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Who's who	
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Committee:	Mrs S Colcombe, Mrs C Davy, Mrs C Maggs, Mrs L Pawlak, Mr R Pearce, Mrs J Sheppard
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Melksham:	Ms D. Gogarty, 352 Snarlton Lane, Melksham, SNI2 7QP 01225 340341
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Branch Support Specialist:	Mr David Bowen
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Front cover picture: Neutered cat owned by Jacynta.

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### Avoiding a catastrophe!

In 2015 as part of World Spay Day, many animal welfare charities – including the RSPCA urged loving owners to get their cats spayed.

The aim was to protect them from getting pregnant and help protect them from developing potentially deadly diseases of the ovaries and uterus.

Owners were also encouraged to neuter male cats. This simple operation makes them less likely to roam and fight, activities which put them at risk of injury, infected wounds and contracting diseases, including FIV – the feline equivalent of HIV.

In support of this global initiative the Wiltshire-Mid Branch ran a six-month campaign from February 2015,



offering vouchers for free neutering to all pet owners in its area. In total 271 cats were neutered - 161 females and 110 males.

The very relaxed cat on the front cover is Loki, just one of the hundreds of cats that will enjoy a potentially happy and healthier life thanks to their responsible owner's decision to support the aims of World Spay Day.

The branch is happy to discuss pet neutering concerns with owners at any time of the year. We can also provide a contribution towards the costs of the procedure for people who would otherwise be unable to afford it.

#### RSPCA WILTSHIRE MID BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2015 AT THE CHEESE HALL, DEVIZES

The Chairman, Mrs. Myers opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing the Officers seated at the top table.

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs. Caroline Davy

#### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were approved and signed

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

#### **Inspectorate Report**

Chief Inspector John Atkinson was in attendance as a representative of the RSPCA, who extended his thanks to the Branch for their help and support over the past year. He stressed how important the Branches were to the National Society in providing the necessary monetary support thereby enabling the Inspectorate to carry out their work. Mrs. Myers thanked the Inspector for all his work.

#### Joint Report of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Mrs. Myers drew the meetings attention to the joint report of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and added the following.

'This is my last report as Chairman of the Branch, having held the post of Chairman for the last 15 years and as a member of the Committee for probably double this, but the time has come for me to stand down. I have been privileged to work with many dedicated and caring people over the years and hopefully together, we have made a difference, however with increasing calls upon my personal time it is time to stand down.

From a business perspective, the three Auxiliary posts are now filled and the ladies are active and working hard, the Committee is indebted to them and would like to thank them for their support.

A Community Action Day was held in May which was well attended, June saw the arrival of our new Branch Support Specialist Mrs. Emily Bowen.

June also unfortunately saw the sad death of our previous chairman, Mr. Ken Mundy, He very kindly remembered the Branch in his will and a cheque has been received to the value of  $\pounds$ 5,711,61, the indications are that there may be a little more, but this will probably be the bulk of the legacy.

Last year we also supported the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service by purchasing further rescue aids to assist them in their work.

The Animal Event on The Green in September was well attended and everyone seemed to have a good day, this is not really a money making effort but did raise in the region of  $\pm 330$  after expenses.

We continue to support Bath Cats & Dogs Home where most of the animals from our Branch area are taken and the Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital.

Thanks are extended to those carrying out the almoning, it is not an easy job and Andy's years of experience are invaluable when trying to sort out those in genuine need and those who are not. Although the Branch is far from destitute at the moment, we have to look to the future, this last year our outgoings have far exceeded our income; indeed, we spent double our income! We are very good as a Branch at spending money, but my parting thoughts must be that more effort should be made at fundraising so that even more animals can be helped.



Mrs. Myers expressed her personal vote of thanks for all the support and assistance received from the Committee, with particular reference to the Hon.

Ralph - one of the 2015 neuter campaign cats

Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for their hard work throughout the year.

Mrs. Myers concluded by stating that the Committee had some difficult decisions to make over the coming year and wished them well in all that they do. Animals and their owners in this Branch area are much better off because of their efforts'.

Mrs. Myers asked whether there were any comments / questions in relation to the report / accounts – none were made.

