



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

ASHBOURNE & DISTRICT ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY			Charity No (if any)	1014249	
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/10/2015	To	Period end date	30/09/2016	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Restricted income funds					Endowment funds		Total funds		Prior year funds	
		Unrestricted funds	£	F01	£	F02	£	F03	£	F04	£	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)												
Income and endowments from:												
Donations and legacies	S01	178,546			26,613		-		205,159		186,091	
Charitable activities	S02	65,309			-		-		65,309		79,089	
Other trading activities	S03	-			-		-		-		-	
Investments	S04	733			-		-		733		702	
Separate material item of income	S05	-			-		-		-		-	
Other	S06	2,767			-		-		2,767		3,023	
Total	S07	247,355			26,613		-		273,968		268,905	
Resources expended (Note 6)												
Expenditure on:												
Raising funds	S08	13,365			-		-		13,365		16,987	
Charitable activities	S09	188,354			32,155		-		220,509		200,934	
Separate material item of expense	S10	-			-		-		-		-	
Other	S11	14,907			1,284		-		16,191		18,935	
Total	S12	216,626			33,439		-		250,065		236,856	
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)												
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	30,729			-		6,826		-		23,903	
	S14	-			-		-		-		-	
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	30,729			-		6,826		-		23,903	
Extraordinary items	S16	-			-		-		-		-	
Transfers between funds	S17	-			-		-		-		-	
Other recognised gains/(losses):												
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-			-		-		-		-	
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-			-		-		-		-	
Net movement in funds	S20	30,729			-		6,826		-		23,903	
Reconciliation of funds:												
Total funds brought forward	S21	924,751			66,486		-		991,237		959,188	
Total funds carried forward	S22	955,480			59,660		-		1,015,140		991,237	



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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2015 To 30/09/2016

Charity name: ASHBOURNE & DISTRICT ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Charity registration number: 1014249

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity is established to relieve the suffering of animals of any species which are in need of care and attention and, in particular, the finding of permanent or temporary homes for any animal in such need and to provide or maintain kennels or catteries or refuges or rescue homes or animal hospitals or such other facilities that the Society may from time to time consider necessary for the reception and care of unwanted animals and the treatment of sick or injured animals.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Society takes into care stray dogs, cats and kittens or those whose owners have died, become ill or are unable to care for them for other reasons. The Society provides any necessary veterinary treatment for animals in its care and then seeks to re-home them.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In undertaking the above activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance for them to be for the public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Society benefits from many thousands of voluntary hours and unclaimed out of pocket expenses contributed by a large number of supporters, members, organisations and companies. Although much of the Society's income comes from donations, both regular and occasional, a great deal of voluntary time is provided by the Society's members and supporters to organise regular fundraising events, which also helps to publicise the work of the charity.</p> <p>It would be impracticable to try to place a value on all these gifts in kind, without which much of the Society's work could not be carried out.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The cattery was very busy throughout the year and the total number of cats and kittens re-homed was 237 (2015 : 234) the highest figure achieved since The Ark opened. A major upgrading programme meant that kennel capacity was reduced for a period during the year, but the number of dogs re-homed was only slightly below the previous year's total at 76 (2015 : 84).</p> <p>The Society neuters, microchips, vaccinates and provides appropriate veterinary attention for all animals in its care before re-homing. In the opinion of the trustees, the standing of the Society in the local community continues to be very good.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The attached statements show the Society's finances for the year ended 30 September 2016. The charity benefited from substantial legacy income during the year and overall income held up well, with a total slightly above that of the previous year. Comparisons with prior year costs are still distorted by the charity's decision to register for VAT in the previous year, but the trustees are satisfied that underlying costs were well controlled and are pleased to report that income exceeded expenditure for the year.</p> <p>The charity incurred significant capital expenditure during the year and the trustees anticipate that there will be further capital expenditure in the coming year. This expenditure is primarily on upgrading the facilities for both cats and dogs at The Ark, the charity's purpose-built rescue centre, and further improving the care provided.</p> <p>The charity presently operates certain trading activities in a separate company and the profits from these operations are donated back to the Society, to be used to further its' charitable objectives. The trustees continue to give careful consideration as to how best to use the charity's funds both to further the Society's charitable objectives and to help safeguard its' future, but remain willing to expend resources in order to provide the best possible standard of animal care. The trustees would like to thank a very dedicated fund-raising team, staff and other loyal volunteers as well as all the Society's members and supporters for their continuing generosity.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable those projects to be undertaken at short notice, to cover expenditure in furtherance of the objects of the Society and for administration, fund-raising and support costs. Much of the current healthy level of total funds is tied up in property and other fixed assets, but the Society's cash position also remains healthy. The trustees are mindful that rising costs increase the Society's vulnerability to fluctuating income and that the Society continues to be very dependent on volunteers for many of its' activities. The trustees have therefore continued to set aside funds for contingencies and unforeseen events. Net of this contingency reserve, and once the Society has met its current commitments and covered other planned outlays, including capital expenditure, the trustees consider it prudent to have sufficient free funds available to cover between 12 and 24 months projected normal expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the balance sheet date, 30 September 2016, the level of unallocated cash reserves was at the upper end of the target range above. The trustees are aware that this relatively healthy level of reserves is largely due to legacy income, which is not predictable. The trustees are also aware of the risk that practical considerations may lead to some reduction in the overall level of voluntary fundraising activity that can be undertaken in coming years as well as a rise in administrative and governance costs.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations, legacies and money raised by the charity's own fundraising efforts are the principal sources of income.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees have carried out a review of the major risks to which the Society may, in the trustees' opinion, be exposed. Steps have been taken and systems implemented to mitigate those risks as far as is reasonably possible, including the reserves policy outlined in this report.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by the membership in General Meeting, or may be appointed by the committee to fill a vacancy, subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has for many years been a Full Member of the Association of Dog & Cat homes, the leading professional body in the sector
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ashbourne & District Animal Welfare Society
Other name the charity uses	Ashbourne Animal Welfare ADAWS
Registered charity number	1014249
Charity's principal address	The Ark Wyaston Road Ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 1NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Smith	Chairman		
2	Wanda Mielczarek	Vice Chairman		
3	Gordon Etheridge	Treasurer		
4	Kim Stevenson	Secretary		
5	Marilyn Kelsey			
6	Susan Bridget		01/10/15 – 19/05/16	
7	Mark Lewis			
8	David Torr			
9	Daphne Smith			
10	Elaine Smith		01/10/15 – 12/4/16	
11	Michael Smith		01/10/15 – 12/4/16	
12	Jane Dyson			
13	Jane Wain			
14	Cathy McGahey		12/4/16 – 30/9/16	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Marilyn Kelsey		
Wanda Mielczarek		
Ian Rubery		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	NatWest	1 Church Street, Ashbourne, DE6 1AF
Solicitor	Nigel Davis Solicitors	3-4 Spire House, Waterside Park, Ashbourne, DE6 1DG
Independent Examiner	Helen Payne	The Old Kennels, Wyaston, Ashbourne, DE6 2DR

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Barbara Robson – Rehoming Centre Manager
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Peter John Smith	Gordon Victor Etheridge
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman of trustees	Treasurer & trustee
Date		