

# Weymouth and Portland Animal Welfare Society

Charity No: 279159

## Trustees' Annual Report 1 September 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Treasurer  
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### **WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

The object of Weymouth & Portland Animal Welfare Society (hereinafter called "the society"), is to alleviate suffering and to prevent cruelty to animals in the area of Weymouth & Portland.

There shall be an Annual General Meeting of those persons who are members, who shall elect a Committee consisting of no more than twelve persons. The Committee shall, out of its number, elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, but in the event of no member of the Committee being willing to serve in the offices of Secretary or Treasurer, the Committee may appoint someone to either of these offices who is not a member of their Committee.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year and the Secretary will notify members, unless authorised by the Committee to announce the meeting in some other way. The accounts are to be completed at the end of August each year.

The society is no longer in a position to offer animals shelter, however in an emergency we do have a two cabin cattery. The Society offers financial support to animals owners, who are either on low incomes or unable to fund their animals due to changes in personal circumstances, by partially or fully funding spaying and neutering, and any consultation fees with the veterinary practice.

The Society will, when possible, help to re-home animals and, after a welfare check, endeavour to make the transition as less traumatic for the animal as possible.

The Society can offer advice regarding animal welfare but will always refer medical related questions to a veterinary practice.

The Committee shall have full power as if they were an individual, to hold money and invest funds, own property etcetera, subject to the law and regulation being related to charities in respect of those matters. Annual accounts will be examined by an independent examiner. Any assets remaining on the winding up of the charity shall be distributed by a joint Committee decision.

### **This constitution was formally adopted 08.07.2013.**

Just another year gone, in my last report I said that the costs of running the caravan at Haven Weymouth were getting to expensive. Well, in September 2023 we decided to sell. We tried to sell privately but Haven put too many obstacles in the way so we ended up selling to them in the end.

After a short break the trustees and I decided to take on and open a small shop in St Georges St Weymouth, on a short one year renewable lease. It cost a lot to fit out with the necessary shelving and equipment, but we thought it would be OK. We opened in December with a lot of interest from the general public and it was good for the following two or three months. But the footfall was bad and some days we were lucky to take £30.00 so we decided unfortunately to close in August 2024.

We are continuing with our policy of spaying and neutering domestic animals, also now we are trying to find homes for animals direct from home to home. Paying for consultations to help with vets Bill as well as helping towards the animals final bill. We seem to be the only charity in our area doing this..

We have been very lucky in receiving various bequests and donations:

Boxes and cash donations:	£125.94
Other Donations:	
Mr and Mrs Brian James	£14,364.00
M.V.Dennet	£100.00
Foot Ansty	£1,586.00
Miss Taylor	£100.00
Other	£1,159.00

All payments to trustees and other are listed in the accounts accompanying this report

All the paid-up members of PAWS are entitled to vote at the AGM. The Society trustees indemnify the Charity of Public Liability.

Present Trustees are:

Mr Lionel Knibbs	Chairman/Treasurer
Mrs Linda Richards	Manager
Mrs Maxine Seymour	Animal Welfare
Mr Nick Seymour	Odd job

Mr Lionel Knibbs

Treasurer

**Weymouth PAWS**  
**Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended 31 August 2024**

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**Charity Number: 279159**

## **Weymouth PAWS TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	L Richards N Seymour M Seymour
<b>Chairperson</b>	L Knibbs
<b>Charity Number in England and Wales</b>	279159
<b>Principal Address</b>	9 Handborough Park Charlestown Weymouth Dorset DT4 9TP
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	A Hunter & Co 61 St. Thomas Street, Weymouth DT4 8EQ GB

**Weymouth PAWS**  
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of Weymouth PAWS for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A (Small Entities). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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# Weymouth PAWS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income</b>					
Charitable activities					
■ Grants from governments and other co-funders	3.1	29,423	29,423	28,977	28,977
Investments	3.2	-	-	594	594
<b>Total income</b>		<b>29,423</b>	<b>29,423</b>	<b>29,571</b>	<b>29,571</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	4.1	41,276	41,276	46,812	46,812
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(11,853)</b>	<b>(11,853)</b>	<b>(17,241)</b>	<b>(17,241)</b>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>(11,853)</b>	<b>(11,853)</b>	<b>(17,241)</b>	<b>(17,241)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds beginning of the year	13	87,241	87,241	104,482	104,482
<b>Total funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>75,388</b>	<b>75,388</b>	<b>87,241</b>	<b>87,241</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

