

ANIMALS IN DISTRESS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's commissioner, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The objectives and activities of the charity are to provide the care, protection and rehabilitation of sick and abandoned animals in the Greater Manchester area and its environs.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Further work has been carried out this year to ensure continued operations within the sanctuaries and planning for the future improvements:

Irlam Sanctuary

- Rescue and subsequent homing of cats in the year has increased greatly
- Funds have continued to be set aside for required work and renovation of the cattery in future years

Littleborough Sanctuary

- Greater amounts of haylage have been cut throughout the year to support the feral moor sheep
- Rescue and support of deer has reached its highest levels of any prior year.
- Further repairs have also been made to roofing throughout the year amid worsening storms

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr D Whittaker
Mrs C Whittaker
Mr A Berry
Miss W Pritchard
Mr I Durham
Miss E L Redfern

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Other matters

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs C Whittaker
Chairperson

20 February 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Animals In Distress (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mr R D Tussie, FCA

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Dated: 20 February 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	184,462	412,323
Other trading activities	4	122,378	113,495
Investments	5	3,783	1,002
Other income	6	-	44
Total income		<u>310,623</u>	<u>526,864</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	7	379,859	338,004
Charitable activities	8	281,497	269,878
Total expenditure		<u>661,356</u>	<u>607,882</u>
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(350,733)	(81,018)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>1,310,326</u>	<u>1,391,344</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u>959,593</u>	<u>1,310,326</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		763,168		764,127
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		233,504		565,978	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(37,079)		(19,779)	
Net current assets			196,425		546,199
Total assets less current liabilities			959,593		1,310,326
Net assets excluding pension liability			959,593		1,310,326
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds			959,593		1,310,326
			959,593		1,310,326

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20 February 2025

Mrs C Whittaker
Chairperson

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Animals In Distress is a charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's commissioner, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Nil
Fixtures and fittings	15%
Computers	15%
Motor vehicles	25%

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	47,876	74,227
Legacies receivable	130,341	329,743
Donated goods and services	6,245	8,353
	<u>184,462</u>	<u>412,323</u>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	10,188	6,550
Shop income	112,190	104,805
Sponsorships and social lotteries	-	2,140
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other trading activities	122,378	113,495
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	3,783	1,002
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	-	44
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Advertising	1,431	879
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trading costs		
Staff costs	378,428	337,125
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Total costs	379,859	338,004
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation and impairment	9,813	13,132
Rents, rates & water	20,976	17,574
Light & heat	50,504	25,662
Repairs & maintenance	16,512	17,134
Motor Vehicle expenses	19,772	19,119
Accountancy Fees	9,940	9,542
Insurance	7,646	6,435
Vet fees	42,022	32,771
Publication costs	164	135
Sundry	3,973	5,739
Legal & Professional fees	1,096	3,741
Animal feeds & cleaning	85,420	106,540
Telephone & Internet	4,773	4,240
Bank Charges	921	926
Repairs made to roads at Filed of Dreams site	7,965	7,188
	<u>281,497</u>	<u>269,878</u>
	<u>281,497</u>	<u>269,878</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>281,497</u>	
	<u>281,497</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2023		
Unrestricted funds		<u>269,878</u>
		<u>269,878</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>9,813</u>	<u>13,132</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	21	22

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	353,118	319,683
Social security costs	18,722	11,708
Other pension costs	6,588	5,734
	378,428	337,125

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2023	707,479	82,169	64,888	77,580	932,116
Additions	8,573	-	282	-	8,855
At 31 March 2024	716,052	82,169	65,170	77,580	940,971
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2023	-	47,770	55,372	64,848	167,990
Depreciation charged in the year	-	5,160	1,470	3,183	9,813
At 31 March 2024	-	52,930	56,842	68,031	177,803
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2024	716,052	29,239	8,328	9,549	763,168
At 31 March 2023	707,479	34,399	9,517	12,732	764,127

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	14,599	14,723
Accruals and deferred income	22,480	5,056
	<u>37,079</u>	<u>19,779</u>

15 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>6,588</u>	<u>5,734</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>1,310,326</u>	<u>310,623</u>	<u>(661,356)</u>	<u>959,593</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	<u>1,391,344</u>	<u>526,864</u>	<u>(607,882)</u>	<u>1,310,326</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).