

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION
OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
NOTTINGHAM WEST BRANCH

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

CHARITY REFERENCE 255762



ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Region: North

Branch: Nottingham West

Accounts to 31 December 2016

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2016 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 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

Royal society for prevention of cruelty to animals is registered with the Charities Commissions (No 255862) and constituted by Deed of Trust.

The Charity is administered by a Committee, comprising:-

Chairman -	Mrs V Vasper
V Chairman -	Mr M Boyd
Secretary -	Mr B Hufton
Treasurer -	Mr P Harrison
Other Members -	Mrs K M Harrison, Mrs A Hufton, Mrs S Boyd, Mr P Wood and Mrs M Wood

The object of the charity is to promote kindness and prevent or suppress cruelty to animals.

The charity is run mainly on a voluntary basis and supplemented by a fully trained paid shop manageress.

Financial summary

The revenue account shows a surplus of £49,979 (2015 deficit £5,815) as detailed in the Income and Expenditure account on pages 4 of the financial statements, which has been transferred to reserves. The branch's major source of income is a charity shop.

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V. A. Vasper

Mrs V Vasper
Chairman
For and on behalf of the committee

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Date 29.06.2017

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>2016</u> £	£	<u>2015</u> £
Funds					
General (accumulated fund)	1	£	<u>295,657</u>	£	<u>245,678</u>
Assets					
Investments	2		200		200
Tangible fixed assets	3		152,995		22,938
Current assets					
Cash and bank balances		142,290		230,716	
Prepayments		<u>5,793</u>		<u>-</u>	
		148,083		230,716	
Current liabilities					
Creditors		<u>5,621</u>		<u>8,176</u>	
			<u>142,462</u>		<u>222,540</u>
		£	<u>295,657</u>	£	<u>245,678</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>2016</u> £	£	<u>2015</u> £
Income					
Sale of goods - shop			83,666		81,808
General					
Subscriptions and donations		2,306		2,275	
Bank and building society interest received		254		1,016	
			2,560		3,291
Donations:					
Door to door collections		22,047		20,483	
Legacies		37,131		4,841	
General including collecting boxes		166		568	
			59,344		25,892
Total income			£ 145,570	£	110,991
Expenditure					
Branch contribution			500		2,500
Ratcliffe on Trent - Donation		-		3,000	
- Boarding costs		10,952		-	
- Veterinary charges		5,850			
			16,802		3,000
Homeless animal veterinary costs		23,885		29,679	
Occupation costs (kennels)		314		559	
			24,199		30,238
Publicity and appeals					
Publicity and advertising			4,387		5,083
Motor					
Depreciation		4,886		6,514	
Loss on disposal		-		1,430	
General expenses		6,688		6,973	
			11,574		14,917
Fixtures and fittings depreciation			178		208
Property improvements depreciation			646		646
Administration					
Telephone and postage		949		1,462	
Other expenses(including shop)		36,356		58,752	
			37,305		60,214
Total expenditure			95,591		116,806
Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	1		49,979		(5,815)
			£ 145,570	£	110,991

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

1. Funds

	£
Balance at beginning of the year	245,678
Income for the year	<u>145,570</u>
	391,248
Expenditure for the year	<u>95,591</u>
Balance at end of the year	£ <u>295,657</u>

2.

	31.12.16		31.12.15	
	Market Value	Original Cost	Market Value	Original Cost
Government and Corporation stocks				
£200 31/2% War stock	<u>201</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>201</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>200</u>

Due to Bank of England regulations, stock must be registered in the names of the Trustees.

The market value is the value shown by the Financial Times at 31 December 2016.

3. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings	Property Improvements	Van	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost					
At 1st January 2016	-	11,739	26,334	5,806	43,879
Additions	135,767	-	-	-	135,767
At 31st December 2016	<u>135,767</u>	<u>11,739</u>	<u>26,334</u>	<u>5,806</u>	<u>179,646</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2016	-	9,801	6,514	4,626	20,941
Charge for the year	-	646	4,886	178	5,710
At 31st December 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>10,447</u>	<u>11,400</u>	<u>4,804</u>	<u>26,651</u>
Net book value					
At 31st December 2016	<u>135,767</u>	<u>1,292</u>	<u>14,934</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>152,995</u>
At 31st December 2015	<u>-</u>	<u>1,938</u>	<u>19,820</u>	<u>1,180</u>	<u>22,938</u>

The branch purchased three shops in the year 75/77/79 Westgate, Mansfield on 26 February 2016
 These shops had previously been rented by the charity.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE NOTTS
WEST BRANCH OF THE RSPCA ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2017**

VENUE - THE RUSHLEY INN

APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Mrs K Harrison. Mrs S Boyd Mr M Boyd Mr J Stevens Insp K Burrows

ADOPTION OF MINUTES 2016 To be approved if accepted.

There were no matters arising. Therefore it was proposed they should be accepted by Mr R Vasper. and seconded by Mrs A Hufton. All in favour.

SECRETARIES REPORT

The secretary thanked all for attending the general meeting.

The year has seen a number of changes for the Branch and due to a smaller number of volunteers the charity functions have been lower than in previous years, but due to the continued work of our Charity Shop we have continued in our endeavour to help and support animals and there owners in veterinary treatments. Our help in neutering vouchers and vet assistance has always been our priority and together helping the Inspectors within our group were necessary.

The National report of complaints shows a continued rise in animal cruelty increasing to 139,064 cases a rise of 4.5% rise on last year.

RSPCA Inspectors investigated 92 new reports every day in the Midland Region approx 4 new cases every hour.

In the Nottinghamshire area this was shown at 3,157 cases which is an increase of .09%. I again must complement and sympathise with our Inspectors who work under such strain.

A number of cases shown in the report amaze me in the cruelty that humans show to there animals.

1. A shit-Tzu repeatedly stabbed in the face and neck with a kitchen knife before being left to die in broad daylight in Northamptonshire
2. A nine year old German shepherd who was left squirming in agony from open wounds on her ears, jaw and eye when found. Her owner from the Wirral was banned from keeping animals for life after being prosecuted by the RSPCA. Reo is now thriving in her new home. These are only two of the cases showing the much needed requirement of the RSPCA and us all.

The membership of the branch has again decreased and now stands at 69 adults. We are finding it difficult to gain new members for the committee which in time may cause concern and our work must be to alleviate this problem.

The Charity shop continues to be our saviour as the sales continue to increase this being a total difference to many charity shops who's sales are falling. We are pleased that so many people in our area are animal lovers and give us goods to increase sales.

I would like to give our workers in the shop a big thank you for all there efforts and hard work and especially to our managers Carol and Sue. Following the opportunity to buy the three premises of our Charity Shop we have found a tremendous saving in our costs allowing us to pursue other opportunities.

Occasionally we find it difficult to home a number of different animals but last year we were fortunate in signing a private boarding contract with the Lincs Ferret Rescue Centre this allowing us to take unwanted Ferrets to them to be re-homed. We also helped them in the cost of refitting out there new premises they had acquired.

Our Radcliffe-on-Trent Animal Shelter that we use are now given funds on a regular basis to home the animals brought in from our area.

In March of last year we received a legacy of £34,130 from our friend Jean Shooter. Jean was a true animal lover and a good friend to a number of our committee members and she will be sadly missed.

On April 6th the law came in that all dogs were to be micro chipped and it was decided that the branch would continue to assist in financial help to those in need.

Finally I would like to give the committees many thanks to our Branch Development Advisor Kim Forman, it is now our second year with Kim and the help from her continues in anything we ask.

I would also like to thank the committee and especially Phil who continues to work at an amazing rate for the Branch and Animal welfare thanks to you all.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr Harrison gave his report. All members present were given copies of the financial report.

The revenue account shows a surplus of £49,979 against a deficit last year of £5,815

The purchase of the three charity shops in February of last year had previously been rented and was now saving the branch a substantial rental figure.

INSPECTORS REPORT

Chief Insp John Lawson who has recently taken over the position in our area reported a very busy six months with 1650 complaints being investigated plus a large amount of animal collections.

Inspector Ellis continued on a report he had read from a national newspaper with regards to the RSPCA and there zeal for prosecution against owners, this is surely incorrect. Of the complaints I investigated in 2016 very few proceeded to court and there are many reasons for this, all mitigating circumstances are taken into consideration and there are many safeguards in place to protect vulnerable people.

The first observation I had when becoming an Inspector was the lack of intelligence and ignorance of many people I have met with there animals.

There are many genuine cases of people suffering from mental health, drug and alcohol abuse and I have witnessed an increase in situations were individuals neglect animals due to there mental illness. A person in a secure unit had been allowed to keep a pet rabbit for therapeutic reasons which she then ill treated.

I recall a complaint regarding a puppy in a garden covered in broken glass and wood with nails which had a potential to injure the pup. Having tactfully asked the woman to clean up her garden not only to safeguard her animals but also her children I was told it was like that when she moved into the home and it was the councils job to clean it and I was told to leave.

Insp Burrows dealt with a case involving a dog found with an untreated broken leg, 3 broken ribs and a fractured pelvis in the Ashfield area. There were numerous complaints that the man had beaten his dog. Neither him or his partner attended court and the case was heard in there absence. They were found guilty and were later arrested. He received an 8 week prison sentence. She was also ordered to complete 80 hours of unpaid work. I have been informed that the dog recovered and rehomed.

Inspector Ellis thanked the Branch for all there help over the year, in assistance afforded to himself and his colleagues and appreciated help with finances when dealing with the numerous welfare problems.

REGIONAL MANAGER Mr Tomlinson our Regional Representative gave a report on the work over the year of the RSPCA.

A big thank you was given to the Inspectorate for there tireless work over the year . The financial position of the RSPCA was much improved over the year with a large surplus being given from legacies.

The year had seen the inclusion of the Data protection act which took away the telephone request from unknown companies. The fines for this work can be excessive to anyone who do not stay within the law including Branches.

A report contained in the Sun newspaper accusing the RSPCA of spending one million pounds on saving twelve cats was totally ridiculous in there reporting and not giving the full facts.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE Members present were asked to fill out the ballot form.

RESULT All papers were returned approving the nine candidates who stood for committee membership.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS It was proposed that we should continue with Stopford Associates Auditors. Proposed Mr P Wood Seconded Mrs V Vasper All in Favour.

The chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.