raise funds for Bedfordshire South RSPCA at her school, Lark Rise Academy.

Farren would buy stock she thought would sell well and kit out her stall each day. She clearly targeted her audience groups, showing true signs of a marketeer of the future! All in all, Farren – singlehandedly – raised £234.05 for the Branch. INCREDIBLE work, Farren!

Thank you so very much, you Animal Hero!!

## Achievements & Branch Statistics

- 141 cats were fostered and rehomed.
- 3 dogs were fostered and rehomed.
- 20 rabbits were fostered and rehomed.
- We neutered 45 Cats- 128, Dogs - 2, Rabbits – 15
- We microchipped 158 animals
- We helped 60 people with welfare assistants
- Up to X numbers of people helped us staff our shop and this in turn helps us pay for vet treatments, food and to promote animal welfare.
- Several volunteers help us with donations, storage, and distribution.
- A few volunteers help us to rescue and to coordinate fosterers.
- Volunteers assist us at events and fundraisers.
- Knitters and crafters make things to sell in our store and at fayres and events.

## Charity Objectives

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by unlawful means, with reference to the area of the branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. We are to concentrate on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. The legislation and The Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicated an acceptance by society that treating a living creature with compassion has a moral benefit for the public. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to balance against any detriment.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The Branch helps unwanted, abandoned, and sick animals. We support our local Inspectorate by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties, loss of housing or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate rescues animals in distress and enforces the law against cruelty and mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions.

The work is key to 'The prevention and suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objectives and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involve their moral benefit to humankind. The branch offers help and advice to rehome unwanted animals or strays. We

take Page 3 in numbers that reflect the space we have for the most abused and neglected animals and in order of most need. We think this is fair and compliant with welfare needs. The adoption fee charged is reasonable and highlights the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. Animals in our care are given a health check, wormed, flea treated, vaccinated, neutered, and microchipped. We respond to enquiries from the public via telephone and email direct to the Branch Manager at:

[info@rspcabedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspcabedfordshiresouth.org.uk)

The Branch raises money to support its work through its charity shop in Amptill, which also help to promote our rehoming, neutering and other messages in line with RSPCA policies, campaigns, and values. The Branch provides volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including fostering, raising awareness of animal welfare issues through the promotion of campaigns, fundraising and retail opportunities in our shop. This benefits local people and companies through providing the possibility of doing work which is both compassionate and rewarding and offers experience which may assist participants in finding paid work. We thank our volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they have focused on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. In deciding what activities, the Branch should undertake we have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

### Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing the financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and which enable ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.

## Treasurers Report

Even though many of the challenges of Covid continued to impact on our ability to open our store and fundraising events remained limited we can still report an increased income during 2021 compared to the previous year of £18698. The sale of goods via our Ampthill store and otherwise and increased income from adoption donations during 2021 and fundraising has resulted in the main increase in income. Again, a tribute to our local volunteers and dedicated shop staff who made this possible.

	2021	2020
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions & Donations	2,442	2,316
Adoption Donations	16,505	11,520
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	326	1,328
Door to Door	24,134	25,173
Fundraising	3,660	114
Gift Aid	6,106	5,246
Sale of Goods	38,732	26,560
Recycling		1,810
Commission	7,007	
Government Grants	17,275	18,092
VAT Recovered	451	6,106
Bank Interest		28
Other	438	85
	<b>117,076</b>	<b>98,378</b>

Expenditure increased only very slightly during 2021 by £470, this being mainly due to increases in salaries, national insurance and pensions and could only be achieved by ensuring prudence in spending. The branch reduced costs of fostering, utility bills and insurance. Donations through Amazon wish list and volunteer's efforts support fostering costs, food and other items being donated as well as negotiating reduced vet fees, a major cost in improving the welfare of many of our fostered dogs, cats, and bunnies, many needing medical help, vaccinations, flea and worm treatments and neutering.

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	2021	2020
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>		
Fostering	14,362	17,664
Fundraising Costs	1119	292
Gift Aid Costs	605	337
Cost of Goods Sold	159	446
Salaries, National Insurance & Pensions	27,896	22,079
Rent	11,613	13,080
Rates	185	168
Shop Insurance	134	250
Equipment Hire	1,207	1,189
Light, Heat & Water	450	727
Telephone and internet	592	644
Motor and Travelling	36	249
Cleaning, Covid Costs & Refreshments		836
Repairs & Maintenance	96	121
Sundry Expenses	648	60
Credit Card Charges	655	677
Depreciation	1,875	2,343
	<b>£ 61,632</b>	<b>£ 61,162</b>

Net Assets less Current Liabilities was £191,016 for 2019, £175,606 for 2020 and this year (2021) the branch exceeded pre-covid levels and increased assets to £204,939. An increase of £13,923. Going forward the branch trustees are hoping to further increase fundraising and events during 2022 and trustees will continue to search for an additional retail site. A £25,000 budget was set aside during 2019 to develop a second retail site, this remains available for this purpose. Trustees continue to aim to increase income year on year in order to increase animal welfare, rescue, fostering and adoption. The additional income this year enabled the branch to increase bunny and small animal fosters, providing the needed equipment, food, and medical care at a time when bunnies and other small animals were being surrendered by the dozen! The branch invested in a container that is now being used to store food donations and fundraising equipment and this will reduce rental costs for storage going forward. Again, we must thank local volunteers for providing free space for our new storage container.

### Branch Managers Report and Animal Welfare

2021 continued to be a challenge for the branch with Covid-19 still having an impact on the way we foster and work within the branch. Our wonderful team of fosterers continued to rise to the occasion and went above and beyond continuing to give first class love and care to our animals. Fostering in a home-environment gives the animals the best chance of recovery and/or development, meaning a much better chance of a successful rehoming. As a branch we are very lucky to have had the opportunity to purchase 4 pens a few years ago. These are always full, and we use them for the cats that can't go into a home environment. This could be for many reasons but mainly unneutered male cats, semi feral cats or sometimes ones that have been living on the streets so long they need a space to hide and come out in their own time. The two fosterers who run these pens do a wonderful job and provide our branch with a much-needed resource. Our inspectors appreciate the pens as it means they can drop off out of hours saving them the time and expense of finding and paying for boarding.

