



**RSPCA Sussex East
& Hastings Branch**

Registered Charity No. 206314

Annual Report & Accounts 2021



Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Report and Accounts for the Sussex East and Hastings Branch of the RSPCA.

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Chair's Report

Dear Member,

The restrictions of the Pandemic continued to be felt this year and although the Cattery remained closed to the public, our Staff continued to care for the cats, minus the Volunteers who are a vital part of the work force.

We thank the Cattery Manager and all the Staff for their stoic work during this time.

Our Shop Staff should be congratulated for coping with the numerous difficulties closing, then opening some days with few volunteers and limited donations.

All the above had a severe effect on our finances needed to keep the Branch operating.

We are very grateful to the wonderful supporters who left us a legacy and all the donations received enabling us to continue our work.

On a positive note, the long awaited new building (The Lodge) replacing the Gazebo was started in the Spring and completed in August, this was a milestone for us to have somewhere inside for fundraising, interviews, meetings and other activities.

The Trustees worked hard throughout the year keeping in touch via Zoom, what a relief to meet (masked) in The Lodge in September, it was good to see everyone.

Jo Bilby, our Finance and Administrative Officer, and Nikki Di Girolamo, our Income Generation and Marketing Officer, worked behind the scenes and we appreciate all they do.

Sadly we lost one of our long serving supporters, Iris Zebrac in September. Iris had served as a Trustee, worked in the Charity Shop, was always at fundraising events, supplying cakes and knitted items she had made. A wonderful lady, very much missed.

We welcomed a new Branch Support Officer, Sarah Piggott and very much welcome the expertise she brings.

Next year we hope to extend the Isolation capacity of the Cattery as normality returns?

Mary R Bristow
Chair



Inspector's Report



It gives me great pleasure to present to you the annual report for the Sussex Inspectorate for 2021.

Once again this year has proved to be another difficult year. Covid 19 has continued to play a very disruptive role in all of our daily lives. We survived multiple lockdowns and movement restrictions throughout the year with the mutation of Covid -19 to include the latest Omicron variant. It would appear we will start 2022 where we left off at the end of 2021.

This year we picked up three multi animal cases from two properties and one caravan with over 100 animals being removed. Two cases are still proceeding through the investigation process with assistance from Sussex Police. However, with the hard work and dedication of staff at Leybourne Animal Centre and Brighton Branch's Patcham Animal Centre we were able to rescue these dogs, provide them with the necessary veterinary care and much needed TLC. Eventually all of them were rehomed to new and caring homes.

One case involved dealing with 36 puppies and one adult dog in a two berth caravan. This is the extent of puppy farming still occurring. But working with Sussex Police Rural Crime Team as well as local council licensing departments, we are slowly but surely making in-roads in reducing the number of incidents of puppy farming.

We wish to offer our thanks to Sussex Police for their invaluable assistance. Our thanks also goes to East Sussex and West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for the many occasions that they have helped with rescues of animals that have got themselves trapped or in difficulty and we have needed their equipment and manpower to resolve the situation. David Buck, our go to solicitor who has and continues to provide us with his excellent presentation of evidence in our cases at court.

Of course, we have not forgotten the RSPCA animal centres that take in our animals, care for them and eventually rehome them. Our sincere thanks to the Branch catteries and kennels that board, care for and rehome our animals, usually at very short notice and at the most inconvenient times, and to the experts who care for our sick and injured wildlife until they have been rehabilitated and are able to be released back into the wild.

I would also like to thank the Regional Board and all the Local Branches for having the trust and confidence in field officers in developing the Inspectorate Welfare Fund for the region. This has been a brilliant tool for officers to really help those who need that bit of support in difficult times. There have been so many incidents where we were able to help senior citizens get their animal to the vet and assist if not pay for the treatment especially in these hard times. The appreciation for our help brings home the reason why we do what we do.

Finally, on behalf of everyone in the Sussex group, a big thank you to all of the Sussex Branches members and volunteers for making us feel so welcome at your meetings and for all the difficult and invaluable work you have done throughout 2021. Without you dedicating your time and efforts, we would not be able to achieve all that we do.

