

**MILLSTREAM ANIMAL SHELTER  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**Reference and administrative details**

Charity number: 702953

Trustees:

- A.P. Hurst
- R. Pictor
- S. Hinde
- L. Milner
- M. Kasprowicz
- E. Griffith
- L. Cheetham

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing document

Millstream Animal Shelter was established by a trust deed dated the 19th of June 1990. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. There are currently **approximately 80 members**.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Trust deed there can be a minimum of five and a maximum of ten trustees. Upon election trustees serve for three year term. All members are circulated with invitations to nominate trustees prior to the AGM. Generally trustees have been involved with the Shelter for some time and are aware of their rights and obligations as trustees and they are made aware of the plans and financial position of the charity upon appointment.

Organisation

The board of trustee's aims to meet regularly but all major decisions both financial and non-financial are discussed with all trustees before being put into effect.

Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and this review is regularly updated at management meetings. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks, both financially and non-financially.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are

- To relieve the suffering and distress of cats and other animals by the provision of food, shelter and veterinary care for unwanted, sick or ill-treated animals and wherever possible provide good homes for them.
- To prevent the unwanted breeding of animals.
- To advance public education in the needs and proper care of animals.

In furtherance of the foregoing objects but not otherwise the Trust shall have the following powers:

- To establish and maintain a centre or centres for treating unwanted sick or ill-treated animals under veterinary advice.
- To undertake the sheltering of animals parted from their owners.
- To make arrangements for the adoption of animals and educate the public as to their responsibility towards animal ownership.
- To purchase animals where it is considered in the animals best interest to do so.
- To take veterinary advice when euthanasia is the only alternative.
- To arrange the neutering of animals by the veterinary surgeons.
- To co-operate with other organisations having a similar charitable objective.

### **Achievements and Performance**

We are presently operating with a regular staff of 6 plus a manager.

During year 2024 we rehomed 767 cats / kittens.

Again, many of our homes are initiated through our Facebook page which, whilst time saving in some respects, does involve our staff / trustees working out of hours with enquiries and calls.

Our Facebook appeals for food and shop donations have been phenomenal. We cannot thank our supporters enough for their response.

As the location being on site of our charity shop has become better known, along with the quality of our goods and our reasonable prices, so does its success go from strength to strength.

Times are very challenging in animal rescue, there are more and more pregnancies and unwanted and abandoned cats / kittens.

### **Plans for the future**

The trustees, as always, expect to be able to continue the Charity's activities in keeping with their objectives.

We continue to improve our site facilities.

Bearing in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit the trustees are confident that our ongoing work in helping pet owners in all aspects of care fulfils the public benefit test.

## Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the charities requirements for reserves in the light of the main risk to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be approximately equal to 9 months' expenditure having regard also to any contingencies that might arise and any possible downturns in voluntary income. The planned increase in the level of reserves from 6 to 9 months expenditure has arisen from the generally depressed economic climate and the consequent adverse effect that this might have on future funding.

## Trustees' responsibilities

Charter law requires the trustees to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income expenditure for financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of the recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE**

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ROSEMARY PICTOR

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ADRIANNE HURST

DATED: .....

**MILLSTREAM ANIMAL SHELTER  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILLSTREAM ANIMAL SHELTER**

I report on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 - 13.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any Unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**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 as I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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 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.

The Accountancy People  
Huddersfield Road  
Stalybridge  
SK15 2QA

James Sheard

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>			
Voluntary income:			
Donations and Gifts including Gift Aid		125,675	115,519
Legacies		455,399	64,409
Activities for generating funds:			
Shop income		29,204	31,954
Commission			
Investment income:			
Interest received		1,824	1,346
Dividends		2,655	2,459
Rents receivable		21,700	20,450
Profit(loss)on sale of investments		12,860	
Incoming resources from charitable activities:			
Grant			
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>649,317</b>	<b>236,137</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>			
<b>Costs of generating funds:</b>			
Costs of generating voluntary income	2	9,859	8,492
Charity shop	2	2,547	2,811
Charitable activities	2	328,858	274,120
Governance	2	3,024	2,891
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>344,288</b>	<b>288,314</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>			<b>(51,997)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>			
Profit(loss) on investments	7	71,192	73,210
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward		1,792,262	1,771,226
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b><u>2,168,483</u></b>	<b><u>1,792,262</u></b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.  
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	31.12.2024		31.12.2023
		£	£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>6</b>	233,942		356,440
<b>Investments</b>	<b>7</b>	1,019,382		948,190
		1,253,324		1,304,630
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments		18,065		17,493
Cash at Building Society		510,000		239,795
Cash at Bank and in hand		394,416		243,986
		<u>922,481</u>		<u>501,274</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Sundry Creditors and Accruals		<u>(7,322)</u>		<u>(13,641)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>915,159</u>		<u>487,632</u>
		2,168,483		1,792,262
Less: Long Term Liabilities				
Loans from Trustees				
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>2,168,483</u>		<u>1,792,262</u>
<b>Funds</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>				
General Fund	1	<u>2,168,483</u>		<u>1,792,262</u>

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A Hurst

Dated

## MILLSTREAM ANIMAL

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are summarised below.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception that investments are included at market value and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - 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) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and that have not been designated for other purposes.