We have continued to increase our dog fosterers on one hand but on the other they have not stayed long as they have fallen in love with their foster dog and adopted it. Although this can be frustrating for the branch, we appreciate that making sure the dogs have a great home and suffer as little upheaval as possible is a priority. Knowing that they have found such a great home is our main priority and seeing our dogs so settled is our main aim.

Our biggest success storey this year was with our rabbit fostering. RSPCA Bedfordshire South has always had a very successful rabbit fostering scheme and we pride ourselves on being very knowledgeable when it comes to rabbits. Sadly, over the past few years we have seen a decline in the amount of rabbit fosterers we have and had been unsuccessful in finding replacements. During the summer I was receiving calls daily from people needing to hand over their rabbits for many different reasons. The branch took the decision to make an appeal for new rabbit fosterers and we were delighted to have such a fantastic response. Out of the 30 enquires we received we took on 5 new fosterers with another 5 lined up for the new year. This has and will make a huge difference to help rabbits both in our local area

and supporting the National RSPCA who have a waiting list of over 60 bunnies in boarding waiting to come into a branch.

Our shop along with a lot of other retail struggled with being closed and working under Covid guidelines. The shop staff all pulled together with a very dedicated group of volunteers to make sure we opened and still managed to protect staff, volunteers, and the public. They have taken to the changes and insecurities well and we thank them all for their continued support.

Fundraising was a struggle, but we managed to run our popular Crafter noon Tea event in November, it was lovely to see so many people support this event and we had a lot of positive feedback. Hopefully next year we will continue to increase our events and raise much needed funds for the animals in our care.

If anybody would like any information on anything within the branch, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07510390872 or email [info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk)

Alison Sutton - Branch Manager



## Gimli

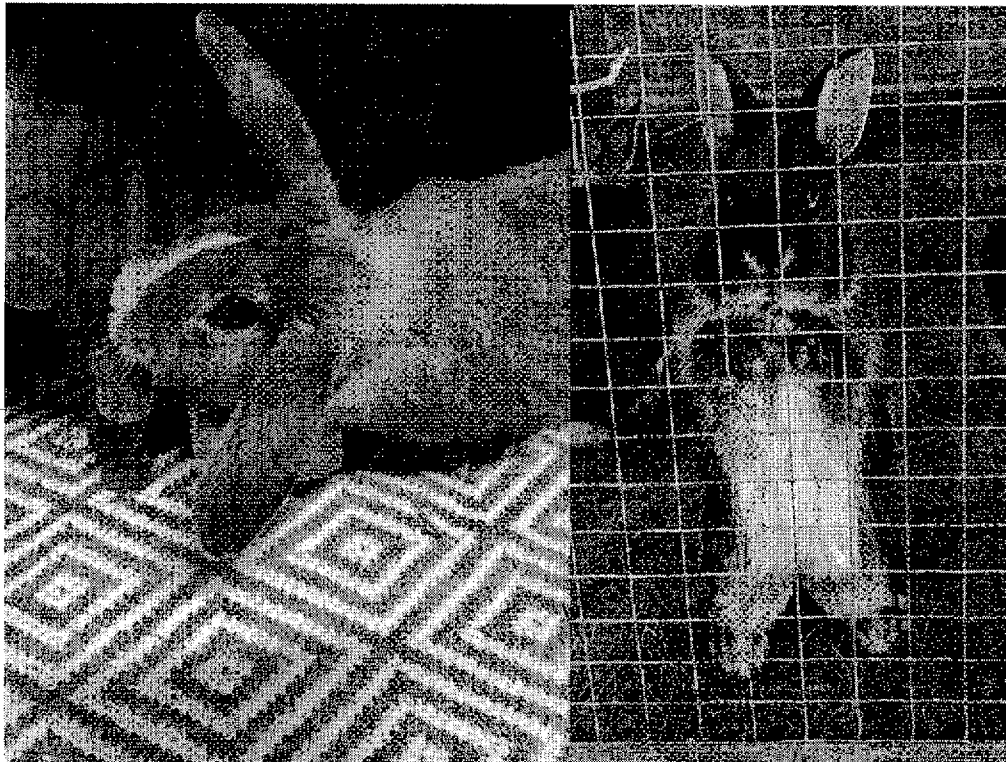
Gimli was found as a 6-year-old full male living rough and he had no home to call his own, no human to care for him or feed him. His coat was extremely matted showing he had been on his own for a while. He had a severe eye infection that stopped him from seeing properly. He could hardly open his eyes. He found help from a member of the public who contacted the RSPCA, and he came into our Branch in February 2021. He was neutered and vet checked. Fortunately, he had no serious health issues.

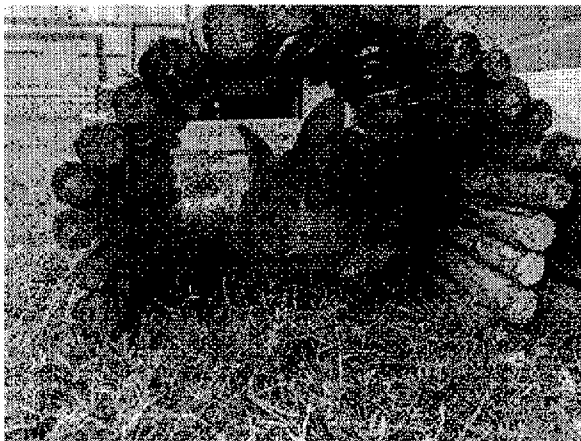
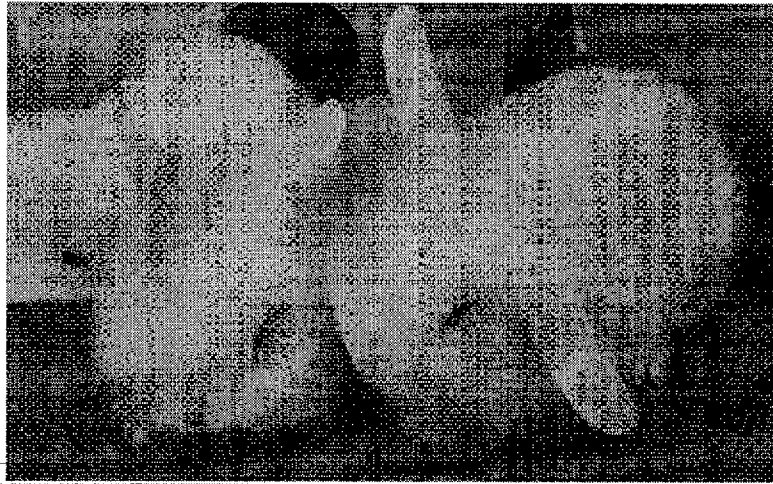
Caring for Gimli at first was not easy! He was not used to being cared for and even though he was emaciated he was a formidable size, and his hissing initially was a bit scary but with patients and lots of food treat (yes! He loved his food!) he was soon persuaded and accepted the endless eye drops, combing and brushing, washing his eyes and coat. He was soon enjoying the attention from his fosterer.