To give you a taste of what we do, here are just a few of the things that we dealt with in the past year that you may find interesting.

Throughout the year, Inspector Carter, our National Deputy Coordinator for Equine has been to numerous roundups this year. Working with other organisations as World Horse Welfare, British Horse Society, Redwings, etc., removing over 300 horses from Wales, the Midlands and East Anglia. This is a herculean effort to organise staff, transport, vets, stabling etc. But this is a brilliant example of organisations working for the same goal helping each other for the benefit of animal welfare.



We continue to help cats get out of self-made predicaments as we see with Inspector Rachel Smith had on Easter Monday. Frank, a young male neutered cat from St. Leonards, East Sussex was missing for 36 hours when his owner found him 60ft up a tree on some wasteland quite a distance from home. The owner tried calling some tree surgeons but none were willing to come out on the bank holiday. Once Inspector Smith arrived, she called East Sussex Fire and Rescue who were able to get poor Frank out of the tree and was taken home by his very appreciative owner.



Thank you all and please stay safe!

Patrick S. Hamby 407
Chief Inspector Sussex Group

Cattery Report

We continued to be in Lockdown in January, February and part of March, by 29th March the government started to lift rules gradually.

The cat adoptions were still being done by virtual procedures, by telephone, videos, technology came into its own as lockdown put even more restrictions on what we could or couldn't do. Members of the public were not allowed to come up to the site at all. We were lucky that our inspectors collected cats for us as well as delivering their own inspectorate generated cats to the centre. Occasionally they were unable to help due to urgent cases taking them away and the cattery staff delivered cats to adopters, with strict Covid procedures in place.

We seemed to have a low number of cats, other centres also reported this. However as soon as cats went on the website for adoption there was a lot of interest. People turned to animals for comfort and companionship in these strange times.

The government regulations in April allowed us to have the public visit one household at a time. This was done by appointment only to look at a specific cat, greatly helping any hard to home cats who had an extra chance giving them a "meet and greet" opportunity.

We decided to go ahead with our new build. The builders started work on The Lodge in April which was originally planned and talked about in 2020. They worked so hard on the ground works with the wet weather pretty much against them. The Lodge will be a much needed venue for meetings and fundraising events, and will greatly help with previous years of having outside partly covered events in all types of weather.

After being so quiet, the summer months became very busy with cats. A lot of cats came in from all sorts of places, local vets, The Harmsworth Hospital, members of the public, Inspectorate.

The government lifted more restrictions on 19th July and we were able to follow RSPCA guidelines by appointment only this generated more potential adopters.



At this time our lovely volunteers started to return to Bluebell Ridge they all seemed so pleased to be back, as we were pleased to see them and the centre seemed to come to life again. We also started our volunteer recruitment drive and managed to recruit some additional volunteer cat crazy people.



An all-round busy two months of rehoming as we received more and more cats and 20 cats found forever homes. The Lodge started to really take shape in August which was an exciting time and was finally completed by September in time for our AGM in October.



Fundraising has unfortunately been non-existent this year for us, due to the effects of the pandemic. We ordinarily, rely heavily on support given by donations and fundraising events to help with the running of the branch. These statistics from the charity commission show the impact around this time, on charities:

- 90% of charities were impacted with so many negative results from loss of staff, finances, staff morale and months of frustration and uncertainty.
- 60% of charities saw a loss of income.
- 32% of charities saw a shortage of volunteers.



On a brighter note, we did however have so many kind people in December 2021 support us with money donations. This included money and cheques in Xmas Cards and online, to which I thank you all greatly. This really helped us with looking after the animals in our care and gave us a very much-needed boost.



Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our dedicated team at Bluebell Ridge, in what was a particularly hard and challenging year. Each one brings their own particular skills to the centre every day, and without them, we couldn't do what we do.

