

# Grovehill Animal Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101370

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-02-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the advancement of animal welfare and the advancement of education in matters pertaining to animal welfare, care and treatment for the benefit of the public in Northern Ireland and its environs of the Republic of Ireland (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to: (a) relieve suffering and distress and maltreatment of stray, neglected, unwanted or vulnerable animals which are in need of care and protection by the provision of a rescue and re-homing service and a sanctuary for the care, protection, treatment, security and temporary or permanent accommodation of such animals (b) foster and encourage among people in the area of benefit the formation of a humane attitude towards animals, especially those which are sick or stray or in need of assistance, and to this end to provide practical assistance to such animals which are in need of such assistance (c) educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare and the care and treatment of animals.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of animal welfare

**How the charity works:** Animal welfare, Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** General public, Unemployed/low income, Volunteers

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,625	£74,456	£0	3

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Andrea Kerr		
Mrs Danielle Caddell		
Mrs Janice Porter		
Mrs Violet Dennehy		
Ms Regina Robinson		

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration Number: NIC101370  
Company Number: NI610695

**Grovehill Animal Trust**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having share capital)  
**Unaudited annual report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Directors present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. In preparing these documents, the Directors have adopted the 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

### Reference and administrative information

Grovehill Animal Trust is recognised as a Charity by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, charity number NIC101370.

The Directors of the Trust are elected members of the Committee and those serving during 2024/25 are listed below. Day-to-day operations are managed by a Shelter Co-ordinator, Volunteer Administration Assistant, Animal Welfare Assistant, and the volunteer manageress of the Charity Shop.

Mrs Violet Dennehy (Chairwoman)  
Ms Regina Robinson (Vice-Chairwoman)  
Ms Janice Porter (Secretary)  
Mrs Andrea Kerr (Treasurer)  
Mrs Danielle Caddell

The principal and registered office of the charity is **1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.**

The professional advisers and bankers are:  
Accountants – HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
Bankers – Bank of Ireland

### Structure, governance, and management

#### Governing document and structure

Grovehill Animal Trust operates within specific rules contained within its Constitution. A new Constitution was adopted on the 1 April 2012.

#### Organisation

At each Annual General Meeting, three directors retire by rotation and may stand for re-election, though no individual may serve as a director for more than nine consecutive years. Directors serve on a voluntary basis without remuneration. No subcommittees are currently in operation.

#### Liability of directors

The liability of each director is limited to £1, being the amount that every member of the Trust undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Trust in the event of the same being wound up while he or she is a director, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a director.

#### Risk management

The directors actively review the risks which the Trust faces and believe that any risks identified are addressed by themselves on a timely basis. Such reviews include examination of business and operational risks, and the directors confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

### Objectives and principal activities

The Trust's primary activity continues to be the rehoming of cats and dogs and the advancement of animal welfare across the North West of Ireland and surrounding areas.

#### Mission Statement

Grovehill Animal Trust, through education, commitment and unity of purpose, works to relieve suffering among pets who have been neglected, abused, abandoned or are unwanted.

#### Objectives

The Charity's objectives are specifically focused on the advancement of animal welfare and the promotion of education in matters relating to animal welfare, care and treatment for the benefit of the public in Northern Ireland and its environs of the Republic of Ireland. Working alongside statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and local communities, we aim to:

- a. relieve suffering, distress and maltreatment of stray, neglected, unwanted or vulnerable animals requiring care and protection through the provision of rescue and rehoming services and sanctuary facilities for the care, protection, treatment, security and temporary or permanent accommodation of such animals;
- b. encourage the public to adopt a more compassionate attitude towards animals, particularly those which are sick, stray or in need of assistance, and to provide practical support to such animals; and
- c. educate the public on matters relating to animal welfare and the proper care and treatment of animals.

#### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We conduct an annual review of our aims, objectives and activities. This process evaluates our achievements and outcomes over the preceding twelve months, assessing the success of key activities and the benefits delivered to those we exist to serve. The review also ensures our aims, objectives and activities remain aligned with our stated purposes. The trustees give particular consideration to how planned activities will contribute to achieving the aims and objectives we have established.

#### The Focus of our Work

Our primary focus remains the rehoming of cats and dogs and advancing animal welfare throughout the North West of Northern Ireland and surrounding areas. We are dedicated to improving the lives of animals within Omagh and neighbouring communities, which in turn benefits the wider local population. Our commitments include rescuing and rehoming unwanted, neglected and abandoned animals; rehabilitating animals in our care; educating the public on animal welfare matters; promoting neutering and spaying programmes; and advocating for legislative changes to protect companion animals. We collaborate with other agencies including local councils, dog wardens and Animal Welfare Officers. We are also members of ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes), a professional body promoting best practice in animal welfare relating to dog and cat rescue and rehoming.

#### What we do

- Every animal arriving at our shelter receives a comprehensive veterinary health assessment.
- Any illness or condition is treated without delay.
- We microchip, de-flea, worm, neuter and fully vaccinate all cats and dogs in our care.
- We endeavour to make each animal's stay as stress-free and comfortable as possible, ensuring their exercise, social and nutritional needs are fully met.
- We actively seek suitable homes for every animal through a careful matching process, ensuring both animal and new owner begin their companionship in the best possible way.
- We remain available to provide advice and support whenever needed.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

### Public benefit statement

#### Purpose 1

The direct benefit of this work lies in relieving the burden on pet owners who find themselves unable to continue caring for their animals, whilst also supporting individuals who encounter stray animals but lack the means to care for them. The positive outcomes of our efforts are demonstrated through our activities of accepting, nurturing and finding new homes for abandoned and stray pets. Our services encompass veterinary treatment, a rescue and adoption system, and where necessary, sanctuary facilities for rehoming, which we publicise to encourage compassion and kindness throughout the community. During the past year, we successfully rehomed 105 cats and dogs. This work significantly reduces feral cat populations, particularly on farms, and alleviates stress for both local residents and the cats themselves. This objective causes no harm and serves the collective good of people across Northern Ireland.

#### Purpose 2

The direct benefits arising from this purpose include the advancement of animal welfare, the development of compassion through caring for injured or abandoned animals, and recognition of the positive effects animals have on human health and wellbeing. Encouraging kindness towards animals promotes compassion in people. These benefits are demonstrated through our weekly dog walking club, where members of the public can exercise homeless animals. Grovehill Animal Trust also welcomes and encourages volunteers from the general public to assist with daily animal care at the shelter. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and gain valuable work experience at both the shelter and shop. We work with volunteers who have learning difficulties or special needs, partnering closely with organisations including Arvalee School, Mencap and the Probation Service to provide opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable. Trainee veterinarians and animal welfare officers have gained experience at our shelter before progressing to full-time roles in their professions. Students from schools across Omagh have also benefited from work experience with us. This purpose gives rise to no harm. The beneficiaries are members of the general public in Northern Ireland and young people attending schools, colleges and other youth organisations.

#### Purpose 3

The direct benefits of this purpose include the advancement of education and enhanced knowledge and understanding among young people. These benefits are demonstrated through Grovehill Animal Trust providing placements for students from both mainstream and special needs schools and colleges. We also provide literature and deliver talks in schools, youth groups, summer schemes and other settings to promote responsible animal ownership and educate people about the importance and benefits of neutering animals. Additionally, we promote the trapping, neutering and release of feral cats within the local community and provide financial assistance to those in need with feral cats. This purpose gives rise to no harm. The beneficiaries are members of the general public in Northern Ireland and young people attending schools, colleges and other youth organisations.

