



# Sussex North Branch

## Annual Report 2021



## **Index**

<b>Charity Information</b>	<b>Pages 3 - 4</b>
<b>Financial Review</b>	<b>Pages 5</b>
<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<b>Pages 6 -7</b>
<b>Home Visitors' Report</b>	<b>Page 8</b>
<b>Chief Inspector's Report</b>	<b>Pages 9 - 13</b>



## **Objects and Public Benefit Statement**

The RSPCA Sussex North Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work in the areas of Crawley, Horsham and Haywards Heath and outlying villages.

*The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means in accordance with the policies of the Society.*

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 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

### **Advancement of Animal Welfare**

Under the Charities Act 2006, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by the Society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.

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 their animals. The Chairman's report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public. All our charitable activities as described in more detail in the Chairman's report focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

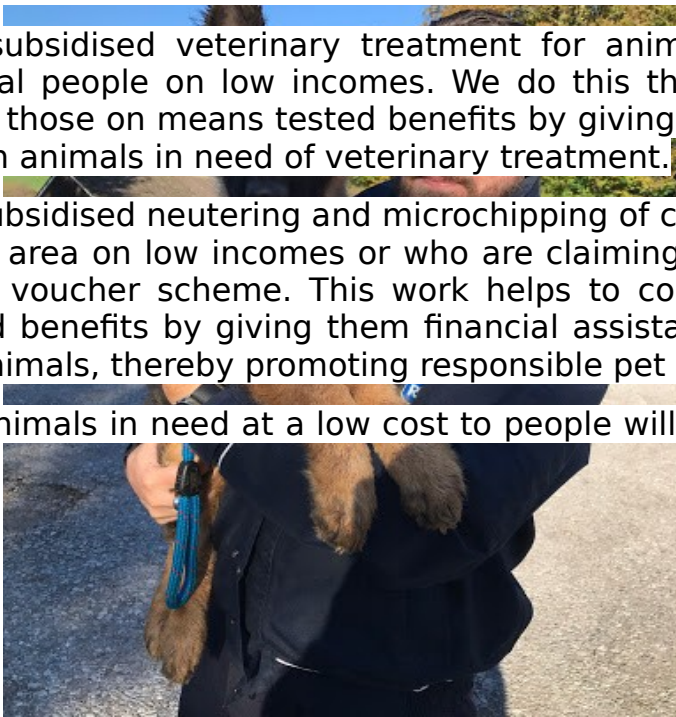
### **Charitable Activities pursued for the Public Benefit**

Sussex North Branch supports our local inspectors and members of the public by taking in free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, (primarily cats but very occasionally dogs), 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.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals that are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through our partnership clinic. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment.

We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of cats and cross breed dogs for those in the branch area on low incomes or who are claiming certain Government benefits. We do this via a voucher scheme. This work helps to control dog/cat populations through neutering and benefits by giving them financial assistance to help neuter and microchip companion animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.

We rehome animals in need at a low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal.





Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as a subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to reduce animal suffering.

Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects to re-home to those who could not afford them. The public benefits because Sussex North branch ensures that rehomed pets are healthy, have been neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and vet checked before being re-homed. We take in free of charge lost animals and take steps to reunite them with their owners. This work benefits our local community (including local authorities) by preventing straying and posing a risk to themselves and to people through road traffic accidents.

We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership. Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society and other local RSPCA branches by providing funds, when requested, to assist other welfare incentives carried out within our branch area.

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



## Financial Review 2021

	2021	2020
Incoming Resources 79,617	32,598	
Resources Expended	47,216	59,252
Net Resources Expended 20,365	(14,618)	
Funds as at 31 December 2021 337,026	323,534	

Operating expenditure of £47,216 is 45.19% higher than operating income of £32,598 resulting in a net loss of £14,618 with available funds at year end of £323,534.

### Incoming Resources

Income of £32,598 was 59% less than the previous year. No legacies were received during 2021 which have been a large source of income in previous years. The RSPCA door to door grant received amounted to £24,134, however £14,333 of this was deducted in branch contribution, so just £9,801 actually reached branch funds.

