

CROSSKENNAN LANE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Year ended 31 March 2024

The management committee, who are also the Charity's Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTS

The principal activities are those of the relief of suffering and distress of animals in need of care and protection by reason of sickness, neglect or maltreatment by maintaining a sanctuary for such animals and the promotion of animal welfare issues for the public benefit through cross community initiatives, workshops, training days and publications.

GOVERNANCE

The organisation is governed by the management committee through the rules of its constitution.

REVIEW

The management committee regularly review the outcomes of our work to ensure that our aims, objectives and activities are focussed on the stated purposes. In so doing we refer to the Charity Commission for NI's guidance on public benefit. We are content that through our rescue and rehabilitation programme we are providing a public benefit by making it safer for the public from stray or roaming animals and through our workshops, publications etc we are helping educate the public in animal welfare. These are available to all. There is no harm flowing from the purposes of the charity and no private benefits ensue.

The committee is grateful for the continued support of the many individual sponsors and supporters without whom the organisation could not survive. We would also like to say a sincere thank you to our staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

Whilst the Sanctuary saw the overall income rise by 17.4% to £262,018 (compared to a fall of 17.5% in the previous year) our charitable activities expenditure increased by 5.0% to £294,810 (2023: £280,878). The main expenditure increase was in staffing costs (up 10.1% to £119,547), which was largely due to additional part-time staff being taken on due to a shortage of volunteers to carry out the day to day work of the Sanctuary. Our administration and fundraising costs remain low at 3.1% of all expenditure. We ended the year with an overall deficit of £42,197 (2023: deficit £71,231).

We continued our re-homing programme, including helping the public to find new homes for their animals when their circumstances have changed in a 'home to home' process which avoids additional stress on the animals.

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FUTURE PLANS

In view of the difficult current financial climate the Committee will continue to use its best endeavours, within its financial constraints, to provide sanctuary for neglected and abandoned animals.

A continued appeal will be made for volunteers and we will continue to engage with schools, colleges, businesses, individuals, community groups and the public at large to further develop and promote our educational and training initiatives.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Committee consider, on a regular basis, the reputational and financial risks that might arise and review the protocols and procedures in place to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES

At the year end free reserves were equivalent to less than one month's expenditure against a target figure of three months. The Committee continues to keep the reserves under regular review.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing the financial statements appropriate accounting policies have been used and consistently applied, reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made and applicable accounting standards have been complied with, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

E Friel, J Watt, C Kilpatrick, F Patterson, P Ross and C Workman served throughout the year. C Kilpatrick resigned on 31 July 2024.

RESULTS

The deficit for the year was £42,197 compared with a deficit of £71,231 for the previous year.

By order of the committee



E Friel

Approved by the committee on 5th December 2024