

**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**  
**CEREDIGION BRANCH**

**CHARITY № 223675**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

(Charity Commissioner)

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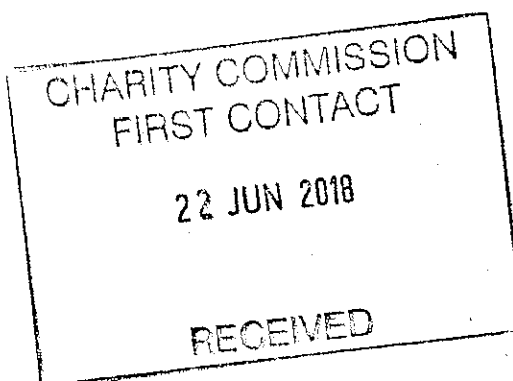
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 223675

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** C/o Parc Llwyd  
Aberporth  
Cardigan  
Ceredigion  
SA43 2DU

**TRUSTEES:** As details for page 2

**BANKERS:** Lloyds Bank.

**ACCOUNTANTS:** Kyffin & Co.  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
The Old Convent  
Llanbadarn Road  
Aberystwyth  
Ceredigion  
SY23 1WX

## **CEREDIGION RSPCA BRANCH TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 2017**

**Trustees:** (Chair and Branch Representative to Wales Board),  
(Treasurer/Secretary)

**Structure, governance and management:** RSPCA Ceredigion Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the RSPCA, seeking to make a direct impact on animal welfare in Ceredigion.

A committee, elected following the AGM by branch members, governs the branch. Committee members are Trustees of the branch and are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees before their acceptance of the role. Branch officers are elected by the committee, which is also responsible for returning copies of annual reports and accounts to the Charity Commission. Trustees meet six times a year to make decisions and review the work of the branch and its financial position. They also assess risks to which the branch might be exposed and consider ways to mitigate risks such as misappropriation of funds, maintaining adequate reserves and protection of reputation against error or fraud.

**Aims and Objectives:** These are to promote the work and objectives of the National Society, with reference to the particular needs of animals in Ceredigion. The branch raises funds in order to help animals and people in Ceredigion. It supports the work of the RSPCA Inspectorate and attends RSPCA Wales Board meetings. RSPCA Ceredigion seeks to improve the lives of all animals in Ceredigion and beyond, by promoting best practice through positive publicity and financial assistance (by voucher) for those on low incomes. The branch also aims to draw more veterinary practices in the area into co-operation with welfare initiatives in 2018.

**Achievements:** RSPCA Ceredigion has had a busy year and the branch's new fundraising team, headed up by \_\_\_\_\_ and his service dog \_\_\_\_\_ are very well supported by the generous people of the county.

Cat rehabilitation continues to be the main achievable strand of work. 46 cats have been fostered and rehomed with some networked to \_\_\_\_\_ RSPCA Animal Centre for rehoming. Thanks to the efforts of a few very dedicated volunteers, the branch has also achieved some great successes this year, relocating feral cats which have been neutered and microchipped at the branch's expense.

To support the Inspectors' persevering work with equines, which they undertake in the most difficult of areas, the branch has provided a mobile weigh scale and a hot horse washer, for use with casualty equines in South Wales. Monitoring the weight of horses when they are admitted and during their rehabilitation is crucial for quick recovery - and of course it can provide useful statistics for use as evidence as well.

The branch supported Rabbit Awareness Week, in partnership with a local veterinary practice. 9 low income households received subsidised health checks and treatments for pet rabbits. 10 rabbits were neutered and 22 vaccinated.

RSPCA Ceredigion's latest initiative has been a dog neutering campaign. In co-operation with a local vet, the branch held a Dog Neutering Fortnight in January. Low-income households

could buy a voucher for £35, for use within the subsequent twelve months. It was publicised locally using the poster, press and social media and 22 dogs were spayed or neutered during the actual fortnight. The scheme has proved so popular, that we have decided to continue to date.