#### Adoption of the Accounts / Election of the Auditors

Mrs. Jo Sheppard proposed and Mr. Richard Pearce seconded adoption of the accounts and Mr. Andy Sheppard proposed and Mrs. Lesley Pawlak seconded the election of the auditors J.S. Weeks of Devizes. There were no objections.

#### **RSPCA** Representative

Mrs. Emily Bowen, Branch Support Specialist thanked everyone for coming and expressed her personal thanks to the Branch Committee for all their work on behalf of the Branch during the last year.

#### **Election of the Committee**

Mrs. Bowen drew the meetings attention to the ballot papers which had been circulated with ten nominees standing for re-election. Having counted the papers Mrs Bowen (BSS) announced that all nominees had received 100% of the votes and were duly elected as Committee members for 2015 / 2016. She concluded by thanking the Committee for all their hard work over the past year and looked forward to working with them during the coming year.

#### **Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting was concluded and was followed by light refreshments.



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pets. She will be glad to hear of anyone interested in being put on a waiting list.

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## We need you!

### JOINT REPORT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND TREASURER FOR 2015

For the purposes of record, we are very grateful for the continued support and dedication provided by the members of the Committee and all our helpers. They continue to assist when needed, providing us with one of the most valuable of al commodities – their personal time.

At our first meeting of the year, we discussed where we should focus our attention for the coming year. A neutering campaign in support of World Spay Day was suggested. We had not held a campaign for a few years and while the Branch has always adopted a very



proactive role in providing free or assisted cost neutering for residents of the Mid Wiltshire Branch area, it has been beneficial to present a focused front in the form of a specific campaign on occasions.

To that effect the committee agreed to promote a campaign to run from February 2015 for a non-specific period, depending on uptake. We approved an operating fund of  $\pounds$ 20,000 to cover anticipated costs for the campaign. Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Gogarty (committee members) proposed that we use social media to promote the idea and an on-line form for voucher application, with posters showing contact telephone numbers for those unable to make an application online.

The campaign proved to be successful with a good uptake and continued to run until August 2015. At the final count, we had issued vouchers for 110 male cats and 161 female cats to be neutered. As previously stated, the Branch has a very active neutering policy. These campaign figures served to enhance the already robust almoning carried out by Mr. Sheppard (our almoning officer and Treasurer) and that carried out by our auxilliary secretaries.

In June 2015, in support of 'RSPCA Week', available members of the committee carried out a street collection in Devizes and our auxilliary secretaries in Westbury (Mrs. Girdler) and Melksham (Mrs. Gogarty) carried out collections in their localities. Thank you to everyone able to assist with this. If there are any members or supporters who could help with such collections in the future it would be greatly appreciated! We are a small committee, many of us with other responsibilities and limited free time, so all offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated.

On 24 June 2015 the Branch Annual General Meeting was held at the Cheese Hall, Devizes, apart from Committee members the meeting was poorly attended by general RSPCA members which was a little disappointing.

At the meeting Mrs. Myers, our Chairman for the past fifteen years – and long standing committee member – announced her decision to stand down from her post and as a committee member. The Branch was very saddened to lose her. Mrs. Myers was an exceptional Chairman with a wealth of wisdom and experience and very loyal to the Branch and the Committee, she will be a great loss to the Branch, but the Committee fully understands her decision and wishes both her and David her husband, who provided her with help and support the very best for the future.

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting a short meeting was conducted for the purposes of electing the Trustees, Mrs. Gogarty who also holds the post of auxiliary secretary for Melksham said that she was happy to stand as Chairman of the Branch and was duly nominated and appointed. The Branch wish her well in her new role.

August saw us once again at the annual Seend Fete, where we hold a stall in support of the Branch. It was a pleasant day, the afternoon was enjoyable and we made a small profit of  $\pm 42.50$ .

Earlier in the year, the Committee had decided to continue with the Animal Welfare Event which we started in 2012 – the previous events having been successful and well-received. The Town Hall very kindly allowed us to host the event on the Large Green in Devizes on Sunday 13 September 2015. The Committee is indebted to Mr. Richard Pearce for organising the event.

