

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
CEREDIGION BRANCH

CHARITY No 223675

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 223675

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: C/o Parc Llwyd
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TRUSTEES: Mrs J Evans (Chair)
Mrs F Miller (Treasurer)
Mrs B Davies (Secretary)
Mrs S Learoyd
Mrs P Lowe
Mrs E Davies
Mrs K Clark
Mrs J Davies
Miss B Clements

BANKERS: Lloyds Bank, 14 High Street, Cardigan, SA43 1JW

ACCOUNTANTS: Kyffin & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
The Old Convent
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(B) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The branch is constituted as an unincorporated association. The branch operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (as updated 2009). A Committee, elected at the AGM governs the branches, who are Trustees of the branch. All Trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold bi-monthly meetings at which decisions are made. The branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same objectives and which are known collectively as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The network comprises independent branches operation within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care facilities and treatments. A regional structure also exists that is overseen on a national basis. This structure provides a team of specialist Inspectors and co-ordinates the policies and objectives of the branches. Representatives of the branches, regional and national organisations meet on an annual basis as a forum to consider all issues affecting animal welfare; and to develop policies for the future pursuit of their common aims. The branch also has links with other organisations committed to the same objectives. The trustees actively review the risks, which the branch faces on a regular basis through regular meetings of the trustees that cover operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks which the branch face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- Loss of reputation through error or fraud;
- Loss of income through error or fraud;
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities.

(C) OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA – to promote kindness or to suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means – with particular reference to the area of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible,

and to provide proper care for those who have been mistreated or abandoned. The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch's objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 1993 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch supports the local Inspectors by taking in mistreated or abandoned cats whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away. The Branch provides education, information and advice, benefiting the public by promoting compassionate human sentiments towards animals.
- The Branch provides subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. This is achieved through a voucher scheme. During 2019 some 135 pet owners were helped with vouchers amounting to £17,841.
- The Branch offers subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for owners on low incomes. This helps to control dog and cat populations and promotes responsible pet ownership. Animals in the care of the Branch receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, and microchipping and are assessed for rehoming.
- Free animal care advice is offered to pet owners, and talks are given by invitation to local school children about caring for pets. These activities benefit the public through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.
- The branch area is rural so Trap Neuter Release (TNR) is practised wherever possible, to safeguard and reduce feral and semi feral populations of cats.

The main activities to achieve this are the operation of an animal rehoming programme and active street and store collections, undertaken by a loyal team of volunteers.

(D) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE.

The Committee met 7 times during the year and have recently increased the number of Trustees to 9.

We have continued to offer low-cost neutering of dogs to low income households, and this has been extended to include Downes Vets in Aberystwyth. We continued to support Rabbit awareness week. We have again sponsored the Rescue Horse & Pony Class at Cardigan Show and raised monies from the sale of cards made by 'Libby's Art', (trustee).

We rehomed 44 cats and continue to work with Llys Nini, with 8 cats being rehomed by them. We have a new cat fosterer, Janet Rowlands.

Janice and Steve raised £2218.46 from street collection during 2019, and the collection boxes and dogs raised £786.67. We continued to carry out collections at Pets At Home and Tesco. Mark & Marilyn raised £80 at the Aberporth Boxing Day dip.

Sally Learoyd continues to attend the Wales Board meetings, with 3 meetings per year.

We have employed a book-keeper, Debbie James.

A visit to Jane Davies' facilities by RSPCA Field Officer went very well. The branch bought a hygrometer for the pens, which have undergone repairs and a face-lift.

Around 135 pet owners were helped, with £17641.00 being spent on vets bills for owners.

The branch sent £2000.00 to Llys Nini for entropian surgery for 'Whizz', the jug puppy.

(E) FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income amounted to £44,832 consisting of £25,361 from the Society's collection, £11,214 from 2 legacies and £2218.46 from street collections. Expenditure £49,714 increased a little with more spent on vet bills and improving and repairing one of the cat fostering facilities in line with Society requirements. The surplus for the year was cash funds £45,072 and the Julian Hodge Bond of £31,366.

A book-keeper is helping with the accounts paid on an hourly basis.

The reserves policy is to maintain free reserves equal to one year's unrestricted expenditure.

Investment policy remains unchanged with the fixed rate bond earning 1.5% interest and maturing in April 2022.

(F) FUTURE PLANS

During the challenges of coronavirus we plan to continue to assist and promote animal welfare and search for new members and funding opportunities.

Signed:.....*J Evans*.....

Mrs J Evans - Chair

.....*F. Miller*.....

Mrs F Miller - Treasurer

Date:.....*18.04.20*.....

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF:
THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
CEREDIGION BRANCH

We report on the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that an Audit is not required under of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an Audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the Account present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

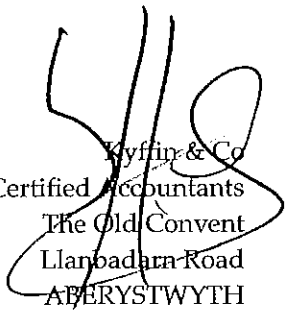
In connection with the examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Have not been met; or

2. To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

8/6/2020
Date


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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2019</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2018</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>				
Subscriptions, Donations & Fund Raising	32,167		34,561	
Bank & Investment Interest	56		702	
VAT Reclaimed	1,335		-	
HMRC: Gift Aid Refunds	60		67	
Legacy Received	11,214		2,092	
	-----	44,832	-----	37,422
<i>Payments:</i>				
Quota (Headquarters)	-		-	
Contributions to All Wales Emergency Boarding Fund	3,000		2,543	
Veterinary Fees (Including Purchase of Medicines, Syringes etc)	26,023		24,848	
Fostering, Food & Expenses re: Rescued Animals	13,019		10,884	
Expenditure on Cat Housing	4,277		54	
Postage, Stationery, Photocopying, Telephone & Travel Expenses	1,682		2,021	
Insurance	-		524	
Accountancy & Book Keeping	808		624	
Advertising & Sponsorship	670		432	
Miscellaneous Expenses (including Hire of Hall)	235		-	
	-----	(49,714)	-----	(41,930)
OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(4,882)		(4,508)
Increase in Investments		(18)		(695)
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		(4,900)		(5,203)
Cash Funds at Beginning of Year		49,972		55,175
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Cash Funds at End of Year		£ 45,072		£ 49,972
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2019</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2018</i>	
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
Balance at Bank - Lloyds Current Account		8,709		13,645
Balance at Bank - Scottish Widows Bank Charities 7 Day Account		36,354		36,318
Cash in Hand		9		9
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		£ 45,072		£ 49,972
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INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investment Bonds - Julian Hodge Bank		£ 31,366		£ 31,348
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LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses		£ 325		£ 325
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Approved by the Committee of the RSPCA - Ceredigion Branch

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Mrs J Evans - Chair

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Mrs F Miller - Treasurer

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Date