

THE BEAGLE WELFARE SCHEME

England & Wales · Charity number 328633

Details

Other names	BEAGLE ADVICE AND WELFARE, BEAGLE WELFARE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1990-05-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	28 Ennerdale Drive Congleton CW12 4FJ
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Website	www.beaglewelfare.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS BEAGLES BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT, SHELTER AND SECURITY FOR BEAGLES WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USAGE AND IN PARTICULAR TO REHOME BEAGLES AND ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF BEAGLES THROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN.

Activities: The principal object of the charity is the re-homing of Beagles, and to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to Beagles, in particular to encourage responsible ownership of Beagles throughout Great Britain.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREAT BRITAIN
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£389,903	£343,170	-	-
2023-12-31	£314,280	£324,515	-	-
2022-12-31	£469,956	£335,837	-	-
2021-12-31	£300,945	£197,847	-	-
2020-12-31	£610,950	£186,165	£661,700	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nigel Wright	Chair	2015-02-21
JEANINE WILKINSON		2013-09-15
Jane Diver		2025-05-10
Karen Purdon		2016-06-19
Kate Cooper		2025-05-10
Katharine Wilson		2020-09-12
Linda Thomas		2015-05-17

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Registered Charity in England and Wales No 328633

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2024



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Trustees' Report

Principal Address

Coulters Hill Cottage
Coulters Hill
Newborough
BURTON-ON-TRENT
Staffordshire
DE13 8SJ

Trustees during the year:

Name	Position	
Nigel Wright	Chairman	
Jeanine Wilkinson	Treasurer & Vice Chairman	
Linda Thomas	National Secretary	
Karen Purdon	Trustee for Scotland	
Jane Ferguson	Friends of Beagle Welfare Administrator	Resigned 23/6/2024
Katharine Wilson	Fundraising Co-ordinator	

Advisors

Independent Examiner

Ian Barrett FCA, FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants
and Chartered Tax Advisers
22 Union Street
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Bankers

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue
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Kent ME19 4JQ

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 25 March 1990 as amended 24 March 1996, 31 March 2007, 28 March 2010, 24 March 2013, February 2015, 23 March 2016 and 29 April 2023.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objective of the charity is to promote humane behaviour towards beagles by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for beagles which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and in particular to:

- rehome beagles; and
- encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

Method of Appointment

Trustees are elected by the council members at the ACM or at an SCM.

Governance

The charity is run by a group of up to nine trustees who meet between four and five times a year. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they set for the organisation.

New trustees appointed by the council are provided with the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees and an operations manual is maintained to provide guidelines and assistance to all volunteers.

The organisation is centralised around the rehoming centre in Staffordshire, supported by a network of volunteers and trustees across England, Wales and Scotland and an additional rehoming centre in Kent. We are so grateful for all those who help with transporting, home checking and assessing beagles and fostering (many times at short notice) across the country to enable our charity to continue its work. The rehoming centre in Staffordshire remains the main point of contact for all surrendered and adopted dogs across the country with all the record keeping happening all in one place enabling more effective administration.

Through 2024, the Trustees continued to meet through a mix of video calls and face to face meetings with the ACM held in person.

Objectives and Activities

The main focus of the charity continues to be rehoming unwanted beagles as well as providing advice and education for owners. The dogs in our care are fully assessed where possible, while they are waiting for homes, resulting in fewer unsuccessful placements.

Being a breed specific rescue, Beagle Welfare will generally only accept pure beagles, or at least those who have the general physical beagle characteristics. People who come to beagle welfare looking to rehome a dog will be looking specifically for a beagle.

More general, non-breed specific, dog rescue centres are better able to rehome cross breeds although beagle welfare work closely with these rescue centres to help out if they are trying to rehome a beagle.

Beagle Welfare are often approached to rehome beagles who are known to be aggressive and have bitten in their previous home. We will always look at the circumstances of the beagle's issues but if it becomes apparent that the dog will not be able to be safely rehomed, then we will refuse to take the dog, as we have a duty of care to our staff, volunteers, the public and to people who come to us to adopt a beagle.

Potential owners make enquiries through our website, social media and via other animal welfare groups.

Where we can, we make every effort to attend shows, fairs and other functions where we hope to educate the general public about what owning a beagle entails. We also warn people about the dangers of buying through puppy farms and we encourage them to go to reputable breeders. Some of

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the advice and assistance that we have given owners has resulted in a number of beagles remaining with their owners, when they might have otherwise been given up for rehoming.

Beagles Statistics

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total dogs added to our register during the year	235	313
Dogs successfully rehomed during the year	137	199
Dogs euthanised Beagles are only ever euthanised where they are seriously ill or have serious aggression issues and would not be safe to be rehomed to another family.	7	4

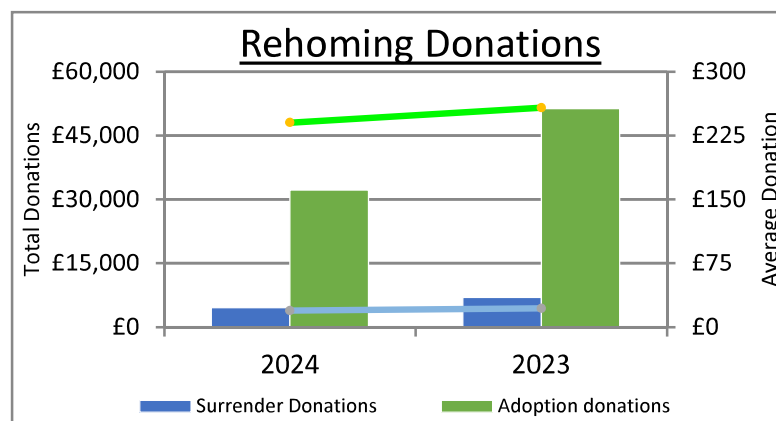
In 2024 there was a reduction in the number of beagles added to our register at 235 for rehoming compared to 313 in 2023. We are still seeing the impact of the increase in dog ownership during the pandemic, sadly now that the world has re-opened, we are seeing people surrendering beagles who have had minimal training, boundaries and not enough socialisation making them anxious and presenting owners with challenging behaviours.

The number of dogs euthanised in 2024 was slightly higher than on 2023 at 7.

We are using social media and our website extensively to provide advice for training and managing specific behaviours. We have also had success in keeping beagles in their homes with the advice we have given, however, there are always beagles that will end up coming in for rehoming. In 2023 the charity set up a TikTok account to try and reach a larger audience to help with publicising our beagles that need rehoming.

Donations for beagles being adopted were down by 36% on 2023 mainly due to the higher number of beagles rehomed during 2023, the average donation per dog is down by around £21 from last year.

Education

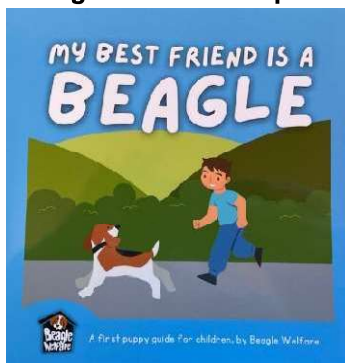


Education about beagles and beagle ownership is a key objective of Beagle Welfare. We try to provide impartial advice to all existing and potential beagle owners to try and ensure that people who are looking to rehome a welfare beagle are given as much information as possible about the breed. This enables potential adopters to make an informed decision about whether a beagle is right for them. We are conscious that the more good advice we can provide reduces the number of beagles given up for adoption and therefore reducing the number of beagles who are having numerous homes and displaying challenging behaviours.

A number of volunteers and employees have taken dog behaviour training courses and we offer support to any volunteer/employee who wishes to undertake training. We also have access to an APDT qualified behaviourist who will assist with more difficult cases.

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Beagle Welfare has published a children's book



One of our volunteers, Jenny Hodkin has kindly written a book for us aimed at educating children on dog ownership called **My Best Friend is a Beagle**. The book was illustrated by another volunteer, Rebecca Freeman and was edited by Trustee Kath Wilson and volunteer Jane Ferguson. The book has been published and is being given out free to anyone with children who enquires about beagle adoption.

Our Adoption Process

The application process begins with an enquiry to our rehoming coordinators to assess their initial suitability. If successful, applicants are asked to view our short film on beagle ownership to get a good understanding of what owning a beagle entails. If at this point they feel that a beagle is still for them, then we ask them to complete an application for adoption which is then reviewed by our team and if deemed successful in this application, a home check is undertaken for all new beagle owners.



One of our volunteers will visit them at home, usually with a beagle, to assess the potential owner's response to having a beagle in their home, to ensure that their home set up is suitable and safe to contain a beagle and they will also provide advice on any changes that need to be made. Volunteers provide feedback to the rehoming centre coordinators who will then review this feedback and decide if the application is successful. The applicant is then contacted and encouraged to look at the rehoming list on the website to find a beagle they wish to rehome. A meet and greet is then organised by the rehoming coordinators.

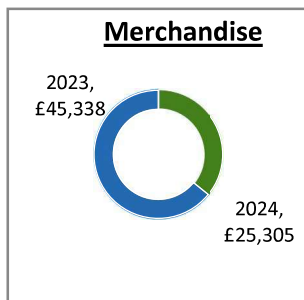
All new owners are provided with an adoption pack which contains numerous information booklets about owning a beagle, what to expect from your beagle and beagle healthcare. We provide vouchers towards the cost of neutering after the dogs have been in their new home for a minimum of three months giving them time to settle. We also provide vouchers towards training beagles as we recognise the importance of training both owners and dogs and this helps with the settling in and bonding process with a dog.

Sadly we do have some beagles who do not settle in their new homes very well and we often find that their new owners do not give these beagles enough time to get used to their new surroundings and routines. This invariably impacts on the dog causing anxiety and challenging behaviours meaning they are more difficult to find good homes for.



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Merchandise

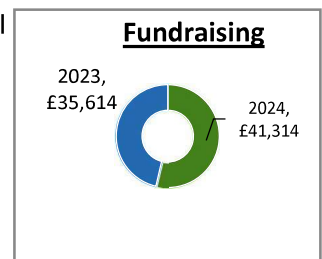


During 2024, we took the decision to scale back on our merchandise as it was becoming increasingly difficult and time consuming to source new products that people want to buy and we wanted to concentrate on a core set of product lines and specific ranges to coincide with the different celebrations through the year. This is the reason for the reduction in Sale of merchandise in 2024. It is not our core business but we appreciate that our supporters enjoy buying beagle products from us.

Jo Morrison-Rowe has stepped down as merchandise coordinator and we would like to thank Jo for her amazing efforts over the last few years and wish her well for the future.

Fundraising

It's been another brilliant year of fundraising at Beagle Welfare. Thank you to all who have organised events, including beagle meets, marathons, raffles, birthday donations, book sales, treasure hunts, sales of Christmas items, Christmas parties and lots lots more.



Our Auction page continues to be a great success and an integral contributor to our fundraising income. It is run by our Fundraising Coordinator/Trustee Katharine Wilson. We are extremely grateful to individuals and small businesses who have very generously donated items for us to auction.

Beagle Welfare Online Charity Auction Page

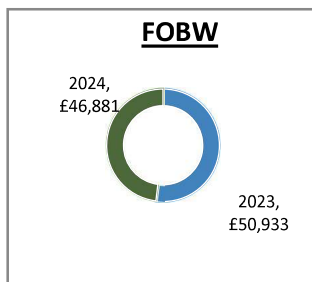
Social Media remains a vital tool for fundraising and a great way for us to keep in touch with our supporters and to share our important work. In the UK a lot of beagle groups are organising fundraising meets, Katharine keeps in touch with them.

We were very lucky to be chosen to benefit from Agria's Big Dog Walk 18th May 2024 at Kenilworth Castle. We went along with our merchandise stall, some of our volunteers and supporters attended and took part in the walk.



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Friends of Beagle Welfare (FOBW)



Friends of Beagle Welfare are our regular subscribers who donate funds to us every year and in return we send them our bi-annual magazine, In Full Cry. Our magazine gives a snapshot of what is going on at the charity and also has numerous articles, activities, behavioural advice and stories from owners who have adopted a beagle from Beagle Welfare. Donations from our FOBW have decreased 8% from 2023 despite all the difficulties that people have experienced over the past couple of years. We are immensely grateful to our supporters for their ongoing donations without which we could not operate as we do.

In Full Cry

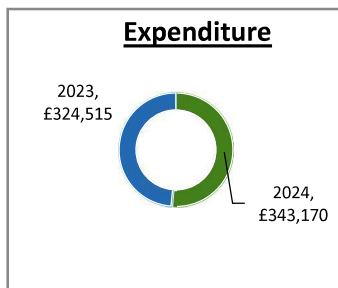
Our biannual Beagle Welfare magazine, In Full Cry, is edited by Jo Morrison Rowe and continues to be a popular read with our supporters.

In Full Cry features many articles from regular contributors, as well as standalone features on a range of dog related subjects, plus information on Beagle Welfares work, fundraising and happy ending tales.



Legacies

We continue to be extremely fortunate to be a recipient of the generosity of people who remember us in their wills. Some of these funds have been utilised in 2024 to cover our increased costs particularly for our vet fees and boarding and commercial kennels which have increased over the past few years.



Expenditure

Overall, expenditure for 2024 was higher than 2023 by 5.7% and continues to be high due to the number of beagles being surrendered to us.

Rehoming Centre Costs

Rehoming Centre costs running costs are in line with budget 2024 and higher than last year by 5% mainly due to the increase in wages due minimum wage requirements.

We have also further developed our enrichment areas in the paddock this year using kind donations from local businesses.

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Boarding, Fostering & Commercial Kennel Costs

Costs for boarding and fostering and commercial kennels were up on budget, but lower than 2023. Although the number of beagles surrendered is down on 2023 costs were higher as we needed to support owners, in various circumstances, to take the beagles into our care.

Total Vets fees

Vets fees have increased since 2023. We continue to support our adopters for one-off and long terms medical costs and have received new requests for financial assistance and golden oldies. Also, we have funded medical costs for non Beagle Welfare beagles.



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Reserves Policy and Related Funds

The primary function of the charity is the re-homing of beagles, to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to beagles, and in particular to encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

It is the duty of the trustees to ensure that funds are available at all times to pay for these activities with the bulk of these costs being at the main rehoming centre in Staffordshire, together with the charity's related administration costs.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain the following funds:

1) The Rehoming Centre Base Fund.

The majority of the charity's income comes from donations from The Friends of Beagle Welfare, past and new owners and fundraising. These are uncertain sources of revenue that may not always provide the funds to cover these essential costs. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserve funds to cover up to a maximum of the next 24 months' planned running costs including Vet costs. As at 31st December 2024 the trustees set aside £380,000 representing the next 24 months' planned running costs of rehoming centre and vet fees.