#### Private Beneficiaries

Corry & O'Hare Vets, Omagh receives a private benefit as they are paid for treating animals at Grovehill Animal Trust. This benefit is incidental and a necessary by-product of carrying out purpose one: to relieve the suffering and distress of stray, neglected or unwanted animals. The benefit to the veterinary practice is private but incidental to the charity's purposes, and therefore there is no conflict of interest as it is a necessary but incidental by-product of achieving our purposes.

#### Statement of Compliance

The trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust, in establishing our objectives and planning our activities for this year, have given due care and attention to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit, thereby ensuring that our activities help achieve the charity's purposes and provide benefit to our beneficiaries.

The Trust is satisfied that it meets the public benefit test set out by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland through the objectives and activities outlined above.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

### Achievements and performance

#### Grovehill Education Programme

At Grovehill Animal Trust, educating the general public on all aspects of animal welfare is something we take very seriously. We regularly receive telephone calls and emails from the public regarding canine behavioural issues, questions from first-time pet owners, and general pet care enquiries. Our team is always happy to provide guidance and support.

We offer talks to schools, colleges and youth clubs throughout the area. Janice Blakley, Secretary, responds to invitations and speaks with children and young people about the role of Grovehill Animal Trust in the local community, whilst also facilitating discussions around responsible pet care. We believe it is essential that the next generation understand all aspects of pet ownership.

Our educational outreach extends to churches and other social settings, where we deliver presentations on animal welfare and the work of the Trust. This community engagement has proven invaluable in raising awareness and fostering a culture of compassion towards animals across the region.

#### Volunteer Development Programme

This year we have focused on strengthening our volunteer programme. We have implemented enhanced training and induction processes to ensure all volunteers are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to provide excellent care to our animals. The revised policies and procedures introduced last year have been embedded across both the shelter and charity shop operations, creating a more structured and supportive environment for our dedicated team of volunteers.

#### Community Partnerships

We have continued to strengthen our relationships with partner organisations including Arvalee School, Mencap and the Probation Service. These partnerships provide meaningful opportunities for individuals who might not otherwise have access to such experiences, whilst also supporting our daily operations. We are grateful for the ongoing collaboration with these organisations and the positive impact these partnerships have on all involved.

#### ADCH Membership Inspection

This year we are proud to report that Grovehill Animal Trust successfully passed our inspection by the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH). As an ADCH member, we are required to demonstrate compliance with their Minimum Welfare and Operational Standards, which represent best practice across the animal rescue sector. The inspection assessed all aspects of our operations including animal admission procedures, veterinary care protocols, housing conditions, disease control measures, rehoming practices, staff and volunteer training, and record keeping. Successfully meeting these rigorous standards provides independent assurance to the public that animals in our care receive the highest quality of welfare provision. We remain committed to maintaining and exceeding these standards in the years ahead.

#### Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a deficit of £19,971.

#### Reserves policy and results

The Grovehill Animal Trust had total reserves on 31 March 2025 of £102,335.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

### Volunteers

The Trust remains deeply grateful for the dedication and commitment of its volunteers, who are central to the day-to-day operations of both the charity shop and the shelter. Their invaluable contribution is fundamental to our success.

This year, we have been fortunate to maintain a strong volunteer base, with approximately 31 individuals generously giving their time and energy to support our mission. Assuming each volunteer contributes around 150 hours annually, and if these hours were compensated at minimum wage, the collective value of these volunteer hours would exceed £53,196 per annum. We are immensely grateful for this tremendous contribution.

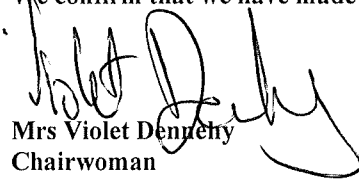
### Looking Ahead

This year has presented both challenges and opportunities for our shelter. Despite the obstacles we have faced, we take pride in the progress achieved and remain committed to delivering the highest standard of care for the animals entrusted to us. Looking ahead, we are enthusiastic about continuing to expand our services and making a lasting positive impact on our community.

### Directors' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 7 to 14 for the year ended 31 March 2025 disclosing a deficit of £19,971.

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Mrs Violet Denny  
Chairwoman  
Date: 18/12/25

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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, and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA  
 HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
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Date: 18/12/25

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Activities in furtherance of the Trust's objects:					
Animals received – donations		605	-	605	890
Animals rehomed		3,020	-	3,020	2,870
Activities for generating funds:					
Shop sales	4	24,797	-	24,797	39,975
Collection boxes		380	-	380	450
Donations		10,910	-	10,910	9,055
Fund Raising events		9,308	-	9,308	5,080
Sponsorships		6,605	-	6,605	6,499
Other incoming resources					
Interest receivable	5	-	-	-	-
Sundry income – refunds		-	-	-	-
Sale of van		-	-	-	350
Donation from will		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid reclaim		-	-	-	1,988
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>55,625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,625</b>	<b>67,157</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Costs of generating funds:					
Fundraising costs		1,140	-	1,140	1,206
		<b>1,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>1,206</b>
Costs of charitable activities:					
Running costs – shelter	7	14,110	-	14,110	8,990
Running costs – shop	4	8,792	-	8,792	8,216
Financing costs	7	212	-	212	283
Infrastructure costs	7	51,342	-	51,342	53,629
		<b>74,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,456</b>	<b>71,118</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>75,596</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,596</b>	<b>72,324</b>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(19,971)	-	(19,971)	(5,167)
<b>Net movement of funds</b>					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2024	11	122,306	-	122,306	127,473
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025</b>	12	<b>102,335</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,335</b>	<b>122,306</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	9	98,302	101,840
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock		180	537
Debtors		93	2,243
Cash at bank and in hand		4,360	19,629
		<b>4,633</b>	<b>22,409</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(600)	(1,943)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>4,033</b>	<b>20,466</b>
		<b>102,335</b>	<b>122,306</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds	11	102,335	122,306
Restricted funds	11	-	-
		<b>102,335</b>	<b>122,306</b>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2025.

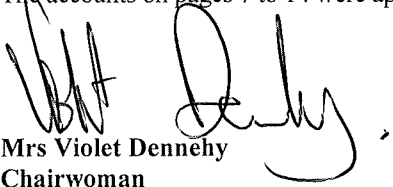
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the Committee and authorised for issue on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

  
Mrs Violet Dennehy  
Chairwoman

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 1 Company Information

Grovehill Animal Trust is an incorporated charity registered in Northern Ireland, with its offices located at, 1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.

### 2 Principal accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the valuation of investments, and in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

#### Incoming resources

Incoming resources are mainly received by way of donations, gifts and sale of merchandise and are included in full in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities. The two main activity categories are:

#### *Cost of generating funds*

These include the costs incurred in the organisation of fundraising activities.

#### *Charitable activities*

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

#### Fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets, on a reducing balance basis, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The charity has a policy of not capitalising assets costing less than £1,000. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Buildings	2%
Land is not depreciated.	

#### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

### 2 Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Fund accounting (continued)

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. General funds may be transferred to designated funds where trustees wish to use these funds for a specific purpose. Such funds may be transferred back to general funds once the criteria for the designation have been met or are no longer applicable.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds may only be transferred to general or designated funds once the criteria for restriction have been discharged or no longer apply.

### 3 Judgements and key sources of estimates uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements required management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations on future events that may affect these estimates.

a) Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies.

There are no critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies.

b) Key accounting estimates and assumptions.

There are no key accounting estimates and assumptions used in preparing the charities accounts.

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 4 Shop account

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Income</b>	<b>24,797</b>	<b>39,975</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Insurance	852	600
Heat and light	440	666
Rent	7,500	6,950
Sundry expenses	-	(8,216)
<b>Profit for year</b>	<b>16,005</b>	<b>31,759</b>

#### 5 Interest receivable

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	-

#### 6 Employee information

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
<b>The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:</b>		
Services	3	3
	3	3

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>Staff costs (for the above persons)</b>		
Wages and salaries	42,623	42,687
Total costs before grant aid	42,623	42,687

No indemnity insurance has been purchased by the charity (2024: None)

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 in the year (2024: None).

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 7 Costs of charitable activities

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>				
Running costs of shelter:				
Opening Stock	537	-	537	140
Shelter running costs	5,929	-	5,929	5,158
Veterinary	7,824	-	7,824	4,229
Closing stock	(180)	-	(180)	(537)
	<b>14,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>8,990</b>
Running costs of shop:				
Insurance	852	-	852	600
Heat and light	440	-	440	666
Rent	7,500	-	7,500	6,950
	<b>8,792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,792</b>	<b>8,216</b>
Financing costs:				
Bank charges	212	-	212	283
Infrastructure costs:				
Insurance	916	-	916	870
Depreciation	3,538	-	3,538	3,909
Wages and salaries	42,623	-	42,623	42,687
Printing, postage and stationery	231	-	231	759
Motor expenses	3,409	-	3,409	4,719
Accountancy fees	625	-	625	625
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	60
	<b>51,342</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,342</b>	<b>53,629</b>
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>74,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,456</b>	<b>71,118</b>

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 8 Taxation

Grovehill Animal Trust is registered as a charity for tax purposes – registered number is XT33026

#### 9 Fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles £	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	7,125	102,805	23,075	133,005
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>102,805</b>	<b>23,075</b>	<b>133,005</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	1,425	8,368	21,372	31,165
Charge for the year	1,140	2,056	342	3,538
Depreciation on disposal	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>10,424</b>	<b>21,714</b>	<b>34,703</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>4,560</b>	<b>92,381</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>98,302</b>
At 31 March 2024	5,700	94,437	1,703	101,840

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	600	1,943
Other creditors	-	-
	<b>600</b>	<b>1,943</b>

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

#### 11 General reserves

	1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	(Utilised)/ released £	31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds	122,306	55,625	(75,596)	102,335
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	122,306	55,625	(75,596)	102,335

#### 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	98,302	98,302
Cash at bank and in hand	-	4,360	4,360
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	(327)	(327)
<b>Total</b>	-	102,335	102,335

#### 13 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions.

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101370

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration Number: NIC101370  
Company Number: NI610695

**Grovehill Animal Trust**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having share capital)  
**Unaudited annual report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

# Grovehill Animal Trust

Annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report For the year ended 31 March 2024

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The principal and registered office of the charity is 1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.

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Accountants – HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
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### Structure, governance, and management

#### Governing document and structure

Grovehill Animal Trust operates within specific rules contained within its Constitution. A new Constitution was adopted on the 1 April 2012.

#### Organisation

At each Annual General Meeting three directors retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election, although no one can hold a position of director for more than 9 years. There are no remunerated directors. Currently there are no subcommittees in place.

#### Liability of directors

The liability of each director is limited to £1, being the amount that every member of the Trust undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Trust in the event of the same being wound up while he or she is a director, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a director.

#### Risk management

The directors actively review the risks which the Trust faces and believe that any risks identified are addressed by themselves on a timely basis. Such reviews include examination of business and operational risks, and the directors confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Objectives and principal activities

The Trust's main activity during the year is the re-homing of cats and dogs and to advance animal welfare in the North West of Ireland and its environs.

#### Mission Statement

Grovehill Animal Trust through education, commitment and unity of purpose sets out to relieve suffering among pets who have been neglected, abused, abandoned or are unwanted.

#### Objectives

The Charity's objectives are specifically restricted to the advancement of animal welfare and the advancement of education in matters pertaining to animal welfare, care, and treatment for the benefit of the public in Northern Ireland and its environs of the Republic of Ireland by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, and the inhabitants in a common effort to:

- a. relieve suffering and distress and maltreatment of stray, neglected, unwanted to vulnerable animals which need care and protection by the provision of a rescue and re-homing service and a sanctuary for the care, protection, treatment, security and temporary or permanent accommodation of such animals,
- b. encourage the public to adopt a more humane attitude towards animals, especially those which are sick or stray in need of assistance, and to this end provide practical assistance to such animals, and
- c. educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare and the care and treatment of animals.

#### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### The Focus of our Work

The main focus of our work continues to be the re-homing of cats and dogs and to advance animal welfare in the North West of Northern Ireland and its environs. We strive to improve the lives of animals within Omagh and the surrounding areas and in turn have a positive effect upon the local community. We are committed to the rescuing and re-homing of unwanted, neglected, and abandoned animals, the rehabilitation of said animals, the education of the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare, the promotion of neutering and spaying of animals and campaigning for changes in legislation to protect companion animals. We network with other agencies, i.e., Local council, Dog wardens and Animal Welfare Officers. In addition, we are members of ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes), who are a professional body who promotes best practice in animal welfare relating to cat rehoming, dog rehoming, dog rescue & cat rescue.

#### What we do

- All animals who arrive at the shelter are given a full veterinary health check.
- Any illness or conditions are treated immediately.
- We micro-chip, de-flea, worm, neuter and fully vaccinate all cats and dogs in our care.
- We strive to make the animals stay with us as stress free and comfortable as possible, ensuring all their exercise, social and nutritional needs are met.
- We actively find new homes for every animal which involves a process to ensure suitability, guaranteeing that both animal and new owner will begin their years of companionship in the best way possible.
- We are always available to give advice when needed.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Public benefit statement

#### Purpose 1

The direct benefit of this initiative lies in alleviating the burden on pet owners who find themselves unable to continue caring for their animals. This also eases the pressure on individuals who encounter stray animals but are ill-equipped to look after them. The positive outcomes of our efforts are evident in our activities of accepting, nurturing, and finding new homes for both abandoned and stray pets. Our services include providing medical treatment, a system for rescue and adoption, and, when necessary, a sanctuary for rehoming, which we publicise to encourage empathy and kindness among the community. Over the past year, we have successfully provided new homes for 101 cats and dogs. This significantly reduces the population of feral cats, especially on farms, and diminishes stress for local people and the cats themselves. This objective causes no harm and serves the collective good of the people in Northern Ireland.