All of the charity's funds are unrestricted funds

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of gifts, donations, homing fees and grants and is included in full in the SOFA when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Legacies are recognised in the SOFA as they are received or when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Items donated for resale through the charity's shop are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.



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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include professional fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

#### Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land and Buildings	Nil on land, 5% on property improvements
Motor Vehicles	25% on written down value
Plant and Equipment	15% on written down value
Fixtures and Fittings	15% on written down value
Computer Equipment	25% on written down value

#### Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (market value) at the year end.

#### Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. Investment properties are initially measured at cost including transaction costs. Subsequently investment properties are measured at fair value. Investment property valuations are based on an open market valuation. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in the SOFA in the period in which they arise.

#### Financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments, debtors and prepayments and creditors and accruals, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received or paid

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

2. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	£	Voluntary Income	£	Charity Shop	£	Advice, Information and animal welfare	£	Governance	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£		£		£		£		£	£
<b>Costs directly allocated to activities</b>										
Purchases & Veterinary fees					107,201				107,201	92,992
Neutering scheme										
Staff costs	2,145				170,735				172,880	133,197
Premises costs			2,547		14,431				16,978	18,741
Motor & Travel										
Telephone										
Printing & Stationary										
Sundries										
Bank Charges										
Depreciation and loss on disposal										
Professional fees					813		2,642		3,455	3,322
	2,145		2,547		293,180		2,642		300,514	248,252
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>										
Premises costs	3,321				21,502				24,823	21,193
Motor & Travel					4,948				4,948	6,589
Printing & Stationary					1,468				1,468	2,479
Publicity and promotion										
Telephone	1,042				1,042		382		2,466	2,178
Training										
Depreciation					3,366				3,366	3,366
Bank and Just giving Charges										
Sundries	3,351				3,352				6,703	4,257
Investment property costs										
Realised loss on investments										
	7,714		-		35,678		382		43,774	40,062
<b>Total Resources expended</b>	<b>9,859</b>		<b>2,547</b>		<b>328,858</b>		<b>3,024</b>		<b>344,288</b>	<b>288,314</b>

Total resources expended

The above costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis (eg. number of employees or estimated usage).

Support costs have been apportioned using numbers of people per area of activity or on a basis which is considered consistent with the use of the resources.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

**3. Staff Costs**

The staff costs of the charity, were as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Wages	142,991	108,849
Social security costs	25,073	19,907
Employer's pension costs	<u>4,816</u>	<u>4,441</u>
	<u>172,880</u>	<u>133,197</u>

There were no employees who earned in excess of £60,000 per annum.

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**4. Independent Examiner**

The independent examiner The Accountancy People was paid £3,455 (2023: £3,322,) during the year, of which £2,642 (2023: £2,293) related to the preparation and examination of the financial statements.

**5 Taxation**

As a charity, Millstream Animal Shelter is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives. No provision for tax is therefore considered necessary.

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## 6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Property	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	Freehold			
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 January 2024	470,358	226,610	44,408	741,376
Disposals	(119,132 )	-	-	(119,132 )
As at 31 December 2024	351,226	226,610	44,408	622,244
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 January 2024	129,013	226,610	29,313	384,936
Provided during the period	-	-	3,366	3,366
As at 31 December 2024	129,013	226,610	32,679	388,302
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
As at 31 December 2024	222,213	-	11,729	233,942
As at 1 January 2024	341,345	-	15,095	356,440

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)**

**7 Investments**

Shares listed on the London Stock Exchange:

	<b>2024</b>
	£
Valuation at 1 January 2024	948,190
Received during the year	
Acquired during the year	
Value of shares sold in the year	
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments in the year	71,192
Valuation at 31 December 2024	<u>1,019,382</u>

**Investment property**

17 Gambrel Bank Road, OL6 8TW	135,706
189 Stockport Road, OL5 ORF -SOLD Oct 2024	
6 Myrtle Grove	62,000
190 Oldham Road, OL7 9AN	91,129
	<u>288,835</u>

<b>Total investments</b>	<b><u>1,308,217</u></b>
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Investments comprising listed shares and securities are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

The investment property is not held for consumption but for investment purposes and will be maintained to a high standard. The Trustees consider that to depreciate it would be inappropriate. Fixed asset investment properties are stated at fair value.