As in the previous years, our sincere thanks go to all those who ably supported us, local veterinary practices, Estcourt Vets (monetary support) and McQueens from Devizes who kindly attended the event providing veterinary advice and assistance. Local supporters of large charities such as the Cats Protection Frome and District Branch, Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital, Bath Cats & Dogs Home, the Blind Dog Association, Greyhound Rescue, Parrot Rescue and Cat Action Trust were also in attendance.

Local dog wardens provided free micro chipping for dogs, the CPL provided free neutering vouchers for cats, our own Branch picked up the shortfall when their allocation was used and also provided vouchers for dog neutering and cat micro chipping and flea and worm treatments.

As in previous years the Fun Dog show was very popular. The classes being, 'Best Veteran; Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Dog with the Waggiest Tail; Best Junior Handler; Best Rescue Dog; and My Best Friend. The classes were judged by RSPCA Inspector Miranda Albinson and Mr. Andy Sheppard who made the event very entertaining and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The weather was good and the attendance was excellent, everyone appeared to have a really good day and hopefully found it both entertaining and educational.







Our thanks are also extended to local businesses who provided us with loan of tents, seating and helped us to set up on the day. Local Fantasy Radio did us proud yet again by advertising the event and providing the loan of their tannoy equipment for the dog show.

Although the day was not designed to be a fundraiser, a figure just over  $\pounds$ 707 was received by way of raffles, dog show entrance fees, sponsorship and generous donations from contributors and participants; that figure needs to be set against our outgoings, but was far in excess of what was anticipated.

Further donations to Bath Cats & Dogs Home were made during the year as part of our promised financial commitment of support to the sum of  $\pm 10,000$  per annum. BCDH is the main recipient of animals originating within our area of responsibility.

The need for assistance with veterinary costs and emergency veterinary treatment continues and 2015 saw no letup in this important part of our work. Our sincere thanks go to Andy Sheppard our Treasurer who bears the brunt of this work.

During the year we received a legacy to the value of  $\pounds 5,711.61$ , which had been received from the estate of the late Mr. Ken Mundy (retired Chairman of the Branch) and we were also in receipt of the sum of  $\pounds 128$ . 32 being the result of a collection at the funeral of the late Mr. Gordon Solellner of Devizes. Our thanks and condolences are extended to the families of both gentlemen.

October 2015 saw the departure of our Branch Support Specialist Mrs. Emily Bowen who had moved onto pastures new. We wish Mrs. Bowen well in her new post. In the interim we are ably supported by a BSS from another Region,.

That just about brings us to the end of another year, hopefully we have improved the lives and well-being of many of the animals in our community and trust that the financial support we have provided to the owners has made a difference.

In conclusion, as always our grateful thanks go to everyone who has supported us in whatever way during the past year, either financially or by the generous gift of their time. Our thanks also go to our Branch Advisors, local authorities and veterinary surgeons and our dedicated Inspectors and their colleagues.

All dogs pictured at our Animal Welfare Day and Fun Dog Show, Devizes 13 September 2015. Photographs courtesy of Mr J Girdler.

### ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS – WILTSHIRE-MID BRANCH

#### Report of the independent examiner to the officers and Committee of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Wiltshire Mid Branch

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

#### **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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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 consideration 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

I. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act,

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Mrs A M Cross FCCA 41 St John's Street, Devizes, Wiltshire

### ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS – WILTSHIRE-MID BRANCH

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2015**

2014 £		2015 £
234,496.62	Accumulated Fund Balance Brought Forward	210,101.01
-	Add Surplus of Income Over Expenditure	-
(24,395.61)	Deduct Excess of Expenditure Over Income	(12,049.29)
210,101.01		198,051.72
	Represented By:	
Nil	Fixed Assets	Nil
196,000.00 38.36	<b>Investments</b> National Savings Income Bonds Bank Deposit Account	195,000.00 38.36
14,145.93 240.72	<b>Current Assets</b> Bank Current Account Debtors	13,337.36
210,425.01 (324.00)	Less:- Creditors	208,375.72 (10324.00)
210,101.01		198,051.72

