

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH

Registered Charity No. 276355

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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.

Merger with Brighton & East Grinstead Branch

The year culminated in the merger between the Brighton Branch and the Sussex North Branch and we now have a new name, RSPCA Sussex North and Brighton Branch, and we now collectively extend our animal welfare to this wider area. This report focuses on the activities carried out in 2022 under the name of the charity prior to merger.

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 2022

	2022	2021
Incoming resources	87,004	32,598
Resources expended	35,237	47,216
Net resources expended	51,767	(14,618)
Funds as at 31 Dec	374,282	323,534

Incoming Resources: Income of £87,004 was 267% higher than the previous year due in most part to a £48,500 legacy received. The RSPCA door to door grant received amounted to £23,218, however £7,718 of this was deducted in branch contribution, so just £15,500 actually reached branch funds.

Resources Expended: Expenditure of £35,237 was down on the previous year (25%), with rehoming costs in 2022 of £5,105 (2021 £11,256) and financial assistance costs in 2022 of £14,306 (2021 £16,569).

Funds: these increase by around £51k during the year as a result of the legacy received.

Chair's Report

2022 was a transformational year for the Sussex North branch, as we took the decision to merge with the RSPCA Brighton & East Grinstead branch in order to gain access to a larger combined resource to deliver animal welfare services over a broader area.

During the year, we continued our work with rehoming animals and giving welfare assistance to members of the public in need, and next year I expect we will be able to do even more of this under the new merged branch structure.

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 an unusual year for the branch. A special thanks to Jo for her work in keeping the finances under control, and producing the detailed accounts.

As with all changing 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'.

Les Anderson

Chair

RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH

Charity Registration No. 276355

Statement of Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

Joanne Mason, FCCA

RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Voluntary Income	3.1	78316		78,316
Activities for Generating Funds	3.2	7462		7,462
Investment Income	3.3	1108		1,108
Activities for Charitable Objectives	3.4	0		-
Other Income	3.5	118		118
Total Incoming Resources		87,004		87,004
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Grants & Donations	4.1	9218		9,218
Activities for Charitable Objectives	4.2	24749		24,749
Support Costs	4.3	0		-
Management & Administration	4.4	1064		1,064
Other Resources Expended	4.5	206		206
Total Resources Expended		35,237		35,237
Net Resources Expended		51,767		51,767
Gain/(Loss) on Investment Assets		-1,019		-1019
Net Movement in Funds		50,748		50,748
Total Funds at 1st January		323,534		323534
Total Funds at 31st December		374,282		374,282

The Notes to the Accounts form part
of these Financial Statements

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

	2022 £	2021 £	2020 £	2019 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
National Savings Bonds	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
Lloyds Deposit Account	0	0	0	98,084
Lloyds Current Account	5	105,785	114,885	80,476
RSPCA Sx North and Brighton A/C No. 00278995	151,464	0	0	0
Yorkshire Building Society	81,321	80,931	80,819	10,046
IM CAF UK Equity Fund B (6499.9230 shares)	10,419	10,952	9,690	2,891
IM CAF Fixed Interest Fund B (2783.1170 shares)	2,294	2,780	2,915	101,300
Shawbrook Bank (CAF Matured Funds)	101,781	101,657	101,352	80
Petty Cash	0	80	80	122
VAT Debtor	0	0	204	579
Paypal	0	381	0	0
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Uncleared bank payments	0	(6,097)	0	(3,527)
Adjustment to Balance	(2)	65	128	(58)
FUNDS				
General Fund	374,282	323,534	337,073	316,992
Restricted Fund	0	0	0	0

ADOPTION RESOLUTION

The attached account and statement was approved by the Trustees of the above charity at their meeting on the _____

RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH

CHARITY INFORMATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 276355

GOVERNING DOCUMENT RSPCA model rules for branches
as amended 1st January 2012

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

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RSPCA SUSSEX NORTH BRANCH

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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 objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds. These 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.

<u>3 Analysis of Incoming Resources</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £ 2022	Total Funds £ 2021	Total Funds £ 2020
<u>3.1 Voluntary Income</u>					
Sundry Donations	504		504	616	4,597
Subs from HQ	218		218	634	310
Neutering Receipts	1,720		1,720	1,591	1,505
Legacies & Covenants	50,000		50,000	0	32,266
Adoption Fee (Cats & Dog)	2,410		2,410	1,300	3,072
RSPCA Door to Door	23,218		23,218	24,134	25,173
Gift Aid	126		126	0	268
Charities Trust (Payroll Giving)	120		120	282	617
	78,316		78,316	28,557	67,808
<u>3.2 Activities for Generating Funds</u>					
Fundraising Events	279		279	87	157
Charity Shop - Horsham	7,183		7,183	3,121	10,463
	7,462		7,462	3,208	10,620
<u>3.3 Investment Income</u>					
Interest (Shawbrook, Yorkshire, CAF, NSIB)	1,108		1,108	672	984
	1,108		1,108	672	984
<u>3.4 Activities Furthering Charitable Objectives</u>					
Companion Care Burgess Hill	0		0	0	78
	0		0	0	78
<u>3.5 Other Income</u>					
Pet Insurance	75		75	123	107
Amazon Smile	43		43	37	20
	118		118	161	127

4 Analysis of Resources Expended

4.1 Grants & Donations				
RSPCA Branch Contribution	7,718	7,718	14,333	6,064
RSPCA Legacy Fee	1,500	1,500		
RSPCA Mobile Neutering			0	0
RSPCA Equine Fund			0	0
South Godstone Animal Centre			0	0
RSPCA Mallydams			0	0
RSPCA Emergency Coronavirus Appeal				10,000
RSPCA Branch Emergency Coronavirus Appeal			(3,311)	15,000
	9,218	9,218	11,022	31,064
4.2 Costs of Activities for Charitable Objectives				
Partnership Clinic	2,941	3,337	3,558	6,197
Purchases			0	0
Rehoming Expenses	5,105	9,838	11,256	7,157
Financial Assistance	14,306	14,732	16,569	9,935
Neutering Subsidies	2,330	2,872	4,067	3,932
Snip & Chip			0	0
Big Walkies			0	0
	24,682	30,779	35,450	27,220
4.3 Support Costs				
Advertising/PR			0	78
Fundraising Stock			0	
	0	0	0	78
4.4 Management & Administration				
Printing & Stationery	371	371	0	32
Postage & Travel	169	169	118	662
Audit Fee			0	0
Insurance	524	524	524	0
Meeting Expenses			0	0
Clinic Mobile Phone			0	0
	1,064	1,064	642	694
4.5 Other Resources Expended				
Miscellaneous Expenditure	206	206	102	196
	206	206	102	196

5 Remuneration to Trustees

The trustees received no remuneration during 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**

31.12.2022

**Charity no
(if any)** 275365

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 31/12/2022.

**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').

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.

**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 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:

Date: 19/06/2023

Name:

Joanne Mason

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

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