He soon became a hissing love bug who could hiss whilst enjoying a head rub and flopping on his back like a kitten. He slept and slept enjoying the warmth of the indoors and his eyes slowly opened with treatment revealing the most beautiful green eyes. He could see! He started to groom, play, bird watch and stopped hissing welcoming everyone so long as they had a treat for him! Such a Character!

On 24/04/2021 Gimli found his forever home. He has his own mom who he loves, a secure home with a garden to call his own, soft warm places to sleep, food and love. He's now loving life and doesn't he look majestic!

Rescue Bunny Gallery





No one left behind...

I love how, sometimes it all just works out.

In June 2021, a Mumma and her 3 kittens turned up at mine. One of her kittens had – tragically and accidentally – been killed at just a week old and a new environment was felt to be the best for the family. Mumma was fiercely protective – understandably – but a very sweet, if a bit crazy! I adored her from the start. She doted on her babies. The speed with which kittens grow and develop is astounding and both Mumma and I were amazed at how soon the 3 were barreling about the place, causing total mayhem.

I'd named them Annie, Henrietta, and Molly. Turned out – at their first vet check and jabs – they were in fact, Arnie, Henry, and Maurice.

As a branch, we always try to rehome in pairs and in their growing up, fosterers keep an eye out for the 'natural bonds' that develop between kittens and that's how we'll rehome them. As such, we simply can't say how those matches will turn up. You might get two girls, you might get two boys, or a girl and a boy. Or, in the case of uneven matches, one might bond with Mum – in which case, we will find a suitable home for that combination.



With the boys, it was already so difficult to work out the mix. They were bonkers and full of energy and all three seemed to be a permanent cuddle puddle.

Mum was independent – and, oh, just a little bit crazy! She remained fiercely protective of her brood even after they were gamboling around – and, as such, terrified my resident cats by simply launching herself at them every time they happened by. T'was a time of much space relegating/segregating.... But, most importantly, there was no discernable bond with her kittens. She was ready to move on – alone, thank you very much.

The boys were ready to go and, at a push, I had to choose Arnie as the most independent of the three. He liked to sleep on a top tier of the tree near my work desk and the other two would sleep the next tier down. So, with a heavy heart (always a heavy heart when you advertise your fosters), we decided Henry and Maurice would be the pair and Arnie would be our solo pilot.

A most wonderful family visited the kittens very soon after the advert went up. They had two slightly older children (early teens) and the family were keen to invite some kittens into their world. We had a 'play date' and the kittens were utterly made up with all the extra attention. Claire indicated immediately that she'd love to adopt the Henry and Maurice combo. They arrived on the Saturday morning to collect them. "What about Arnie, though...?", said Claire. "Ah, we've got someone popping around this afternoon to meet him so all's good....!" I told her.

And the family drove off with Henry and Maurice.

The lady who arrived to visit Arnie seemed unsure.... a fosterer can usually sense that hesitation and, I'll not lie, part of my job is to 'put people off' – making them REALLY think about whether this adoption is something they REALLY want to do – and she left saying she'd be in touch. I waited and heard nothing over the weekend. In unsure people, I don't push – if you're interested, you're in touch right away.

Claire had been keeping me updated across the weekend to let me know how Henry and Maurice were settling in.


On the Monday, she sent me an update and then added: "I still can't believe we left Arnie behind. We wanted to turn-around so many times to come and get him. How did his viewing go?"

It was with great joy that I told her that Arnie's viewing had been a bit of a damp squib.

Claire collected Arnie as soon as she could get the time off work...

And the boys are living happily ever after .... together.... x



  
JO BRENT  
CHAIR  
16/06/2022 .



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BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

Registered Charity No: 259020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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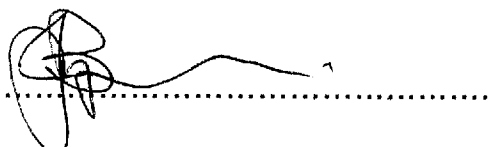
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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibility**

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing the financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.



Jo Byrne  
Chairperson  
On behalf of the Trustees

Date : 09/09/2022

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BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.


I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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R A Cox FCA  
Miller and Co  
Chartered Accountants

Date: 9/9/2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>		
Subscriptions & Donations	2,442	2,316
Adoption Donations	16,505	11,520
Legacies & Memoriam Donations	326	1,328
Door to Door	24,134	25,173
Fundraising	3,660	114
Gift Aid	6,106	5,246
Sale of Goods	38,732	26,560
Recycling	0	1,810
Commission	7,007	0
Government Grants	17,275	18,092
VAT Recovered	451	6,106
Bank Interest	0	28
Other	438	85
	<u>117,076</u>	<u>98,378</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
<b><u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u></b>		
Fostering	14,362	17,664
Fundraising Costs	1119	292
Gift Aid Costs	605	337
Cost of Goods Sold	159	446
Salaries, National Insurance & Pensions	27,896	22,079
Rent	11,613	13,080
Rates	185	168
Shop Insurance	134	250
Equipment Hire	1,207	1,189
Light, Heat & Water	450	727
Telephone and internet	592	644
Motor and Travelling	36	249
Cleaning, Covid Costs & Refreshments	0	836
Repairs & Maintenance	96	121
Sundry Expenses	648	60
Credit Card Charges	655	677
Depreciation	1,875	2,343
	<u>£ 61,632</u>	<u>£ 61,162</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

	<u>Total</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u>
<u>Management and Administration</u>		
Staff Salaries, National Insurance & Pension	22,493	22,087
Branch Contributions	1,378	1,378
Accountancy	1,371	2,184
Legal & Professional Fees	35	1,363
Hall Hire	0	115
Insurance	0	831
Postage & Stationery	313	314
Website & Computer Costs	521	559
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	0
Branch Emergency Fund Donation	0	23,795
	<u>26,111</u>	<u>52,626</u>
	<u>87,743</u>	<u>113,788</u>
<u>NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) AND</u> <u>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</u>	29,333	(15,410)
<u>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	175,606	191,016
<u>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>£ 204,939</u>	<u>£ 175,606</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

	<u>£</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>					
Tangible Assets (Note 4)			7,500		9,375
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>					
Debtors (Note 5)	9,731			3,712	
Bank Tracker Account	0			0	
Cash at bank and in hand	189,167			163,921	
	<u>198,898</u>			<u>167,633</u>	
<b><u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u></b>					
Creditors (Note 6)	1,459			1,402	
	<u>1,459</u>			<u>1,402</u>	
<b><u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		<u>197,439</u>			<u>166,231</u>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			<u>£ 204,939</u>		<u>£ 175,606</u>
<b><u>CHARITY FUNDS</u></b>					
Unrestricted Funds (Note 7)		204,939		175,606	
		<u>£ 204,939</u>		<u>£ 175,606</u>	

Approved by the Trustees on 16/06/2022 and signed  
on their behalf by :

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Jo Byrne  
Chairman

Lisa Francis  
Hon. Treasurer

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) General information and basis of preparation**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**b) Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- c) Tangible Fixed Assets will be capitalised where they have an as-new value Above £450 and are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful life on the following basis:

Equipment - 20% pa on reducing balance

- d) Taxation

The branch is registered as a charity and is exempt from taxation.

- e) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Sale of goods, fundraising, adoption donations and door to door income is recognised when received.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised.

Gifts in kind donated for resale in the charity shop are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Sale of goods'.

Government grants are recognised using the performance model and are recognised in income when the proceeds are received or

- f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis when a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes only VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

- g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

- h) Pensions

The charity provides a defined contribution pension scheme arrangement for its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

- l) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**2. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of persons employed by the charity during

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Management and administration	1	1
Charitable activities	4	4
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No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2020: none)

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management

**3. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees in the year (2020: £nil) and no

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**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

		<u>Equipment</u>
<u>Cost</u>		
Balance Brought Forward		29,117
Additions		0
Disposals		0
	£	<u>29,117</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>		
Balance Brought Forward		19,742
Charge for the Year		1,875
Charge on Disposals		0
	£	<u>21,617</u>
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>		
2021	£	<u>7,500</u>
2020	£	<u>11,249</u>

**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Other debtors	5,453	416
Prepayments and accrued income	4,278	3,296
	£	
	<u>9,731</u>	<u>9,731</u>

**6. CREDITORS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Other creditors	392	0
Accruals and deferred income	1,067	1,402
	£	
	<u>1,459</u>	<u>1,459</u>

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**7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<b>Designated</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought forward 1 January	25,000	150,606	175,606
Net movement in funds	0	28,792	28,792
Transfers	0	0	0
Carried forward 31 December	<u>25,000</u>	<u>179,398</u>	<u>204,398</u>

The unrestricted general fund is available for use in fulfilling the general objects of the charity.

The designated fund represents funds that have been set aside to finance a new shop.

**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Door to Door income of £24,134 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year (2020: £25,173). No payments were made to the Branch Emergency Fund during this financial year (2020: £23,795).

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# Accounts

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**RSPCA Bedfordshire  
South Branch**

Registered Charity No. 259020

# **Annual Report**

**The trustees present the annual  
report for 2020**



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**RSPCA Bedfordshire  
South Branch**

Registered Charity No. 259020

# Chairs Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch for 2020.

As it has been for all charities, 2020 was a challenging year for the branch. Having to close our shop and adopt many new ways of working during the Covid-19 pandemic pushed our staff and volunteers to come up with creative ways to keep everything moving. Some of these changes will be temporary, however some have shown us better ways of working we can take into the future.

Covid aside, it has been a busy year seeing the branch rehome **129** animals. As a branch without an animal centre all our animals are rehomed via our team of fosterers who look after animals in our care in their own homes. Our dog, cat and rabbit fostering schemes continue to grow from strength to strength as we onboard new fosterers.

Our shop in Ampthill has had a strong year given the environment it has been operating in. Supported by government funding such as retail business grants and the Job Retention Scheme have ensured that the enforced closures have not negatively affected the branch financially. As we reopened over the summer the staff and volunteers have worked extremely hard to ensure all guidance is being followed and that customers felt safe shopping with us.

Fundraising this year has seen a shift from attending physical events to utilising our strong social media presence to raise funds and accept donations online. Alternative donation sources such as Amazon Smile have also contributed to keeping up income to support our animals. We will continue to invest in online fundraising going forward, even when we can eventually resume in-person events.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped us over the past year: staff, fosterers, trustees, volunteers, customers, donors, adopters, vets and our partners in the national RSPCA for your support. Without you and your support we would not have had a strong foundation to start 2021.

