

RSPCA ESSEX HAVERING AND HAROLD HILL BRANCH

Charity registration number 240507

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

ESSEX HAVERING & HAROLD HILL BRANCH

CHARITY NO: 240507

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Committee presents its annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Royal Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Essex Havering & Harold Hill Branch is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 240507 and is governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

Trustees:

Christina Tomlinson

Sue Boon

Christine Beaumont-Kerridge (resigned 28th April 2020)

Richard Booker (resigned 8th January 2020)

Alex Donald (appointed 29th January 2020 resigned 6th March 2020)

David Broome (27th May 2020 resigned 1st August 2020)

Bankers:

Natwest Bank

Grays Branch

[17 High Street](#)

[Grays](#)

Essex

RM17 6NP

Independent examiner:

The Branch has annual turnover of less than £500,000 so does not require an audit but an independent examination. This was undertaken by Community 360, High St, Colchester CO1 1UG

National Council (Board) Trusteeship:

The Branch constitution requires seven trustees to be elected at an AGM and a minimum of four Committee members to manage the Branch, however, the committee was dissolved due to insufficient local trustee numbers in December 2017. As a result, the National RSPCA Council was asked to appoint, under the Society's Rules, temporary trustees to manage the Branch's affairs to the exclusion of any former trustees. National trustees Richard Booker, Christine Beaumont-Kerridge and Christina Tomlinson were appointed on 1st January 2018. Richard Booker resigned 8th January 2020 and Christine Beaumont-Kerridge resigned 28th April 2020. Christina Tomlinson has continued to serve on the board throughout 2020. Alex Donald was appointed on 29 January 2020 and resigned 6th March 2020. South Central Branch Affairs Committee Chair, Sue Boon, was appointed along with David Broome on 27th May 2020. David Broome resigned 1st August 2020.

Their purpose in this role is to manage the affairs of the Branch and to secure the proper application of its funds for the Branch objects until such time as the Branch is returned to the control of a local committee.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous Branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for Branches (as updated in 2012). In the normal course of business, Committee members are elected at every Annual General Meeting, from the members of the Branch, to carry on the work for the ensuing year. Candidates must receive over 50% of the votes of the members present. The elected Branch Committee can co-opt not more than three members onto the Committee until the next annual general meeting. The Committee members are trustees of the Branch and are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made for actioning.

In the event that the number of local trustees falls below four at any time, the Branch is placed into National Board Trusteeship, and that is currently the case for this Branch. The Board has appointed temporary trustees, who are responsible for the day to day management and development of the Branch until it can be returned to the control of local

trustees. The animal welfare work is delegated to an Animal Welfare Officer who is contracted from another branch area.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Branch has carried out a risk assessment and identified the following risks:

- Loss of income through error or fraud
- Loss of reputation through error or fraud
- Loss of income through outside forces
- Insufficient trustees to continue
- Insufficient volunteers to fundraise
- Risk of claims against volunteers
- Risk of claims by volunteers or the public
- Adverse publicity
- Insufficient funds to help the animals that need us
- Health & Safety for staff and volunteers dealing with the most abused animals and their owners

The Branch has no employees.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is to promote kindness and good care, and prevent or 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. Our activities to achieve the objectives include the following:

- To provide neutering and microchipping facilities for those on low incomes. This work benefits those members of the public on low income by giving them financial help and promoting responsible pet ownership. Neutering has both behavioural and health benefits for the animal which in turn benefits the owner. Neutering also has a major impact in preventing suffering, particularly in feral cats and multi-cat households.
- To support the Society's Inspectorate in their work providing financial assistance and emergency accommodation for mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate, as well as providing education, information and advice, rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the

prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole. The National Call Centre accepts complaints about animals in distress every day of the year and the public benefits by being able to call in for help when an animal is suffering, which can be very distressing for humans to witness and feel powerless to help.

- To accept stray animals for re-homing. Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, micro-chipping and are assessed for re-homing. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering. The work benefits our local community including local authorities as it reduces the incidence of abandonment and cruelty and the public knows that we assist animals in need. Whilst we are primarily an animal charity, the service we offer pet owners who cannot assist their pets themselves in times of crisis can relieve much distress for the owner as well as the pet.