### Resources Expended

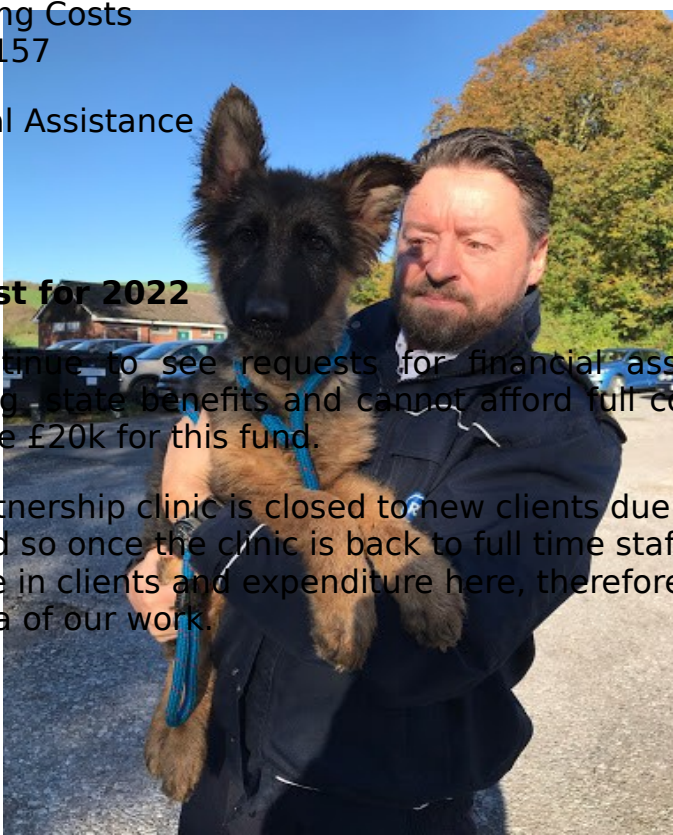
Expenditure of £47,216 was slightly down on the previous year (20%) although our spending on welfare assistance and rehoming costs both increased during 2021 compared to 2020.

Rehoming Costs 7157	11256
Financial Assistance 9935	16569

### Forecast for 2022

We continue to see requests for financial assistance by pet owners who are receiving state benefits and cannot afford full cost veterinary treatment. We have set aside £20k for this fund.

Our partnership clinic is closed to new clients due to the difficulties in recruiting new vets and so once the clinic is back to full time staff numbers we expect to see an increase in clients and expenditure here, therefore a further £20k was set aside for this area of our work.



Our reserves stand at 6.35 times expenditure and although interest rates are very low and our investments are not seeing huge dividends, our funds remain high and we approach the merger with Brighton Branch in a healthy financial position.





## Chair's Report 2021

### of the RSPCA Sussex North Branch

The beginning of 2021 continued as 2020 had ended with the continuation of the restrictions to control the pandemic continuing to have a significant impact on the operation of our branch. The cattery remained closed for the early part of the year, volunteers restricted in what support work they could provide, virtual home visits for rehoming of animals, external fund-raising events on hold, and meetings confined to virtual ones by Google Meet.

We did, however, continue with the great support from Arthur Lodge vets, to assist with home visiting and delivery of cats, and to Becks Cattery who provided private boarding for cats due to the closure of our own cattery. Demand for welfare assistance grew as the pandemic impacted on people's income and we continued to support those in need even though our own clinic based in Roffey had to remain closed due to staffing availability.

By the third quarter of the year, things began to improve as restrictions were lifted and we were able to gradually recommence operations with the reopening of the cattery, after a great refurbishment effort from our volunteers and Trustees, volunteer effort sprang back into action and we started to have face to face meetings at the Bolney Stage. In August Anita transitioned the chair to myself and it was great that I finally got to meet all my colleagues face to face.

As you can see from the accompanying reports, we have plenty achievements to be proud of, with a strong financial standing, home visitor efforts, and continued high standard of delivery from our local Inspectorate.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all my fellow Trustees and volunteers for their patience, continued belief, and support during what was a very difficult year for the branch. A special thanks to Anita for her chairmanship of the branch over the past few years, Jo for her financial know-how keeping us financially sound and Pat for her persistence to galvanise the team into getting the cattery operational again. Our thoughts are with you Pat during your time of illness and wish you a full recovery in 2022.