When planning all of the above activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and feel that the activities of the charity are carried out in accordance with that guidance and that the activities undertaken during the year have provided a benefit to the public.

GDPR

To ensure we can be compliant with the GDPR legislation which came into force in on 25 May 2018, our Trustees, employees and necessary individuals are required to complete GDPR training. All of our volunteers are given guidelines to ensure they maintain the confidentiality & integrity of all personal data they receive whilst undertaking activities on behalf of The Beagle Welfare Scheme.

An annual review will be undertaken to ensure The Beagle Welfare Scheme remains GDPR compliant.

Signed by order of the Trustees



Jeanine Wilkinson
Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Beagle Welfare Scheme – charity no. 328633

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Beagle Welfare Scheme for the year ended 31st 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 2011 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

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 & Wales and the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, both of which are 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 I 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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants and
Chartered Taxation Advisers
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

6th August 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31 December 2024					
		2024		2023	
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£	£
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank Interest		40,074		40,074	30,173
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
FOBW Donations		46,881		46,881	50,933
Gift Aid		20,510		20,510	20,143
Legacies		130,359		130,359	60,477
Other Donations		41,667		41,667	7,569
Rehoming Donations		37,115		37,115	57,794
Grants		0		0	0
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
Fundraising Income		41,314		41,314	35,614
Insurance Commission		6,677		6,677	6,239
Profit on Disposal of Assets					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Sales		25,305		25,305	45,338
Total		389,903	0	389,903	314,280
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>					
Fundraising Costs		3,384		3,384	345
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Accountancy Fees		700		700	700
Bank Charges		4,217		4,217	5,164
Boarding & Fostering/Commercial Kennels		37,945		37,945	42,754
Rehoming Centre		131,352		131,352	125,040
IT Expenses		684		684	646
Depreciation		12,233		12,233	14,579
Education		564		564	0
Equipment		0		0	0

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Exhibitions and Room Hire	505	505	426	
Gifts and Donations	5,285	5,285	1,500	
Golden Oldies	18,722	18,722	8,994	
Goods For Resale & Fulfilment costs	19,534	19,534	30,771	
In Full Cry	13,642	13,642	11,870	
Insurance	1,327	1,327	1,628	
Legal fees	40	40	35	
Miscellaneous	0	0	71	
Postage and Stationery	714	714	707	
Rehoming Travel	2,565	2,565	10,103	
Telephone	0	0	90	
Training	80	80	50	
Training Vouchers (Dogs)	658	658	48	
Vets Fees	77,535	77,535	58,563	
Volunteer Travel Expenses	4,582	4,582	4,480	
Website	5,215	5,215	4,915	
Hardship Fund	1,690	1,690	1,036	
Total	343,170	0	196,876	324,515
Net Income	46,733	0	46,733	(10,235)
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	888,682	0	888,682	898,917
Total funds carried forward	935,415	0	935,415	888,682

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Balance Sheet	2024	2023
As at 31 December 2024	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings	875	1,575
Land and Buildings	2,854	24,249
Equipment	29,679	4,867
Vehicles	0	2,331
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	33,408	33,022
Current Assets		
Debtors	29,488	31,775
Stock	2,008	7,513
Cash at bank	879,291	822,545
Cash in hand	234	518
Total Current Assets	911,019	862,351
Less: Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Creditors & Deferred Income	8,313	5,991
Accountancy	700	700
	9,013	6,691
Net Current Assets	902,006	855,660
Total Net Assets	935,414	888,682
The Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	935,414	888,682
Total Charity Funds	935,414	888,682

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Statement of Cashflows	2024	2023
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)for the reporting period	46,733	(10,235)
Depreciation charges	12,233	14,579
Interest from investments	(40,074)	(30,173)
Decrease in stocks	5,505	(4,200)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	2,287	(8,960)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	2,322	(8,961)
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,005	(47,950)
Interest from investments	40,074	30,173
Purchase of fixed assets	(12,618)	(25,409)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	56,461	(43,186)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	823,063	866,249
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	879,524	823,063

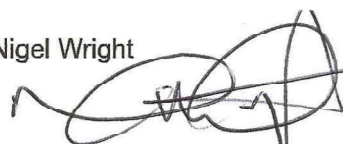
Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Name:

Nigel Wright

Signed:



10/5/25

Trustee

Chairman

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015)", 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.

b) Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c) Depreciation

Office Equipment	15% straight line basis
Rehoming centre log cabin, shed & kennels	20% straight line basis
Rehoming Centre Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line basis
Rehoming centre and other equipment and vehicles	33% straight line basis

d) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

2) Grants and Donations

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Rehoming Donations	37,115		37,115	57,794
FOBW Donations	46,881		46,881	50,933
Other Donations	41,667		41,667	7,569
Grants	0		0	0
Legacies	130,359		130,359	60,477
	256,022	0	256,022	176,773

3) Staff Costs and Numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Salaries	64,528	57,419
Social Security Costs	7,940	7,722
Pensions	4,760	4,050
	77,228	69,191

The average number of employees during the year was	4	3
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No employee earned more than £60,000.

4) Restricted Funds Summary

The Charity does not have any restricted funds in this year or the previous year.

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

5) Analysis for Rehoming Centre

	2024	2023
	£	£
Running Costs	18,271	21,229
Wages	77,228	69,191
Rent and Rates	19,990	19,293
Light and Heat	8,254	4,963
Refurbishment Costs	4,553	7,821
Telephone and Internet	981	1,101
Vehicle Costs	2,074	1,442
Depreciation Fees	12,233	14,170
	143,584	139,210

6) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration but expenses as follows were reimbursed to six Trustees (2023 six):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fostering & Boarding Costs	21,507	24,201
Fund Raising Costs	939	105
Postage and Stationery	202	184
Rehoming Travel	466	531
Telephone		90
Travel	4,126	3,680
Utilities		116
Running Costs - RHC	331	145
Vet Fees	1,920	5,646
Legal Fees	5	
	29,671	34,699

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

7) Tangible assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£		£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 st January 2024	55,558	10,952	22,191	20,975	109,676
Addition	11,389		1,229		12,618
Disposal					0
At 31 st December 2024	66,947	10,952	23,420	20,975	122,294
Depreciation					
At 1 st January 2024	31,309	9,377	17,324	18,645	76,655
Charge for the year	5,960	700	3,242	2,330	12,232
At 31 st December 2024	37,269	10,077	20,566	20,975	88,887
Net Book Value					
At 31 st December 2024	29,678	875	2,854	0	33,407
At 31 st December 2023	24,249	1,575	4,868	2,330	33,022

8) Capital Commitments

	Rehoming Centre & Equipment
	£
Authorised and contracted	0
Authorised not contracted	16,000
	16,000

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9) Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2024

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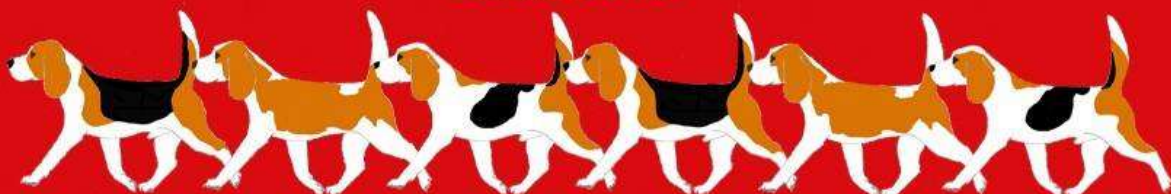
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Trustees' Report

Principal Address

Coulters Hill Cottage
Coulters Hill
Newborough
BURTON-ON-TRENT
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Trustees during the year:

Name	Position	
Nigel Wright	Chairman	
Jeanine Wilkinson	Treasurer & Vice Chairman	
Linda Thomas	National Secretary	
Karen Purdon	Trustee for Scotland	
Jo Morrison Rowe	Trustee for Merchandise & In Full Cry	Resigned 29/4/2023
Jane Ferguson	Friends of Beagle Welfare Administrator	
Katharine Wilson	Fundraising Co-ordinator	

Advisors

Independent Examiner

Ian Barrett FCA, FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants
and Chartered Tax Advisers
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot
Devon
TQ12 2JS

Bankers

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent ME19 4JQ

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 25 March 1990 as amended 24 March 1996, 31 March 2007, 28 March 2010, 24 March 2013, February 2015, 23 March 2016 and 29 April 2023.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objective of the charity is to promote humane behaviour towards beagles by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for beagles which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and in particular to:

- rehome beagles; and
- encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

Method of Appointment

Trustees are elected by the council members at the ACM or at an SCM.

Governance

The charity is run by a group of six trustees who meet between four and five times a year. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they set for the organisation.

New trustees appointed by the council are provided with the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees and an operations manual is maintained to provide guidelines and assistance to all volunteers.

The organisation is centralised around the rehoming centre in Staffordshire, supported by a network of volunteers and trustees across England, Wales and Scotland and an additional rehoming centre in Kent. We are so grateful for all those who help with transporting, home checking and assessing beagles and fostering (many times at short notice) across the country to enable our charity to continue its work.

The rehoming centre in Staffordshire remains the main point of contact for all surrendered and adopted dogs across the country with all the record keeping happening all in one place enabling more effective administration.

Through 2023, the Trustees continued to meet through a mix of video calls and face to face meetings with the ACM held in person.

Objectives and Activities

The main focus of the charity continues to be rehoming unwanted beagles as well as providing advice and education for owners. The dogs in our care are fully assessed where possible, while they are waiting for homes, resulting in fewer unsuccessful placements.

Being a breed specific rescue, Beagle Welfare will generally only accept pure beagles, or at least those who have the general physical beagle characteristics. People who come to beagle welfare looking to rehome a dog will be looking specifically for a beagle.

More general, non-breed specific, dog rescue centres are better able to rehome cross breeds although beagle welfare work closely with these rescue centres to help out if they are trying to rehome a beagle.

Beagle Welfare are often approached to rehome beagles who are known to be aggressive and have bitten in their previous home. We will always look at the circumstances of the beagle's issues but if it becomes apparent that the dog will not be able to be safely rehomed, then we will refuse to take the dog, as we have a duty of care to our staff, volunteers, the public and to people who come to us to adopt a beagle.

Potential owners make enquiries through our website, social media and via other animal welfare groups.

Where we can, we make every effort to attend shows, fairs and other functions where we hope to educate the general public about what owning a beagle entails. We also warn people about the dangers of buying through puppy farms and we encourage them to go to reputable breeders. Some of

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the advice and assistance that we have given owners has resulted in a number of beagles remaining with their owners, when they might have otherwise been given up for rehoming.

Beagles Statistics

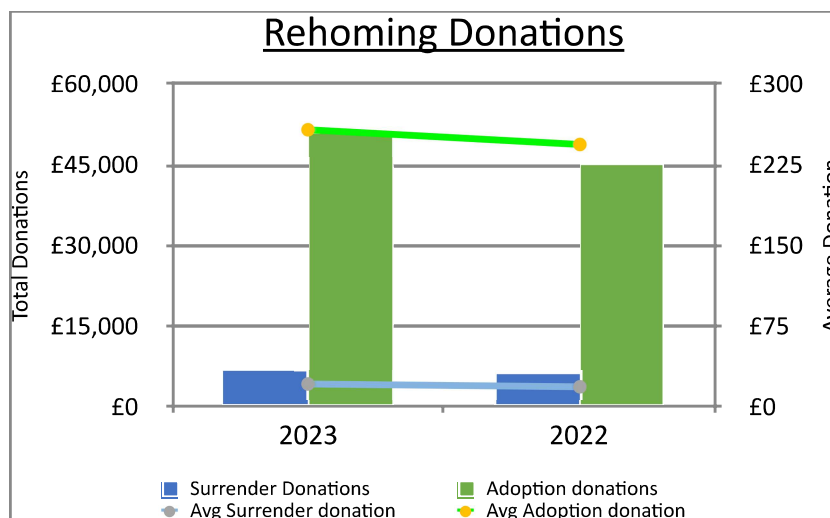
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total dogs added to our register during the year	313	329
Dogs successfully rehomed during the year	199	185
Dogs euthanised Beagles are only ever euthanised where they are seriously ill or have serious aggression issues and would not be safe to be rehomed to another family.	4	14

2023 continued with high numbers of beagles added to our register at 313 for rehoming. With the increase in dog ownership during the pandemic, sadly now that the world has re-opened, we are seeing people surrendering beagles who have had minimal training, boundaries and not enough socialisation making them anxious and presenting owners with challenging behaviours.

The number of dogs euthanised in 2023 was down on 2022.

We are using social media and our website extensively to provide advice for training and managing specific behaviours. We have also had success in keeping beagles in their homes with the advice we have given, however, there are always beagles that will end up coming in for rehoming. In 2023 the charity set up a TikTok account to try and reach a larger audience to help with publicising our beagles that need rehoming.

Donations for beagles being adopted were up by 11% on 2022 mainly due to the higher number of beagles rehomed during 2023, the average donation per dog is up by around £13 on 2022.



Education

Education about beagles and beagle ownership is a key objective of Beagle Welfare. We try to provide impartial advice to all existing and potential beagle owners to try and ensure that people who are looking to rehome a welfare beagle are given as much information as possible about the breed. This enables potential adopters to make an informed decision about whether a beagle is right for them. We are conscious that the more good advice we can provide reduces the number of beagles given up for adoption and therefore reducing the number of beagles who are having numerous homes and displaying challenging behaviours.

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A number of volunteers and employees have taken dog behaviour training courses and we offer support to any volunteer/employee who wishes to undertake training. We also have access to an APDT qualified behaviourist who will assist with more difficult cases.

Our Adoption Process

The application process begins with an enquiry to our rehoming coordinators to assess their initial suitability. If successful, applicants are asked to view our short film on beagle ownership to get a good understanding of what owning a beagle entails. If at this point they feel that a beagle is still for them, then we ask them to complete an application for adoption which is then reviewed by our team and if deemed successful in this application, a home check is undertaken for all new beagle owners.



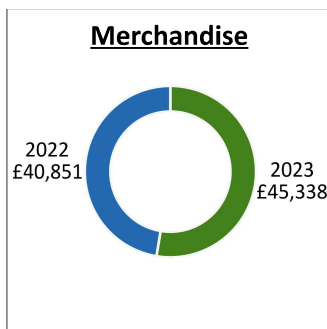
One of our volunteers will visit them at home, usually with a beagle, to assess the potential owner's response to having a beagle in their home, to ensure that their home set up is suitable and safe to contain a beagle and they will also provide advice on any changes that need to be made. Volunteers provide feedback to the rehoming centre coordinators who will then review this feedback and decide if the application is successful. The applicant is then contacted and encouraged to look at the rehoming list on the website to find a beagle they wish to rehome. A meet and greet is then organised by the rehoming coordinators.

