



Sandbach Animal Rescue Society

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www.sandbachanimalrescue.co.uk

Trustee's Annual Report 2021

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 2021, 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 Justin Burndred, Eddie Dautry - Turner and Stuart Mitton. For 2021, positions of responsibility within the committee were held as follows:

Chairman:	Mel Wilson
Treasurer:	Vacant post until EGM Sept 2021 - Julie Slater
Secretary:	Alison Bailey
Cat Co-ordinator:	Linda Gibbs

Fundraising Manager – Karen Guy
Shirt Coordinator – 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 2021 was, £54,415.01 this was up by 14% from £47,721.09 in 2019. In a year, again effected by COVID restrictions,

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, on the balance sheet and our assets register.

Payments amounted to £46,541.61 which is an increase of 22.5% from £37,978.47 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 result for the year was an operating profit of £7,596.65 against last year's £9,742.62, understandably a bit down, but still a good profit and this is the second year in a row we have reversed the negative trend of the previous year's losses.

Balance sheet

The balance sheet remains solid and solvent but does not yet reflect the true year end position, this will be adjusted by our accountants prior to our year ends being submitted to HMRC & the Charities Commission.

The rescue remains on our asset register at £122,000, but we are in the process of getting this revalued, which will reflect the increase due to property inflation, the extension and upgrade. We have been unable to do this so far due to COVID lockdown. I anticipate the value of the property will exceed £200K. Naturally, this has reduced our bank deposits significantly, from £106,693.58, at the end of 2019 to £31,950.61 at the end of 2020. When the property re-evaluation is included, I expect the bottom-line figure on the balance sheet to be broadly similar, if not higher than last year, at around a quarter of a million pounds sterling.

Trustees Report

2021 has once again been a year impacted by the Covid 19 restrictions, albeit, not as heavily affected as the previous year 2020.

SARS fundraising activity during the last 12 months has been incredibly successful despite the challenges faced, the efforts from our volunteer fundraisers have been outstanding, without such dedicated effort, the charity would have faced greater challenges. The trustees would like to pay tribute to these incredible efforts and thanks each and everyone for their amazing support and dedication.

During 2021, most of the fundraising was carried out within the local community, activities and events such as coffee mornings (from July) and local fetes, expanding the boundaries outside of our previous borders.

Fundraising monies collected amounted to £9,028.13 from events, £3,098.63 in grants from Tesco and The Local Council and a passive income of approximately £1,000.00.

Income for 2021 £82, 668.38 and expenditure was £82, 299.41. The Expenditure figure includes the final refurbishment costs and therefore will not be a repeatable expenditure.

SARS is also well supported by the local veterinary practice and local supermarkets and pet stores that allow donation bins. Local pet stores donate unwanted food which is used within the cattery or distributed to other local charities.

2021 also saw the rescue operating from its newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility. We were also, able to welcome visitors to the rescue in between lockdowns and restrictions. The visitors responded favourably to the renovation and feedback was deeply pleasing, demonstrating that the investment made by SARS, has not only added value to the asset but provided a safe place for those Cats and Kittens we rescue but secured the long term stability, allowing the Committee and volunteers to focus on the charitable aims, knowing that the rescue is modern, secure, safe and future proofed.

Following an Extraordinary General Meeting held in November 2021, a decision was taken to reduce the number of roles on the committee, allowing us to appoint only those roles we deem essential for the day to day running and governance of the charity. This allows a clear line of sight and enables increased accountability, providing us with more stability.

SARS have also updated the constitution – bringing it more in line with the the modern era, providing a simplified, specific and clear set of objectives and tightening rules around expenditure and key decision making.

Despite the pandemic and the lockdowns, SARS 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.

We look forward to a return to our normal activities during 2022 as SARS continues to go from strength to strength



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

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	18,008	-	-	18,008	36,712
Adoptions	7,206	-	-	7,206	12,718
Collection Boxes	671	-	-	671	969
Bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising - Events/Sales	11,199	-	-	11,199	2,510
Fund Raising - Other	817	-	-	817	23
Grants	3,099	-	-	3,099	-
Interest Received	-	-	-	-	129
VAT on receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,042
Compensation	-	-	-	-	315
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,000	-	-	41,000	54,418
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scottish Widows	-	-	-	-	29,224
VAT refunds received re: PY	9,408	-	-	9,408	16,228
Sub total	9,408	-	-	9,408	45,452
Total receipts	50,408	-	-	50,408	99,870
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	1,932	-	-	1,932	278
Cat Food	3,467	-	-	3,467	4,264
Cat Litter & Essentials	1,344	-	-	1,344	2,008
Vet Fees	19,329	-	-	19,329	20,128
Cat Boarding	-	-	-	-	4,877
Fostering Expenses	-	-	-	-	15
Cattery Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,258
Waste Costs	-	-	-	-	1,633
Property Costs - Repairs & Maintenance	36,203	-	-	36,203	876
Equipment Purchases	781	-	-	781	603
Utility Costs	2,187	-	-	2,187	1,954
Insurance/Membership	2,033	-	-	2,033	995
Postage	66	-	-	66	102
Hall Hire etc.	-	-	-	-	237
Mobile Phone & Broadband	1,095	-	-	1,095	996
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery	-	-	-	-	156
Fundraising Expenses	822	-	-	822	-
Advertising	-	-	-	-	175
Sundries	115	-	-	115	580
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Deed Events Cost	-	-	-	-	487
Accountant Fees	600	-	-	600	6,200
Supplier Invoices not paid yet	260	-	-	260	1,963
VAT on payments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	70,234	-	-	70,234	49,785
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed Asset Purchases	-	-	-	-	95,946
Sub total	-	-	-	-	95,946

Total payments	70,234	-	-	70,234	145,731
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 19,826	-	-	- 19,826	- 45,861
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,756	-	-	34,756	77,470
Cash funds this year end	14,930	-	-	14,930	31,609

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	202409 10787728 - Current Ac	4,372	-	-
	202409 73934829 - Bonus Ac	10,508	-	-
	202409 90664391 - Savings Ac	-	-	-
	Cash in Hand	50	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,930	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	VAT refund	2,000	-	-
	Gift Aid	2,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Sandbach Animal Rescue Society

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

512966

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

17/10/2022

Name:

Anita Marie Maddock

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Top Cat Accountancy Ltd

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.