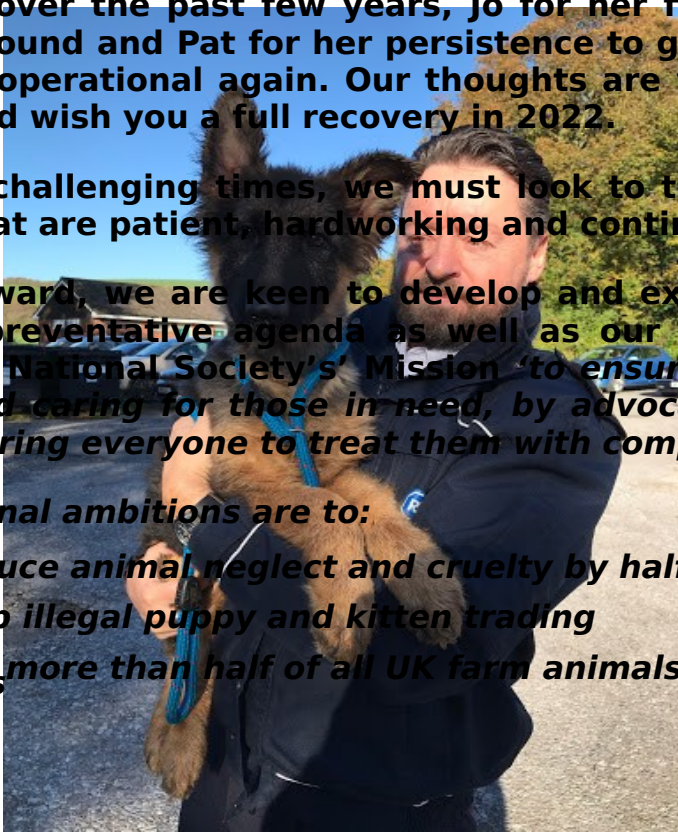
As with all challenging times, we must look to the future, opportunities come for those that are patient, hardworking and continue to believe in the cause.

Looking forward, we are keen to develop and expand the branch services and develop a preventative agenda as well as our current welfare operation, to support the National Society's' Mission *'to ensure animals have a good life by rescuing and caring for those in need, by advocating on behalf of all animals and by inspiring everyone to treat them with compassion and respect'*.

**Our 8 National ambitions are to:**

- Reduce animal neglect and cruelty by half
- Stop illegal puppy and kitten trading

*See more than half of all UK farm animals reared to RSPCA welfare standards*



- **End severe suffering for animals used in science**
- **Support the securing of legal protection for animals by the establishment of an Animal Protection Commission**
- **Support the achievement statutory powers in England and Wales for RSPCA inspectors**
- **Support the securing of an UN declaration for animals**
- **Inspire a one million strong movement for animal welfare by 2030**

**Our 5 National Priorities:**

- **Rescue and care**
- **Advocacy**
- **Prevention**
- **Support**
- **Organisational effectiveness**

To this end, the trustee board, after a period of detailed discussion and assessment, have decided to proceed with a merger with Sussex Brighton & East Grinstead Branch. We are confident that the merger will combine synergies from both branches that will result in a positive move forward in our ambitions and priorities in both regions providing:

- **A greatly increased combined membership from which to draw potential trustees and other volunteers**
- **Benefit from economies of scale in the supply and delivery of animal welfare services**
- **Provide an enhanced animal welfare service for local RSPCA inspectors and members of the public**

At the time of writing, we have now entered the due diligence phase as set out in the National Society's guidance for Mergers with a joint working party being set up to complete the merger in 2022. We are also initiating a number of tactical and supporting initiatives such as joint branch Inspectorate communication sessions to interested public bodies and the strengthening of our volunteer team with the appointment of Volunteer Co-ordinator and a rehoming Co-ordinator.

**Les Anderson**  
**Chair**  
**RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH**  
**April 2021**







## **HOME VISITOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT 2021**

Last year was a very quiet year for us, with requests as follows:-

Pre home visits 8 cats, 1 dog

Post home visits 6

We look forward to returning to normal following the lockdowns due to Covid and I I would like to thank our home visitors for their patience and understanding.

**Kind Regards**

**Stephen Ede**

**Home visiting Coordinator**





# 2021 Sussex Annual Report

## The Sussex Group

### Chief Inspector Patrick S. Hamby

Deputy Chief Inspector Charlotte Baumann

Deputy Chief Inspector Rachel Smith

Inspector Zoe Ballard

Inspector Kate Barnes

Inspector Laura Bryant

Inspector Rebecca Carter

Inspector Cora Peeters

Inspector Tony Woodley

Inspector [Georgina Bowles](#)

ARO Marie Stevens

ARO Julie Parsons

ARO Claire Thomas

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 go 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.