All new owners are provided with an adoption pack which contains numerous information booklets about owning a beagle, what to expect from your beagle and beagle healthcare. We provide vouchers towards the cost of neutering after the dogs have been in their new home for a minimum of three months giving them time to settle. We also provide vouchers towards training beagles as we recognise the importance of training both owners and dogs and this helps with the settling in and bonding process with a dog.

Sadly we do have some beagles who do not settle in their new homes very well and we often find that their new owners do not give these beagles enough time to get used to their new surroundings and routines. This invariably impacts on the dog causing anxiety and challenging behaviours meaning they are more difficult to find good homes for.



Merchandise

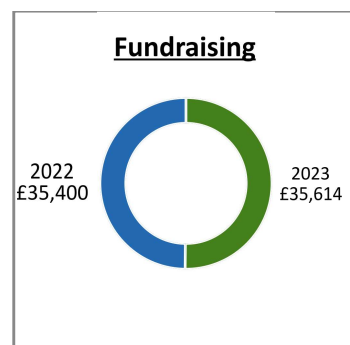


2023 was another successful year for Beagle Welfare merchandise with an increase in sales from 2022 to £45,338. There were no large outdoor events in 2023 so all sales were generated online. New lines included jigsaws, lunch boxes, beach bags and a whole new Christmas range. The 2023 Christmas jumpers were equally successful as the ones in 2022.

We are very fortunate to have a supporter, Julie Armstrong from Big Ideas of Sheffield, who continues to donate her time and goods at nil profit; Julie adopted Betty Beagle from Beagle Welfare in 2017 and has provided merchandise items ever since.

Fundraising

Beagle Welfare have had another successful year of fundraising thanks to our amazing and loyal supporters. Many individual beagle groups organised various social media events, including raffles, birthday donations, book sales, treasure hunts, sales of Christmas items, Christmas parties and lots lots more.



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**Beagle Welfare
Online Charity
Auction Page**

Our Beagle Welfare Auction page on social media run by Fundraising Coordinator, Katharine Wilson, has grown and is an integral contributor to our fundraising income. We are extremely grateful to individuals and small businesses who have very generously donated items for us to auction.

Social Media remains a vital tool for fundraising and a great way for us to keep in touch with our supporters. Throughout the UK lots of beagle groups are organising fundraising meets, Katharine keeps in touch with them, it is a valuable way to share our work.

Beagle Welfare were pleased to be able to attend Beaglefest 2023 which is now a regular annual event in the Beagle lovers calendar. Thanks to the organisers of this very successful and well attended event. Beaglefest 2024 is in May and we will be attending.

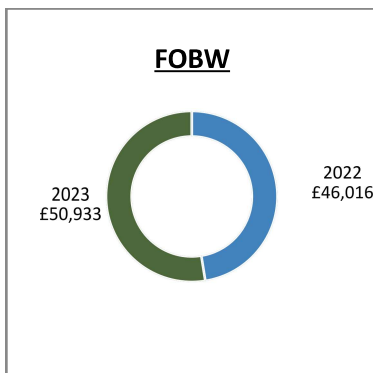
Our Amazon Wishlist continues to be popular with our supporters, thank you to them for keeping us well stocked from the items on our wish list.

We are delighted to have received the Animal Star Awards for UK Dog Rescue of the Year 2023. Clare, Emily and Cathy from the rehoming centre along with Trustee Katharine Wilson and volunteer Gemma Ross attended the awards dinner and collected the award on behalf of the charity.



We would like to thank all our amazing supporters who contribute to all our campaigns, events, and fundraiser, congratulations to them all for their dedication to BW and ingenious fundraising ideas, we could not achieve what we do with out their help.

Friends of Beagle Welfare (FOBW)



Friends of Beagle Welfare are our regular subscribers who donate funds to us every year and in return we send them our bi-annual magazine, In Full Cry. Our magazine gives a snapshot of what is going on at the charity and also has numerous articles, activities, behavioural advice and stories from owners who have adopted a beagle from Beagle Welfare. Donations from our FOBW have increased 10.6% from 2022 despite all the difficulties that people have experienced over the past couple of years. We are immensely grateful to our supporters for their ongoing donations without which we could not operate as we do.

In Full Cry

Our biannual Beagle Welfare magazine, In Full Cry, is edited by Jo Morrison Rowe and continues to be a popular read with our supporters.

In Full Cry features many articles from regular contributors, as well as standalone features on a range of dog related subjects, plus information on Beagle Welfares work, fundraising and happy ending tales.



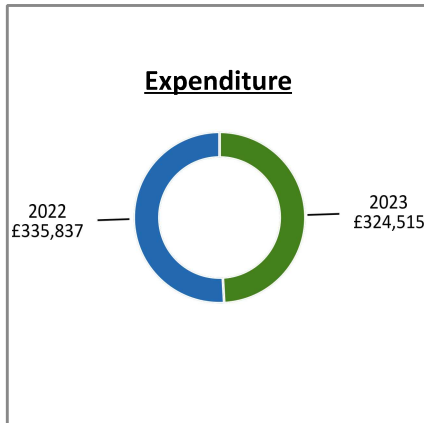
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Legacies

We continue to be extremely fortunate to be a recipient of the generosity of people who remember us in their wills. Some of these funds have been utilised in 2023 to cover our increased costs particularly for our vet fees and boarding and commercial kennels which have increased over the past few years.



Expenditure



Overall, expenditure for 2023 was lower than 2022 by 3.3% and continues to be high due to the number of beagles being surrendered to us.

Rehoming Centre Costs

Rehoming Centre costs running costs are in line with budget 2023 and higher than last year by 21% mainly due to the increase in wages due minimum wage requirements. Running Costs were higher due to the new leads that we purchased for rehoming. Refurbishment costs include setup costs for the new office and meet/greet garden at the Rehoming Centre.



We have also developed enrichment areas in the paddock this year using kind donations from local businesses.



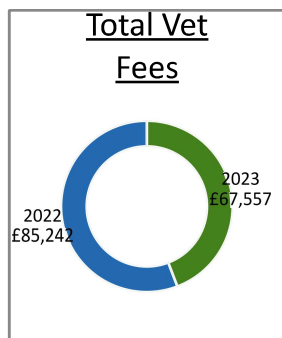
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Boarding, Fostering & Commercial Kennel Costs

Costs for boarding and fostering and commercial kennels were down on budget and on 2022. We were expecting higher costs particularly at the beginning of the year due to the beagles which came over from France, however, they were rehomed quicker than expected.



Total Vets fees



Vets fees have decreased since 2022. We continue to receive requests for financial assistance but not at the rate expected. Sadly some of the Golden Oldies we have been supporting have died..



Reserves Policy and Related Funds

The primary function of the charity is the re-homing of beagles, to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to beagles, and in particular to encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

It is the duty of the trustees to ensure that funds are available at all times to pay for these activities with the bulk of these costs being at the main rehoming centre in Staffordshire, together with the charity's related administration costs.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain the following funds:

1) The Rehoming Centre Base Fund.

The majority of the charity's income comes from donations from The Friends of Beagle Welfare, past and new owners and fundraising. These are uncertain sources of revenue that may not always provide the funds to cover these essential costs. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserve funds to cover up to a maximum of the next 24 months' planned running costs including Vet costs. As at 31st December 2023 the trustees set aside £310,000 representing the next 24 months' planned running costs of rehoming centre and vet fees.

When planning all of the above activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and feel that the activities of the charity are carried out in accordance with that guidance and that the activities undertaken during the year have provided a benefit to the public.

GDPR

To ensure we can be compliant with the GDPR legislation which came into force in on 25 May 2018, our Trustees, employees and necessary individuals are required to complete GDPR training. All of our volunteers are given guidelines to ensure they maintain the confidentiality & integrity of all personal data they receive whilst undertaking activities on behalf of The Beagle Welfare Scheme.

An annual review will be undertaken to ensure The Beagle Welfare Scheme remains GDPR compliant.

Signed by order of the Trustees

Jeanine Wilkinson
Treasurer

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Independent Examiners report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Beagle Welfare Scheme – charity no. 328633

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Beagle Welfare Scheme for the year ended 31st 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 2011 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

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 & Wales and the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, both of which are 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 I 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants and
Chartered Taxation Advisers
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot TQ12 2JS

4th September 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31 December 2023					
		2023		2022	
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£	£
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank Interest		30,173		30,173	11,313
<i>Donations and legacies</i>					
FOBW Donations		50,933		50,933	46,016
Gift Aid		20,143		20,143	17,661
Legacies		60,477		60,477	255,900
Other Donations		7,569		7,569	5,408
Rehoming Donations		57,794		57,794	52,071
Grants		0		0	0
<i>Other trading activities</i>					
Fundraising Income		35,614		35,614	35,400
Insurance Commission		6,239		6,239	5,336
Profit on Disposal of Assets					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Sales		45,338		45,338	40,851
Total		314,280	0	314,280	469,956
Expenditure on:					
<i>Raising funds</i>					
Fundraising Costs		345		345	125
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Accountancy Fees		700		700	576
Bank Charges		5,164		5,164	4,345
Boarding & Fostering/Commercial Kennels		42,754		42,754	60,762
Rehoming Centre		125,040		125,040	103,616
IT Expenses		646		646	645
Depreciation		14,579		14,579	14,530
Education		0		0	0
Equipment		0		0	0
Exhibitions and Room Hire		426		426	943
Gifts and Donations		1,500		1,500	10,102

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Golden Oldies	8,994		8,994	18,685
Goods For Resale & Fulfilment costs	30,771		30,771	24,648
In Full Cry	11,870		11,870	11,268
Insurance	1,628		1,628	1,460
Legal fees	35		35	35
Miscellaneous	71		71	0
Postage and Stationery	707		707	786
Rehoming Travel	10,103		10,103	2,827
Telephone	90		90	120
Training	50		50	293
Training Vouchers (Dogs)	48		48	756
Vets Fees	58,563		58,563	66,557
Volunteer Travel Expenses	4,480		4,480	2,475
Website	4,915		4,915	8,045
Hardship Fund	1,036		1,036	2,239
Total	324,515	0	196,876	196,876
Net Income	(10,235)	0	(10,235)	134,118
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	898,917	0	898,917	764,798
Total funds carried forward	888,682	0	888,682	898,917

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Balance Sheet	2023	2022
As at 31 December 2023	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings	1,575	2,275
Land and Buildings	24,249	6,605
Equipment	4,867	3,989
Vehicles	2,331	9,322
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	33,022	22,191
Current Assets		
Debtors	31,775	22,815
Stock	7,513	3,313
Cash at bank	822,545	866,016
Cash in hand	518	233
Total Current Assets	862,351	892,377
Less: Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Creditors & Deferred Income	5,991	15,152
Accountancy	700	500
	6,691	15,652
Net Current Assets	855,660	876,726
Total Net Assets	888,682	898,917
The Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	888,682	898,917
Total Charity Funds	888,682	898,917

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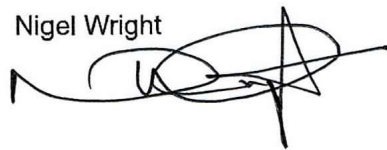
Statement of Cashflows	2023	2022
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)for the reporting period	(10,235)	134,118
Depreciation charges	14,579	14,530
Interest from investments	(30,173)	(11,313)
Increase in stocks	(4,200)	(42)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(8,960)	(5,037)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(8,961)	13,787
Net cash provided by operating activities	(47,950)	146,044
Interest from investments	30,173	11,313
Purchase of fixed assets	(25,409)	(4,521)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(43,186)	152,836
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	866,249	713,413
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	823,063	866,249

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Name: Nigel Wright

Signed:



Trustee

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015)", 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.

b) Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c) Depreciation

Office Equipment	15% straight line basis
Rehoming centre log cabin, shed & kennels	20% straight line basis
Rehoming Centre Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line basis
Rehoming centre and other equipment and vehicles	33% straight line basis

d) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

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2) Grants and Donations

	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Rehoming Donations	57,794		57,794	52,071
FOBW Donations	50,933		50,933	46,016
Other Donations	7,569		7,569	5,408
Grants	0		0	0
Legacies	60,477		60,477	255,900
	<hr/> 176,773	0	<hr/> 176,773	<hr/> 359,394

3) Staff Costs and Numbers

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net Salaries	57,419	50,049
Social Security Costs	7,722	4,430
Pensions	4,050	3,593
	<hr/> 69,191	<hr/> 58,072
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The average number of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee earned more than £60,000.

4) Restricted Funds Summary

The Charity does not have any restricted funds in this year or the previous year.

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

5) Analysis for Rehoming Centre

	2023	2022
	£	£
Running Costs	21,229	15,223
Wages	69,191	58,072
Rent and Rates	19,293	18,753
Light and Heat	4,963	5,574
Refurbishment Costs	7,821	3,286
Telephone and Internet	1,101	824
Vehicle Costs	1,442	1,884
Depreciation Fees	14,170	14,121
	139,210	117,737

6) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration but expenses as follows were reimbursed to six Trustees (2022 seven):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Exhibitions		658
In Full Cry Editor Fee		1,125
Rehoming donation refund		100
Dog Training Vouchers		48
Goods for Resale		10
Gifts & Donations		41
Fostering & Boarding Costs	24,201	22,504
Fulfilment Fees		4,545
Fund Raising Costs	105	0
Postage and Stationery	184	283
Rehoming Travel	531	1,596
Telephone	90	120
Travel	3,680	2,478
Utilities	116	266
Running Costs - RHC	145	
Vet Fees	5,646	2,710
	34,699	36,483

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

7) Tangible assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£		£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 st January 2023	32,428	10,952	19,911	20,975	84,266
Addition	23,130		2,280		25,410
Disposal					0
At 31 st December 2023	55,558	10,952	22,191	20,975	109,676
Depreciation					
At 1 st January 2023	28,439	8,677	13,306	11,653	62,075
Charge for the year	2,870	700	4,018	6,992	14,579
At 31 st December 2023	31,309	9,377	17,324	18,645	76,654
Net Book Value					
At 31 st December 2023	24,249	1,575	4,868	2,330	33,022
At 31 st December 2022	3,989	2,275	6,605	9,322	22,191

8) Capital Commitments

	Rehoming Centre & Equipment
	£
Authorised and contracted	0
Authorised not contracted	16,000
	<u>16,000</u>

9) Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Trustees during the year:

Name	Position
Nigel Wright	Chairman
Jeanine Wilkinson	Treasurer & Vice Chairman
Linda Thomas	National Secretary
Karen Purdon	Trustee for Scotland
Jo Morrison Rowe	Trustee for Merchandise & In Full Cry
Jane Ferguson	Friends of Beagle Welfare Administrator
Katharine Wilson	Fundraising Co-ordinator

Advisors

Independent Examiner

Ian Barrett FCA, FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants
and Chartered Tax Advisers
22 Union Street
Newton Abbot
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Bankers

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
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Kent ME19 4JQ

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 25 March 1990 as amended 24 March 1996, 31 March 2007, 28 March 2010, 24 March 2013, February 2015 and 23 March 2016.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objective of the charity is to promote humane behaviour towards beagles by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for beagles which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and in particular to:

- rehome beagles; and
- encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

Method of Appointment

Trustees are elected by the council members at the ACM or at an SCM.