A big thank you to our lovely volunteers who give up their valuable time to help us, and the cats. The Trustees, Jo Bilby Finance/Admin, Sarah Piggott Senior Branch Partnership Manager HQ for her knowledge. To Kent North West and Eastbourne Branch for their continued support. Our lovely vet Geoff at Senlac Veterinary Centre and all the staff for the wonderful work they do.

Myra Grove
Centre Manager



Dog Report

The Branch continued to offer a Dog Welfare Scheme during the difficult times of 2021. This scheme primarily aims to assist members of the community who are in receipt of benefits by contributing towards the cost of initial veterinary consultations and medication when a dog is ill or injured, to ensure the dogs get the help they need at the earliest possible opportunity. During 2021, we contributed a total of £3014.69 to help 36 families to care for their beloved doggy family members.

We are grateful to still have the co-operation and assistance from 1066 vets in Battle Road, St Leonards, in offering a subsidised scheme for neutering bull breed dogs and three more dogs were neutered under this scheme during 2021. We continue to stress the benefit of neutering family pets and strongly encourage this to reduce the chances of health issues, behavioural issues and the number of unwanted puppies needing a home.

We also continued to work with a local charity called Surviving the Streets, which is based in St Leonards on sea. This charity mainly supports homeless members of the community but the range of help was expanded during the Covid 19 pandemic to also offer a foodbank to local families in need. We donated over 400 tins of dog food to this much needed charity.

In addition to the food, the Branch provided many hundreds of tins, pouches and bags of food, chews, bedding, blankets and toys, donated by members of the public, either at Bluebell Ridge or at our charity shop in Bexhill. These supplies were shared between Surviving the Streets, and another small local organisation who run a dog food bank to help the community. James Robinson, Director of Surviving the Streets said, 'With this amazing and kind support we have been able to help all of our homeless dog owners with their dogs so none of them have gone hungry. Thank you so much for your continued support'.



Donations and support for the work carried out can be made in many ways - food and other supplies, cat pod sponsorship at Bluebell Ridge, regular standing orders or one off financial donations for the Sussex East and Hastings Branch, purchases from or donations of goods to our shop in Bexhill. These are still very much needed and appreciated, and we would not be able to carry out the work we do for dogs and for cats without the support and assistance from our communities.

Sarah Parsons
Dog Welfare Co-ordinator



Fundraising Report

The Branch is totally reliant on fundraising and donations to fund our work and we are extremely grateful to all those who supported us in 2021.

As we entered the year in lockdown, we were aware this would be another difficult year for fundraising. With this in mind, the Branch decided to use the time wisely in planning for its future.

After many years of cold and wet Open Days at Bluebell Ridge, the Trustees agreed it was time that our centre had an indoor space to hold all year round events. We were incredibly grateful to receive a legacy that meant the project was made possible, and by the end of the summer, 'The Lodge' was complete. This opens up more ideas and plans for future fundraising events so we can receive the funds lost throughout the lockdowns.

Whilst building works at the centre took place, appeals to the local community and general public were prioritised to support our work by donating to the Branch. Supporters kindly donated throughout the year and raised funds in memory of loved ones and as birthday fundraisers via social media platforms. Like the previous year, we received great support for our Christmas raffle, which saw an increase in funds.

The Branch also received income from gifts in wills, a vital source of funding. This gives us the security to plan our future so that we can continue to make a difference, helping local animals in need.

Our sincere thanks go to all the companies, organisations and individuals who have supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year.



Nikki Di Girolamo
Income Generation & Marketing Officer

Charity Shop Report



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2021 was another difficult year for retail, with opening being severely restricted due to COVID-19 lockdowns; this resulted in a very stop/start year that was difficult to plan for. However, despite the challenges when open business has been very good. The level of trade during difficult times has exceeded all expectations; with exceptionally high levels of donations ensuring that we always had a fully stocked shop. We are greatly looking forward to the time when it will be business as usual for the shop, staff, volunteers and customers alike.