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015

2014 £	INCOME	2015 £
1,183.60	Subscriptions and Donations	581.26
	Devizes and District	
225.13	Collecting Boxes	126.46
78.65	Sundry Receipts	-
38.00	Seend Fete	42.50
1,000.00	Legacies	5,711.61
-	Sales of Goods	-
633.50	Animal Day	757.58
17,102.00	Door to Door Collection	20,482.00
19,077.28		27,120.15
84.89	Westbury and District Collecting Boxes	207.90
	Investment Income	
2,517.81	National Savings Bond Interest Bank Interest	2,390.51
22,863.58		30,299.82

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015

EXPENDITURE	2015
	££
Branch Contribution to RSPCA	5,500.00
Veterinary Fees – General	17,278.66
Neutering Campaigns	5,527.24
Goods Purchased	-
Animal Day Expenses	440.54
Bank Charges	15.00
Postage and Stationery	-
Audit	324.00
Bath Animal Home Donation	10,000.00
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue	2,714.00
Action Day Melksham	-
Camera	308.95
Insurance	240.72
Sundry Expenses	-
¥ 1	42,349.11
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	
Carried to Accumulated Fund	-
Excess of Expenditure over Income	
Carried to Accumulated Fund	(12,049.29)
	30,299.82
	Veterinary Fees – General Neutering Campaigns Goods Purchased Animal Day Expenses Bank Charges Postage and Stationery Audit Bath Animal Home Donation Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Action Day Melksham Camera Insurance Sundry Expenses Surplus of Income over Expenditure Carried to Accumulated Fund Excess of Expenditure over Income

### SSW4 Inspectorate Annual Report for 2015

Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset and part of Gloucestershire

Complaints Investigated and resolved: 3734 Animal Welfare Assessment Notices issued: 1061

Warning notices issued: 23

Convictions: 19

Cautions for offences: 16

Collections completed: 2246 (Number of incidents, not animals)

#### Branch complaints and collections this year:

Branch	Complaints	Collections
RSPCA North Wilts	586	279
RSPCA Mid Wilts	242	203
RSPCA Bath	650	604
RSPCA Bristol	1832	1680
RSPCA North Somerset	408	279



It seems only yesterday I was compiling the annual report for 2014 and here I am again this time for 2015. Another year has flown by during we which we have dealt with another mixture of happy stories, sad stories, amazing rescues, amazing kindness tempered with unbelievable cruelty and neglect. The National RSPCA has again been targeted by some of the media arguing political bias.

During all this the men and women I have the honour to work with have just got on with the day to day job of "trying to end cruelty and promote kindness". I have seen them laugh and I have seen them cry. But proudly I have seen them pick themselves up, dust themselves down and get back to the job we all joined the RSPCA to do!

I thank all the branch members and supporters whom without none of this would be possible.

We lost one team member and gained one team member during 2015.



Helen with 'Max', who's owner was convicted in Swindon.

In September 2015 we took on Helen Wheeler as an Animal Collection Officer. She has really fitted into the team and is willing and able to lend a hand as well as getting on with her own work. Helen's contribution has I am glad to say been recognised and she has been accepted onto the next Inspectors training course.

In December 2015 we waved 'adieu' to Inspector John Norman who has been with the RSPCA for 35 years and 10 months. John worked in a number of areas before finally coming to rest in his patch of Weston Super Mare. John decided to retire this December and we will all miss his experience and vast knowledge especially in relation to farm animals. We all wish John and his wife Diane the very best.

#### Swindon Man banned from keeping pets in 'shocking case of neglect'

"This was an awful case of neglect. When I found Tia she was a bag of bones and was just lying there in a training cage in the front room with no water to drink and just an old t-shirt to lie on. She was surrounded by her hungry, whimpering pups and she was starved almost to death. It was a heart-breaking sight.

I just hope that this sentence goes some way to educating people that caring for your animals properly is not only the right



thing to do but that it is also a prosecutable offence to neglect them in this way." – STEPH DALY, RSPCA INSPECTOR

#### Animal cruelty: Bristol woman given suspended jail term



A women has been given a suspended prison sentence after RSPCA inspectors found eight dead pets at her Bristol home and had to put down seven more.

Officers noted an "unbearable stench" and found three dead cats, a dog, two rabbits and a hamster.