Governance

The charity is run by a group of seven trustees who meet between four and five times a year. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they set for the organisation.

New trustees appointed by the council are provided with the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees and an operations manual is maintained to provide guidelines and assistance to all volunteers.

The organisation is centralised around the rehoming centre in Staffordshire, supported by a network of volunteers and trustees across England, Wales and Scotland and an additional rehoming centre in Kent. We are so grateful for all those who help out with transporting, home checking and assessing beagles and fostering (many times at short notice) across the country to enable our charity to continue its work.

The rehoming centre in Staffordshire remains the main point of contact for all surrendered and adopted dogs across the country with all the record keeping happening all in one place enabling more effective administration.

Through 2022, the Trustees continued to meet through a mix of video calls and face to face meetings with the ACM held in person.

Objectives and Activities

The main focus of the charity continues to be rehoming unwanted beagles as well as providing advice and education for owners. The dogs in our care are fully assessed where possible, while they are waiting for homes, resulting in fewer unsuccessful placements.

Being a breed specific rescue, Beagle Welfare will generally only accept pure beagles, or at least those who have the general physical beagle characteristics. People who come to beagle welfare looking to rehome a dog will be looking specifically for a beagle.

More general, non-breed specific, dog rescue centres are better able to rehome cross breeds although beagle welfare work closely with these rescue centres to help out if they are trying to rehome a beagle.

Beagle Welfare are often approached to rehome beagles who are known to be aggressive and have bitten in their previous home. We will always look at the circumstances of the beagle's issues but if it becomes apparent that the dog will not be able to be safely rehomed, then we will refuse to take the dog, as we have a duty of care to our staff, volunteers, the public and to people who come to us to adopt a beagle.

Potential owners make enquires through our website, social media and via other animal welfare groups.

Where we can, we make every effort to attend shows, fairs and other functions where we hope to educate the general public about what owning a beagle entails. We also warn people about the dangers of buying through puppy farms and we encourage them to go to reputable breeders. Some of

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the advice and assistance that we have given owners has resulted in a number of beagles remaining with their owners, when they might have otherwise been given up for rehoming.

Beagles Statistics

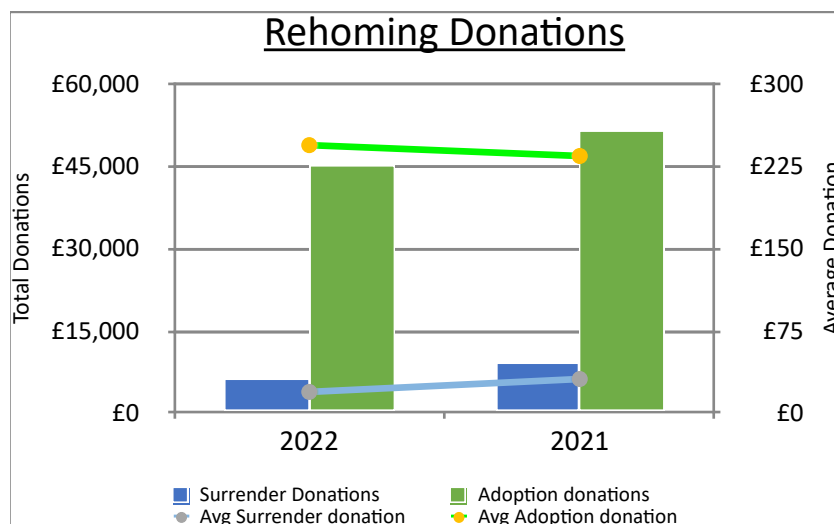
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total dogs added to our register during the year	329	291
Dogs successfully rehomed during the year	185	219
Dogs euthanised Beagles are only ever euthanised where they are seriously ill or have serious aggression issues and would not be safe to be rehomed to another family.	14	6

2022 saw a marked increase of beagles added to our register at 329 for rehoming 38 higher than the previous year. With the increase in dog ownership during the pandemic, sadly now that the world has re-opened, we are seeing people surrendering beagles who have had minimal training, boundaries and not enough socialisation making them anxious and presenting owners with challenging behaviours.

Sadly some of the beagles we have received in for re-homing have had such severe anxieties and behavioural problems that they would have been unsafe to rehome and we have had no choice but to euthanise them.

We are using social media and our website extensively to provide advice for training and managing specific behaviours. We have also had success in keeping beagles in their homes with the advice we have given, however, there are always beagles that will end up coming in for rehoming.

Donations for beagles being adopted were down 12% on 2021 mainly due to the lower number of beagles rehomed during 2022, however the average donation per dog is up by around £10 on 2021.



Education

Education about beagles and beagle ownership is a key objective of Beagle Welfare. We try to provide impartial advice to all existing and potential beagle owners to try and ensure that people who are looking to rehome a welfare beagle are given as much information as possible about the breed and also rehoming a welfare beagle to enable people to make an informed decision about whether a beagle is right for them. We are conscious that the more good advice we can provide reduces the number of beagles given up for adoption and therefore reducing the number of beagles who are having numerous homes and displaying challenging behaviours.

A number of volunteers and employees have taken dog behaviour training courses and we offer support to any volunteer/employee who wishes to undertake training. We also have access to an APDT qualified behaviourist who will assist with more difficult cases.

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Our Adoption Process

The application process begins with an enquiry to our rehoming coordinators to assess their initial suitability. If successful, applicants are asked to view our short film on beagle ownership to get a good understanding of what getting a beagle entails. If at this point they feel that a beagle is still for them, then we ask them to complete an application for adoption which is then reviewed by our team and if deemed successful in this application, a home check is undertaken for all new beagle owners.

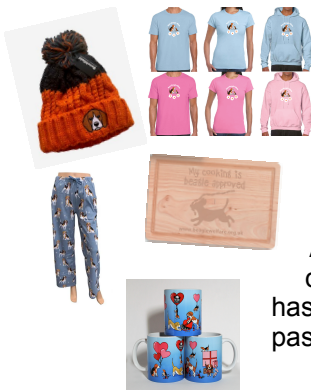
One of our volunteers will visit them at home, usually with a beagle, to assess the potential owner's response to having a beagle in their home, to ensure that their home set up is suitable and safe to contain a beagle and they will also provide advice on any changes that need to be made. Volunteers provide feedback to the rehoming centre coordinators who will then review this feedback and decide if the application is successful. The applicant is then contacted and encouraged to look at the rehoming list on the website to find a beagle they wish to rehome. A meet and greet is then organised by the rehoming coordinators.



All new owners are provided with an adoption pack which contains numerous information booklets about owning a beagle, what to expect from your beagle and beagle healthcare. We provide vouchers towards the cost of neutering after the dogs have been in their new home for a minimum of three months giving them time to settle. We also provide vouchers towards training beagles as we recognise the importance of training both owners and dogs and this helps with the settling in and bonding process with a dog.

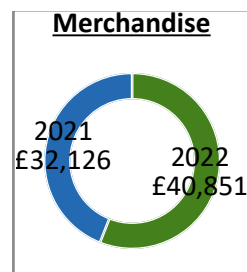
Sadly we do have some beagles who do not settle in their new homes very well and we often find that their new owners do not give these beagles enough time to get used to their new surroundings and routines. This invariably impacts on the dog causing anxiety and challenging behaviours meaning they are more difficult to find good homes for.

Merchandise

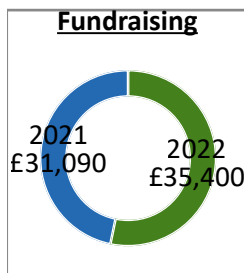


2022 was another successful year for Beagle Welfare merchandise with an increase in sales from 2021 to £40,851. There were no large outdoor events in 2022 so all sales were generated online. New lines included beagle print handbags, silent Christmas crackers and Christmas jumpers; the latter creating sales of £1500 in four hours!

We are very fortunate to have a supporter, Julie Armstrong from Big Ideas of Sheffield, who donates her time and goods at nil profit as Julie has adopted a beagle from Beagle Welfare in the past.

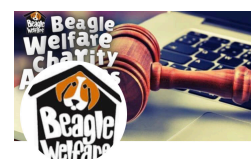


Fundraising



Beagle Welfare have had another brilliant year of fundraising thanks to our amazing and loyal supporters. Many individual beagle groups organised various social media events, including raffles, birthday donations, book sales, treasure hunts, sales of Christmas items, Christmas parties and lots lots more.

Our fundraising coordinator, Katharine Wilson, launched the Beagle Welfare Auction page on social media in March 2021 and it continues to be very popular to date and so far it has generated over £9500 since it opened. We are extremely grateful to individuals and small businesses who have very generously donated items for us to auction.



Beagle Welfare Online Charity Auction Page

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Social Media remains a vital tool for fundraising and a great way for us to keep in touch with our supporters. Throughout the UK lots of beagle groups are organising fundraising meets, Katharine keeps in touch with them, it is a valuable way to share our work.

Beagle Welfare were pleased to be able to attend Beaglefest 2022 in the summer and once again we were very fortunate to benefit from this popular event. Thanks to the organisers of this very successful and well attended event. Beaglefest 2023 is in May and we will be attending.

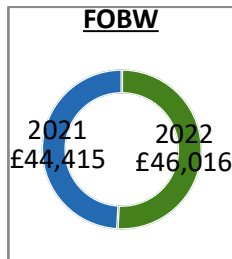
Our Amazon Wishlist continues to be popular with our supporters, thank you to them for keeping us well stocked from the items on our wish list.



We are delighted to have made it to the final five in the Animal Star Awards for Best Rescue Organisation. The finals are in November.

We would like to thank all our amazing supporters who contribute to all our campaigns, events, and fundraiser, congratulations to them all for their dedication to BW and ingenious fundraising ideas, we could not achieve what we do with out their help.

Friends of Beagle Welfare (FOBW)



Friends of Beagle Welfare are our regular subscribers who donate funds to us every year and in return we send them our bi-annual magazine, In Full Cry. Our magazine gives a snapshot of what is going on at the charity and also has numerous articles, activities, behavioural advice and stories from owners who have adopted a beagle from Beagle Welfare.



Donations from our FOBW have increased 4% from 2021 despite all the difficulties that people have experienced over the past couple of years. We are immensely grateful to our supporters for their ongoing donations without which we could not operate as we do.

In Full Cry

Our biannual Beagle Welfare magazine, In Full cry, comes out in April and October. Our former editor, Veronica Banks, ended her tenure with the spring edition 2022 and was succeeded by former editor and trustee, Jo Morrison Rowe. Jo gave In Full Cry a fresh new look and was fortunate to receive enough materials to make it the fullest edition to date. In Full Cry features many articles from regular contributors, as well as standalone features on a range of dog related subjects, plus information on Beagle Welfares work, fundraising and happy ending tales.



Legacies

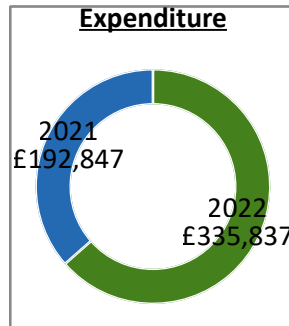
We continue to be extremely fortunate to be a recipient of the generosity of people who remember us in their wills. Some of these funds have been utilised in 2022 to cover our increased costs particularly for our vet fees and boarding and commercial kennels.



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Expenditure

Overall, expenditure for 2022 was over budget by around 24% and around 74% higher than in 2021.

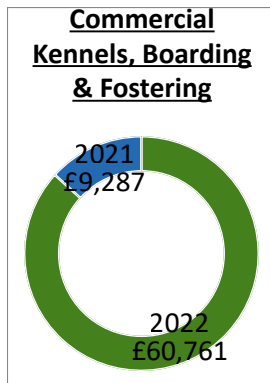


Rehoming Centre Costs

Costs for the rehoming centre were marginally down against budget by £1,352 and higher than 2021 by 14%. There was an increase in running costs this year relating to the purchase of dog leads that we have stocked up on. On a positive note, our electricity costs have not gone up due to the price increase as our tariff was fixed in 2021 for 36 months. Despite having higher numbers of beagles being surrendered to us and the rehoming centre being full over the later part of 2022, we are lucky to have supporters who regularly purchase goods for the rehoming centre from our amazon wish list which helps with food and other items needed for our beagles awaiting adoption.

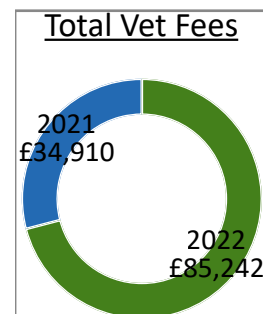
Boarding, Fostering & Commercial Kennel Costs

Due to the high number of beagles coming into Beagle Welfare for rehoming at the same time, we have been using our fosterers, and commercial kennels more this year and these costs have increased by 134%. Towards the end of the year 36 beagles were rescued from puppy farms and beagle welfare has had to cover kennelling costs while organising the movement of the beagles to the various centres to enable rehoming. These puppy farmed beagles were also not budgeted for in 2022.



Total Vets fees

Our vets fees have increased since 2021. This is mainly due to the health care for beagles that were rescued from puppy farms, supporting beagles adopted with pre-existing conditions and supporting the older beagles under our "Golden Oldies" programme. The golden oldie costs are higher than last year. The Beagle Welfare Scheme offers this support to people who are adopting an older beagle with age related conditions as some people are put off rehoming the older beagles as they are more likely to have higher vet costs.



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Reserves Policy and Related Funds

The primary function of the charity is the re-homing of beagles, to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to beagles, and in particular to encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

It is the duty of the trustees to ensure that funds are available at all times to pay for these activities with the bulk of these costs being at the main rehoming centre in Staffordshire, together with the charity's related administration costs.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain the following funds:

1) The Rehoming Centre Base Fund.