#### Purpose 2

The direct benefit that flows from this purpose includes the advancement of animal welfare, the promotion of the capacity of people for compassion by caring for injured or abandoned animals and the effects of animals on human health and well-being. The encouragement of kindness towards animals promotes compassion in humans. These benefits are demonstrated through our weekly dog walking club where the general public can come and exercise homeless animals. Grovehill Animal Trust also relies on and encourages volunteers from the general public to assist with the daily caring of the animals at the shelter. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who gain great work experience at the shelter and shop. We have volunteers with learning difficulties or special needs, and we work closely with organisations including Arvalee School, Mencap and the probation service to give volunteers opportunities they might not otherwise get. Trainee vets and animal welfare officers have gained experience at our shelter, going on to work full time in their professions. Other students from all the main schools in Omagh have gained valuable work experience with us too. This purpose does not give rise to any harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are the general public living in Northern Ireland and young people attending schools, colleges, and other youth organisations.

#### Purpose 3

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose includes the advancement of education, enhanced knowledge and understanding in young people through receiving an education. These benefits are demonstrated through Grovehill Animal Trust providing placements for schools and colleges both mainstream and special needs schools. Grovehill also provides literature and talks in schools, youth groups, summer schemes etc to promote responsible animal ownership and educating people on the importance of benefits of neutering animals. Grovehill Animal Trust also promotes the trapping, neutering and release of feral cats within the local community and provides financial assistance to those in need with feral cats. This purpose does not give rise to any harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are the general public living in Northern Ireland and young people attending schools, colleges, and other youth organisations.

#### Private Beneficiaries

Corry & O'Hare Vets, Omagh receives a private benefit as they are paid for the treatment of animals at Grovehill Animal Trust. This is incidental and a necessary result or by product of carrying out purpose one: to relieve the suffering and distress of stray, neglected or unwanted animals. The benefit to the vet would be private but incidental to the purposes of the charity and therefore there is no conflict of interest as it is a necessary but incidental by product to achieving our purposes.

#### Statement of Compliance

The trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust, in the setting of our objectives and in the planning of our activities for this year, have given due care and attention to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and thus ensuring that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Trust is satisfied that it adheres to the public benefit test set out by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland due to the objectives and activities it provides as outlined above.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Achievements and performance

#### Starting new dog runs

Due to the increasing number of dogs requiring extended rehabilitation and longer stays, we identified the need for additional dog runs at our shelter. To address this, we began by clearing a designated area, laying foundations, and pouring concrete for the new runs. We also installed a fence around the site for security. This work took three months to complete. Once funding becomes available, we will proceed with constructing a new dog shed. Upon completion, this project will double our kennel capacity, enabling us to accommodate more dogs on-site.

#### New animal ambulance

Unfortunately, our animal ambulance broke down, and we were advised that it needed to be replaced. The ambulance plays a crucial role in our operations, as it is essential for transporting animals to and from the vet. As a result, we had no choice but to purchase a new one.

#### Security and monitor cameras

We installed security and monitoring cameras at our animal shelter to enhance the safety and well-being of both the animals and staff. These cameras provide 24/7 surveillance, helping us to deter unauthorized access and monitor the premises for any potential security issues. Additionally, they allow us to keep a close watch on the animals, ensuring their care and safety even when staff is not physically present. This system is an important step in protecting our shelter and ensuring a secure environment for everyone involved.

#### Review of policies

We recently conducted a thorough review and revision of our policies and procedures for both staff and volunteers at the shelter. This process was aimed at ensuring that all protocols are up-to-date, clear, and aligned with best practices in animal care and shelter management. By revising these guidelines, we have created a more structured and efficient working environment, enhancing safety, communication, and accountability. The updated policies also provide clearer instructions and expectations for both staff and volunteers, helping us improve the overall quality of care we provide to the animals and fostering a more cohesive team.

#### Educational outreach program

Our educational outreach program remained a key focus, with talks in local schools, community centres about the importance of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership. These initiatives aim to inspire future generations to care for animals with compassion and respect.

#### Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a deficit of £5,167.

### Reserves policy and results

The Grovehill Animal Trust had total reserves on 31 March 2024 of £122,306.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

### Volunteers

The Trust is deeply grateful for the dedication and hard work of its volunteers, who play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of both the charity shop and the shelter. Their invaluable support is essential to our success. This year, we were pleased to see our volunteer team grow, with around 30 individuals generously offering their time

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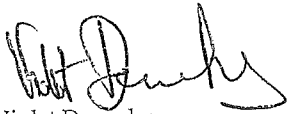
and effort to help us achieve our mission. their services. Assuming each volunteer contributes about 150 hours annually, and if these hours were compensated at minimum wage, the collective contribution of these volunteer hours would have cost Grovehill Animal Trust over £46,890 per annum.

This year has been both challenging and rewarding for our shelter. Despite the challenges faced this year, we are proud of the progress we've made and remain committed to providing the best possible care for the animals in our shelter. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue expanding our services and making a lasting impact on our community.

### Directors' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 7 to 14 for the year ended 31 March 2024 disclosing a deficit of £5,167.

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Mrs Violet Dennehy  
Chairwoman  
Date: 18/12/24

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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, and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA  
HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
28-30 Old Mountfield Road  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone  
BT79 7BJ

Date: 18/12/24

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Activities in furtherance of the Trust's objects:					
Animals received – donations		890	-	890	585
Animals rehomed		2,870	-	2,870	4,003
Activities for generating funds:					
Shop sales	4	39,975	-	39,975	42,200
Collection boxes		450	-	450	356
Donations		9,055	-	9,055	12,628
Fund Raising events		5,080	-	5,080	10,641
Sponsorships		6,499	-	6,499	6,607
Other incoming resources					
Interest receivable	5	-	-	-	-
Sundry income – refunds		-	-	-	170
Sale of van		350	-	350	-
Donation from will		-	-	-	16,583
Gift Aid reclaim		1,988	-	1,988	2,711
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>67,157</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,157</b>	<b>96,484</b>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds:					
Fundraising costs		1,206	-	1,206	216
		1,206	-	1,206	216
Costs of charitable activities:					
Running costs – shelter	7	8,990	-	8,990	13,028
Running costs – shop	4	8,216	-	8,216	9,087
Financing costs	7	283	-	283	260
Infrastructure costs	7	53,629	-	53,629	63,169
		71,118	-	71,118	85,544
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>72,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,324</b>	<b>85,760</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		<b>(5,167)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,167)</b>	<b>10,724</b>
Net movement of funds					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2023	11	127,473	-	127,473	116,749
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2024	12	122,306	-	122,306	127,473

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

## Grovehill Animal Trust

Company Number NI610695

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	9	101,840	74,888
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock		537	140
Debtors		2,243	3,021
Cash at bank and in hand		19,629	52,120
		22,409	55,281
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,943)	(2,696)
<b>Net current assets</b>		20,466	52,585
		122,306	127,473
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds	11	122,306	127,473
Restricted funds	11	-	-
		122,306	127,473

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2024.

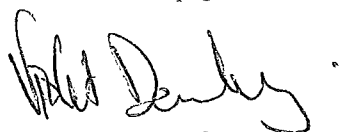
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the Committee and authorised for issue on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.



Mrs Violet Dennehy  
Chairwoman

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 1 Company Information

Grovehill Animal Trust is an incorporated charity registered in Northern Ireland, with its offices located at, 1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.