We are not the only charity that goes to great effort for the benefit of animal welfare and I wish to acknowledge other organisations that provide us with invaluable assistance. Thank you to Folly Wildlife for their excellent work for the welfare of wildlife, WADARS (Worthing and District Animals Rescue Services) for assisting us on numerous occasions going to rescues when we could not get there fast enough and Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital in the Chichester area. We also work very closely with Sara Smith and Claire Gordon of World Horse Welfare to improve the welfare of equines in the area.



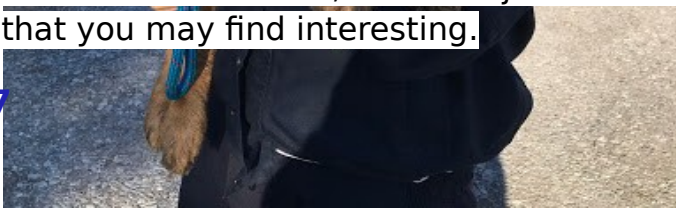
Our highly skilled intelligence teams also need a mention, who use state of the art technology to trace some of the miscreants who mistakenly think that by running off to other parts of the country they can escape the consequences of their cruel or neglectful actions.



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.







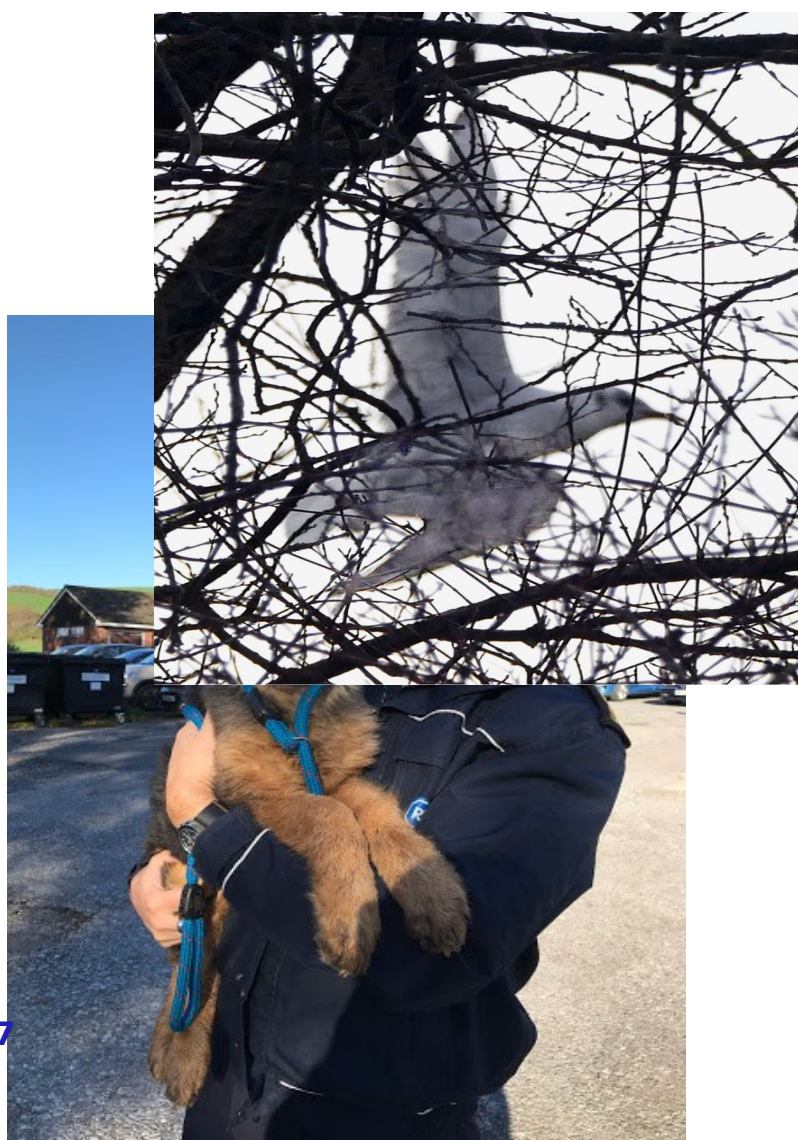
### The Year of the Rescues:

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.





Inspector [Tony Woodley](#) responded to several calls from the members of the public of a gull hanging 40 ft in the air entangled in with fishing line which got wrapped up in the limbs of a tree on an island in the middle of a pond in Crawley. West Sussex Fire and Rescue were called and attended plus with the assistance of local council workings who supplied an inflatable boat to eventually rescue the gull. The bird suffered minor feather damage and made a full recovery and was later released back into the wild.





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.



