

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION TRUST FOR RETIRED RACING GREYHOUNDS

England & Wales · Charity number 279956

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1980-05-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE CARE AND PROTECTION BY MEANS OF TEMPORARY SHELTER AND SUITABLE HOMES FOR GREYHOUNDS WHOSE RACING LIFE HAS BEEN TERMINATED BY THEIR AGE, INFIRMITY, INJURY, DISEASE OR OTHER SUFFICIENT REASON AND WHOSE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES CANNOT BE SATISFIED BY THEIR OWNERS.

Activities: The R.G.O.A. Trust cares for and homes greyhounds for owners of greyhounds that raced at Romford Greyhound when their racing careers are over. The retired greyhounds enter our rented kennels, they are fed & exercised and generally cared for until they can be homed. By advertising in newspapers, notice boards, website etc, we invite the public to visit our kennels and select a suitable greyhound.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex
- Havering

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£60,716	£102,769	-	-
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2022-10-31	£76,052	£106,170	-	-
2021-10-31	£79,257	£112,882	-	-
2020-10-31	£62,511	£104,437	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Elks		2019-07-01
Mary West		2011-11-01
Paul Stephen Binks		2026-06-09

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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29 August 2024

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
General donations		38,341		46,893
Rehoming donations		14,499		22,482
Fundraising		7,876		6,677
Total Receipts		60,716		76,052
Payments				
Dog welfare		24,924		36,200
Purchases - items for dogs		2,343		3,049
Wages and volunteer expenses		32,056		30,737
Rent		10,576		10,772
Rates, water and waste disposal		7,298		6,179
Insurance		2,190		2,355
Light and heat		4,889		2,353
Equipment and repairs		13,602		2,938
Telephone		1,109		982
Printing, postage, & stationery		31		250
Advertising		737		299
Motor expenses		1,388		735
Fundraising expenses		215		178
Sundry		723		2,795
Accountancy and examination fees		600		6,264
Legal and professional fees		-		-
Bank Charges		88		84
Total Payments		102,769		106,170
Net (Payments)/Receipts		(42,053)		(30,118)
Cash funds brought forward		381,144		411,262
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	£	£
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The global economy and in particular cost of living crisis continues to affect both fundraising efforts for the charity as well as our rehoming efforts. In these difficult times, the Charity continues to focus on the use of social media to reach our target audience as well as volunteers working hard to retain contact with the wider greyhound community. The trustees are once again thankful to our volunteers, who during the past 12 months have continued to support the Charity in any way they could and it is our volunteers who keep us going.

Our income for the 12 months ended 31 October 2022 was £76,052 compared to £79,257 for the year ended 31 October 2021 with fundraising significantly reduced compared to previous years. Our focus going forward is to use our funds wisely to retain reserves during this difficult economic environment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts for the year ended 31 October 2022 amounted to £76,052 (2021 - £79,257). Payments in the year totalled £106,170 (2021 - £112,882). This resulted in net payments for the year of £30,118 (2021 £33,625).

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8 April 2024

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
General donations		46,893		46,141
Rehoming donations		22,482		25,465
Fundraising		6,677		7,651
Total Receipts		76,052		79,257
Payments				
Dog welfare		35,382		48,337
Purchases - items for dogs		3,049		4,331
Wages and volunteer expenses		30,737		32,176
Rent		10,772		10,924
Rates, water and waste disposal		6,179		1,668
Insurance		2,355		1,462
Light and heat		2,353		1,979
Equipment and repairs		2,938		2,575
Telephone		982		2,126
Printing, postage, & stationery		250		145
Advertising		299		319
Motor expenses		735		1,372
Fundraising expenses		178		254
Sundry		3,613		1,164
Accountancy and examination fees		6,264		3,480
Legal and professional fees		-		570
Bank Charges		84		-
Total Payments		106,170		112,882
Net (Payments)/Receipts		(30,118)		(33,625)
Cash funds brought forward		411,262		444,887
Cash funds carried forward		381,144		411,262

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	2022	2021
	£	£
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2021 was another very tough year for the UK due to COVID and the Global economy. The Romford Greyhound Owners Association were restricted in fundraising efforts, as such are very thankful for the legacy received during 2019 to allow the charity to continue trading and finding wonderful homes for the greyhounds these past 12 months. Continued homeworking again boosted the Charities "target audience" for our greyhounds and over 100 greyhounds were homed by the Charity during the calendar year. The trustees and volunteers are conscious of the risks this potential short-term boost to homing numbers may provide over the coming months when some do return to a more normal working pattern, however as we stand here today, we are pleased to report the number of dogs returned to us to date are much less than feared. The trustees are once again thankful to our volunteers, who during the past 24 months have continued to support the Charity in any way they could and it is our volunteers who keep us going.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts for the year ended 31 October 2021 amounted to £79,257 (2020 - £62,511). Payments in the year totalled £112,882 (2020 - £104,437). This resulted in net payments for the year of £33,625 (2020 - £41,926).

