

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2020
for
HOMEWARD BOUND

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The general objects of the Charity are to promote humane behaviours towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are lost/found or stolen, and are in need of care and attention, with a view to reuniting them with their owners where possible and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals including knowledge of laws and responsibilities surrounding dog ownership.

The aims of the Charity also include attending to the welfare of un-owned cats within the areas of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre and to capture and treat injured cats, neuter, microchip and rehome or return to the area in cases of feral cats as part of our trap, neuter, return (TNR) programme.

Public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

We review our aims, objectives and activities annually. We recruit volunteers who are briefed on our aims and objectives and who are provided on clear guidance of our policies and procedures. The contribution of volunteers towards the charity's aims and objectives is also reviewed annually. Volunteers are signposted towards further training to develop their knowledge and skills in animal welfare.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities annually. We recruit volunteers who are briefed on our aims and objectives and who are provided with clear guidance on our policies and procedures. The contribution of volunteers towards the Charity's aims and objectives is also reviewed annually. Volunteers are signposted towards further training to develop their knowledge and skills in animal welfare. Volunteers have attended 'dog law' seminars and canine first aid courses over the last year. Our trustee and founder, Wendy Embisu Mulela, has completed a BSc (Hons) degree in animal welfare and behaviour to knowledgeably serve animal welfare needs across our locality.

We continue to work in partnership with animal welfare authorities such as local councils, vets and the RSPCA. We have ensured systems are in place for the collection and storage of deceased pets within our local areas and that these pets are scanned for a microchip and advertised on our social media platforms.

Who used and benefitted from our services

During the financial year ending July 2020 our services were used by the public who are residents or visitors of Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde boroughs. We provided advice and posters to hundreds of owners of missing pets. The number of animals attended is as follows, which shows an increase of 207 animals attended from 2019 figures, despite COVID-19 restrictions:-

Month	Dogs	Cats	Reptiles	Equine	Aves	Wildlife	Totals
Jul-19	35	9					44
Aug-19	22	16					38
Sep-19	17	13				2	32
Oct-19	12	23					35
Nov-19	22	30					52
Dec-19	17	20					37
Jan-20	20	19					39
Feb-20	19	26				1	46
Mar-20	13	8				1	22
Apr-20	5	10				1	16
May-20	24	21	1		1		47
Jun-20	32	41				2	75
Totals	238	236	1		1	7	483

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Report of the Trustees (Continued) for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial position of the charity can be found on the main financial statements and related notes in these accounts.

The funds generated by the charity shall be applied solely in furthering the objects of the charity. The Board of Trustees review the level of cash funds on an ongoing basis and consider risks associated with the various income sources and expenditure plans for the next year.

Reserves policy

Under the requirements of Charity Law, the Trustees are obliged to define the charity's policy for holding reserves. The intention in establishing this policy for Homeward Bound is to secure continuation of its activities. The policy will:

1. Preserve the viability of the charity
2. In doing so, underwrite existing services against periods of deficit
3. Enable the charity to meet its legal objects
4. Provide confidence to supporters and donors seeking to give financial support to a prudently controlled charity
5. Ensure that, consistent with objects, mission statement and values of Homeward Bound, proper ethical consideration be afforded to all matters of investment
6. Ensure that the reserves are at a level sufficient to discharge all the charity's obligations should the charity cease its operations

Current levels of cash funds are deemed sufficient to meet the above obligations.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for the future include:

1. To maintain the standard of service to the public and their pets by recruitment of volunteers who are able to meet the needs of the Charity and who are able to extend their knowledge of animal welfare by attending signposted courses and follow the Charity's policies and procedures.
2. To utilise the Charity grant funding obtained for the neutering and microchipping of un-owned cats within the local area and extend the trap, neuter & return (TNR) programme.
3. To increase our foster facilities for un-owned cats and to provide a holding facility for feral cats awaiting vet appointments.
4. To seek charity grants and funding to enable the charity to grow to further meet the needs of the local community.
5. To consider and develop future relationships and associations with the local councils, animal welfare organisations, vet practices and the general public.
6. To appoint another trustee during the coming year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Homeward bound Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a registered charity governed by its CIO constitution.

Charity constitution

Homeward Bound (CIO) is a registered charity, number 1179111 and as such is constituted under the Charity Commission's regulations.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Executive Committee Members are elected or appointed on an annual basis.

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for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1179111

Principal address

35 Sherwood Road
Lytham St Annes
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Trustees

Ms W A Embisu Mulela
Mrs S E Alexander

Accountant

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Ms W A Embisu Mulela - Trustee

Accountant's Report to the Trustees of
Homeward Bound

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 July 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made to the members as a body. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of the charity and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you as a body, in this report in accordance with AAF 2/10 as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that the charity has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements under the Charities Act 2011. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or an independent examination of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

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Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

	Year Ended 31.7.20 Unrestricted fund £	Period 9.7.18 to 31.7.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Donations and legacies	3,718	553
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
General charitable activities	3,000	302
	<hr/>	<hr/>
NET INCOME	718	251
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	1,834	1,583
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,834</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31st July 2020

	Notes	31.7.20 Unrestricted fund £	31.7.19 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	10	10
Cash at bank		<u>2,542</u>	<u>1,824</u>
		2,552	1,834
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,834</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,552	1,834
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NET ASSETS		<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,834</u>
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,834</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>2,552</u>	<u>1,834</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Ms W A Embisu Mulela - Trustee

.....
Mrs S E Alexander - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Homeward Bound is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation and is domiciled in the UK. The charity's registered number is 1179111 and its principal office is 35 Sherwood Road, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FY8 4BL.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

The trustees have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

No significant judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2020 nor for the period ended 31st July 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2020 nor for the period ended 31st July 2019.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

4. STAFF COSTS

There were no employees during the period.

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.20	31.7.19
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,834	718	2,552
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,834</u>	<u>718</u>	<u>2,552</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,718	(3,000)	718
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,718</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>718</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st July 2020.

8. VOLUNTEERS

We recruit volunteers who are briefed on our aims and objectives and who are provided with clear guidance on our policies and procedures. The contribution of volunteers towards the Charity's aims and objectives is also reviewed annually. Volunteers are signposted towards further training to develop their knowledge and skills in animal welfare.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st July 2020

	Year Ended 31.7.20 £	Period 9.7.18 to 31.7.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	<u>3,718</u>	<u>553</u>
Total incoming resources	3,718	553
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Animal handling equipment	446	-
Animal supplies	133	-
Veterinary services	1,140	150
Microchipping	1,077	152
Volunteer expenses	75	-
Marketing	<u>129</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>302</u>
Total resources expended	<u>3,000</u>	<u>302</u>
Net income	<u>718</u>	<u>251</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements