

Registered Charity Number: 275326

**ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
CHILTERN BRANCH**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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## **Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Chiltern 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).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the branch are to promote the work and objects of the National RSPCA, with particular reference to the area of the branch.

The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible rescued by the Inspectorate, and to provide proper care for those who have been mistreated or abandoned.

The main activities to achieve this are the operation of an animal re-homing programme and to help provide veterinary care to pet owners on low incomes.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Charitable activities**

The activities and achievements of the charity during the year were:

All animals in our care live in foster homes that have been fully checked for suitability.

We ensured that any required veterinary treatment, vaccinations, neutering and Microchipping was carried out to animals in our care, and we worked closely with the RSPCA Inspectors and Animal Rescue Officers to enable suitable foster homes to be found. We also take animals through the Animal Logistics process and occasionally, from the public if a situation is urgent.

The reduction in number of foster homes due to “natural wastage” and limited recruitment of more foster carers is reflected in the decline in numbers of cats we were able to foster. However, the number of cat fosterers increased early in 2025. We lost our one rabbit fosterer in 2024.

During 2024, the RSPCA Chiltern Branch enabled six dogs to be looked after in foster care and be rehomed. From 2025, we have not taken any foster dogs due to the difficulty in providing suitable behaviour assessments.

We cared for 18 cats and kittens in foster homes, all were rehomed. We cared for one rabbit in foster care, who was rehomed.

### **Welfare Grants**

The Branch provided financial assistance towards veterinary treatment to animals whose owners and/or vets contacted the branch, lived in our area and were financially eligible. These including costs for neutering, vaccination and microchipping as well as emergency veterinary care. We also worked with the RSPCA Inspectors and AROs, and Veterinary Practices to support animals in our area.

During January to December 2024, we issued 134 Welfare Grants to animals in the Chiltern area and provided cash grants for homeless and impoverished members of the public in excess of £10,000.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

During the year ended 31 December 2024 the charity had a net deficit of £24,305 (2023: £36,368 deficit).

The charity has unrestricted powers of investment which must be exercised in accordance with the Trustee Act 2000. The charity does not actively make investments and retains the bulk of the assets in bank accounts.

The charity aims to have reserves to cover the costs associated with the activities for a year.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

The charity intends to continue with, and expand upon, its existing activities, mainly a larger focus on animal welfare and education within the community. The charity plans to grow the network of fosterers that are available to care for the animals to help support the charity's central purpose.

The Trustees plan to continue to support the existing shop premises in Buckingham. The shop is a key source of income for the charity and ensuring that the shop is a success is important for the future of the charity.

The immediate focus for the future will be on fundraising to support the activities of the charity and, following some recent resignations, taking steps to identify and recruit new trustees to grow the current group of trustees. The charity also plans to recruit a new full time branch manager who will be tasked with much of the day-to-day operations of the charity.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

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

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as a separately registered branch of the National RSPCA, subject to its rules for branches (as updated in 2009).

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number**

275326

### **Principal address**

20 Market Hill  
Buckingham  
Buckinghamshire  
MK18 1JX

### **Trustees**

Mr S Graham Chair  
Miss L Palmer Treasurer  
Mr A Cote  
Mr D Rushmere  
Mrs S Robbie  
Ms C Watling  
Mr N Perry (resigned 3.7.24)  
Miss L Baker

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (continued)

### Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc  
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London  
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### Independent Examiner

Bianca Permal FCA  
  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/10/2025 and signed  
on its behalf by:

*Shane Graham*

Mr S Graham – Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Royal Society For the Prevention Of Cruelty to Animals Chiltern Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals Chiltern 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**

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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28/10/2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Royal Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Chiltern Branch

No (if any)  
275326

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2024	To	Period end date 31.12.2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	21,567	-	-	21,567	23,998
Subscriptions & Membership	468	-	-	468	570
Shop Sales	95,897	-	-	95,897	92,341
Sale of Donated Goods	1,428	-	-	1,428	2,910
Rehoming	3,100	-	-	3,100	3,410
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	122,460	-	-	122,460	123,229
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	122,460	-	-	122,460	123,229
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Welfare Grants	9,450	-	-	9,450	14,270
Light, Power & Heat	8,545	-	-	8,545	12,516
Rent	27,805	-	-	27,805	33,562
Vet Fees	25,113	-	-	25,113	28,754
Animal Costs	12,811	-	-	12,811	14,821
Repairs and Maintenance	1,194	-	-	1,194	7,228
Audit & Accountancy Fees	5,862	-	-	5,862	3,297
Other Premises Costs	5,843	-	-	5,843	5,181
Legal & Professional	1,937	-	-	1,937	1,689
Subscriptions	2,322	-	-	2,322	1,831
Bank Fees	630	-	-	630	1,570
Travel & Vehicle expenses	2,392	-	-	2,392	2,629
IT Costs	398	-	-	398	515
Misc costs	2,638	-	-	2,638	1,839
Wages & Salaries	36,235	-	-	36,235	28,937
Cost of goods sold	1,501	-	-	1,501	317
Advertising and Marketing	2,089	-	-	2,089	641
<b>Sub total</b>	146,765	-	-	146,765	159,597
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	146,765	-	-	146,765	159,597
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 24,305	-	-	- 24,305	- 36,368
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	189,326	-	-	189,326	225,694
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	165,021	-	-	165,021	189,326



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Account	164,919	-	-
	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals account	102	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>165,021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Shane Graham	Shane	27/10/2025
			42BA0000-164C-1A26-FB69-08DE16847E1B	