We have not been able to build previous achievements due mostly to the stop/start nature of having the shop open, but we are looking forward and are confident that we will be able to implement new ideas which will ensure the continued success of the shop.

The shop plays a pivotal role in raising much needed funds to support the Branch and we value tremendously all who donate goods, money and time, in addition to those who make purchases, we could not function without their continued support.

Without the hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers, we could not achieve the level of success that we have, and a special thank you goes to them who have remained loyal throughout these difficult times and we look forward to welcoming them back together with customers both old and new.

Thank you for your support.

Karen Packham
Trustee

Treasurer's Report

An Independent Examiner's Report, rather than an Audit Report, is appropriate for the year ended 31 December 2021. Comprehensive notes to the Accounts are included by way of explanation and these form an important part of my report. It should be noted that "Restricted" funds are those held for a specific purpose e.g. Cat Rehoming Centre, and "Unrestricted" means funds available for general use with the objects of the Charity.

The Trustees have again worked extremely hard during 2021 to raise the profile of the Branch and cattery and thus much needed funds. Their dedication and commitment ensures that the Branch can continue with animal welfare in the local area.

Branch Administrator



Charity registration number: 206314

**Royal Society For The Prevention
Of Cruelty To Animals
- Sussex East and Hastings Branch**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings
Branch**

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**Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings
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Reference and Administrative Details

Chief Executive Officer	Miss M R Bristow
Trustees	Miss M R Bristow Mrs J Barkley Andy Nash (co-opted) Sarah Parsons Peter Kemp David Garrood Graham Good Karen Packham Nicki Fisher
Principal Office	Bluebell Ridge Chowns Hill Hastings East Sussex TN35 4PA
Charity Registration Number	206314
Bankers	CAF Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA
Independent Examiner	Manningtons J T Straughan ACA 7 Wellington Square Hastings East Sussex TN34 1PD

Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Nature of governing document

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated by Special Act of Parliament, the Sussex East and Hastings Branch was registered as a separate charity in 1962.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees are listed on page 1.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The objects of the charity are to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals and to do all such lawful acts as the charity may consider being conducive or incidental to the attainment of these objects.

The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large and also aims to help people in need with the care of animals. The next sections of this report highlight the Branch's main activities and demonstrate the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities, as described in more detail below, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commissions.

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. There is one full time and one part time employee who manage the Bexhill shop, two full time employees and five part time employees who run Bluebell Ridge Cat Rehoming Centre supported by a team of volunteers, one part-time Income Generation and Marketing Officer and one part time Finance/Administration Officer. Most other activities are organised by volunteers.

INVESTMENT POWERS

The Trust Deed authorises the Trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

The main activities of the Branch are the Bluebell Ridge Cat Rehoming Centre, the Bexhill Charity Shop, assisting dog owners in need with veterinary fees as well as neutering bull breed dogs and cats. The Bluebell Ridge Centre was opened in June 2000 after years of planning and hard work, with the aid of finance from Mid-Sussex and Eastbourne Branch and RSPCA HQ/South East Region. In 2021 the centre re-homed 100 cats (2020:110) and helped 36 (2020:52) dog owners. The Bexhill shop usually trades profitably, the Cat Rehoming Centre is always in deficit. The hard work of the staff and volunteers at these establishments and elsewhere within the Branch is much appreciated and paramount to continued operations.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering. It also assists in controlling cat/dog populations through neutering, 58 animals (2020:72) were micro-chipped and 31 animals (2020:44) were neutered during the year. We re-home animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for the animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership.

The branch continues to give dog food to the charity providing temporary shelter to homeless members of the public with dogs. This initiative having expanded to not only provide dog food to the homeless, but also during the pandemic to a food bank that services the wider local community.

The Covid-19 pandemic inevitably raised many challenges to the ongoing work of the charity during the year, both financially and socially.

With the Charity Shop being closed and the Rehoming centre being closed to the public, along with only having minimal staff and volunteers on-site, alternative solutions have had to be considered and implemented in accordance with provided guidelines.