This was previously mentioned, in the following pictures are the 36 puppies and one 9 month old golden lab found in a two berth caravan which you can see through the passenger side window being loaded up onto a removal lorry at the scene.

The dog and puppies were inside the caravan. The puppies were all golden, black and chocolate labradors, dachshunds, and it was obvious this was for the puppy trade. As we all know the market for puppies was in high demand and when there is money to be made, unscrupulous people will always want to cash in. But they did not this time, the puppies were seized and eventually all given to the Society and rehomed to loving homes.

Thank you all and please stay safe!!!!!!

**Patrick S. Hamby 407**  
**Chief Inspector Sussex**





# **RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH**

**Charity Registration No. 276355**

**Statement of Account  
for the year ended 31st December 2**

Joanne Mason, FCCA  
2 Packham Cottages  
Cuckfield Road  
Hurstpierpoint  
West Sussex BN6 9SG

**021**





**RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the year ended 31st December 2016**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
Voluntary Income	3.1	28557	#
Activities for Generating Funds	3.2	3208	
Investment Income	3.3	672	
Activities for Charitable Objectiv	3.4	-	
Other Income	3.5	161	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>32598</b>	<b>#</b>
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Grants & Donations	4.1	11022	
Activities for Charitable Objectiv	4.2	35450	
Support Costs	4.3	0	
Management & Administration	4.4	642	
Other Resources Expended	4.5	102	
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>47216</b>	
<b>Net Resources Expended</b>		<b>-14618</b>	
Gain/(Loss) on Investment Assets		1,126	
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>-13,492</b>	
Total Funds at 1st January		337,026	
<b>Total Funds at 31st December</b>		<b>323,534</b>	

The Notes to the Accounts form part of these Financial Statements

<b>Total Funds 2021</b>	<b>2020 £</b>	<b>2019 £</b>
<b>28,557</b>	67,808	101830
<b>3,208</b>	10,620	11942
<b>672</b>	984	2094
<b>-</b>	78	0
<b>161</b>	127	51
<b>32,598</b>	<b>79,617</b>	<b>115915</b>
<b>11,022</b>	31,064	7718
<b>35,450</b>	27,220	35079
<b>-</b>	78	0
<b>642</b>	694	1532
<b>102</b>	196	66
<b>47,216</b>	<b>59,252</b>	<b>44395</b>
<b>- 14,618</b>	20,365	71,520
1,126	-331	643
<b>(13,492)</b>	<b>20,034</b>	<b>72,163</b>
<b>337,026</b>	316,992	244,829
<b>323,534</b>	<b>337,026</b>	<b>316,992</b>



**RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**at 31st December 2021**

Registered with the Charity Commission - No 1050320

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
National Savings Bonds	<b>27000</b>
Lloyds Deposit Account	<b>0</b>
Lloyds Current Account	<b>105785</b>
Yorkshire Building Society	<b>80931</b>
IM CAF UK Equity Fund B (6499.9230 shares)	<b>10952</b>
IM CAF Fixed Interest Fund B (2783.1170 shares)	<b>2780</b>
Shawbrook Bank (CAF 1 year fixed term investment)	<b>101657</b>
Petty Cash	<b>80</b>
VAT Debtor	<b>0</b>
Paypal	<b>381</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
Uncleared bank payments	<b>-6096.9</b>
Adjustment to Balance	<b>65</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>	
General Fund	<b>323,534</b>
Restricted Fund	<b>0</b>

**ADOPTION RESOLUTION**

The attached account and statement was approved by the Trustees of the above charity at their meeting on the 13th day of June 2022

J L WORSLEY

**Treasurer**



2020 £	2019 £
-----------	-----------

27,000	27,000
0	98,084
114,885	80,476
80,819	10,046
9,690	2,891
2,915	101,300
101,352	80
80	122
204	579
-	-
- -	3,527
-	
81 -	58

337,026	316,992
---------	---------

eeting

**RSPCA SU**

(

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

TRUSTEES

CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

BANKERS



## **SSEX NORTH BRANCH**

### **CHARITY INFORMATION**

276355

RSPCA model rules for branches  
as amended 1st January 2012

Mr G L Anderson - Chair  
Mrs J L Worsley - Treasurer  
Mrs A Stubbings - Secretary  
Mrs P Berwick  
Mr P Browning  
Mr S Ede  
Mrs T Hilton  
Miss T Larner

Twineham Place Farm  
Twineham Lane  
Twineham  
West Sussex  
RH17 5NP

Mrs Joanne Mason  
2 Packham Cottages  
Cuckfield Road  
Hurstpierpoint  
West Sussex  
BN6 9SG

Lloyds Bank plc  
99-101 South Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex  
RH16 4ND

**RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH**  
**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021**

**1**      Basis of Preparation

**1.1** Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005).

**1.2** Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

**1.3** Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

**2**      Accounting Policies

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds. They are included in full when received.