The majority of the charity's income comes from donations from The Friends of Beagle Welfare, past and new owners and fundraising. These are uncertain sources of revenue that may not always provide the funds to cover these essential costs. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserve funds to cover up to a maximum of the next 24 months' planned running costs including Vet costs. As at 31st December 2022 the trustees set aside £230,000 representing the next 24 months' planned running costs of rehoming centre and vet fees.

When planning all of the above activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and feel that the activities of the charity are carried out in accordance with that guidance and that the activities undertaken during the year have provided a benefit to the public.

GDPR

To ensure we can be compliant with the GDPR legislation which came into force in on 25 May 2018, our Trustees, employees and necessary individuals are required to complete GDPR training. All of our volunteers are given guidelines to ensure they maintain the confidentiality & integrity of all personal data they receive whilst undertaking activities on behalf of The Beagle Welfare Scheme.

An annual review will be undertaken to ensure The Beagle Welfare Scheme remains GDPR compliant.

Signed by order of the Trustees



Jeanine Wilkinson
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Beagle Welfare Scheme – charity no. 328633

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Beagle Welfare Scheme for the year ended 31st 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 2011 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.

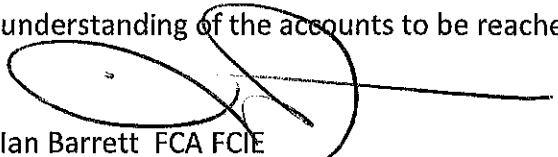
Independent examiner's statement

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 & Wales and the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, both of which are 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 I 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants and
Chartered Taxation Advisers
22 Union Street
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13th September 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities					
For the year ended 31 December 2022					
			2022		2021
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Income and endowments from:		£	£	£	£
<i>Investments</i>					
Bank Interest		11,313		11,313	5,358
Donations and legacies					
FOBW Donations		46,016		46,016	44,415
Gift Aid		17,661		17,661	21,672
Legacies		255,900		255,900	65,574
Other Donations		5,408		5,408	30,855
Rehoming Donations		52,071		52,071	60,696
Grants		0		0	0
Other trading activities					
Fundraising Income		35,400		35,400	31,090
Insurance Commission		5,336		5,336	4,160
Profit on Disposal of Assets					5,000
Charitable activities					
Sales		40,851		40,851	32,126
Total		469,956	0	469,956	300,945
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Fundraising Costs		125		125	1,040
Charitable activities					
Accountancy Fees		576		576	576
Bank Charges		4,345		4,345	4,257
Boarding & Fostering/Commercial Kennels		60,762		60,762	9,287
Rehoming Centre		103,616		103,616	90,683
IT Expenses		645		645	428
Depreciation		14,530		14,530	11,140
Education		0		0	119
Equipment		0		0	83
Exhibitions and Room Hire		943		943	762
Gifts and Donations		10,102		10,102	4,500
Golden Oldies		18,685		18,685	15,839

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Goods For Resale & Fulfilment costs	24,648		24,648	17,879
In Full Cry	11,268		11,268	8,914
Insurance	1,460		1,460	1,478
Legal fees	35		35	209
Miscellaneous	0		0	409
Postage and Stationery	786		786	2,735
Rehoming Travel	2,827		2,827	1,736
Telephone	120		120	120
Training	293		293	718
Training Vouchers (Dogs)	756		756	201
Vets Fees	66,557		66,557	19,180
Volunteer Travel Expenses	2,475		2,475	2,171
Website	8,045		8,045	2,412
Hardship Fund	2,239		2,239	971
Total	335,837	0	335,837	197,847
Net Income	134,118	0	134,118	103,098
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	764,798	0	764,798	661,700
Total funds carried forward	898,917	0	898,917	764,798

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Balance Sheet	2022	2022	2022	2021
As at 31 December 2022	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets				
Fixtures & Fittings	2,275		2,275	2,975
Land and Buildings	6,605		6,605	4,416
Equipment	3,989		3,989	8,495
Vehicles	9,322		9,322	16,314
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	22,191	0	22,191	32,200
Current Assets				
Debtors	22,815		22,815	17,778
Stock	3,313		3,313	3,271
Cash at bank	866,016		866,016	713,317
Cash in hand	233		233	96
Total Current Assets	892,377	0	892,377	734,462
Less: Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors & Deferred Income	15,076		15,076	1,364
Accountancy	576		576	500
	15,652		15,652	1,864
Net Current Assets	876,726	0	876,726	732,598
Total Net Assets	898,917	0	898,917	764,798
The Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	898,917		898,917	764,798
Total Charity Funds	898,917	0	898,917	764,798

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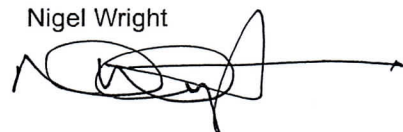
Statement of Cashflows	2022	2021
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)for the reporting period	134,118	103,098
Depreciation charges	14,530	11,140
Interest from investments	(11,313)	(5,358)
Increase in stocks	(42)	798
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(5,037)	(2,396)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	13,787	(2,054)
Net cash provided by operating activities	146,044	105,229
Interest from investments	11,313	5,358
Purchase of fixed assets	(4,521)	(31,337)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	152,836	79,249
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	713,413	634,164
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	866,249	713,413

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Name: Nigel Wright

Signed:



Trustee

CHAIRMAN.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015)", 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.

b) Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c) Depreciation

Office Equipment	15% straight line basis
Rehoming centre log cabin, shed & kennels	20% straight line basis
Rehoming Centre Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line basis
Rehoming centre and other equipment and vehicles	33% straight line basis

d) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

2) Grants and Donations

	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Rehoming Donations	52,071		52,071	60,696
FOBW Donations	46,016		46,016	44,415
Other Donations	5,408		5,408	30,855
Grants	0		0	0
Legacies	255,900		255,900	65,574
	359,394	0	359,394	201,539

3) Staff Costs and Numbers

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net Salaries	50,049	43,241
Social Security Costs	4,430	5,446
Pensions	3,593	3,580
	58,072	52,267

The average number of employees during the year was

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No employee earned more than £60,000.

4) Restricted Funds Summary

The Charity does not have any restricted funds in this year or the previous year.

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

5) Analysis for Rehoming Centre

	2022	2021
	£	£
Running Costs	15,223	8,219
Wages	58,072	52,267
Rent and Rates	18,753	18,694
Light and Heat	5,574	5,551
Refurbishment Costs	3,286	3,875
Telephone and Internet	824	1,335
Vehicle Costs	1,884	743
Depreciation Fees	14,121	11,057
	117,737	101,740

6) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration but expenses as follows were reimbursed to seven Trustees (2021 seven):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Exhibitions	658	416
In Full Cry Editor Fee	1,125	0
Rehoming donation refund	100	0
Dog Training Vouchers	48	0
Goods for Resale	10	0
Gifts & Donations	41	0
Fostering & Boarding Costs	22,504	3,547
Fulfilment Fees	4,545	3,654
Fund Raising Costs	0	689
Miscellaneous	0	26
Plant & Equipment	0	549
Postage and Stationery	283	293
Rehoming Travel	1,596	648
Telephone	120	120
Training	0	286
Travel	2,478	2,097
Utilities	266	
Vet Fees	2,710	97
	36,483	12,424

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

7) Tangible assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£		£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 st January 2022	30,885	10,952	16,933	20,975	79,745
Addition	1,543		2,978		4,521.4
Disposal					0
At 31 st December 2022	32,428	10,952	19,911	20,975	84,266
Depreciation					
At 1 st January 2022	26,469	7,977	8,437	4,661	47,544
Charge for the year	1,970	700	4,869	6,992	14,531
At 31 st December 2022	28,439	8,677	13,306	11,653	62,075
Net Book Value					
At 31 st December 2022	3,989	2,275	6,605	9,322	22,191
At 31 st December 2021	4,416	2,975	8,495	16,314	32,200

8) Capital Commitments

	Rehoming Centre & Equipment
	£
Authorised and contracted	0
Authorised not contracted	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>

9) Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2021

BEAGLE WELFARE

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Trustees' Report

Principal Address

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Trustees during the year:

Name	Position
Nigel Wright	Chairman
Jeanine Wilkinson	Treasurer & Vice Chairman
Linda Thomas	National Secretary
Karen Purdon	Trustee for Scotland
Jo Morrison Rowe	Trustee for Merchandise
Jane Ferguson	Friends of Beagle Welfare Administrator
Katharine Wilson	Fundraising Co-ordinator

Advisors

Independent Examiner

Ian Barrett FCA, FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants
and Chartered Tax Advisers
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Bankers

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 25 March 1990 as amended 24 March 1996, 31 March 2007, 28 March 2010, 24 March 2013, February 2015 and 23 March 2016.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objective of the charity is to promote humane behaviour towards beagles by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for beagles which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and in particular to:

- rehome beagles; and
- encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

Method of Appointment

Trustees are elected by the council members at the ACM or at an SCM.

Governance

The charity is run by a group of seven trustees who meet between four and five times a year. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they set for the organisation.

New trustees appointed by the council are provided with the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees and an operations manual is maintained to provide guidelines and assistance to all volunteers.

The organisation is centralised around the rehoming centre in Staffordshire, supported by a network of volunteers and trustees across England, Wales and Scotland and an additional rehoming centre in Kent. We are so grateful for all those who help out with transporting, home checking and assessing beagles and fostering (many times at short notice) across the country to enable our charity to continue its work.

The rehoming centre in Staffordshire remains the main point of contact for all surrendered and adopted dogs across the country with all the record keeping happening all in one place enabling more effective administration.

Through 2021, the Trustees met through a mix of video calls and face to face meetings and due to covid 19 held the ACM over a video call. In the future the Trustees will continue to use video calls and face to face meetings.

Objectives and Activities

The main focus of the charity continues to be rehoming unwanted beagles as well as providing advice and education for owners. The dogs in our care are fully assessed where possible, while they are waiting for homes, resulting in fewer unsuccessful placements.

Being a breed specific rescue, Beagle Welfare will generally only accept pure beagles, or at least those who have the general physical beagle characteristics. People who come to beagle welfare looking to rehome a dog will be looking specifically for a beagle.

More general, non-breed specific, dog rescue centres are better able to rehome cross breeds although beagle welfare work closely with these rescue centres to help out if they are trying to rehome a beagle.

Beagle Welfare are often approached to rehome beagles who are known to be aggressive and have bitten in their previous home. We will always look at the circumstances of the beagle's issues but if it becomes apparent that the dog will not be able to be safely rehomed, then we will refuse to take the dog, as we have a duty of care to our staff, volunteers, the public and to people who come to us to adopt a beagle.

Potential owners make enquires through our website, social media and via other animal welfare groups.

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Where we can, we make every effort to attend shows, fairs and other functions where we hope to educate the general public about what owning a beagle entails. We also warn people about the dangers of buying through puppy farms and we encourage them to go to reputable breeders. Some of the advice and assistance that we have given owners has resulted in a number of beagles remaining with their owners, when they might have otherwise been given up for rehoming. Following the relaxation of Covid 19 rules in 2021 we managed to get out to attend a few beagle events and also were on the rescue stand at the Discover Dogs exhibition in November 2021.

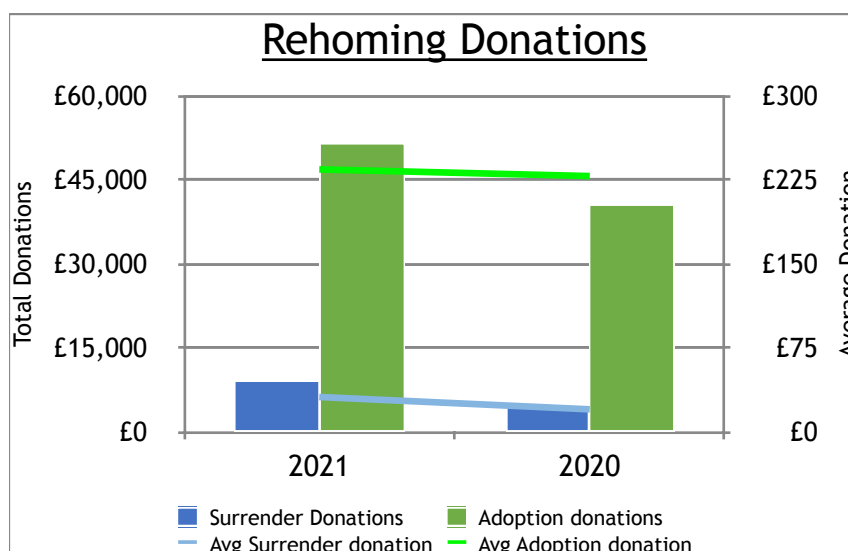
Beagles Statistics

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total dogs added to our register during the year	234	291
Dogs successfully rehomed during the year	177	219
Dogs euthanised Beagles are only ever euthanised where they are seriously ill or have serious aggression issues and would not be safe to be rehomed to another family.	5	6

2021 saw 291 beagles added to our register for rehoming. Whilst this figure was higher than in 2020, due to the increase in dog ownership in lockdown, it was lower than we expected and lower than in 2019 pre-pandemic. We were still expecting an influx of beagles as the country started to move out of lockdown and back to a more normal way of life, however this did not materialise in 2021, but in January 2022 we started to be inundated with beagles surrendered for rehoming with most of them having anxieties and behavioural difficulties.

We have continued to use social media to let people know that we are here for more than just beagle rehoming and providing advice on dealing with the various issues that we know are typical in beagles as well as other breeds.

Donations for beagles being adopted were up 34% on 2020 mainly due to the increase in the number of beagles rehomed although the average donation per dog is slightly down on 2020.



Education

We see one of the main roles of Beagle Welfare as providing education to new owners and existing owners who are having difficulties with their beagle. We are conscious that the more good advice we can provide reduces the number of beagles given up for adoption and therefore reducing the number of beagles who are having numerous homes and displaying challenging behaviours.

A number of volunteers and employees have taken dog behaviour training courses and we offer support to any volunteer/employee who wishes to undertake training. We also have access to an APDT qualified behaviourist who will assist with more difficult cases.

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Our Adoption Process

All potential owners - particularly those new to the breed, undergo rigorous interviews and also a home check to ensure that they are suitable and understand all the pro's and con's of beagle ownership. The application process begins with an enquiry to our rehoming coordinators to assess their initial suitability. If successful, applicants are asked to view our short film on beagle ownership to get a good understanding of what having a beagle entails.

If at this point they feel that a beagle is still for them, then we ask them to complete an application for adoption which is then reviewed by our team and if deemed successful in this application, a home check is undertaken. One of our volunteers will visit them at home, usually with a beagle, to assess the potential owner's response to having a beagle in their home and also to ensure that their home set up is suitable and safe to contain a beagle providing advice of any changes that would need to be made. Volunteers provide feedback to the rehoming centre coordinators who will then review this feedback and decide if the application is successful. The applicant is then contacted and provided with a list of beagles available for rehoming should they still wish to rehome.

All new owners are provided with an adoption pack which contains numerous information booklets about owning a beagle what to expect from your beagle and beagle healthcare.

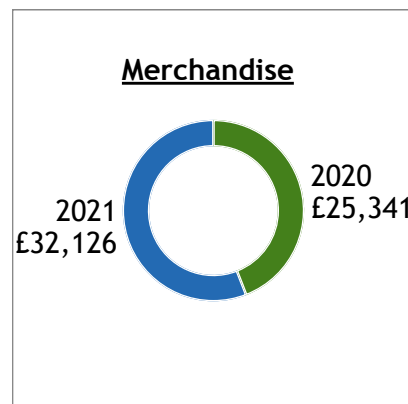


We provide vouchers towards the cost of neutering after the dogs have been in their new home for a minimum of three months giving them time to settle. We also provide vouchers towards training beagles as we recognise the importance of training both owners and dogs and this helps with the settling in and bonding process with a dog.

Sadly we do have some beagles who do not settle in their new homes very well and we often find that their new owners do not give these beagles enough time to get used to their new surroundings and routines. This invariably impacts on the dog causing anxiety and challenging behaviours meaning they are more difficult to find good homes for.

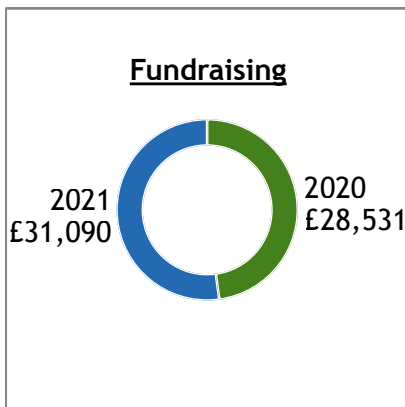
Merchandise

Following on from the success of 2020, profit on our merchandise sales increased by 65% during 2021 to £14,247. Our Trustee Jo Morrison-Rowe has done an outstanding job again for us this year sourcing lots of new and unique items including Beagle Top Trumps and a Beagle Rubiks Cube. Along with the some gorgeous wrapping paper which sold like hotcakes! In between lockdowns, we managed to get to two outdoor events during the year which helped us with the sales of our merchandise. It was lovely seeing our supporters out and about again and we hope to be present at more events during 2022



Fundraising

Again due to Covid 19 the early part of 2021 was certainly challenging for fundraising. However our brilliant supporters kept in contact confirming they would still be fundraising for us during lockdown, which was very encouraging and reassuring. Once again, we were lucky to benefit from sales of Charity Christmas cards and Calendars; and we thank the organisers for their continued support. Many individual beagle groups organised various social media events, including raffles, birthday donations, book sales, sales of Christmas items and lots more.



In March 2021 our fundraising coordinator, Katharine Wilson, launched the Beagle Welfare Auction page on social media and so far it has generated over £5500. We are extremely grateful to individuals and small businesses who have very generously donated items for us to auction. Social Media remains a vital tool for fundraising and a great way for us to keep in touch with our supporters.

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Beagle Welfare were pleased to be able to attend two large fundraising events during the summer; Beaglefest 2021 and Beaglelandia on Tour 2021. Once again Beagle Welfare were very fortunate to benefit from these events. Thanks to the organisers of both these very popular and well attended events.

Our Autumn Campaign was launched in October, in time for bonfire night to highlight the adverse affects fireworks have on some dogs. The campaign, "Don't Make a Noise, Make a Difference" raised funds for our Southern Rehoming Centre in Kent to improve the fencing at the centre and buy new animal weighing scales.

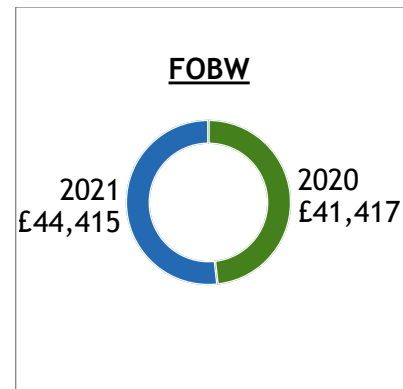


Our Amazon Wishlist continues to be popular with supporters keeping us well stocked from the items on our wish list.

We would like to thank all our amazing supporters who contribute to all our campaigns, events, and fundraiser, congratulations to them all for their dedication to BW and ingenious fundraising ideas we could not achieve what we do with out their help.

Friends of Beagle Welfare (FOBW)

Friends of Beagle Welfare are our regular donors who donate funds to us every year and in return we send them our bi-annual magazine, In Full Cry. Our magazine gives a snapshot of what is going on at the charity and also has numerous articles on activities, behavioural advise and stories from owners about their beagles. Donations from our FOBW have increased 7% from 2020 despite all the difficulties that people have experienced over the past couple of years. We are immensely grateful to our supporters for their ongoing donations without which we could not operate as we do.



Legacies

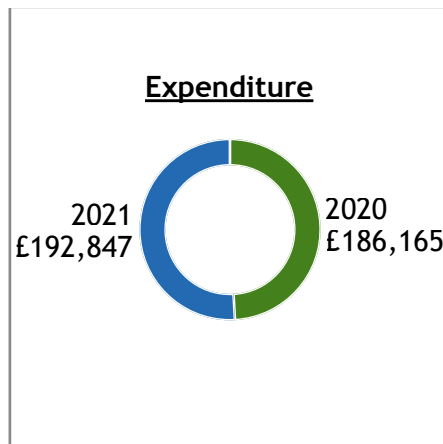
We continue to be extremely fortunate to be a recipient of the generosity of people who remember us in their wills. Funds have been invested whilst the trustees decide how best to utilise these funds for the charity.



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Expenditure

Overall, expenditure for 2021 was under budget by around 24% and around 4% higher than in 2020.

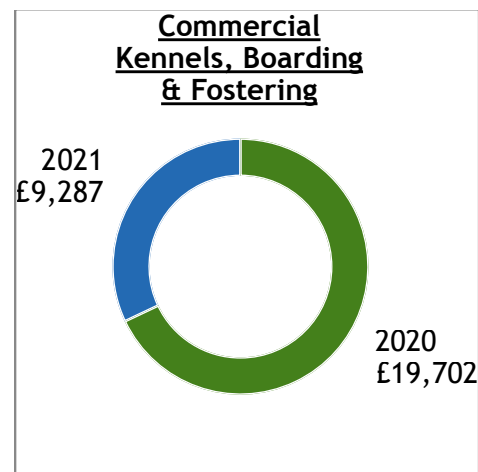


Rehoming Centre Costs

Costs for the rehoming centre were down against budget by £13,285 and higher than 2020 by £11,041. This was mainly due to the lower number of beagles being kennelled at the rehoming centre and lower utility charges following a change to a fixed tariff with a new provider. Wages were also down on budget due to one of the team at the rehoming centre on maternity leave. During 2021 a new bookkeeper was employed on a part time basis to manage the ever increasing workload as it was becoming too much for a volunteer to manage.

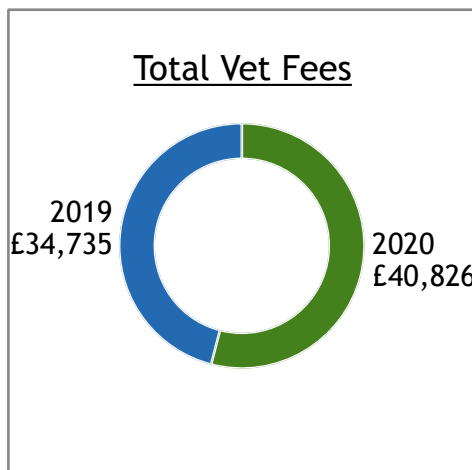
Boarding, Fostering & Commercial Kennel Costs

Due to the lower number of beagles coming into Beagle Welfare for rehoming at the same time, we have been able to accommodate more at our main rehoming centre, therefore the costs for Boarding, Fostering and Commercial kennels are down against budget by £16,713 and from 2020 costs are down by £10,415.



Total Vets fees

Our vets fees have reduced since 2020 and are down against budget, this is mainly due to the majority of vet fees being for the older beagles and being recorded under our "Golden Oldies" category which are slightly over budget and are also up vs last year. The Beagle Welfare Scheme offers support to people who are adopting an older beagle with age related conditions as some people are put off rehoming the older beagles as they are more likely to have higher vet costs.



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Reserves Policy and Related Funds

The primary function of the charity is the re-homing of beagles, to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to beagles, and in particular to encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

It is the duty of the trustees to ensure that funds are available at all times to pay for these activities with the bulk of these costs being at the main rehoming centre in Staffordshire, together with the charity's related administration costs.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain the following funds:

1) The Rehoming Centre Base Fund.

The majority of the charity's income comes from donations from The Friends of Beagle Welfare, past and new owners and fundraising. These are uncertain sources of revenue that may not always provide the funds to cover these essential costs. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserve funds to cover up to a maximum of the next 24 months' planned running costs including Vet costs. As at 31st December 2021 the trustees set aside £208,000 representing the next 24 months' planned running costs of rehoming centre and vet fees.

When planning all of the above activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and feel that the activities of the charity are carried out in accordance with that guidance and that the activities undertaken during the year have provided a benefit to the public.

GDPR

To ensure we can be compliant with the GDPR legislation which came into force in on 25 May 2018, our Trustees, employees and necessary individuals are required to complete GDPR training. All of our volunteers are given guidelines to ensure they maintain the confidentiality & integrity of all personal data they receive whilst undertaking activities on behalf of The Beagle Welfare Scheme.

An annual review will be undertaken to ensure The Beagle Welfare Scheme remains GDPR compliant.

Signed by order of the Trustees



Jeanine Wilkinson
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Beagle Welfare Scheme – charity no. 328633

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Beagle Welfare Scheme for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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”).

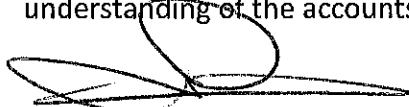
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 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 I 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.



Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts Chartered Accountants and
Chartered Taxation Advisers
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8th August 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021		2020
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank Interest		5,358		5,358
Donations and legacies				
FOBW Donations		44,415		44,415
Gift Aid		21,672		21,672
Legacies		65,574		65,574
Other Donations		30,855		30,855
Rehoming Donations		60,696		60,696
Grants		0		0
Other trading activities				
Fundraising Income		31,090		31,090
Insurance Commission		4,160		4,160
Profit on Disposal of Assets		5,000		5,000
Charitable activities				
Sales		32,126		32,126
Total		300,945	0	300,945
				610,950

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Fundraising Costs		1,040		1,040	292
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Charitable activities

Accountancy Fees		576		576	476
Bank Charges		4,257		4,257	3,444
Boarding & Fostering/Commercial Kennels		9,287		9,287	19,702
Rehoming Centre		90,683		90,683	79,601
IT Expenses		428		428	883
Depreciation		11,140		11,140	5,477
Education		119		119	0
Equipment		83		83	139
Exhibitions and Room Hire		762		762	175
Gifts and Donations		4,500		4,500	111
Golden Oldies		15,839		15,839	9,159

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Goods For Resale & Fulfilment costs	17,879		17,879	16,556
In Full Cry	8,914		8,914	9,338
Insurance	1,478		1,478	1,354
Legal fees	209		209	35
Miscellaneous	409		409	0
Postage and Stationery	2,735		2,735	2,221
Rehoming Travel	1,736		1,736	1,822
Telephone	120		120	10
Training	718		718	331
Training Vouchers (Dogs)	201		201	42
Vets Fees	19,180		19,180	31,667
Volunteer Travel Expenses	2,171		2,171	558
Website	2,412		2,412	2,772
Hardship Fund	971		971	
Total	197,847	0	197,847	186,165
Net Income	103,098	0	103,098	424,785
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	661,700	0	661,700	236,915
Total funds carried forward	764,798	0	764,798	661,700

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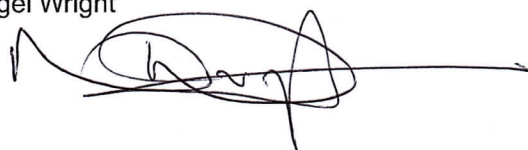
Balance Sheet	2021	2021	2021	2020
As at 31 December 2021	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets				
Fixtures & Fittings	2,975		2,975	826
Land and Buildings	4,416		4,416	6,206
Equipment	8,495		8,495	4,971
Vehicles	16,314		16,314	0
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	32,200	0	32,200	12,003
Current Assets				
Debtors	17,778		17,778	15,382
Stock	3,271		3,271	4,069
Cash at bank	713,317		713,317	633,958
Cash in hand	96		96	205
Total Current Assets	734,462	0	734,462	653,615
Less: Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors & Deferred Income	1,364		1,364	3,442
Accountancy	500		500	476
	1,864		1,864	3,918
Net Current Assets	732,598	0	732,598	649,697
Total Net Assets	764,798	0	764,798	661,700
The Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	764,798		764,798	661,700
Total Charity Funds	764,798	0	764,798	661,700

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 09 April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Name: Nigel Wright

Signed:



Trustee

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Statement of Cashflows	2021	2020
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)for the reporting period	103,098	424,785
Depreciation charges	11,140	5,477
Interest from investments	(5,358)	(5,105)
Decrease in stocks	798	532
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(2,396)	(3294)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2,054)	(1670)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	105,229	420,725
Interest from investments	5,358	5,105
Purchase of fixed assets	(31,337)	(5,499)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents	79,249	420,331
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	634,164	213,833
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	713,413	634,164

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015)", 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.

b) Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c) Depreciation

Office Equipment	15% straight line basis
Rehoming centre log cabin, shed & kennels	20% straight line basis
Rehoming Centre Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line basis
Rehoming centre and other equipment and vehicles	33% straight line basis

d) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

2) Grants and Donations

	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Rehoming Donations	60,696		60,696	45,138
FOBW Donations	44,415		44,415	41,417
Other Donations	30,855		30,855	19,381
Grants	0		0	10,000
Legacies	65,574		65,574	413,145
	201,539	0	201,539	529,081

3) Staff Costs and Numbers

	2021 £	2020 £
Net Salaries	43,241	39,780
Social Security Costs	5,446	4,571
Pensions	3,580	3,429
	52,267	47,780
The average number of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee earned more than £60,000.

4) Restricted Funds Summary

The Charity does not have any restricted funds in this year or the previous year.

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5) Analysis for Rehoming Centre

	2021	2020
	£	£
Running Costs	8,219	6,712
Wages	52,267	47,780
Rent and Rates	18,694	18,608
Light and Heat	5,551	2,724
Refurbishment Costs	3,875	1,244
Legal Fees	0	0
Telephone and Internet	1,335	1,523
Vehicle Costs	743	1,011
Depreciation Fees	11,057	5,477
	101,740	85,079

6) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration but expenses as follows were reimbursed to seven Trustees (2020 seven):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Exhibitions	416	0
Gifts & Donations	0	85
Goods for Resale	0	150
IT Fees	0	28
Fostering & Boarding Costs	3,547	12,849
Fulfilment Fees	3,654	3,020
Fund Raising Costs	689	44
Miscellaneous	26	0
Plant & Equipment	549	0
Postage and Stationery	293	98
Rehoming Travel	648	553
Telephone	120	10
Training	286	321
Travel	2,097	558
Vet Fees	97	
	12,424	17,716

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7) Tangible assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£		£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 st January 2021	30,885	7,452	11,738	13,194	63,269
Addition	0	3,500	6,862	20,975	31,337
Disposal	0	0	(1,667)	(13,194)	(14,861)
At 31 st December 2021	30,885	10,952	16,933	20,975	79,744
Depreciation					
At 1 st January 2021	24,679	6,625	6,767	13,194	51,266
Charge for the year	1790	1352	1,670	(8,533)	-3,721
At 31 st December 2021	26,469	7,977	8,437	4,661	47,545
Net Book Value					
At 31 st December 2021	4,416	2,975	8,495	16,314	32,200
At 31 st December 2020	6,206	826	4,971	0	12,003

8) Capital Commitments

	Rehoming Centre & Equipment
	£
Authorised and contracted	0
Authorised not contracted	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>

9) Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Trustees during the year:

Name	Position	Dates
Nigel Wright	Chairman	
Jeanine Wilkinson	Treasurer & Vice Chairman	
Linda Thomas	National Secretary	
Karen Purdon	Trustee for Scotland	
Jo Morrison Rowe	Trustee for Merchandise	Appointed 12/09/2020
Jane Ferguson	Friends of Beagle Welfare Administrator	Appointed 12/09/2020
Katharine Thomas	Fundraising Officer	Appointed 12/09/2020

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 25 March 1990 as amended 24 March 1996, 31 March 2007, 28 March 2010, 24 March 2013, February 2015 and 23 March 2016.

Objectives of the Organisation

The principal objective of the charity is to promote humane behaviour towards beagles by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for beagles which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and in particular to:

- rehome beagles; and
- encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

Method of Appointment

Trustees are elected by the council members at the ACM or at an SCM.

Governance

The charity is run by a group of seven trustees who meet between four and five times a year. They have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in the planning of future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they set for the organisation.

New trustees appointed by the council are provided with the Charity Commission's guidelines for trustees and an operations manual is maintained to provide guidelines and assistance to all volunteers.

The organisation is centralised around the rehoming centre in Staffordshire, supported by a network of volunteers and trustees across England, Wales and Scotland and an additional rehoming centre in Kent. We are so grateful for all those who help out with transporting, home checking and assessing beagles and fostering (many times at short notice) across the country to enable our charity to continue its work.

The rehoming centre in Staffordshire remains the main point of contact for all surrendered and adopted dogs across the country with all the record keeping happening all in one place enabling more effective administration.

2020 was an interesting year for us and saw the trustees embrace technology and hold the trustee meetings and the ACM over zoom. This worked very well for us and was a good alternative to meeting up in person and once we get back to some kind of normality may be an alternative that we may consider along with meeting up face to face.

Objectives and Activities

The main focus of the charity continues to be rehoming unwanted beagles as well as providing advice and education for owners. The dogs in our care are fully assessed where possible, while they are waiting for homes, resulting in fewer unsuccessful placements.

Being a breed specific rescue, Beagle Welfare will generally only accept pure beagles, or at least those who have the general physical beagle characteristics. People who come to beagle welfare looking to rehome a dog will be looking specifically for a beagle.

More general, non-breed specific, dog rescue centres are better able to rehome cross breeds although beagle welfare work closely with these rescue centres to help out if they are trying to rehome a beagle.

Beagle Welfare are often approached to rehome beagles who are known to be aggressive and have bitten in their previous home. We will always look at the circumstances of the beagle's issues but if it becomes apparent that the dog will not be able to be safely rehomed, then we will refuse to take the dog, as we have a duty of care to our staff, volunteers, the public and to people who come to us to adopt a beagle.

Potential owners make enquires through our website, social media and via other animal welfare groups.

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Where we can, we make every effort to attend shows, fairs and other functions where we hope to educate the general public about what owning a beagle entails. We also warn people about the dangers of buying through puppy farms and we encourage them to go to reputable breeders. Some of the advice and assistance that we have given owners has resulted in a number of beagles remaining with their owners, when they might have otherwise been given up for rehoming. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, there were no external events held that Beagle Welfare were able to attend except Crufts. This is expected to be the case for much of 2021 until restrictions subside.

Beagles Statistics

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total dogs added to our register during the year	305	234
Dogs successfully rehomed during the year	198	177
Dogs euthanised Beagles are only ever euthanised where they are seriously ill or have serious aggression issues and would not be safe to be rehomed to another family.	7	5

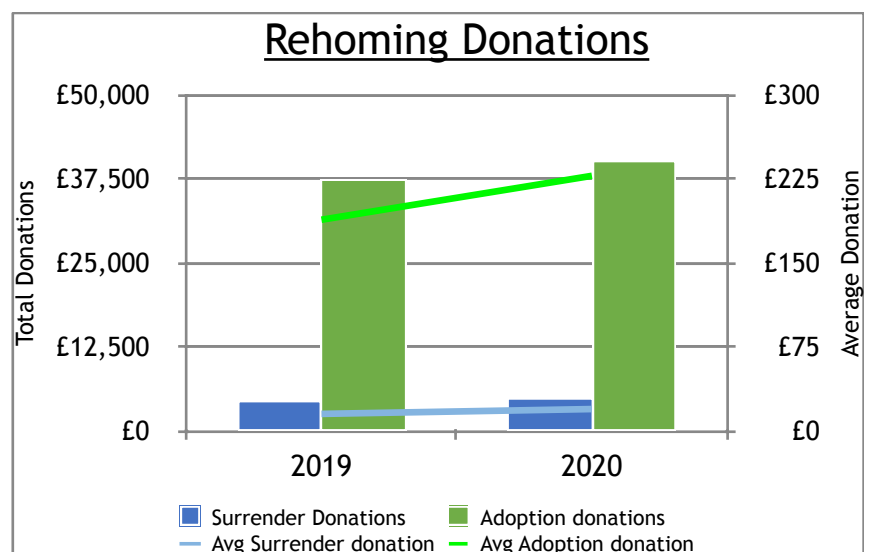
2020 saw 234 beagles added to our register for rehoming. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, this figure was lower than in 2019 and beagles were much sought after as many people found themselves in lockdown and wanting a companion dog. We were unable to rehome many beagles during the start of lockdown due to the restrictions in essential journeys.

We were able to continue to provide advice to beagle owners and when lockdown restrictions were eased in the summer, we were able to rehome more beagles.

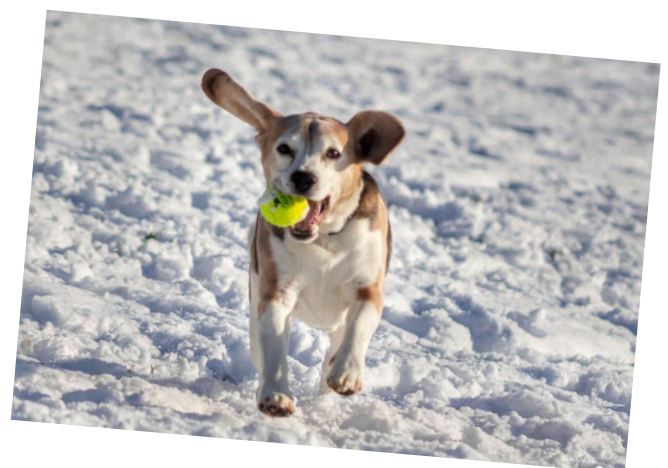
Once life returns to some kind of normal, we are expecting that there will be more people who will need to rehome beagles due to not being at home as much.

We have used social media to put advice on dealing with the potential separation anxiety that is likely to occur once people return to the office and beagles find themselves without company all day and will continue to share advice on all our social media sites to try and avoid the inevitable influx of beagles.

Donations for beagles being adopted were slightly higher this year despite lower numbers of beagles



being rehomed in 2020



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Education

There are many reasons why people give up their beagles for adoption. Lack of research into the breed and the breed not suiting their lifestyle remain the two main ones.

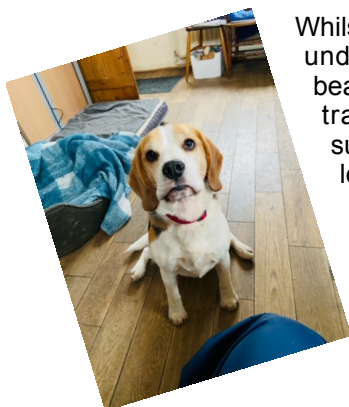
All potential and new owners are provided with copies of our booklets, *Understanding Your Beagle* and *Beagles As Pets*, The team at Beagle Welfare felt that more had to be done to educate and inform owners to the realities of beagle ownership.

All potential owners are asked to watch our short film, produced in 2015, which gives potential new owners the low down on beagle ownership and should leave them under no illusions as to what beagles ownership could entail.

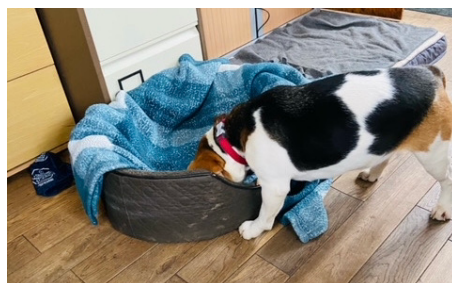
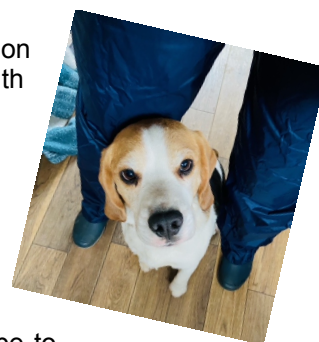
A few of our volunteers and employees have taken and are undertaking dog behaviour training courses with a view to obtaining professional qualifications. This has been useful in providing help and advice to owners struggling with beagle problems resulting in some beagles remaining in their home that may have otherwise been surrendered for adoption. Our aim is always to support new owners and are always ready to provide advice and help with training as necessary to avoid dogs being returned to the rehoming centre.

Training

Training has continued at the rehoming centre with the team working on helping some of the beagles with more issues and also working with potential owners to manage these issues and help to overcome them.



Whilst 2020 has been a little difficult for people to undertake group training classes with their beagles, we have had a few people undertake training with good results and we have supported them in contributing towards these lessons with our dog training vouchers. We hope to continue with this into 2021 and help all the new beagle owners who might otherwise struggle with their beagles.



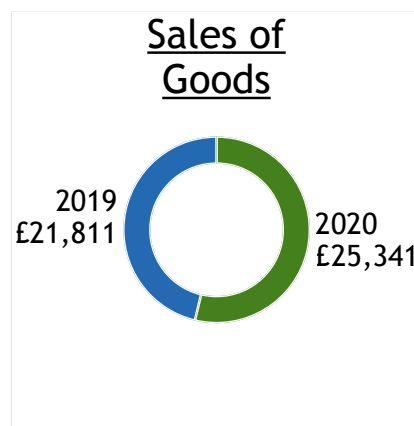
Merchandise

Profit on sale of goods this year was £8,785 nearly double the profit that was earned in 2019 of £4,883, which is incredible since we were not able to attend any events and all sales were online.

At the beginning of 2020 Lesley Rootham retired from merchandise after being a big help with us taking merchandise back in-house. We were really grateful that merchandise sourcing was taken over by Trustee Jo Morrison Rowe along side the fulfilment, which Jo has been running since we took it back in-house.

We saw many new items in this year such as jigsaws, beer and wine glasses, new clothing and Christmas items to name but a few. The pricing of existing products also had a small increase.

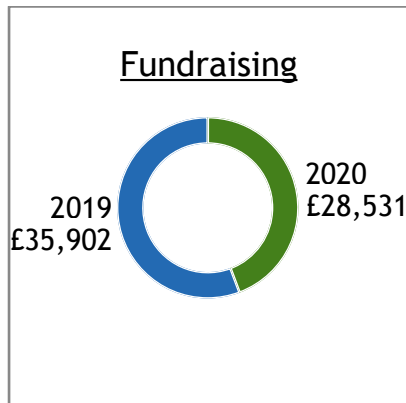
The new items were received well by the beagle community and we saw an increase in sales month on month throughout the year. We are now sourcing more and more items through one of our main suppliers, who, although can only provide in larger quantities to that of previous suppliers, only charge us cost price as they are a supporter of Beagle Welfare.



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Fundraising

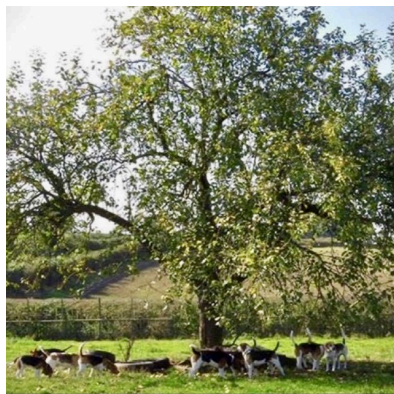
The last year was certainly challenging for fundraising due to Covid 19. When the country went into lockdown so many fundraising events that had been organised had to be cancelled, which was very disappointing for those that had put in such a lot of work and preparation. When restrictions are lifted we look forward to these events finally taking place.



The amount of people who contacted us to confirm they would still be fundraising for us during lockdown was very encouraging and reassuring. We are so lucky and very thankful to have such brilliant supporters throughout the UK.