Matthew Ridley, Chair

## Reference and administrative details

### Charity Details

Charity Number: 259020

Registered Address: 34 Springfield Road, Luton, LU2 3HF, Tel: 07510 390872

Shop Address: 117 Dunstable Street Amphill Beds MK45 2NG, Tel: 01525 838040

### Trustees during 2020

Matthew Ridley – 24/05/2019 to present

Paula Brooks – 06/08/2019 to present

Kendall Morris – 09/05/2018 to present

Dee Pani – 11/05/2015 to present

Sally- Anne Wright – 24/05/2018 to present

Prash Thakker – 10/02/2020 to present

Jo Byrne – 15/09/2020 to present

Gemma Brookes – 10/03/2020 to present

Emily Atkins – Stepped down 11/11/20

Deborah Blissett – Stepped down January 2020

Tanya May – Stepped down 09/09/20

### Staff

Branch Manager – Alison Sutton

Shop Manager – Marie Moir

Deputy Shop Manager – Sharon Cutler

Deputy Shop Manager - Tania Spittle

### Accountants & Independent Examiners

Parbery Davies & Co Chartered Accountants, Counties House, 1 8a Victoria Street,  
Dunstable, Beds, LU6 3BA

### Bankers

Barclays, 16 High St N, Dunstable LU6 1JZ

NatWest, 81 High St, Bedford MK40 1YN

## Volunteers

Volunteering for us is one enjoyable way of helping animal welfare and can be very rewarding. Our volunteers make a huge contribution to the work we do to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to alleviate suffering of animals.

With such a wide range of volunteering roles available within our branch, there is bound to be a suitable opportunity for you. Volunteering with us is a great way to meet likeminded people who share the same enthusiasm for animal welfare. As a volunteer you can gain important transferable skills in fundraising, finance, campaigning, team building etc. Anyone can volunteer, we value diversity and encourage volunteers from all sections of the community. If you would like to find out more please contact Alison Sutton on 07510 390872 or [volunteers@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk).

There are many ways you can help us make a difference, no matter how much time you have available or the level of commitment you can afford to give. Before you join us as a volunteer, you will be asked to complete a volunteer application form, attend an informal interview and provide referees for us to contact. When you start as a volunteer you will be provided with an induction programme and any training you may need to carry out the role.

## Charity objectives and public benefit statement

The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by unlawful means, with particular reference to the area of the branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. We are to concentrate on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public.

Under the Charities Act 2011, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. The legislation and The Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicated an acceptance by society that treating a living creature with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to balance against any detriment. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals.

The Branch provides assistance, all year, to unwanted, abandoned and sick animals. We support our local Inspectorate by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health, financial difficulties, loss of housing or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate rescues animals in distress and enforces the law against cruelty and mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. The work is key to 'The prevention and suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objectives, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involve their moral benefit to humankind as a whole. The branch offers help and advice to rehome unwanted animals or strays. We take

in numbers that reflect the space we have for the most abused and neglected animals and in order of most need. We think this is fair and compliant with welfare needs. The adoption fee charged is reasonable and highlights the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. Animals in our care are given a health check, wormed, flea'd, vaccinated, neutered and microchipped. We respond to enquires from the public via telephone and email direct to the Branch Manager at [info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk](mailto:info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk).

The Branch raises money to support its work through its charity shop in Amptill, which also help to promote our rehoming, neutering and other messages in line with RSPCA policies, campaigns and values. The Branch provides volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including fostering, raising awareness of animal welfare issues through the promotion of campaigns, fundraising and retail opportunities in our shop. This benefits local people and companies through providing the possibility of doing work which is both compassionate and rewarding and offers experience which may assist participants in finding paid work. We thank our volunteers for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they have focused on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. In deciding what activities, the Branch should undertake we have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

## Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees of the charity to provide financial statements each financial year which give a true and fair view of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

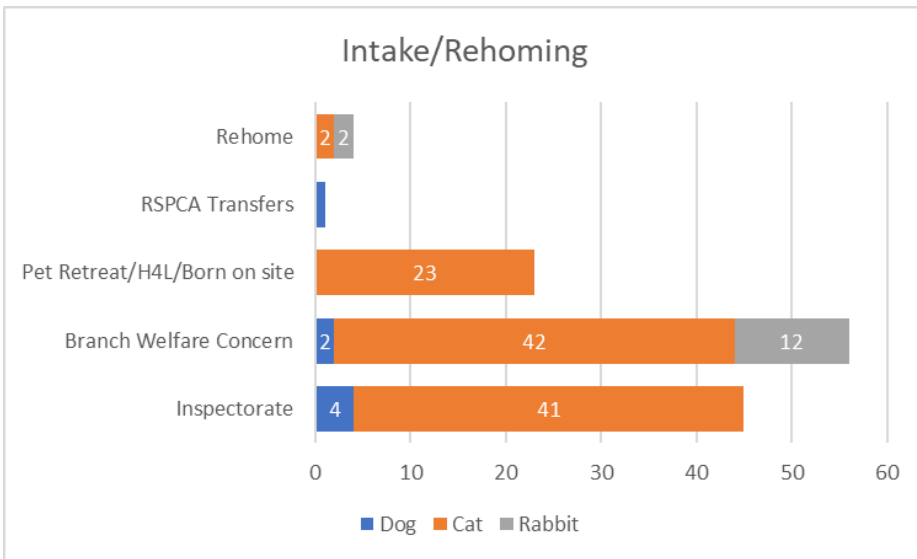
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