Staff have necessarily taken on more of the daily burden, due to volunteers being limited on-site, while off-site welfare work has been able to continue with all reasonable restrictions being observed.

Where applicable, remote working has been implemented, and meetings have been held via Video-Conferencing or exceptionally at an outside venue where allowed by the regulations.

The Trustees having taken suitable advice have incorporated the trustees as a body into a specific legal entity. This action will significantly lighten the administrative burden of the branch, as it is now able to enter into Transactions, Contracts and Leases as a specific named entity, rather than as individually named trustees acting 'On-Behalf of' the charity. The trustees will naturally change over time as people leave and join, and this will negate the need for constant checks and subsequent amendments to be undertaken.

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Trustees' Report

Financial review

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 6 and shows a surplus for the year due to an increase in legacies received. The Bexhill shop made a profit for the year of £16,813 (2020: £3,798).

The charity is grateful for the legacies, subscriptions and donations made during the year. The charity is grateful to the Friends of Bluebell Ridge, which was formed to support the Cat Rehoming Centre's expenses.

Physical Fundraising events have had to be cancelled throughout the year, and have been replaced with online Fundraising activities wherever possible. While significant extra expenditure has been required to ensure a 'Covid Safe' working environment, including staff being furloughed or working from home where possible.

Income streams have been hit severely by the Covid-19 closures and distancing measures to protect staff, volunteers and the public, but helped by having the benefit of a Covid-19 business grant being provided by the local Council, and the Governments furlough scheme assistance re the staff during enforced charity shop closures.

Property assets have not been significantly affected by the pandemic.

The Cat Rehoming Centre runs at a deficit each year and £78,000 has been transferred from the General Funds to the Restricted Funds.

Use of volunteers

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including trusteeship, fostering and fundraising. This benefits local people by providing the possibility of doing work, which is compassionate and rewarding.

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

The trustees actively review the major risks, which the charity faces on a regular basis. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, including the loss of key staff for the Cat Rehoming Centre. The trustees are exploring various ways of increasing income and reducing expenses for the Cat Rehoming Centre and maintaining the level of support for dogs' veterinary fees.

The previous plans to also build a new Isolation Unit to provide enhanced benefit to an increased number of cats in the future, has been postponed but we are hopeful that this will be built next year.

A working group has been set-up to review both existing activities and new projects, which could expand the charities animal welfare and public benefits. Unfortunately, due to the situation during the year, the working group has been unable to meet and progress new projects, but plan to recommence work as soon as Covid-19 restrictions allows.

A previous £50,000 loan made by Mid Sussex and Eastbourne Branch (repayable only when the Cat Rehoming Centre is sold) was very kindly converted by resolution of their branch's trustees into a non-repayable gift.

The available funds will finance activities for a further 12 months and arrangements are being made to raise further finance.

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Trustees' Report

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level, which equates to approximately twelve months' unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management of administration costs and is reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The trustees have designated £170,000 of the assets held by the Branch as one years' running costs and redundancy.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had no material impact on the reserves policy.

Investment policy and objectives

All cash balances are held in interest bearing accounts. The Royal Dutch Shell Plc shares are retained as a long-term investment. The trustees review investments annually.

Plans for further investments were put on hold following uncertainty in the financial markets due to the Covid-19 pandemic, while the long-term investments were initially hit considerably; they are now showing signs of recovery.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19/5/22 and signed on its behalf by:



Miss M R Bristow
Chief Executive Officer and Trustee

Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ..19/5/22.. and signed on its behalf by:



Miss M R Bristow
Chief Executive Officer and Trustee

Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

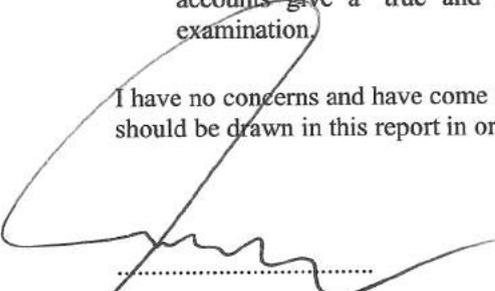
Independent examiner's statement

Since Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 20/05/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	400,802	23,897	424,699
Charitable activities		-	7,350	7,350
Other trading activities	3	61,080	3,472	64,552
Investment income	4	573	46	619
Other income		270	10,798	11,068
Total income		<u>462,725</u>	<u>45,563</u>	<u>508,288</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(40,923)	(11,823)	(52,746)
Charitable activities	7	(1,520)	(151,849)	(153,369)
Total expenditure		<u>(42,443)</u>	<u>(163,672)</u>	<u>(206,115)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		420,282	(118,109)	302,173
Gross transfers between funds		(221,851)	221,851	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		3,532	-	3,532
Net movement in funds		201,963	103,742	305,705
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>823,202</u>	<u>115,114</u>	<u>938,316</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>1,025,165</u>	<u>218,856</u>	<u>1,244,021</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	176,192	31,095	207,287
Charitable activities		-	8,140	8,140
Other trading activities	3	46,879	4,625	51,504
Investment income	4	708	366	1,074
Other income		132	7,785	7,917
Total income		<u>223,911</u>	<u>52,011</u>	<u>275,922</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(48,674)	(7,049)	(55,723)
Charitable activities	7	<u>(1,663)</u>	<u>(153,249)</u>	<u>(154,912)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(50,337)</u>	<u>(160,298)</u>	<u>(210,635)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		173,574	(108,287)	65,287
Gross transfers between funds		(92,277)	92,277	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		<u>(8,637)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,637)</u>
Net movement in funds		72,660	(16,010)	56,650
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>750,542</u>	<u>131,124</u>	<u>881,666</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u><u>823,202</u></u>	<u><u>115,114</u></u>	<u><u>938,316</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 19.

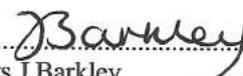
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**(Registration number: 206314)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	347,571	235,373
Investments	14	<u>16,515</u>	<u>12,983</u>
		<u>364,086</u>	<u>248,356</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	88	831
Debtors	16	12,551	6,358
Cash at bank and in hand	17	<u>873,591</u>	<u>688,181</u>
		886,230	695,370
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(6,295)</u>	<u>(5,410)</u>
Net current assets		<u>879,935</u>	<u>689,960</u>
Net assets		<u>1,244,021</u>	<u>938,316</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		218,856	115,114
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,025,165</u>	<u>823,202</u>
Total funds	19	<u>1,244,021</u>	<u>938,316</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19/5/22 and signed on their behalf by:


Miss M R Bristow
Chief Executive Officer and Trustee


Mrs J Barkley
Trustee

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1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Royal Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals - Sussex East and Hastings Branch meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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 support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Equipment Cat Rehoming Centre	15% Reducing Balance
Bexhill Shop Fixtures and Fittings	25% Reducing Balance

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Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors

are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade Debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	10,784	23,855	34,639
Legacies	376,096	-	376,096
Gift aid reclaimed	-	42	42
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	13,922	-	13,922
Total for 2021	<u>400,802</u>	<u>23,897</u>	<u>424,699</u>
Total for 2020	<u>176,192</u>	<u>31,095</u>	<u>207,287</u>

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Trading income;			
Shop income from sale of donated goods and services	36,074	1,276	37,350
Events income;			
Other events income	92	2,196	2,288
Local fundraising and street collection income	24,134	-	24,134
Sponsorship income	265	-	265
Membership subscriptions	515	-	515
Total for 2021	<u>61,080</u>	<u>3,472</u>	<u>64,552</u>
Total for 2020	<u>46,879</u>	<u>4,625</u>	<u>51,504</u>