### 2 Principal accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the valuation of investments, and in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

#### Incoming resources

Incoming resources are mainly received by way of donations, gifts and sale of merchandise and are included in full in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities. The two main activity categories are:

#### *Cost of generating funds*

These include the costs incurred in the organisation of fundraising activities.

#### *Charitable activities*

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

#### Fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets, on a reducing balance basis, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The charity has a policy of not capitalising assets costing less than £1,000. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Buildings	2%
Land is not depreciated.	

#### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 2 Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Fund accounting (continued)

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. General funds may be transferred to designated funds where trustees wish to use these funds for a specific purpose. Such funds may be transferred back to general funds once the criteria for the designation have been met or are no longer applicable.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds may only be transferred to general or designated funds once the criteria for restriction have been discharged or no longer apply.

### 3 Judgements and key sources of estimates uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements required management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations on future events that may affect these estimates.

a) Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies.

There are no critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies.

b) Key accounting estimates and assumptions.

There are no key accounting estimates and assumptions used in preparing the charities accounts.

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

#### 4 Shop account

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income		39,975		42,200
Expenditure				
Insurance	600		600	
Heat and light	666		810	
Rent	6,950		7,500	
Telephone	-		-	
Shop running costs	-		177	
Sundry expenses	-	(8,216)	-	(9,087)
Profit for year		31,759		33,113

#### 5 Interest receivable

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	-

#### 6 Employee information

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:		
Services	3	3
	3	3

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs (for the above persons)		
Wages and salaries	42,687	47,659
Total costs before grant aid	42,687	47,659

No indemnity insurance has been purchased by the charity (2023: None)  
No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 in the year (2023: None).

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 7 Costs of charitable activities

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>				
Running costs of shelter:				
Opening Stock	140	-	140	176
Shelter running costs	5,158	-	5,158	4,002
Veterinary	4,229	-	4,229	8,990
Closing stock	(537)	-	(537)	(140)
	8,990	-	8,990	13,028
Financing costs:				
Bank charges	283	-	283	260
Infrastructure costs:				
Insurance	870	-	870	1,471
Electricity	-	-	-	835
Depreciation	3,909	-	3,909	2,101
Wages and salaries	42,687	-	42,687	47,659
Printing, postage and stationery	759	-	759	830
Motor expenses	4,719	-	4,719	5,367
Telephone	-	-	-	1,766
Accountancy fees	625	-	625	600
Repairs	-	-	-	2,270
Miscellaneous expenses	60	-	60	270
	53,629	-	53,629	63,169
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>62,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,902</b>	<b>76,457</b>

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

#### 8 Taxation

Grovehill Animal Trust is registered as a charity for tax purposes – registered number is XT33026

#### 9 Fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles £	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	4,500	79,069	23,075	106,644
Additions	7,125	23,736	-	30,861
Disposals	(4,500)	-	-	(4,500)
At 31 March 2024	7,125	102,805	23,075	133,005
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	4,500	6,312	20,944	31,756
Charge for the year	1,425	2,056	428	3,909
Depreciation on disposal	(4,500)	-	-	(4,500)
At 31 March 2024	1,425	8,368	21,372	31,165
<b>Net book amount</b>				
At 31 March 2024	5,700	94,437	1,703	101,840
At 31 March 2023	-	72,757	2,131	74,888

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,943	2,696
Other creditors	-	-
	1,943	2,696

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

#### 11 General reserves

	1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	(Utilised)/ released £	31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	127,473	67,157	(72,324)	122,306
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	127,473	67,157	(72,324)	122,306

#### 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	101,840	101,840
Cash at bank and in hand	-	19,629	19,629
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	837	837
Total	-	122,306	122,306

#### 13 Related party transactions

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**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101370

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# Annual report

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The directors actively review the risks which the Trust faces and believe that any risks identified are addressed by themselves on a timely basis. Such reviews include examination of business and operational risks, and the directors confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Objectives and principal activities

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#### Mission Statement

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- a. relieve suffering and distress and maltreatment of stray, neglected, unwanted to vulnerable animals which need care and protection by the provision of a rescue and re-homing service and a sanctuary for the care, protection, treatment, security and temporary or permanent accommodation of such animals,
- b. encourage the public to adopt a more humane attitude towards animals, especially those which are sick or stray in need of assistance, and to this end provide practical assistance to such animals, and
- c. educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare and the care and treatment of animals.

#### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

#### The Focus of our Work

The main focus of our work continues to be the re-homing of cats and dogs and to advance animal welfare in the North West of Northern Ireland and its environs. We strive to improve the lives of animals within Omagh and the surrounding areas and in turn have a positive effect upon the local community. We are committed to the rescuing and re-homing of unwanted, neglected, and abandoned animals, the rehabilitation of said animals, the education of the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare, the promotion of neutering and spaying of animals and campaigning for changes in legislation to protect companion animals. We network with other agencies, i.e., Local council, Dog wardens and Animal Welfare Officers. In addition, we are members of ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes), who are a professional body who promotes best practice in animal welfare relating to cat rehoming, dog rehoming, dog rescue & cat rescue.

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- All animals who arrive at the shelter are given a full veterinary health check.
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- We actively find new homes for every animal which involves a process to ensure suitability, guaranteeing that both animal and new owner will begin their years of companionship in the best way possible.
- We are always available to give advice when needed.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Public benefit statement

#### Purpose 1

The direct benefit of this initiative lies in alleviating the burden on pet owners who find themselves unable to continue caring for their animals. This also eases the pressure on individuals who encounter stray animals but are ill-equipped to look after them. The positive outcomes of our efforts are evident in our activities of accepting, nurturing, and finding new homes for both abandoned and stray pets. Our services include providing medical treatment, a system for rescue and adoption, and, when necessary, a sanctuary for rehoming, which we publicise to encourage empathy and kindness among the community. Over the past year, we have successfully provided new homes for 101 cats and dogs. This significantly reduces the population of feral cats, especially on farms, and diminishes stress for local people and the cats themselves. This objective causes no harm and serves the collective good of the people in Northern Ireland.

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#### Statement of Compliance

The trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust, in the setting of our objectives and in the planning of our activities for this year, have given due care and attention to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and thus ensuring that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Trust is satisfied that it adheres to the public benefit test set out by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland due to the objectives and activities it provides as outlined above.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2024

### Achievements and performance

#### Starting new dog runs

Due to the increasing number of dogs requiring extended rehabilitation and longer stays, we identified the need for additional dog runs at our shelter. To address this, we began by clearing a designated area, laying foundations, and pouring concrete for the new runs. We also installed a fence around the site for security. This work took three months to complete. Once funding becomes available, we will proceed with constructing a new dog shed. Upon completion, this project will double our kennel capacity, enabling us to accommodate more dogs on-site.

#### New animal ambulance

Unfortunately, our animal ambulance broke down, and we were advised that it needed to be replaced. The ambulance plays a crucial role in our operations, as it is essential for transporting animals to and from the vet. As a result, we had no choice but to purchase a new one.