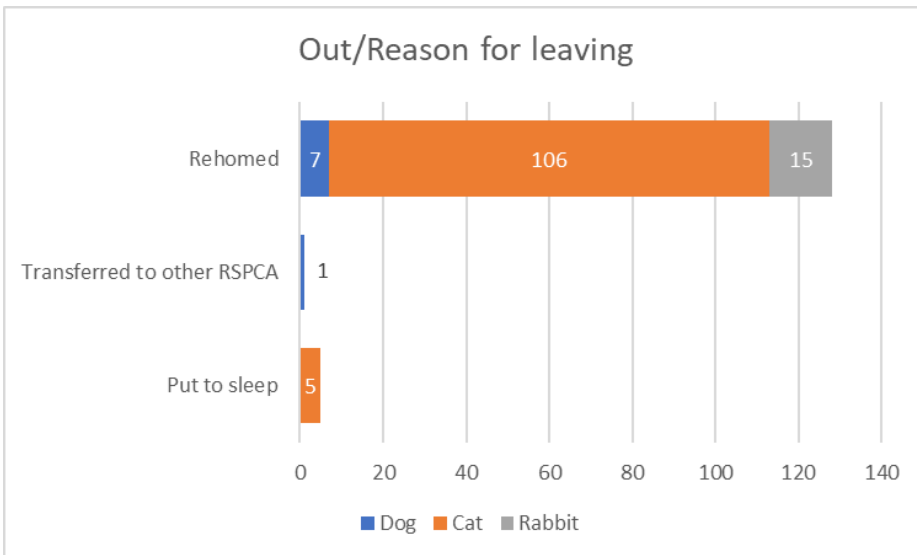
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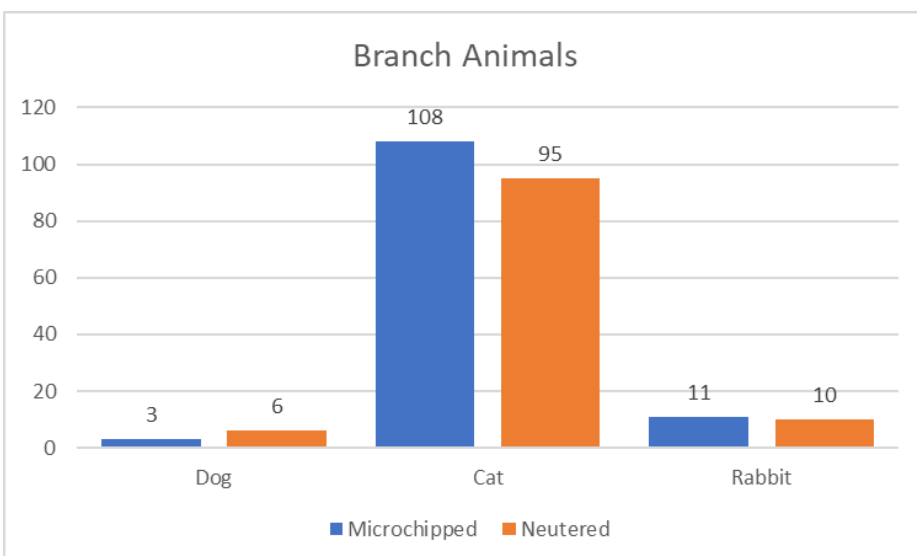
# Branch Statistics



In 2020 we took in a total of 129 animals through Inspectorate, Branch Welfare Concern, born on site and returns



We rehomed a total of 128 animals across the year



And in addition we microchipped 122 animals in total and neutered 11 animals

# Treasurers Report

The income for 2020 was up by £3,343 to £98,378 compared to £95,035 in 2019.

Income increase was driven by an increase in £3,465 in Adoption Donations, an increase from £536 to £5,246 in Gift Aid, and a Government Grant of £18,092 which counterbalances the £19,850 loss in shop revenue due to closure in the Covid-19 lockdown. Fundraising was also down year on year, reducing from £2,031 in 2019 to £114 in 2020, this was due to our inability to host events during the pandemic.

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Expenditure reduced by £818 from £61,980 in 2019 to £61,162 in 2020. We saw increases in our Fostering Costs as well as our Rent, plus the additional cost of £836 in Covid related hygiene expenses. We saw reductions in our Fundraising costs through the inability to hold events, and also in Motor and Travelling Costs due to the lockdown, as well as a reduction in Repairs, Maintenance and Sundry's.

## RESOURCES EXPENDED

### Direct Charitable Expenditure

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The Net Income for the year is -£15,410 which is adverse to budget, and driven by the unexpected turn of 2020 with the pandemic.

A new gazebo for Fundraising was not purchased with a Budget of £1,000 and the shop refurbishment Budget of £10,000 was not used.

The General Purpose Fund stands at £150,606 for 2020 with £25,000 set aside again for a new shop.

Net Assets less Current Liabilities Total £175,606 compared with £191,016 for 2019.

## Branch Managers Report

RSPCA Bedfordshire South branch like many others during 2020 had to cope with the many changes brought about by Covid-19. I would like to start my report by thanking our wonderful fosterers and volunteers who went above and beyond to enable the branch to continue supporting the animals in our care. We had to change the way we took in and rehomed animals. This was very challenging however we were able to cope because of the fantastic support we had. Although rehoming was suspended for a short while, the animals still needed to be cared for. We experienced challenges within the branch this included obtaining vet appointments. The branch was able to adapt our procedures to keep things running as smoothly as possible. Even as restriction lifted, we kept things in place to protect our staff, volunteers and the public. In addition to adapting our fostering the other big challenge was having to close our shop. This was very upsetting for all involved when we closed the door we didn't know if we would be able to open again. Being given the all clear to open again was very welcome for all involved. It took two weeks of very hard work to get the shop ready for reopening. Not only did we have to make sure the shop was Covid safe we had to restock the shop. Our shop manager, along with a few very dedicated volunteers, managed to turn everything round and we opened our doors again in July 2020. We welcomed back a lot of regular and new customers and we appreciated the support they gave us. The shop adapted to the new way of working very quickly and the safety measures put in place became the new normal. It was again very sad to have to close the doors again in November. In December the staff and volunteers continued to make each day matter and looked forward to a time when things could return to a new normal.

Life in the branch during lockdown was hard, when we got the go ahead to start rehoming things became very hectic. Everyone wanted a cat or dog. If we put up a cat for rehoming, we could have rehomed it 20 times over. Although we didn't rehome many dogs during this year the calls increased daily with members of the public wanting a dog. Then came the calls from the public needing help with vet bills and then towards the end of the year the calls started with the public asking for help rehoming their animals. On a few occasions when we put a cat up for adoption, we received over 50 application forms. Rehoming became virtual for home visits and to viewing the cats. We had to produce a covid safe delivery system to enable the fosterers to hand the cats over in a safe and secure way. They did this in a very professional way.

## Branch Managers Report continued...

When you look at the figures for animal intake and rehoming, considering the restrictions, we have done a great job in helping the animals in our area. The figures show we took in only 28 less cats and 13 less rabbits compared to 2019. The lack of rabbit fosterers accounts for the lack of rabbit rehoming.