We provide many volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including fostering and fundraising opportunities. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is both compassionate and rewarding and offers experience which may assist participants in finding paid work.

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 this duty under the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Our current short term and long term aims and objectives can be summarised as follows:

Short term:

- To continue to expand our fostering and re-homing network, to support the National Society.
- To develop our engagement with the community to ensure adequate homes for our animals
- To increase the number of participating vets in the C4 Free Neutering for Cats Scheme within the Branch area to maximise the benefit to pet owners
- Explore the feasibility to put the branch back into local control

Long term:

- To develop a community outreach programme in order to be able to provide assistance for the most needy and abused animals.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

This policy applies to all Branch staff whether employed or volunteers. A comprehensive policy that outlines in detail the administrative arrangements for health and safety within the Branch and the procedures to be followed to minimise health and safety risks has been developed. This policy is reviewed regularly to take account of changes.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Significant activities

For much of 2020, Government lockdown restrictions were in force to manage the Covid pandemic, causing significant operational changes. Thanks to the commitment of staff and volunteers, the vital work of the Branch continued.

The charity took into care 39 animals from the Inspectorate and 30 animals direct from the National Call Centre in 2020, ensuring that those animals with the greatest need were prioritised given our limited resources. All requests from the Inspectorate to take animals into Branch care were fulfilled.

The Branch also continued to operate its foster scheme so that vulnerable animals such as kittens and cats with significant health concerns were not kept in a cattery while waiting for a permanent home.

After negotiations with the local authority regarding its lease renewal it was decided to permanently close the branch clinic (known as the Campbell Clinic) as it was not feasible as a charity to run at the proposed full market value rent. The clinic was handed back to the freeholder on 19th June 2020.

Animal welfare results

During 2020, the Branch took in 69 animals (2019: 26 animals), carried out 17 home visits (2019: 14), neutered 18 Branch animals (2019: 9) and provided low cost neutering to stray cats and cats whose owners were on low income via the C4 Free Neutering for Cats Scheme.

All Inspectorate requests to take in animals in 2020 were fulfilled by the Branch.

The Branch aims to continue to provide a service to the Inspectorate and to continue to offer assistance to those animals in greatest need within the Branch area.

Financial results and review

The charity's funds are collected from membership subscriptions, re-homing, donations, legacies, grants and special fund-raising events, such as collection days.

Total income for the year was £36,087 and total expenditure for the year was £30,402 leaving a surplus/deficit of income over expenditure of £5,685. There was a £500 legacy received by the Branch during 2020.

There is a £45,122 accrual for repair and renewals to the clinic, should there be any future claims.

The trustees aim to maintain a balanced budget in 2021 and will be seeking to establish a sustainable source of income by increasing fundraising capacity.

Our thanks go to all our volunteers and Head Office support staff for all their hard work. We would also like to thank all those people and local businesses who contribute to the success of the Branch and support us with volunteer time, fundraising activities, financial discounts or advertising. These include veterinary surgeries, Branch members and volunteers. Lastly we would like to thank the public for their ongoing support of the branch.

RESERVES POLICY

The Branch reserves are currently 32.6 months. This temporarily exceeds our policy of 3 to 6 months expenditure but this will adjust in due course, with Clinic building closure costs investment in animal welfare.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The trustees have wide powers of investment governed and restricted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Investment Act 1958.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

During 2021 the trustees will continue to focus on and aim to increase effective delivery of animal welfare in the Essex Havering & Harold Hill Branch area.

The trustees will continue to develop all activities including Inspectorate support, animal rescue and re-homing, income generation and community engagement.

The trustees will establish a future plan for returning the branch back into local control or if it is in the interest of the charity to look to explore a possible merger.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with The Charities Act 1993. 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.

