



Sandbach Animal Rescue Society

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Trustee's Annual Report 2020

Introduction

Sandbach Animal Rescue Society, hereafter referred to as SARS, was founded in 1981, and registered with the Charities Commission No. 512966) the following year. From a small beginning, in temporary accommodation, SARS now operates from its own recently expanded and upgraded property in Sandbach.

The society is run entirely by volunteers and relies purely on fundraising and donations to cover its costs which include day to day running expenses of the cattery, fostering, veterinary fees, advertising and printing.

Since the recent refurbishment, the cattery has 6 modern, secure and easy to maintain pens, as well as an isolation room, and fantastic enrichment area. This allows it to accommodate around 20 cats at any one time, although this depends on the family mix of the cats and kittens. During the year ending 31 December 2020, SARS rescued and rehomed 152 cats and kittens. We also treated an additional 4 cats in need and returned them. SARS is unable to provide facilities for dogs at its current location due to environmental legislation but works in collaboration with neighbouring dog rescue centres.

Objectives

SARS aims to reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals within Sandbach and its surrounding area through rescue and rehoming initiatives. At the same time, SARS strives to support members of the local community in need of assistance with animals, for example, those going into long term care and more recently affected by Covid-19.

Trustees and Officers

Current trustees are Eddie Dautry - Turner and Stuart Mitton. For 2020, positions of responsibility within the committee were held as follows:

Chairman:	Mel Wilson
Treasurer:	Cindy Morrisette
Secretary:	Karen Guy
Cat Co-ordinator:	Linda Gibbs

Procurement Manager: Sarah Pover
Social Media: Laurence Dautry - Turner

Each of the officer appointments is filled via election at the AGM. SARS has approximately 60 volunteers involved in animal care and fundraising.

Governance

SARS holds a number of formal meetings: an AGM open to the public, monthly committee meetings and Extraordinary Meetings called as required to discuss issues of concern.

Officer positions on the Committee are guided by job descriptions, in particular – Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Co-ordinator, Publicist and Fundraiser. In addition, a suite of policy documents has been developed that is complemented by Standard Operating procedures.

Financial Performance

Profit & Loss

Receipts for the year ending 31 December 2020 was £54,419 this was up by 14% from £47,918 in 2019. An outstanding effort considering the COVID impact and bucking the trend most UK charities have experienced.

Expenditure for the year: these figures are exclusive of VAT and do not include any expenditure for the new extension or refurbishment, those are not accounted for under our operating costs, they appear separately under Section A4.

Payments amounted to £49,785 which is an increase of 31% from £37,978 in 2019. This reflects the increase in number of cats rescued, also additional costs due to boarding at A1, stocking of the new rescue, and some routine premises costs.

The refurbishment works on the rescue have reduced our bank deposits significantly, from £77,470 at the end of 2019 to £31,610 at the end of 2020.

Trustees Report

2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for SARS as the Covid-19 global pandemic severely impacted the fundraising efforts.

During 2020 the rescue underwent a major renovation and is now a state-of-the-art facility offering a valuable service to the local community. This did however result in the temporary closure of the actual building, it is very pleasing that the valuable service offered did not stop during this period as the cats were re-located to a local cattery (A1), although this was additional expenditure, the impact to the community and the service we offer would have suffered had this not been done.

Despite the pandemic and the lockdowns SARS, continued to consolidate the position established throughout the preceding years and continued to provide a safe home to stray and unwanted cats alongside supporting the local community for pet owners moving into care or accommodation that

would not allow pets. The cattery continues to be fully occupied with a waiting list used to prioritise admissions. The charity also supports members who foster cats and /or kittens in their own homes.

SARS also resumed re-homing cats as soon as it was able and put in place Covid safe routines and procedures enabling this activity to continue.

The volunteers who support the charity include placements from schools and colleges particularly those undertaking Duke of Edinburgh awards.

In normal years fundraising is very successful, via regular monthly markets, events organised by SARS such as Fashion Shows and stalls at other activities. However, this year they could not take place due to lockdowns and social distancing measures needed. That said the volunteers have done a great job in fundraising despite the circumstances. SARS is also well supported by the local veterinary practise and local supermarkets and pet stores who allow donation bins. Local pet stores donate unwanted food which is used within the cattery or distributed to other local charities.

An increasing income from PayPal, Facebook and website donations has been received this year, reflecting the increased exposure and publicity obtained from the website and Facebook page.

SARS has made a significant improvement in facilities and equipment this year, and the outside secure area for the cats is well underway and will be completed soon.