Our plans for 2021 are to carry on the fantastic welfare work we do. Along with this we want to increase Dog, Cat and Rabbit fosterers. This year we did manage to recruit another rabbit fosterer and this is her experience of the process,

**“After seeing an advert requesting rabbit fosterers in my area, I knew I had to help the RSPCA. From my initial enquiry the process has been so easy and smooth, all my questions answered, everything was provided and I've had so much support and met lots of friends in the process. It's so rewarding to care for the rabbits whilst they are waiting for their forever home, I look forward to fostering many more bunnies”**

We also want to increase our trustees as we need to take our branch forward in the coming years and to do this we need committed, focused and experienced trustees who have expertise in a variety of areas. Being a trustee has changed so much over the years and the need for them to help the branch and take legal responsibility for decisions made is even more prominent now than ever. Having a good team of trustees will help guide and support our branch into the future.

The next challenge will be to start being able to fundraise again, getting out and about at local events engaging with the public and raising much needed funds. As soon as it is safe to do this we will be back.

Alison Sutton – Branch Manager

## Animal Welfare

*Below you will find the story of Jessie from our dog fosterers Janet and Alan, to give you an insight into the foster work they are doing:*

Jessie is our second foster dog. Ruby was our first, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel weighing less than 7 kg and completely different to Jessie, a German Shepherd X Husky who weighed 47 kg.

The two dogs are like chalk and cheese, big and small. I was not home when Jessie came and on entering the house all I saw was a gigantic dog who took up all the available space and doorways of our home. She was being fussed constantly as close as she could get to Alan. She eventually got up and waddled about like a barrel on legs! She was the dog we had agreed to foster and we knew from the outset we would have her for a long time as she could not be spayed and adopted until she was a normal weight around 35 - 37 kg.

From that first day she really attached herself to Alan and was obsessive about being fussed. Over time she became less obsessive over fussing but was still at Alan's side all the time. He rarely went out on his own but when he did she would sit at the front door waiting for him and occasionally whining a little. I have nothing but praise for her previous owners who had trained her superbly in the house. On the few occasions we both went out we left her and you could hear no noise when getting in or out of the car and the house would be exactly the same as when we left it. In the past we have always doggie proofed the house putting away things and leaving nothing out to tempt them into mischief.

At first Jess would only go out in the garden for the toilet and come straight in. Over time with the weather improving and the door being open, she began to spend more time out there, sometimes asking to go out in the dark and just laying on the grass. When she wanted to come in she would sit at the patio door patiently, not jumping up, scratching or crying, to be let in. If you happened to forget her you would feel awful!

When Jess came to us she wasn't bothered about food at all. We soon found out why, you couldn't pinch an inch of skin, she had just stretched her skin to its limit. By the time she left us, about 15 kg lighter, she was the exact opposite. As soon as we came in from our walk she wanted her food and danced about eagerly, once you were preparing it she would sit patiently waiting. It was impossible to take your coat off before doing her dinner as she would be dancing all around you!! Obviously, we could have sorted this problem out but we chose not to. Our project was to put her on a diet so that she could be spayed and adopted. This was going to be a long term job for us.

We soon found out we had another task, which actually was harder than losing weight Jess's paws were very soft and we soon found out why when we took her on her first walk. She was an absolute nightmare. She pulled Alan about sniffing every blade of grass and going from side to side in front of you. She also dropped to the ground when she saw another dog, once in the middle of the road. Once she dropped it took all Alan's strength to move her, and sometimes it was impossible. The soft paws must have been the result of not being walked or exercised very much at all. We asked for help and we had a trainer for 2 sessions, one of which was mostly assessment, but this stopped due to Covid-19..

Once lockdown came into force towards the end of March, Alan spent hours just walking Jess up and down the grass verge opposite trying to stop her from sniffing backwards and forwards so much due to the familiarity. At the time of lockdown we had had Jess for about 2 months and she had lost about 5 kg of weight and she came into season for the first time. When in season she became unpredictable and some days she would walk not too badly and you would think 'great we're getting there', then the next day she would revert back to her old ways of pulling and sniffing etc. Once the season was over we progressed down to the park and with her weight loss she began to be let off the lead if it was safe and she ran around and went hunting. It was lovely to see her gradually returning to a proper dog and not a barrel on legs. This situation continued until June when she came into season again! We took her to the vet because we thought it was another problem but no she had come into season again, She was weighed then and had lost 11 kg and the vet was willing to spay her at the end of August. Again, when she was in season the days would be a mixture of good and bad. By this time Jess had become more and more active and lively and it gave us a real sense of satisfaction seeing her like this. During all this time, because of Covid restrictions, we could not socialise her with other dogs very well. Ideally it would have been good for her to walk with other dogs and people and then play with them. She did meet a few dogs that she would sniff and had limited play with whilst on the lead. This depended on whether the owners and dogs were happy in her company. Jess was spayed in August with no problems at all. I was surprised because I thought it may not be smooth sailing due to her age, spaying is usually carried out whilst still a puppy.

Jess was then put up on the website for adoption and after three unsuitable applicants she was adopted by a lovely active family who are looking after her and will love her for the rest of her life, which is what she truly deserves. It was a very sad day when Jess left us but we are certain she went to the right family and we look forward to our next project shortly. Janet and Alan - Dog Fosterer





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BEDFORDSHIRE SOUTH BRANCH

Registered Charity No: 259020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

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Matt Ridley  
Chairman  
On behalf of the Trustees

Date : 20/5/21

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As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

Our 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 accounts, 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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<u>Management and Administration</u>		
Staff Salaries, National Insurance & Pension	22,087	21,428
Branch Contributions	1,378	1,378
Accountancy	2,184	1,570
Legal & Professional Fees	1,363	-
Hall Hire	115	51
Insurance	831	704
Postage & Stationery	314	640
Website & Computer Costs	559	120
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	326
Branch Emergency Fund Donation	23,795	-
	<u>52,626</u>	<u>26,217</u>
	<u>113,788</u>	<u>88,197</u>
<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</u>		
<u>/(RESOURCES EXPENDED)</u>	<u>(15,410)</u>	<u>6,838</u>
<u>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>166,016</u>	<u>159,178</u>
	<u>150,606</u>	<u>166,016</u>
Fund for repayment of loan to HQ	-	-
Fund for provision of new shop	-	-
<u>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>£ 150,606</u>	<u>£ 166,016</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