# Weymouth PAWS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Weymouth PAWS is a company limited by shares incorporated in the United Kingdom. The registered office of the charity is which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

#### Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

#### Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

#### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

#### Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

#### Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the charity is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

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3.2	INVESTMENTS		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
	Investments		-	-	-	594
4.	EXPENDITURE					
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2024 £	2023 £
	Expenditure on charitable activities	-	41,276	-	41,276	46,812
5.	NET INCOME				2024 £	2023 £
	Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):					
	Depreciation of tangible assets				3,517	5,336
	(Surplus) on disposal of tangible fixed assets				(2,061)	-
6.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME				2024 £	2023 £
	Bank interest				724	594
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES				2024 £	2023 £
	Hire purchase interest				163	280
8.	EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION					
	The staff costs (inclusive of trustees' salaries) comprise:				2024 £	2023 £
	Wages and salaries				270	-
	Pension costs				-	4,000
					270	4,000



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**12. RESERVES**

	2024 £	2023 £
At the beginning of the year	87,241	104,482
Deficit for the financial year	(11,853)	(17,241)
At the end of the year	<u>75,388</u>	<u>87,241</u>

**13. FUNDS**

**13.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 September 2022	104,482	104,482
Movement during the financial year	(17,241)	(17,241)
At 31 August 2023	87,241	87,241
Movement during the financial year	(11,853)	(11,853)
At 31 August 2024	<u>75,388</u>	<u>75,388</u>

**13.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS**

	Balance 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 August 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted General	87,241	27,606	39,459	-	75,388
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>87,241</u>	<u>27,606</u>	<u>39,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,388</u>

**13.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Current liabilities £	Total £
Unrestricted general funds	10,552	66,136	(1,300)	75,388
	<u>10,552</u>	<u>66,136</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>	<u>75,388</u>

**14. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION**

	2024 £	2023 £
Remuneration including pension contributions	-	4,000

**15. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OPERATING STATEMENT**  
for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Income		<b>26,882</b>	26,827
Cost of sales	<b>1</b>	<b>2,061</b>	-
Gross surplus		<b>28,943</b>	26,827
Charitable activities and other expenses	<b>2</b>	<b>(41,520)</b>	(44,662)
		<b>(12,577)</b>	(17,835)
Miscellaneous income	<b>3</b>	<b>724</b>	594
<b>Net deficit</b>		<b>(11,853)</b>	(17,241)

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**SCHEDULE 2 : CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND OTHER EXPENSES**  
for the financial year ended 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and salaries	270	-
Directors'/trustees' defined benefit current service costs	-	4,000
Rent payable	12,585	10,808
Rates	193	17
Insurance	540	934
Light and heat	761	-
Cleaning	155	980
Repairs and maintenance	7,061	4,707
Printing, postage and stationery	419	153
Advertising	160	40
Vets fees	3,315	6,425
Telephone	890	1,439
Motor expenses	9,909	7,809
Travelling and entertainment	101	318
Accountancy	1,300	1,200
Bank charges	38	88
General expenses	143	128
Depreciation	3,517	5,336
	<u>41,357</u>	<u>44,382</u>
<b>Finance</b>		
Hire purchase interest	163	280
	<u>163</u>	<u>280</u>
<b>Total Overheads</b>	<u><u>41,520</u></u>	<u><u>44,662</u></u>

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## OF WEYMOUTH PAWS

We have examined the financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 August 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the

Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have

been engaged to compile, report to the Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have

agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not

accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our work,

or for this report.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this financial year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that an independent examination is required. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down by the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the Charities Act 2011; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 (FRS102)

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there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.  
We 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 financial statements to be reached.

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**Date: 22 April 2025**