#### Security and monitor cameras

We installed security and monitoring cameras at our animal shelter to enhance the safety and well-being of both the animals and staff. These cameras provide 24/7 surveillance, helping us to deter unauthorized access and monitor the premises for any potential security issues. Additionally, they allow us to keep a close watch on the animals, ensuring their care and safety even when staff is not physically present. This system is an important step in protecting our shelter and ensuring a secure environment for everyone involved.

#### Review of policies

We recently conducted a thorough review and revision of our policies and procedures for both staff and volunteers at the shelter. This process was aimed at ensuring that all protocols are up-to-date, clear, and aligned with best practices in animal care and shelter management. By revising these guidelines, we have created a more structured and efficient working environment, enhancing safety, communication, and accountability. The updated policies also provide clearer instructions and expectations for both staff and volunteers, helping us improve the overall quality of care we provide to the animals and fostering a more cohesive team.

#### Educational outreach program

Our educational outreach program remained a key focus, with talks in local schools, community centres about the importance of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership. These initiatives aim to inspire future generations to care for animals with compassion and respect.

#### Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a deficit of £5,167.

### Reserves policy and results

The Grovehill Animal Trust had total reserves on 31 March 2024 of £122,306.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

### Volunteers

The Trust is deeply grateful for the dedication and hard work of its volunteers, who play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of both the charity shop and the shelter. Their invaluable support is essential to our success. This year, we were pleased to see our volunteer team grow, with around 30 individuals generously offering their time

## Grovehill Animal Trust

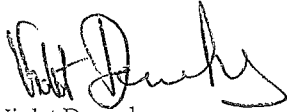
and effort to help us achieve our mission. their services. Assuming each volunteer contributes about 150 hours annually, and if these hours were compensated at minim wage, the collective contribution of these volunteer hours would have cost Grovehill Animal Trust over £46,890 per annum.

This year has been both challenging and rewarding for our shelter. Despite the challenges faced this year, we are proud of the progress we've made and remain committed to providing the best possible care for the animals in our shelter. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue expanding our services and making a lasting impact on our community.

### Directors' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 7 to 14 for the year ended 31 March 2024 disclosing a deficit of £5,167.

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Mrs Violet Dennehy  
Chairwoman  
Date: 18/12/24

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101370

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# Annual return

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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, and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA  
 HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
 28-30 Old Mountfield Road  
 Omagh  
 Co Tyrone  
 BT79 7BJ

Date: 18/12/24

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101370

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration Number: NIC101370  
Company Number: NI610695

**Grovehill Animal Trust**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having share capital)  
**Unaudited annual report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Directors' submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Directors' have adopted the 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### Reference and administrative information

Grovehill Animal Trust is recognised as a Charity by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, charity number NIC101370.

The Directors of the Trust are elected members of the Committee and those in office during 2022/23 are listed below. The day-to-day management of the Trust is carried out by a Shelter co-ordinator, Volunteer Administration assistant, Animal Welfare assistant and the volunteer manageress of the Charity shop.

Mrs Violet Dennehy (Chairwoman)  
Ms Regina Robinson (Vice-Chairwoman)  
Ms Janice Porter (Secretary)  
Mrs Andrea Kerr (Treasurer)  
Mrs Danielle Caddell

The principal and registered office of the charity is **1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.**

The professional advisers and bankers are:  
Accountants – HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
Bankers – Bank of Ireland

### Structure, governance, and management

#### Governing document and structure

Grovehill Animal Trust operates within specific rules contained within its Constitution. A new Constitution was adopted on the 1 April 2012.

#### Organisation

At each Annual General Meeting three directors retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election, although no one can hold a position of director for more than 9 years. There are no remunerated directors. Currently there are no subcommittees in place.

#### Liability of directors

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

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#### Statement of Compliance

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The Trust is satisfied that it adheres to the public benefit test set out by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland due to the objectives and activities it provides as outlined above.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

### Achievements and performance

#### Dog Behavioural Problems

Continuing post-pandemic, we are witnessing persistent behavioural issues in dogs arriving at our shelter. This ongoing trend indicates a growing need for enhanced capacity and resources dedicated to rehabilitation and socialisation. Our team is proactively addressing these challenges, ensuring that each dog receives the necessary care and attention to become suitable for rehoming.

#### Foster Homes

The increase in dogs with behavioural problems has presented challenges in our foster program. Nevertheless, we are successfully expanding our network of foster volunteers. By providing additional training and support, we ensure that these dedicated individuals are well-equipped to handle the special needs of these animals, thereby playing a vital role in their journey towards a loving home.

#### Mother & Kitten Unit

We are pleased to announce the completion and operational success of our Mother & Kitten Unit. This dedicated space, away from the main cattery, offers a serene and secure environment for kittens and their mothers. Its success has been pivotal in rescuing and nurturing more felines who face the harsh reality of abandonment, ensuring they get the best start in life.

#### Talks in Schools

This year, we have continued our educational outreach programme, conducting talks in schools about animal welfare. These sessions focus on the importance of proper pet care and the broader implications of animal welfare. Our goal is to inspire a future generation that is well-informed and passionate about the well-being of animals.

#### Charity Shop 10th Year

A special congratulations to our volunteers as our charity shop celebrates its 10th year! This milestone is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Their efforts have not only helped raise vital funds for our shelter but have also fostered a strong community spirit. We look forward to continuing this successful journey with their invaluable support.

#### Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a surplus of £10,724.

#### Reserves policy and results

The Grovehill Animal Trust had total reserves on 31 March 2023 of £127,473.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

#### Volunteers

The Trust is immensely thankful for the dedication and hard work of its volunteers, who are instrumental in the operations of both the charity shop and the shelter. Without their invaluable support, our success would not be possible. This year, we saw an increase in our volunteer team, with approximately 25 volunteers generously offering their services. Assuming each volunteer contributes about 150 hours annually, and if these hours were compensated at minimum wage, the collective contribution of these volunteer hours would have cost Grovehill Animal Trust over £34,524 per annum.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 7 to 14 for the year ended 31 March 2023 disclosing a surplus of £10,724.

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Mrs Violet Dennehy  
Chairwoman  
Date: 18/12/23

# Grovehill Animal Trust

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### Independent examiner's statement

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Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA  
 HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
 28-30 Old Mountfield Road  
 Omagh  
 Co Tyrone  
 BT79 7BJ

Date: 18/12/23

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Activities in furtherance of the Trust's objects:					
Animals received – donations		585	-	585	1,200
Animals rehomed		4,003	-	4,003	3,445
Activities for generating funds:					
Shop sales	4	42,200	-	42,200	32,254
Collection boxes		356	-	356	1,196
Donations		12,628	-	12,628	7,926
Fund Raising events		10,641	-	10,641	6,709
Sponsorships		6,607	-	6,607	6,229
Other incoming resources					
Interest receivable	5	-	-	-	-
Sundry income – refunds		170	-	170	179
Donation from will		16,583	-	16,583	-
Furlough income		-	-	-	11,316
Gift Aid reclaim		2,711	-	2,711	162
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>96,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,484</b>	<b>70,616</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Costs of generating funds:					
Fundraising costs		216	-	216	1,012
		<b>216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1,012</b>
Costs of charitable activities:					
Running costs – shelter	7	13,028	-	13,028	7,214
Running costs – shop	4	9,087	-	9,087	8,491
Financing costs	7	260	-	260	223
Infrastructure costs	7	63,169	-	63,169	58,456
		<b>85,544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,544</b>	<b>74,384</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>85,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,760</b>	<b>75,396</b>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		10,724	-	10,724	(4,780)
<b>Net movement of funds</b>					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2022	11	116,749	-	116,749	121,529
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2023</b>	12	<b>127,473</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127,473</b>	<b>116,749</b>

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Company Number NI610695

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	9	74,888	76,989
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock		140	176
Debtors		3,021	308
Cash at bank and in hand		52,120	40,690
		<b>55,281</b>	<b>41,174</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,696)	(1,414)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>52,585</b>	<b>39,760</b>
		<b>127,473</b>	<b>116,749</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted funds	11	127,473	116,749
Restricted funds	11	-	-
		<b>127,473</b>	<b>116,749</b>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2023.