	<u>£</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Tangible Assets (Note 2)			9,375		11,249
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors and Prepayments	3,712			3,755	
Bank Tracker Account	-			47,624	
Bank Current Accounts	163,868			129,080	
Cash	53			34	
	<u>167,633</u>			<u>180,493</u>	
<u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u>					
Creditors and Accruals	1,402			726	
<u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due after one year (Note 4)</u>					
Branch Loan	-			-	
	<u>1,402</u>			<u>726</u>	
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>166,231</u>			<u>179,767</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>£ 175,606</u>		<u>£ 191,016</u>
General Purposes Fund		150,606		166,016	
HQ Loan repayment Fund (Note 5)		-		-	
New Shop Fund (Note 6)		25,000		25,000	
		<u>£ 175,606</u>		<u>£ 191,016</u>	

Approved by the Trustees on 20/5/21 and signed on their behalf by :

  
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Matt Ridley  
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Paula Brooks  
Hon. Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

b) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible Fixed Assets will be capitalised where they have an as-new value above £350 and are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful life on the following basis:

Equipment - 20% pa on reducing balance

c) Taxation

The branch is registered as a charity and is exempt from taxation.

d) Incoming Resources

- i. Subscriptions and donations and bank interest represent the amount receivable during the year.
- ii. Shop takings, fundraising activities, Gift Aid, legacies and memoriam donations are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Balance Brought Forward	28,648
Additions	469
Disposals	-
	<u>£ 29,117</u>
 <u>Depreciation</u>	
Balance Brought Forward	17,399
Charge for the Year	2,343
Charge on Disposals	-
	<u>£ 19,742</u>
 <u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>	
2020	<u>£ 9,375</u>
2019	<u>£ 11,249</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid to the trustees in the year.

4. PROVISION FOR NEW SHOP

Funds have been ring fenced to finance a new shop in 2022 of £25,000.

5. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Emily Atkin officially resigned as Membership Secretary in October 2020.

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6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Alison Sutton, Branch Administrator, is related to Emily Atkins, Membership Secretary, however there were no transactions between parties during the year. Emily Atkins resigned in October 2020.

Paula Brooks, Branch Treasurer, is related to Gemma Brooks, Trustee who was co-opted on 10/02/2020 however there were no transactions between parties during the year. Alison Sutton, Branch Administrator, received a gross salary during the year of £21,625 (2019 - £21,000)

Door to Door income of £25,173 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year. (2019 - £26,739) However due to the national pandemic, Covid 19, £23,795 was paid to the Branch Emergency Fund to help other branches struggling financially during this difficult time.



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Depreciation	2,343	2,812
	<u>£ 61,162</u>	<u>£ 61,980</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

	<u>Total</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u>
<u>Management and Administration</u>		
Staff Salaries, National Insurance & Pension	22,087	21,428
Branch Contributions	1,378	1,378
Accountancy	2,184	1,570
Legal & Professional Fees	1,363	-
Hall Hire	115	51
Insurance	831	704
Postage & Stationery	314	640
Website & Computer Costs	559	120
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	326
Branch Emergency Fund Donation	23,795	-
	<u>52,626</u>	<u>26,217</u>
	<u>113,788</u>	<u>88,197</u>
<u>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</u>		
<u>/(RESOURCES EXPENDED)</u>	<u>(15,410)</u>	<u>6,838</u>
<u>FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>166,016</u>	<u>159,178</u>
	<u>150,606</u>	<u>166,016</u>
Fund for repayment of loan to HQ	-	-
Fund for provision of new shop	-	-
<u>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>£ 150,606</u>	<u>£ 166,016</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

	<u>£</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Tangible Assets (Note 2)			9,375		11,249
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors and Prepayments	3,712			3,755	
Bank Tracker Account	-			47,624	
Bank Current Accounts	163,868			129,080	
Cash	53			34	
	<u>167,633</u>			<u>180,493</u>	
<u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u>					
Creditors and Accruals	1,402			726	
<u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due after one year (Note 4)</u>					
Branch Loan	-			-	
	<u>1,402</u>			<u>726</u>	
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>			<u>166,231</u>		<u>179,767</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
			<u>£ 175,606</u>		<u>£ 191,016</u>
General Purposes Fund			150,606		166,016
HQ Loan repayment Fund (Note 5)			-		-
New Shop Fund (Note 6)			25,000		25,000
			<u>£ 175,606</u>		<u>£ 191,016</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 20/5/21 and signed on their behalf by :

  
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Matt Ridley  
Chairman

Paula Brooks  
Hon. Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

b) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible Fixed Assets will be capitalised where they have an as-new value above £350 and are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful life on the following basis:

Equipment - 20% pa on reducing balance

c) Taxation

The branch is registered as a charity and is exempt from taxation.

d) Incoming Resources

- i. Subscriptions and donations and bank interest represent the amount receivable during the year.
- ii. Shop takings, fundraising activities, Gift Aid, legacies and memoriam donations are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Balance Brought Forward	28,648
Additions	469
Disposals	-
	<u>£ 29,117</u>
 <u>Depreciation</u>	
Balance Brought Forward	17,399
Charge for the Year	2,343
Charge on Disposals	-
	<u>£ 19,742</u>
 <u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>	
2020	<u>£ 9,375</u>
2019	<u>£ 11,249</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration was paid to the trustees in the year.

4. PROVISION FOR NEW SHOP

Funds have been ring fenced to finance a new shop in 2022 of £25,000.

5. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Emily Atkin officially resigned as Membership Secretary in October 2020.

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6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Alison Sutton, Branch Administrator, is related to Emily Atkins, Membership Secretary, however there were no transactions between parties during the year. Emily Atkins resigned in October 2020.

Paula Brooks, Branch Treasurer, is related to Gemma Brooks, Trustee who was co-opted on 10/02/2020 however there were no transactions between parties during the year. Alison Sutton, Branch Administrator, received a gross salary during the year of £21,625 (2019 - £21,000)

Door to Door income of £25,173 was received from the National Society of the RSPCA during the year. (2019 - £26,739) However due to the national pandemic, Covid 19, £23,795 was paid to the Branch Emergency Fund to help other branches struggling financially during this difficult time.