In addition to these specific projects, a further 88 pet-owners on low incomes received assistance with their vet bills.

The branch's social media presence has again been effective for general broadcasting of welfare initiatives and best practice. It is currently focusing on publicising the Cat Neutering Scheme, which is available to low income households through our partner society, Cats Protection.

**Public Benefit:** RSPCA Ceredigion offers a public helpline to residents in the branch area, giving advice on how to proceed when animal welfare is perceived as being compromised. It also assists members of the public who are unable to meet veterinary costs of their animal. The branch is also keen to help educate the public on best practice in animal care, through its press releases and social media activity.

**Finances:** The 2017 accounts are made available at the AGM or can be sent to members when requested. The branch is registered for Gift Aid and reclaims VAT.

**Main sources of income:** The branch received £24,733 from the RSPCA Headquarters National collection; £43,541 in (2) legacies; £16,281 in other income from donations, rehoming fees, door-to-door fundraising, store and street collections and local collecting boxes at various locations in Ceredigion. The latter total includes £122 from a sponsored Boxing Day dip.

**Main expenditure:** Cat fostering costs, vet bills, publicity and annual contribution to Wales Emergency Boarding Fund.

**Publicity:** Social media as above; local press, the RSPCA website and other internet groups.

**Thanks:** are due to \_\_\_\_\_, our Branch Support Specialist; Chief Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ and the WW7 Inspectorate Group; our cat fosterers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and our loyal volunteers. Special thanks indeed are owed to our outgoing Chair, whose dedication to RSPCA Ceredigion over many years must not go without mention. We also thank \_\_\_\_\_, who fostered older cats for 10 years for this branch, for her considerable expertise in the rehabilitation of sick and injured cats in her care.

**Bank:** Lloyds

**Auditors:** Kyffin and Co, The Old Convent, Llanbadarn, Aberystwyth

Signed: .....  
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(Chair)

(Secretary)

Date: 3.5.18 .....

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF:**  
**THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**  
**CEREDIGION BRANCH**

We report on the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2017, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that an Audit is not required under of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

Our 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the Account present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to our 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 to comply with accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Have 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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Date

28/8/2018

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2017</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2016</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>				
Subscriptions, Donations & Fund Raising	31,014		34,296	
Bank & Investment Interest	679		569	
VAT Reclaimed	1,089		462	
HMRC: Gift Aid Refunds	556		1,073	
Legacy Received	43,541		-	
	-----	76,879	-----	36,400
<i>Payments:</i>				
Quota (Headquarters)	-		300	
Contributions to All Wales Emergency Boarding Fund	4,001		2,000	
Veterinary Fees ( Including purchase of Horse Weighing Platform)	15,678		8,674	
Fostering, Food & Expenses re: Rescued Animals	13,154		17,934	
Expenditure on Cat Housing	224		554	
Postage, Stationery, Photocopying, Telephone & Travel Expenses	1,775		850	
Insurance	207		496	
Accountancy	600		576	
Advertising	492		142	
	-----	(36,131)	-----	(31,526)
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		40,748		4,874
<b>Increase in Investments</b>		(645)		(557)
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		40,103		4,317
<b>Cash Funds at Beginning of Year</b>		15,072		10,755
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<b>Cash Funds at End of Year</b>		£ 55,175		£ 15,072
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2017</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2016</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Balance at Bank - Lloyds Current Account	18,855		3,786	
Balance at Bank - Scottish Widows Bank Charities				
7 Day Account	36,311		11,277	
Cash in Hand	9		9	
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		£ 55,175		£ 15,072
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<b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>				
Investment Bonds - Julian Hodge Bank		£ 30,653		£ 30,008
		=====		=====
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accrued Expenses		£ 325		£ 325
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*Approved by the Committee of the RSPCA - Ceredigion Branch*

(Chair)

(Treasurer)