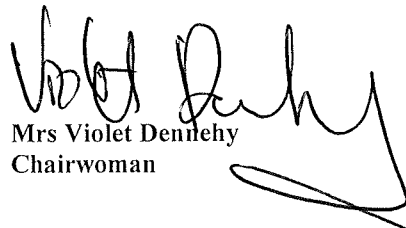
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the Committee and authorised for issue on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

  
Mrs Violet Dennehy  
Chairwoman

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

### 1 Company Information

Grovehill Animal Trust is an incorporated charity registered in Northern Ireland, with its offices located at, 1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.

### 2 Principal accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the valuation of investments, and in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

#### Incoming resources

Incoming resources are mainly received by way of donations, gifts and sale of merchandise and are included in full in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

#### Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities. The two main activity categories are:

#### *Cost of generating funds*

These include the costs incurred in the organisation of fundraising activities.

#### *Charitable activities*

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

#### Fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets, on a reducing balance basis, over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The charity has a policy of not capitalising assets costing less than £1,000. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Buildings	2%
Land is not depreciated.	

#### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

### 2 Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Fund accounting (continued)

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. General funds may be transferred to designated funds where trustees wish to use these funds for a specific purpose. Such funds may be transferred back to general funds once the criteria for the designation have been met or are no longer applicable.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds may only be transferred to general or designated funds once the criteria for restriction have been discharged or no longer apply.

### 3 Judgements and key sources of estimates uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements required management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations on future events that may affect these estimates.

a) Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies.

There are no critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies.

b) Key accounting estimates and assumptions.

There are no key accounting estimates and assumptions used in preparing the charities accounts.

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 4 Shop account

	2023	2022
£	£	£
<b>Income</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>32,254</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Insurance	600	332
Heat and light	810	161
Rent	7,500	7,188
Telephone	-	278
Shop running costs	177	499
Sundry expenses	-	(8,491)
<b>Profit for year</b>	<b>33,113</b>	<b>23,763</b>

#### 5 Interest receivable

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	-

#### 6 Employee information

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
<b>The average number of persons employed by the Society during the year was:</b>		
Services	3	3
	3	3
	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Staff costs (for the above persons)</b>		
Wages and salaries	47,659	46,128
Total costs before grant aid	47,659	46,128

No indemnity insurance has been purchased by the charity (2022: None)

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 in the year (2022: None).

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

### 7 Costs of charitable activities

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>				
Running costs of shelter:				
Opening Stock	176	-	176	243
Shelter running costs	4,002	-	4,002	548
Veterinary	8,990	-	8,990	6,599
Closing stock	(140)	-	(140)	(176)
	<b>13,028</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,028</b>	<b>7,214</b>
Financing costs:				
Bank charges	260	-	260	223
Infrastructure costs:				
Insurance	1,471	-	1,471	1,471
Electricity	835	-	835	548
Depreciation	2,101	-	2,101	3,131
Wages and salaries	47,659	-	47,659	46,128
Printing, postage and stationery	830	-	830	970
Motor expenses	5,367	-	5,367	4,062
Telephone	1,766	-	1,766	1,201
Accountancy fees	600	-	600	560
Repairs	2,270	-	2,270	-
Miscellaneous expenses	270	-	270	385
	<b>63,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,169</b>	<b>58,456</b>
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>76,457</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,457</b>	<b>65,893</b>

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 8 Taxation

Grovehill Animal Trust is registered as a charity for tax purposes – registered number is XT33026

#### 9 Fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles £	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2022	4,500	79,069	23,075	106,644
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>79,069</b>	<b>23,075</b>	<b>106,644</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2022	4,500	4,731	20,424	29,655
Charge for the year	-	1,581	520	2,101
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>6,312</b>	<b>20,944</b>	<b>31,756</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,757</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>74,888</b>
At 31 March 2022	-	74,338	2,651	76,989

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,696	1,414
Other creditors	-	-
	<b>2,696</b>	<b>1,414</b>

## Grovehill Animal Trust

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

#### 11 General reserves

	1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	(Utilised)/ released £	31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	116,749	96,484	(85,760)	127,473
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
	116,749	96,484	(85,760)	127,473

#### 12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	74,888	74,888
Cash at bank and in hand	-	52,120	52,120
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	465	465
<b>Total</b>	-	127,473	127,473

#### 13 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions.

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101370

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# Annual report

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Directors' submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Directors' have adopted the 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) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### Reference and administrative information

Grovehill Animal Trust is recognised as a Charity by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, charity number NIC101370.

The Directors of the Trust are elected members of the Committee and those in office during 2022/23 are listed below. The day-to-day management of the Trust is carried out by a Shelter co-ordinator, Volunteer Administration assistant, Animal Welfare assistant and the volunteer manageress of the Charity shop.

Mrs Violet Dennehy (Chairwoman)  
Ms Regina Robinson (Vice-Chairwoman)  
Ms Janice Porter (Secretary)  
Mrs Andrea Kerr (Treasurer)  
Mrs Danielle Caddell

The principal and registered office of the charity is **1 Foundry Lane, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1ED.**

The professional advisers and bankers are:  
Accountants – HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
Bankers – Bank of Ireland

### Structure, governance, and management

#### Governing document and structure

Grovehill Animal Trust operates within specific rules contained within its Constitution. A new Constitution was adopted on the 1 April 2012.

#### Organisation

At each Annual General Meeting three directors retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election, although no one can hold a position of director for more than 9 years. There are no remunerated directors. Currently there are no subcommittees in place.

#### Liability of directors

The liability of each director is limited to £1, being the amount that every member of the Trust undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Trust in the event of the same being wound up while he or she is a director, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a director.

#### Risk management

The directors actively review the risks which the Trust faces and believe that any risks identified are addressed by themselves on a timely basis. Such reviews include examination of business and operational risks, and the directors confirm that they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

### Objectives and principal activities

The Trust's main activity during the year is the re-homing of cats and dogs and to advance animal welfare in the North West of Ireland and its environs.

### Mission Statement

Grovehill Animal Trust through education, commitment and unity of purpose sets out to relieve suffering among pets who have been neglected, abused, abandoned or are unwanted.