Chairman's view.

The year to 31 December 2020 has been another successful year for SARS and it is in a good position both financially and in terms of volunteers to meet future demands. As Sandbach continues to grow in size with the further large increase in housebuilding, we expect the demands on SARS to increase further still.

The quality of work is always to a very high standard, and I realise we are just key holders of funds that come into the Society and investments are made with the future of our Society very much to the forefront, and safeguard and legacies left to us. We are always striving to find members to fill key roles –training continues to be imported, and are we are fortunate to be able to address this with the help and assistance of local agencies.

We rely on gifts and support for our local monthly market which continues to bring in a good cash flow. This has been a very successful outlet for the society for a number of years. All the usual avenues for fundraising, over and above monthly markets are being utilised to their full potential, so therefore we are looking to other avenues to explore, such as Give as you Live.

SARS would be unable to function without the very generous donation of people's time to all the events undertaken, and as chair I recognise this as a very important part of what we do. I cannot stress enough the needs for SARS to be prominent in our local community for the care of animals and support to the public in time of need. We have taken steps to ensure that our animals are vet-checked, vaccinated, neutered and micro chipped before rehoming and, as a society, we are always willing to offer advice to the local public regarding the welfare of their pets. I believe SARS has been, and will continue to be, very successful at what it sets out to do.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sandbach Animal Rescue Society

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2020

To

31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	36,712	-	-	36,712	8,003
Adoptions	12,718	-	-	12,718	7,825
Collection Boxes	969	-	-	969	1,122
Bequests	-	-	-	-	20,500
Fund Raising - Events/Sales	2,510	-	-	2,510	9,817
Fund Raising - Other	23	-	-	23	371
Interest Received	129	-	-	129	255
VAT on receipts	-	-	-	-	25
Gift aid	1,042	-	-	1,042	-
Compensation	315	-	-	315	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,419	-	-	54,419	47,918
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	200
Scottish Widows	29,224	-	-	29,224	-
VAT refunds received re: PY	16,228	-	-	16,228	-
Sub total	45,452	-	-	45,452	200
Total receipts	99,871	-	-	99,871	48,118

A3 Payments

Merchandise	278	-	-	278	-
Cat Food	4,264	-	-	4,264	2,770
Cat Litter & essentials	2,008	-	-	2,008	-
Vet Fees	20,128	-	-	20,128	13,313
Cat Boarding	4,877	-	-	4,877	463
Fostering Expenses	15	-	-	15	-
Cattery Expenses	1,258	-	-	1,258	2,535
Waste Costs	1,633	-	-	1,633	940
Property costs - repairs and maintenance	876	-	-	876	13,497
Equipment purchases	603	-	-	603	488
Utility Costs	1,954	-	-	1,954	849
Insurance/Membership	995	-	-	995	476
Postage	102	-	-	102	-
Hall Hire etc	237	-	-	237	237
Mobile phone & broadband	996	-	-	996	439
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	-	130
Stationery	156	-	-	156	715
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,113
Advertising	175	-	-	175	-
Sundries	580	-	-	580	104
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	233
Direct events cost	487	-	-	487	-
Accountant Fees	6,200	-	-	6,200	-
Supplier invoices not yet paid	1,963	-	-	1,963	1,963
VAT on payments	-	-	-	-	6,161
Sub total	49,785	-	-	49,785	42,499

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Fixed asset purchases	95,946	-	-	95,946	4,822
Sub total	95,946	-	-	95,946	4,822

Total payments	145,731	-	-	145,731	47,321
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 45,860	-	-	- 45,860	797
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A5 Transfers between funds					
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A6 Cash funds last year end	77,470	-	-	77,470	76,673
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Cash funds this year end	31,610	-	-	31,610	77,470
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays 10787728 - Current acc	3,817	-	-
	Barclays 73934829 - Bonus acc	20,706	-	-
	Barclays 80684391 - Savings acc	7,000	-	-
	Cash in Hand	87	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,610	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			
Details			
VAT refund	7,270	-	-
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Leasehold properties	Unrestricted	217,767	-
Equipment	Unrestricted	3,656	-
Fixture and Fittings	Unrestricted	1,344	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which Liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

**Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees**

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>[Signature]</i>	Stephanie Miller	20/12/20

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sandbach Animal Rescue Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

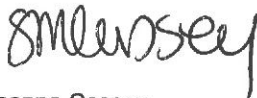
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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 examination¹.

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

Signed



Susanna Cassey

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Date 30/12/2021