C. Tomlinson

_____ Date:

22/10/2021

Christina Tomlinson

Temporary Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Incoming resources			
Donations and legacies	2	30,038	25,627
Charitable Activities			
Fundraising Income	3	-	-
Charitable activities	4	5,941	-
Investment income		108	261
Total incoming resources		36,087	25,888
 Resources expended			
Charitable expenditure	5 & 6	30,402	23,887
Fundraising expenditure		-	-
Total resources expended		30,402	23,887
 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources prior to exceptional items		5,685	2,001
 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		5,685	2,001
 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		5,685	2,001
 Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		77,038	75,037
 Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		82,723	77,038

The notes on pages 10-13 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	8	8,351	1,972
Cash at bank and in hand		120,955	120,188
		<u>129,306</u>	<u>122,160</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	46,583	45,122
Net current assets		82,723	77,038
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>82,723</u></u>	<u><u>77,038</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Revaluation Reserve		5,924	5,924
Unrestricted Funds		76,799	71,114
Total Funds		<u><u>82,723</u></u>	<u><u>77,038</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and were signed on their behalf by:



Christina Tomlinson - Council Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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).

1.2 Incoming Resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

1.3 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Management and administration of the charity represent costs incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements

2. Donations and legacies

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Subscriptions, donations and collections	29,538	25,627
Legacy	500	-
	<u>30,038</u>	<u>25,627</u>

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3. Activities to further the charities objectives	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fundraising	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
4. Charitable Activities	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Clinic Income	1,384	-
Rental Income	4,557	-
	<u>5,941</u>	<u>-</u>
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5. Direct charitable expenditure	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Veterinary fees and clinic costs	2,740	2,376
Fostering and boarding expenses	11,908	6,870
	<u>14,648</u>	<u>9,246</u>
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6. Management and administration	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Branch administrators	2,835	7,951
Rates & utilities	512	2,169
Telephone	973	1,460
Repairs and maintenance	6,111	814
Administration expenses	2,887	1,439
Professional Fees	2,154	808
	<u>15,472</u>	<u>14,641</u>
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7. Governance Costs

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Accountancy	282	-
	<u>282</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
VAT	4,356	421
Trade Debtors	3,995	1,551
	<u>8,351</u>	<u>1,972</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Accruals	282	1,384
Accrual (repair provision)	45,122	43,738
Trade Creditors	1,179	-
	<u>46,583</u>	<u>45,122</u>

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10. Trustee Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

11. Related Parties

The Branch complies with the Branch Rules as issued by the National Society and has a number of related financial transactions with this organisation.

Christina Tomlinson is an elected trustee of RSPCA Northallerton, Thirsk & Dales Branch

Sue Boon (appointed by the Branch Affairs Committee on 27th May 2020) is an elected Trustee of RSPCA Hillingdon, Slough, Windsor, Kingston and District Branch and the South Central Regional Board Chair.

David Broom (appointed on 27th May 2020 by the Branch Affairs committee and resigned from RSPCA Essex Havering and Harold Hill branch on 1st August 2020) is an elected Trustee of RSPCA Finchley, Golders Green, Hendon and District Branch.

Richard Booker (resigned from RSPCA Essex Havering and Harold Hill branch on 8th January 2020) is an elected trustee of RSPCA Worcester and Mid Worcestershire Branch.

Christine Beaumont-Kerridge (resigned from RSPCA Essex Havering and Harold Hill branch on 28th April 2020) is an elected trustee of RSPCA Central, West & North East London Branch. She is also a council appointed Trustee of RSPCA London South East Branch and RSPCA Kent Isle of Thanet Branch (resigned from both branches on 28th April 2020) .

The Animal Welfare Officer seconded to the RSPCA Essex, Havering & Harold Hill Branch is an employee of the Central West & North East London Branch of which

12. Going Concern

The charity is operating on a going concern basis

13. Key Management Personnel

No staff have been employed by RSPCA EHHHB the 2020 financial year.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report on the accounts of RSPCA Essex Havering and Harold Hill Branch for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My 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 a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

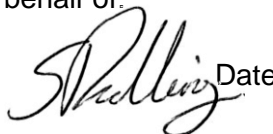
In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 22.10.2021