#### Jail for dog beater caught on CCTV

The suffering these dogs were forced to endure was horrific and shocking.

"The incidents shown on the CCTV footage were vicious incidents and there is no excuse for it.

We are really pleased the court acknowledged the seriousness of his crimes and hopefully no dog will suffer the same fate thanks to his lifetime ban."



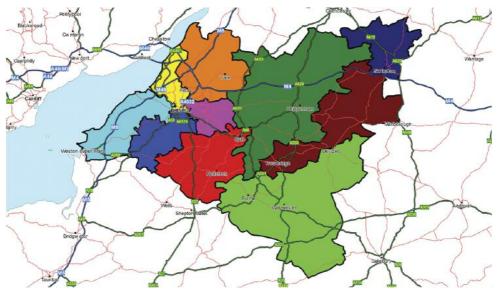
- Sarah Kenward, RSPCA Inspector

These are just a few examples of the 19 convictions secured against offenders during 2015. Remember that for us prosecution is a last resort and it's only in those cases where the suffering is so horrendous or the defendant completely ignores the welfare issues that are being raised that matters are placed before the Magistrates Court.

#### Thank you for your support during 2015!

#### Group Annual report: John Atkinson Chief Inspector (379) SSW4

SSW4 map showing new areas allocated to Inspectors and Animal Welfare Officers. The two Animal Collection Officers cover the whole area.



### **Useful addresses**

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#### **ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF**

#### **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

#### MID-WILTSHIRE BRANCH

### **CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 205295**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** 

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS – MID-WILTSHIRE BRANCH

#### Report of the Independent Examiner To The Officers and Committee of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Mid-Wiltshire Branch

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2015, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

#### **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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

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 consideration 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act,

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Mrs A M Cross FCCA 41 St John's Street Devizes Wiltshire

#### **ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS -MID-WILTSHIRE BRANCH**

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

2014 £		2015 £
	Accumulated Fund	
234,496.62	Balance Brought Forward	210,101.01
	Add Surplus of Income	
-	Over Expenditure	-
	Deduct Excess of Expenditure	
(24,395.61)	Over Income	(12,049.29)
210,101.01		198,051.72
	Represented By:	
Nil	Fixed Assets	Nil
	Investments	
196,000.00	National Savings Income Bonds	195,000.00
38.36	Bank Deposit Account	38.36
	Current Assets	
14,145.93	Bank Current Account	13,337.36
240.72	Debtors	-
210,425.01		208,375.72
(324.00)	Less:- Creditors	(10324.00)
210,101.01		198,051.72
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#### ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS -MID-WILTSHIRE BRANCH

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2014 £	INCOME	2015 £
1,183.60	Subscriptions and Donations	581.26
	Devizes and District	
225.13	Collecting Boxes	126.46
78.65	Sundry Receipts	-
38.00	Seend Fete	42.50
1,000.00	Legacies	5,711.61
-	Sales of Goods	-
633.50	Animal Day	757.58
17,102.00	Door to Door Collection	20,482.00
19,077.28		27,120.15
84.89	<b>Westbury and District</b> Collecting Boxes	207.90
2,517.81	<b>Investment Income</b> National Savings Bond Interest Bank Interest	2,390.51
22,863.58		30,299.82

#### ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS -MID-WILTSHIRE BRANCH

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2014	EXPENDITURE	2015
££		££
15,000.00	Branch Contribution to RSPCA	5,500.00
12,892.65	Veterinary Fees – General	17,278.66
-	Neutering Campaigns	5,527.24
19.88	Goods Purchased	-
304.00	Animal Day Expenses	440.54
15.00	Bank Charges	15.00
-	Postage and Stationery	-
324.00	Audit	324.00
15,000.00	Bath Animal Home Donation	10,000.00
-	Wiltshire Fire and Rescue	2,714.00
3,207.62	Action Day Melksham	-
-	Camera	308.95
496.04	Insurance	240.72
-	Sundry Expenses	-
47,259.19	)	42,349.11
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure	
-	Carried to Accumulated Fund	-
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	
(24,395.6)	-	(12,049.29)
22,863.58	- 3	30,299.82
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