### Objectives

The Charity's objectives are specifically restricted to the advancement of animal welfare and the advancement of education in matters pertaining to animal welfare, care, and treatment for the benefit of the public in Northern Ireland and its environs of the Republic of Ireland by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, and the inhabitants in a common effort to:

- a. relieve suffering and distress and maltreatment of stray, neglected, unwanted to vulnerable animals which need care and protection by the provision of a rescue and re-homing service and a sanctuary for the care, protection, treatment, security and temporary or permanent accommodation of such animals,
- b. encourage the public to adopt a more humane attitude towards animals, especially those which are sick or stray in need of assistance, and to this end provide practical assistance to such animals, and
- c. educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare and the care and treatment of animals.

### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

### The Focus of our Work

The main focus of our work continues to be the re-homing of cats and dogs and to advance animal welfare in the North West of Northern Ireland and its environs. We strive to improve the lives of animals within Omagh and the surrounding areas and in turn have a positive effect upon the local community. We are committed to the rescuing and re-homing of unwanted, neglected, and abandoned animals, the rehabilitation of said animals, the education of the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare, the promotion of neutering and spaying of animals and campaigning for changes in legislation to protect companion animals. We network with other agencies, i.e., Local council, Dog wardens and Animal Welfare Officers. In addition, we are members of ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes), who are a professional body who promotes best practice in animal welfare relating to cat rehoming, dog rehoming, dog rescue & cat rescue.

### What we do

- All animals who arrive at the shelter are given a full veterinary health check.
- Any illness or conditions are treated immediately.
- We micro-chip, de-flea, worm, neuter and fully vaccinate all cats and dogs in our care.
- We strive to make the animals stay with us as stress free and comfortable as possible, ensuring all their exercise, social and nutritional needs are met.
- We actively find new homes for every animal which involves a process to ensure suitability, guaranteeing that both animal and new owner will begin their years of companionship in the best way possible.
- We are always available to give advice when needed.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

### Public benefit statement

#### Purpose 1

The direct benefit of this initiative lies in alleviating the burden on pet owners who find themselves unable to continue caring for their animals. This also eases the pressure on individuals who encounter stray animals but are ill-equipped to look after them. The positive outcomes of our efforts are evident in our activities of accepting, nurturing, and finding new homes for both abandoned and stray pets. Our services include providing medical treatment, a system for rescue and adoption, and, when necessary, a sanctuary for rehoming, which we publicise to encourage empathy and kindness among the community. Over the past year, we have successfully provided new homes for 101 cats and dogs. This significantly reduces the population of feral cats, especially on farms, and diminishes stress for local people and the cats themselves. This objective causes no harm and serves the collective good of the people in Northern Ireland.

#### Purpose 2

The direct benefit that flows from this purpose includes the advancement of animal welfare, the promotion of the capacity of people for compassion by caring for injured or abandoned animals and the effects of animals on human health and well-being. The encouragement of kindness towards animals promotes compassion in humans. These benefits are demonstrated through our weekly dog walking club where the general public can come and exercise homeless animals. Grovehill Animal Trust also relies on and encourages volunteers from the general public to assist with the daily caring of the animals at the shelter. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who gain great work experience at the shelter and shop. We have volunteers with learning difficulties or special needs, and we work closely with organisations including Arvalee School, Mencap and the probation service to give volunteers opportunities they might not otherwise get. Trainee vets and animal welfare officers have gained experience at our shelter, going on to work full time in their professions. Other students from all the main schools in Omagh have gained valuable work experience with us too. This purpose does not give rise to any harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are the general public living in Northern Ireland and young people attending schools, colleges, and other youth organisations.

#### Purpose 3

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose includes the advancement of education, enhanced knowledge and understanding in young people through receiving an education. These benefits are demonstrated through Grovehill Animal Trust providing placements for schools and colleges both mainstream and special needs schools. Grovehill also provides literature and talks in schools, youth groups, summer schemes etc to promote responsible animal ownership and educating people on the importance of benefits of neutering animals. Grovehill Animal Trust also promotes the trapping, neutering and release of feral cats within the local community and provides financial assistance to those in need with feral cats. This purpose does not give rise to any harm. The beneficiaries of this purpose are the general public living in Northern Ireland and young people attending schools, colleges, and other youth organisations.

#### Private Beneficiaries

Corry & O'Hare Vets, Omagh receives a private benefit as they are paid for the treatment of animals at Grovehill Animal Trust. This is incidental and a necessary result or by product of carrying out purpose one: to relieve the suffering and distress of stray, neglected or unwanted animals. The benefit to the vet would be private but incidental to the purposes of the charity and therefore there is no conflict of interest as it is a necessary but incidental by product to achieving our purposes.

#### Statement of Compliance

The trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust, in the setting of our objectives and in the planning of our activities for this year, have given due care and attention to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and thus ensuring that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

The Trust is satisfied that it adheres to the public benefit test set out by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland due to the objectives and activities it provides as outlined above.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

### Achievements and performance

#### Dog Behavioural Problems

Continuing post-pandemic, we are witnessing persistent behavioural issues in dogs arriving at our shelter. This ongoing trend indicates a growing need for enhanced capacity and resources dedicated to rehabilitation and socialisation. Our team is proactively addressing these challenges, ensuring that each dog receives the necessary care and attention to become suitable for rehoming.

#### Foster Homes

The increase in dogs with behavioural problems has presented challenges in our foster program. Nevertheless, we are successfully expanding our network of foster volunteers. By providing additional training and support, we ensure that these dedicated individuals are well-equipped to handle the special needs of these animals, thereby playing a vital role in their journey towards a loving home.

#### Mother & Kitten Unit

We are pleased to announce the completion and operational success of our Mother & Kitten Unit. This dedicated space, away from the main cattery, offers a serene and secure environment for kittens and their mothers. Its success has been pivotal in rescuing and nurturing more felines who face the harsh reality of abandonment, ensuring they get the best start in life.

#### Talks in Schools

This year, we have continued our educational outreach programme, conducting talks in schools about animal welfare. These sessions focus on the importance of proper pet care and the broader implications of animal welfare. Our goal is to inspire a future generation that is well-informed and passionate about the well-being of animals.

#### Charity Shop 10th Year

A special congratulations to our volunteers as our charity shop celebrates its 10th year! This milestone is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. Their efforts have not only helped raise vital funds for our shelter but have also fostered a strong community spirit. We look forward to continuing this successful journey with their invaluable support.

#### Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 7 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a surplus of £10,724.

#### Reserves policy and results

The Grovehill Animal Trust had total reserves on 31 March 2023 of £127,473.

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 7.

#### Volunteers

The Trust is immensely thankful for the dedication and hard work of its volunteers, who are instrumental in the operations of both the charity shop and the shelter. Without their invaluable support, our success would not be possible. This year, we saw an increase in our volunteer team, with approximately 25 volunteers generously offering their services. Assuming each volunteer contributes about 150 hours annually, and if these hours were compensated at minimum wage, the collective contribution of these volunteer hours would have cost Grovehill Animal Trust over £34,524 per annum.

# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Directors' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 7 to 14 for the year ended 31 March 2023 disclosing a surplus of £10,724.

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Mrs Violet Dennehy

Chairwoman

Date: 18/12/23

**Grovehill Animal Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101370

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# Annual return

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# Grovehill Animal Trust

## Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Grovehill Animal Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity trustees (and also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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, and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA  
HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine  
28-30 Old Mountfield Road  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone  
BT79 7BJ

Date: 18/12/23