Restricted funds are to be used for the specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>3</b> <u>Analysis of Incoming Resources</u>			<b>2021</b>
<b>3.1</b> <u>Voluntary Income</u>			
Sundry Donations	616		<b>616</b>
Subs from HQ	634		<b>634</b>
Neutering Receipts	1591		<b>1591</b>
Legacies & Covenants	0		<b>0</b>
Adoption Fee (Cats & Dog)	1300		<b>1300</b>
RSPCA Door to Door	24134		<b>24134</b>
Gift Aid	0		<b>0</b>
Charities Trust (Payroll Giving)	282		<b>282</b>
	<b>28557</b>		<b>28557</b>
<b>3.2</b> <u>Activities for Generating Funds</u>			
Fundraising Events	87		<b>87</b>
Charity Shop - Horsham	3121		<b>3121</b>
	<b>3,208</b>		<b>3,208</b>
<b>3.3</b> <u>Investment Income</u>			
Interest (Shawbrook, Yorkshire, CAF,	672		<b>672</b>
	<b>672</b>		<b>672</b>
<b>3.4</b> <u>Activities Furthering Charitable Objectives</u>			
Companion Care Burgess Hill	-		-
	-		-

3.5 <u>Other Income</u>		
Pet Insurance	123	123
Amazon Smile	37	37
	<b>161</b>	<b>161</b>

#### 4 **Analysis of Resources Expended**

4.1 <u>Grants &amp; Donations</u>		
RSPCA Branch Contribution	14333	<b>14,333</b>
RSPCA Mobile Neutering	0	-
RSPCA Equine Fund	0	-
South Godstone Animal Centre	0	-
RSPCA Mallydams	0	-
RSPCA Emergency Coronavirus Appeal		
RSPCA Branch Emergency Coronavir	-3311	- <b>3,311</b>
	<b>11022</b>	<b>11,022</b>

4.2 <u>Costs of Activities for Charitable Objectives</u>		
Partnership Clinic	3,558	<b>3,558</b>
Purchases	-	-
Rehoming Expenses	11,256	<b>11,256</b>
Financial Assistance	16,569	<b>16,569</b>
Neutering Subsidies	4,067	<b>4,067</b>
Snip & Chip	-	-
Big Walkies	-	-
	<b>35,450</b>	<b>35,450</b>

4.3 <u>Support Costs</u>		
Advertising/PR	0	-
Fundraising Stock	0	-
	<b>0</b>	-

4.4 <u>Management &amp; Administration</u>		
Printing & Stationery	0	-
Postage & Travel	118	<b>118</b>
Audit Fee	-	-
Insurance	524	<b>524</b>
Meeting Expenses	-	-
Clinic Mobile Phone	-	<b>0</b>
	<b>642</b>	<b>642</b>

4.5 <u>Other Resources Expended</u>		
Miscellaneous Expenditure	102	<b>102</b>
	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>

5 Remuneration to Trustees The trustees received no remuneration during



unting

objects of  
These are

or.

Total Funds £ 2020			
	4,597		
	310		
	1,505		
	32,266		
	3,072		
	25,173		
	268		
	617		
	<u>67,808</u>		
	157		
	<u>10,463</u>		
	<u>10,620</u>		
	984		
	<u>984</u>		
		Shawbrook	304.06
		Yorkshire	111.83
		CAF UK	176.35
		CAF Fixed	75.6
		NSIB	4.46
			<u>672.3</u>
	78		
	<u>78</u>		

107
20
<b>127</b>

6,064
-
-
-
-
10,000
15,000
<b>31,064</b>

6,197
-
7,157
9,935
3,932
-
-
<b>27,220</b>

78
<b>78</b>

32
662
-
-
-
-
<b>694</b>

196
<b>196</b>

g the year.



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
RSPCA Sussex North Branch

On accounts for the year  
ended

31.12.2021

Charity no  
(if any)

276355

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent  
examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Joanne Mason*

Date: 29/05/2022

Name:

Joanne Mason (ACCA)

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

2 Packham Cottages, Cuckfield Road

Hurstpierpoint

West Sussex, BN6 9SG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.