

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE

Unaudited Accounts and Annual Report

31st December 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1142777



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year 31 December 2017.
The objectives are the relief of suffering and distress of retired and unwanted greyhounds.

Trustees

Throughout the year ended 31 December 2017 and to the date of this report (unless otherwise stated) the following acted as Trustees and Directors.

Keith Robbins
Norah McEllistrim
Simon Jordan
Gaynor Renwick (Appointed 22 October 2017)
Carol Marshall (Appointed 20 August 2017)
Paula Boswell (Appointed 22 October 2017)
Robert Boswell (Appointed 22 October 2017)
Amanda Ainsworth (Appointed 22 October 2017)
Denise Dubarbier (Resigned 22 June 2017)
Helen Baldwin (Resigned 2 February 2018))

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees or at the Annual General Meeting. The minimum number of trustees is 3.

Principal Goals and Activities of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare

Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare exists to care for and find suitable homes for former racing greyhounds.

Our objectives are specifically restricted to the following:

- The relief of suffering and distress of retired and unwanted greyhounds, including, but not limited to, the following:-
 - a) providing medical attention and treatment for those greyhounds that require it;
 - b) providing sanctuary for those greyhounds with medical or behavioural issues;
 - c) arranging careful and responsible re-homing of greyhounds.
- The advancement of education of the general public in matters relating to greyhounds and by this means to prevent cruelty and suffering.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities

2017 was the sixth full year for Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare. For the 12 months ending December 2017, WGW found homes for 102 greyhounds - compared to 77 the previous year. This marks a 25% increase on the total homed for the year ending December 2016.

Fundraising and promotional activities

Having previously approached the various owners of the kennel blocks at Burhill Kennels to see if any of them were interested in selling their kennels to WGW, we have recognised the difficulties in purchasing land and obtaining permission to build kennels. It is also our preference to stay in the charity's established location if possible. Discussions with the trainers interested in selling their kennels are still ongoing. It has always been important for us to keep our volunteers and supporters aware of what has been happening in terms of approaching other kennel block owners and any possible impact on the charity.

We inform and update our supporters with quarterly newsletters, videos, website and Facebook pages and this in turn has led to us reaching a wider audience and also being able to share views. Additionally, we have continued to promote our charity locally and this has resulted in more requests for us to attend local events, including the After Eight Club (where we did a talk about WGW as a local charity and took a hound along for members to meet) , Chestnut Sunday at Bushy Park (where we had a stall and took along hounds to meet people and go on the official Park parade) and the Nonsuch Park Awareness day organised by the Park Wardens (we had a stall and gazebo pitch and promoted greyhounds as great pets and the park as having some lovely walks). We also applied for and succeeded in being awarded a £500 grant from the National Air Traffic Services who wanted to know our aims and objectives as a local charity and our recent achievements. The grant was to be spent on infrastructure for the kennels and we were able to replace some dilapidated paddock fence panels with it.

June 2017 saw a change of Manager and the summer, autumn and winter period saw an increase in visitors to the kennels. This has led to more hounds finding suitable homes and more visitors taking kennel hounds to local parks more frequently. We have also seen a significant increase in dogs being taken for short periods on foster which has also resulted in valuable home-stay reports which can be displayed on our website and/or Facebook pages.

We rely on a wide range of helpful volunteers, some of whom are elderly and cannot now have a hound of their own; some are community support workers and their clients, volunteering to help walk the greyhounds; also, young adults who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at various levels. We are very fortunate that we are able to invite people to fundraising and PR events at our kennels and although we recognise that it creates an additional workload for the kennel staff, it is a very effective way to showcase our charity and promote greyhounds as good pets in the home. It also allows people to sponsor an older or infirm hound that may have associated veterinary bills for medication or a health condition or to take that first tentative step of considering offering a greyhound home without any pressure.

We have been fortunate in that our dedicated supporters have continued to tirelessly raise funds by attending various events on our behalf, including the Wimbledon tennis championships and numerous Meet & Greets in cooperation with local supermarkets, an agricultural show (Chertsey) or local councils for high street collections. We were also fortunate to receive notification some legacies, funeral and wedding donations which we are intending to use towards the purchase of our kennels which will help secure the long-term future of WGW.

In summary, 2017 was a busy year for homing with positive changes at operational level and behind the scenes, and an ever increasing number of hounds being homed, with an increased number of volunteers for walking and helping out at the kennels. A successful PR programme of events and walks involved more of our volunteers and promoted what we do as a charity to potential homers, supporters and fundraisers.

Finance and reserves

The sixth full year as an independent charity has been successful with a closing balance of reserves of £670,729. The charity has a policy of maintaining 6 months costs in reserves. This totals approximately £130,000. The balance carried forward will allow discretionary spending on facilities for the kennels on due course, as well as assisting us in our long-term goal of owning a kennel site outright.

Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance provided by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit and the activities of the charity.

Summary

The sixth full year of operation as an independent charity has continued to be beneficial to the operational and financial aspects of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare. Our supporters have continued to be incredible in their generosity in supporting our efforts and further improvements have already been made in the amenities at the kennels which will continue to provide a stable financial future.

Small Companies exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The report was approved by the trustees on 29 April 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

C MARSHALL
(Trustee)

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE

Independent examiner's report **to the trustees of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the 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 on the next page.

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Independent examiner's report
to the trustees of Wimbledon Greyhound Welfare (Cont'd)

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

N Robinson FCCA, MAAT

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WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

(Including the Income and Expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u> £ Total <u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2016</u> £ Total <u>Unrestricted</u>
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>			
Voluntary Income			
Donations & legacies		113,514	545,582
Gift aid		6,598	19,720
Fundraising		33,900	68,729
Dog sponsorship and adoptions		26,200	20,081
		<u>180,212</u>	<u>654,112</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Holiday donations		51,076	52,657
Shop Sales & Lottery		15,825	18,133
		<u>66,901</u>	<u>70,790</u>
Investment income		536	1,180
		<u>247,649</u>	<u>726,082</u>
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>			
Costs of generating funds			
Shop purchases & lottery		10,564	4,463
Fundraising		190	14,964
Advertising		79	144
		<u>10,833</u>	<u>19,571</u>
Charitable Expenditure			
Welfare of animals		89,694	86,164
Premises costs		30,177	26,758
Staff costs	6	130,694	125,590
Other admin costs		5,731	4,224
		<u>256,296</u>	<u>242,736</u>
Governance Costs			
Independent Examiners' Fee	5	<u>2,243</u>	<u>2,280</u>
		<u>269,372</u>	<u>264,587</u>
<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>			
<u>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES</u>			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(21,723)	461,495
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2017		692,452	230,957
		<u>670,729</u>	<u>692,452</u>
<u>Balances carried forward at 31st December 2017</u>			

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE**BALANCE SHEET**
at 31st December 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
		£	£
<u>Current assets</u>			
Cash and bank balances		670,428	688,377
Debtors	3	5,008	13,465
Stock		3,104	5,684
		678,540	707,526
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>			
Creditors and accruals	4	7,811	15,074
<u>Total assets less current liabilities</u>		670,729	692,452
<u>Total net assets</u>		670,729	692,452
<u>Represented by:</u>			
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>			
<u>Unrestricted funds:</u>			
General Fund		670,729	692,452

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31st December 2017.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31st December 2017 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 394 and section 395, which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Accounts approved by the Board on 29th April 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

K Robbins - Trustee

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2017

1.1 Basis of accounting These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 105) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) • and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.3 Change of accounting policy The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined above.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.5 Material prior year errors No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period.

1.6. Recognition of income -These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.7. Offsetting - There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 105 SORP or FRS 105.

1.8. Grants and donations - Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met . In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met .

1.9. Legacies - Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

2.1. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

WIMBLEDON GREYHOUND WELFARE**Notes to the Accounts****for the year ended 31st December 2017****2.3. Transactions with trustees and connected persons**

Denise Dubarbier – trustee received remuneration totalling £6,336.77 (2016-£13,240) and from 1st January 2017 until her resignation as Trustee with effect from 27th June 2017. Carol Marshall received remuneration of £5,258.98 following her appointment as Trustee on 20th August 2017. No other director/trustee received any remuneration from the company for services rendered during the year. No trustees received any expenses in the year. The trustees have received permission from the Charity Commission to employ both Denise Dubarbier and Carol Marshall.

3	<u>Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Debtors	2,997	11,469
	Prepayments	2,011	1,996
		<u>5,008</u>	<u>13,465</u>

4	<u>Creditors</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Social Security and other taxes	800	1,875
	Pension fund	57	44
	Trade creditors and accruals	6,954	13,155
		<u>7,811</u>	<u>15,074</u>

5 Independent Examination

The fee payable to the independent examiner totalled £2,243

6	<u>Staff costs</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Salaries	129,071	124,245
	Social security costs	1,339	1,273
	Pension costs	284	72
		<u>130,694</u>	<u>125,590</u>

The average number of employees totalled	13	13
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No employee received remuneration exceeding £60,000