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2021 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

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

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
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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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30 August 2022

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
General donations		46,141		45,636
Rehoming donations		25,465		8,258
Fundraising		7,651		8,617
Total Receipts		<u>79,257</u>		<u>62,511</u>
Payments				
Dog welfare		48,337		40,759
Purchases - items for dogs		4,331		163
Wages and volunteer expenses		32,176		34,397
Rent		10,924		10,338
Rates and water		1,668		2,588
Insurance		1,462		1,987
Light and heat		1,979		1,815
Equipment and repairs		2,575		1,391
Telephone		2,126		1,344
Printing, postage, & stationery		145		22
Advertising		319		755
Motor expenses		1,372		722
Fundraising expenses		254		4,129
Sundry		1,164		1,243
Accountancy and examination fees		3,480		2,160
Legal and professional fees		570		624
Total Payments		<u>112,882</u>		<u>104,437</u>
Net (Payments)/Receipts		(33,625)		(41,926)
Cash funds brought forward		444,887		486,813
Cash funds carried forward		<u><u>411,262</u></u>		<u><u>444,887</u></u>

All funds are unrestricted

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash funds	<u>411,262</u>	<u>444,887</u>

Approved by the trustees on 30 August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mary West

Trustee

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION TRUST FOR RETIRED RACING GREYHOUNDS

England & Wales - Charity number 279956

Accounts

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2020

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THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

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THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
CHARITY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name The Romford Greyhound Owners Association

Charity Number 0279956

Address Romford Greyhound Homing Kennels
Suffolk House Yard
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THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2020.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Trust, as set out in the governing document, are to provide care and protection by means of temporary shelter and suitable homes for greyhounds whose racing life has been terminated by their age, infirmity, injury, disease or other sufficient reason and whose need for such facilities cannot be satisfied by their owners.

The Trustees confirm that the activities of the charity are undertaken to achieve the charity's aims with regard to the public benefit guidance.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

One very positive consequence of a very tough COVID affected year in 2020 was a sharp increase in homing numbers, not only for the Charity but nationwide. Increased homeworking and what is looking like a permanent shift in lots of peoples working circumstance has increased the Charities "target audience" for our greyhounds. A massive 139 greyhounds were homed by the charity during the year, compared to 61 in the previous year. Not only was this so fantastic to see for our greys, but it also allowed us to find homes for some of our longer-term residents and there were some really heartfelt stories during 2020. The Charity acknowledges this may be a 18-24 month boost to homing, and are conscious of the risks this may provide over the coming months when some do return to a more normal working pattern, however as we stand here today we are pleased to report the number of dogs returned to us in 2021 who were homed during 2020 is less than 5%.

As we alluded to above, 2020 has been a very tough year for so many. Many of us have lost someone very close to us and it is for this we are so thankful for our volunteers, who during these times continued to support the Charity in any way they could and it is our volunteers who keep us going. We were very fortunate as a Charity to have been bequeathed the estate of the late Mr. Peter James Arnold, as it those funds which have allowed the Charity to function as it did pre-pandemic with very little means to raise additional funds during the year via our usual channels. COVID has restricted our ability as a Charity to celebrate Mr Arnold but we will be looking to do so during 2022 as the world hopefully starts to return to.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts for the year ended 31 October 2020 amounted to £62,511, which was £466,798 lower than the prior year when Mr Arnold's legacy was received. Payments in the year totalled £104,437 (2019 - £94,795). This resulted in net payments for the year of £41,926 (2019 - net receipts of £434,514).

Consistent with the previous year, dog welfare including vets' fees, kennel rent and rates and kennel wages were the main areas of expenditure for the charity.

THE ROMFORD GREYHOUND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

Reserves Policy

It has been the policy of the Charity to maintain cash reserves of at least £40,000 which is sufficient to cover 6 months of fixed costs for the Charity. The reserves at 31 October 2020 totalled £444,887, boosted by the legacy received during 2019. The strong reserves position at the year-end will ensure the security of the Charity for the future as well as allow the charity to increase marketing activities and pursue capital projects in the next 12 months as planned.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is constituted under a Declaration of Trust dated 10th April 1980 and was registered as a charity on 14th May 1980.

Trustees are appointed by invite from the existing board of Trustees. A Trustee will be appointed if there is unanimous agreement of all existing Trustees. New Trustees will be given a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance for Trustees "The Essential Trustee" (CC3).

Approved by the Trustees on 21 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mary West

Trustee

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22 December 2021

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YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
General donations		45,636		52,228
Rehoming donations		8,258		5,400
Legacies		-		463,380
Fundraising		8,617		8,301
Total Receipts		<u>62,511</u>		<u>529,309</u>
Payments				
Dog welfare		40,759		22,285
Wages and volunteer expenses		34,397		33,079
Rent		10,338		10,620
Rates and water		2,588		5,135
Insurance		1,987		1,260
Light and heat		1,815		1,732
Equipment and repairs		1,391		5,131
Telephone		1,344		1,411
Printing, postage, & stationery		22		21
Advertising		755		1,386
Motor expenses		722		1,952
Fundraising expenses		4,129		4,909
Sundry		1,406		3,426
Accountancy and examination fees		2,160		1,980
Legal and professional fees		624		468
Total Payments		<u>104,437</u>		<u>94,795</u>
Net (Payments)/Receipts		(41,926)		434,514
Cash funds brought forward		486,813		52,299
Cash funds carried forward		<u><u>444,887</u></u>		<u><u>486,813</u></u>

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