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income from dividends;			
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	573	-	573
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	46	46
Total for 2021	<u>573</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>619</u>
Total for 2020	<u>708</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>1,074</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income from other branches	-	8,098	8,098
Insurance Commission Received	270	-	270
Rental income	-	2,700	2,700
Total for 2021	<u>270</u>	<u>10,798</u>	<u>11,068</u>
Total for 2020	<u>132</u>	<u>7,785</u>	<u>7,917</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Note			
Donations	-	36	36
Other direct costs of generating voluntary income	(830)	-	(830)
Total for 2021	<u>(830)</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>(794)</u>
Total for 2020	<u>11,378</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>11,555</u>

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b) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Costs of goods sold		928	10,364	11,292
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		-	590	590
Other direct costs of activities for generating funds		19,678	-	19,678
Total for 2021		<u>20,606</u>	<u>10,954</u>	<u>31,560</u>
Total for 2020		<u>22,003</u>	<u>6,414</u>	<u>28,417</u>

c) Investment management costs

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Finance charges;				
Bank charges		96	833	929
Total for 2021		<u>96</u>	<u>833</u>	<u>929</u>
Total for 2020		<u>65</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>523</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		-	9,113	9,113
Staff costs		-	114,387	114,387
Allocated support costs		70	28,349	28,419
Governance costs		1,450	-	1,450
Total for 2021		<u>1,520</u>	<u>151,849</u>	<u>153,369</u>
Total for 2020		<u>1,663</u>	<u>153,249</u>	<u>154,912</u>

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,450	1,450
Total for 2021	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,450</u>
Total for 2020	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,450</u>

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	9,703	7,298
Finance charges payable	929	523
	<u>9,703</u>	<u>7,298</u>

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	135,410	136,825
Other staff costs	28	-
	<u>135,438</u>	<u>136,825</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,450	1,450
	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,450</u>

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12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	377,394	12,824	390,218
Additions	<u>121,400</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>121,901</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>498,794</u>	<u>13,325</u>	<u>512,119</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	145,088	9,757	154,845
Charge for the year	<u>9,113</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>9,703</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>154,201</u>	<u>10,347</u>	<u>164,548</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	<u>344,593</u>	<u>2,978</u>	<u>347,571</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>232,306</u>	<u>3,067</u>	<u>235,373</u>

14 Fixed asset investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Other investments	<u>16,515</u>	<u>12,983</u>

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Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2021	12,983	12,983
Revaluation	3,532	3,532
At 31 December 2021	16,515	16,515
Net book value		
At 31 December 2021	16,515	16,515
At 31 December 2020	12,983	12,983

15 Stock

	2021 £	2020 £
Stocks	88	831

16 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	4,984	5,311
VAT recoverable	7,567	1,047
	12,551	6,358

17 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	873,591	688,181

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	4,307	3,235
Other taxation and social security	1,917	2,104
Pension scheme creditor	71	71
	6,295	5,410

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19 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	823,202	462,148	(41,866)	(221,851)	3,532
Restricted funds	<u>115,114</u>	<u>45,627</u>	<u>(163,736)</u>	<u>221,851</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>938,316</u>	<u>507,775</u>	<u>(205,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,532</u>
					Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds					1,025,165
Restricted funds					<u>218,856</u>
Total funds					<u>1,244,021</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	750,542	223,712	(50,138)	(92,277)	(8,637)
Restricted funds	<u>131,124</u>	<u>52,266</u>	<u>(160,553)</u>	<u>92,277</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>881,666</u>	<u>275,978</u>	<u>(210,691)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,637)</u>
					Balance at 31 December 2020 £

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted general funds

823,202

Restricted funds

115,114

Total funds

938,316

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	347,571	347,571
Fixed asset investments	16,515	-	16,515
Current assets	711,856	174,374	886,230
Current liabilities	<u>(1,449)</u>	<u>(4,846)</u>	<u>(6,295)</u>
Total net assets	<u>726,922</u>	<u>517,099</u>	<u>1,244,021</u>

21 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>688,181</u>	<u>185,410</u>	<u>873,591</u>
Net debt	<u>688,181</u>	<u>185,410</u>	<u>873,591</u>

Our Vision

Our vision is to one day live in a world where all animals are respected and treated with compassion. And that is what we work towards every day.



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