Once again, we benefitted from sales of charity Christmas cards and calendars; and we thank the organisers for their continued support. Many individual beagle groups organised various Social Media events, these include raffles, virtual dog show, beagle fashion show, sales of dog bandanas, birthday donations, book sales, sales of Christmas items and lots more.

We also thank the small businesses' who very generously chose to donate to us from proceeds of their sales. Social Media has been an essential tool for fundraising and a great way for us to keep in touch with our supporters.



We launched the Shelter for the Beagles campaign in September, this was to raise money for a new shelter to replace the tree in the paddock at the Rehoming Centre, this had fallen due to a storm. The response for this campaign from our supporters was outstanding - within 24 hours £1000 was raised and we went on to reach our target of £1500. We plan to erect the new shelter in the Spring.

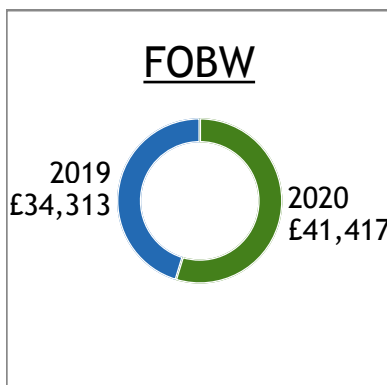
We have planted some new apple trees to replace the fallen tree and have managed to level out the paddock after some of our past residents had "redesigned the landscape"!



In November, through our Social Media pages, we posted a request for new blankets for the beagles at Rehoming Centre, again the response was remarkable and thanks to our supporters we are now very well stocked for the colder weather.

As expected, our fundraising total has reduced for 2020, however, considering the Covid restrictions that were in place it is an excellent amount and all our fundraisers should be congratulated and we look forward to continuing to work with them in 2021.

Friends of Beagle Welfare



A large proportion of our income comes from regular donors, our Friends of Beagle Welfare (FOBW). We have seen donations from our regular supporters increase by around 21% this year partly helped by our new website which allows people to donate directly. Regular donors to the charity receive a copy our bi-annual magazine, In Full Cry, produced by some of our volunteers giving helpful advice, updates on our work and also invites contributions from supporters and people who have adopted beagles from us.



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Legacies

We have been extremely fortunate to be a recipient of the generosity of people who remember us in their wills. Funds have been invested whilst the trustees decide how best to utilise these fund for the charity.

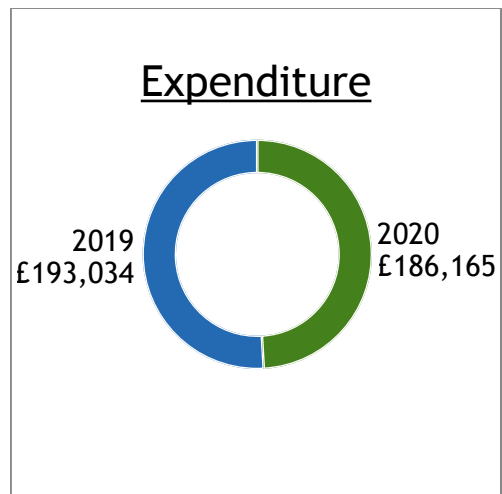


Expenditure

Overall, expenditure for 2020 was under budget by around 8.5% and around 3.6% lower than in 2019.

Rehoming Centre Costs

Costs for the rehoming centre were down against budget by £4,571 and prior year by £4,228. This was mainly due to the lower number of beagles being kennelled at the rehoming centre and lower travel costs due to COVID 19 restrictions where travel was restricted to essential travel only. Whilst we were unable to rehome dogs during the first lockdown, the team at the rehoming centre took the opportunity to complete some maintenance tasks around the yard.



Travel

All other travel costs were down during the year due to the reduction in rehoming travel and the trustee meetings and ACM being held via

Zoom. We did manage

to get to Crufts this year before the first lockdown where we managed to spread the word on our charity and promote the rescue assisted by Maggie, Mizar and Matilda.

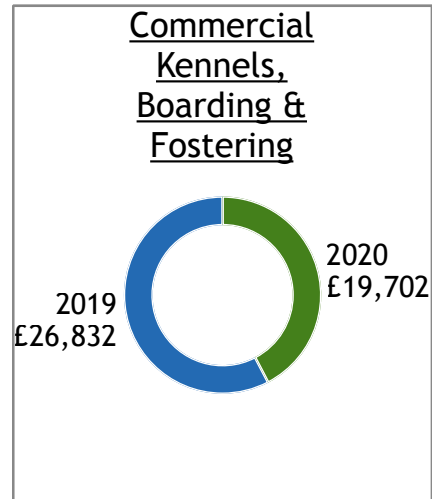


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Commercial Kennels, Boarding & Fostering

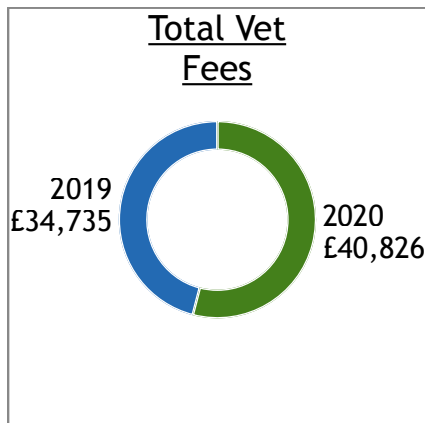
Costs for Commercial kennels, boarding and fostering were all down this year by due to the lower number of beagles that we had being surrendered. Most of the beagles in commercial kennels and boarding kennels were moved up to the rehoming centre as soon as travel restrictions allowed, giving our team at the rehoming centre the opportunity to do more assessment and training with the beagles getting them ready for when the opportunity to rehome opened up.

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers who foster for us sometimes at very short notice. Fostering beagles is not always an easy role and can easily upset the balance in a beagle household. We usually arrange foster care for beagles who are particularly unsettled and who benefit from having additional calm beagles around to help them adjust.



Bank charges

Bank charges increased this year following the receipt of a large legacy and the decision to use the CAF Charity Deposit Platform provided by Flagstone Investment Management Ltd. This provides the opportunity to manage investments in a single platform giving visibility of deposits and the opportunity to maximise return whilst minimising risk. There is a monthly management fee for this service, which the trustees judged this to be reasonable considering the large sums of deposits involved. All of the cash deposited is covered under the FSCS deposit protection scheme and is invested at various intervals to ensure access to the funds with a mix of maturity dates from 30 day notice out to 18 months.



Total Vet Fees

Vet Fees have increased this year due to an increased requirement to help out with vet fees for people who have fallen on hard times. COVID has brought about a requirement for more people to request financial assistance for their beagles.

Conversely the vet fees for our Golden Oldies (beagles over 8 years old at time of adoption) have decreased. Sadly this is mainly due to a number of the older beagles we were supporting having passed away.

For 2021 we have set up a separate hardship fund for beagle owners requiring support for their beagles vet bills. This funds specifically for beagle owners who have fallen upon difficult financial times and need assistance with one off costs for their beagles.



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Reserves Policy and Related Funds

The primary function of the charity is the re-homing of beagles, to help in the prevention of maltreatment and cruelty to beagles, and in particular to encourage responsible ownership of beagles throughout Great Britain.

It is the duty of the trustees to ensure that funds are available at all times to pay for these activities with the bulk of these costs being at the main rehoming centre in Staffordshire, together with the charity's related administration costs.

The charity's reserves policy is to maintain the following funds:

1) The Rehoming Centre Base Fund.

The majority of the charity's income comes from donations from The Friends of Beagle Welfare, past and new owners and fundraising. These are uncertain sources of revenue that may not always provide the funds to cover these essential costs. The Trustees' policy is to maintain reserve funds to cover up to a maximum of the next 24 months' planned running costs including Vet costs. As at 31st December 2020 the trustees set aside £160,000 representing the next 24 months' planned running costs of rehoming centre and vet fees.

When planning all of the above activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and feel that the activities of the charity are carried out in accordance with that guidance and that the activities undertaken during the year have provided a benefit to the public.

GDPR

To ensure we can be compliant with the GDPR legislation which came into force in on 25 May 2018, our Trustees, employees and necessary individuals are required to complete GDPR training. All of our volunteers are given guidelines to ensure they maintain the confidentiality & integrity of all personal data they receive whilst undertaking activities on behalf of The Beagle Welfare Scheme.

An annual review will be undertaken to ensure The Beagle Welfare Scheme remains GDPR compliant.

Signed by order of the Trustees



Jeanine Wilkinson
Treasurer

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of The Beagle Welfare Scheme – charity no. 328633

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Beagle Welfare Scheme for the year ended 31st December 2020.

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 2011 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 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 I 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.

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
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11th August 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020		2019
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
<i>Investments</i>				
Bank Interest		5,105		5,105
Donations and legacies				
FOBW Donations		41,417		41,417
Gift Aid		19,306		19,306
Legacies		413,145		413,145
Other Donations		19,381		19,381
Rehoming Donations		45,138		45,138
Grants		10,000		10,000
Other trading activities				
Fundraising Income		28,531		28,531
Insurance Commission		3,587		3,587
Charitable activities				
Sales		25,341		25,341
Total		610,950	0	610,950
				180,275

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Fundraising Costs		292		292	1,893
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Charitable activities

Accountancy Fees		476		476	588
Bank Charges		3,444		3,444	2,082
Boarding & Fostering/Commercial Kennels		19,702		19,702	26,832
Rehoming Centre		79,601		79,601	83,830
IT Expenses		883		883	1,275
Depreciation		5,477		5,477	3,656
Education		0		0	110
Equipment		139		139	368
Exhibitions and Room Hire		175		175	380
Gifts and Donations		111		111	34
Golden Oldies		9,159		9,159	12,729

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Goods For Resale & Fulfilment costs	16,556		16,556	16,928
In Full Cry	9,338		9,338	9,442
Insurance	1,354		1,354	1,272
Legal fees	35		35	40
Postage and Stationery	2,221		2,221	973
Rehoming Travel	1,822		1,822	2,609
Telephone	10		10	0
Training	331		331	90
Training Vouchers (Dogs)	42		42	0
Vets Fees	31,667		31,667	22,006
Volunteer Travel Expenses	558		558	3,899
Website	2,772		2,772	2,000
Total	186,165	0	186,165	193,036
Net Income	424,785	0	424,785	(12,761)
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	236,915	0	236,915	249,676
Total funds carried forward	661,700	0	661,700	236,915

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Balance Sheet	2020	2020	2020	2019
As at 31 December 2019	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets				
Fixtures & Fittings	826		826	2,431
Land and Buildings	6,206		6,206	7,996
Equipment	4,971		4,971	1,554
Vehicles	0		0	0
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	12,003	0	12,003	11,981
Current Assets				
Debtors	15,382		15,382	12,088
Stock	4,069		4,069	4,601
Cash at bank	633,958		633,958	213,384
Cash in hand	205		205	449
Total Current Assets	653,615	0	653,615	230,522
Less: Liabilities				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors & Deferred Income	3,442		3,442	4,988
Accountancy	476		476	600
	3,918		3,918	5,588
Net Current Assets	649,697	0	649,697	224,934
Total Net Assets	661,700	0	661,700	236,915
The Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds	661,700		661,700	236,915
Total Charity Funds	661,700	0	661,700	236,915

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 11th July 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

Name: Nigel Wright

Signed:



Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

	2020	2019
Cash Flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)for the reporting period	424,785	(12,761)
Depreciation charges	5,477	3,656
Interest from investments	(5,105)	(2,283)
Decrease in stocks	532	849
Increase/decrease in debtors	(3,294)	1,199
Decrease/increase in creditors	(1,670)	3,828
<i>Net cash provided by operating activities</i>	<u>420,725</u>	<u>(5,512)</u>
Interest from investments	5,105	2,283
Purchase of fixed assets	(5,499)	(9,625)
<i>Change in cash and cash equivalents</i>	<u>420,331</u>	<u>(12,854)</u>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period</i>	213,833	226,687
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</i>	<u>634,164</u>	<u>213,833</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 (FRS102) (effective 1st 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.

b) Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

c) Depreciation

Office Equipment	15% straight line basis
Rehoming centre log cabin, shed & kennels	20% straight line basis
Rehoming Centre Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line basis
Rehoming centre and other equipment and vehicles	33% straight line basis

d) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds

These are funds that 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.

Designated funds

These are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

2) Grants and Donations

	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Rehoming Donations	45,138		45,138	42,187
FOBW Donations	41,417		41,417	34,313
Other Donations	19,381		19,381	16,542
Grants	10,000		10,000	0
Legacies	413,145		413,145	7,501
	529,081	0	529,081	100,543

3) Staff Costs and Numbers

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net Salaries	39,780	34,563
Social Security Costs	4,571	4,896
Pensions	3,429	2,832
	47,780	42,291
The average number of employees during the year was	3	3

No employee earned more than £60,000.

4) Restricted Funds Summary

The Charity does not have any restricted funds in this year or the previous year.

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

5) Analysis for Rehoming Centre

	2020	2019
	£	£
Running Costs	6,712	10,764
Wages	47,780	42,291
Rent and Rates	18,608	18,542
Light and Heat	2,724	3,667
Refurbishment Costs	1,244	5,821
Legal Fees	0	0
Telephone and Internet	1,523	1,429
Vehicle Costs	1,011	1,316
Depreciation Fees	5,477	3,656
	85,079	87,485

6) Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration but expenses as follows were reimbursed to seven Trustees (2019 seven):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gifts & Donations	85	0
Goods for Resale	150	0
IT Fees	28	126
Fostering & Boarding Costs	12,849	16,725
Fulfilment Fees	3,020	2,141
Fund Raising Costs	44	776
Legal fees	0	40
Postage and Stationery	98	293
Rehoming Travel	553	1,119
Room Hire	0	120
Telephone	10	0
Training	321	0
Travel	558	3,185
	17,716	24,525

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Notes to the accounts continued for the year ended 31 December 2020

7) Tangible assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£		£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 st January 2020	30,885	7,452	6,638	13,194	58,169
Addition			5,499		5,499
Disposal			(399)		(399)
At 31 st December 2020	30,885	7,452	11,738	13,194	63,269
Depreciation					
At 1 st January 2020	22,889	5,021	5,083	13,194	46,188
Charge for the year	1790	1605	1,684	0	5,078
At 31 st December 2020	24,679	6,626	6,767	13,194	51,266
Net Book Value					
At 31 st December 2020	6,206	826	4,971	0	12,003
At 31 st December 2019	7,996	2,431	1,554	0	11,981

8) Capital Commitments

	Rehoming Centre & Equipment
	£
Authorised and contracted	0
Authorised not contracted	13,500
	<u>13,500</u>

9) Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2020