

# Financial statements including the Trustees Annual Report

For the year ending 30 September 2021

Charity registration number: 1183369



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Charlotte Housden
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Jessica Spence (appointed 25 May 2021)

Independent Examiner:

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### **Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature** 

Jyjia Spence Signed on 26/07/22 @ 09:06

Jessica Spence (Trustee)

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#### **Band of Rescuers North Yorkshire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021 comprise of the receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities and notes to the accounts.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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:

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- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable 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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Countersigned on 26/07/22 @ 10:44

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# **Receipts and Payments Account**

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# **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

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Bank current account	20,136	212	20,348	16,163
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Sparrow (cat) treatment fund	- t	115	-	-	115
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Total funds	16,288	34,083	(29,967)	-	20,404

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Dear Sirs

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of trustees with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charity's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

#### General

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charity was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2021 audited.
- We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 11 June 2020, under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 4 All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 5 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
- 6 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

#### **Assets and liabilities**

- 7 The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 8 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
- 9 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

### **Accounting estimates**

10 The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

### Legal claims

11 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

#### Laws and regulations

12 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

#### Related parties

13 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

#### Subsequent events

14 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

#### Going concern

15 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

#### **Grants and donations**

16 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Yours faithfully

Egged on 26/07/22 @ 09:05

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Date 22 July 2022