

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

**REGION 4**

**LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31ST DECEMBER 2017**

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**LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH**

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**LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

Charity number	223679
Trustees	A Holmes (deceased July 2017) L Wibberley A Wibberley B Hotson (Chair) H Hotson V Booth J Ellis H Elford J Elford
Principal address	64 Fitties Lane North Cotes Grimsby DN56 5XQ
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 35 Victoria Street Grimsby DN31 1DE
Independent Examiners	Forrester Boyd 26 South St. Mary's Gate Grimsby North East Lincolnshire DN31 1LW

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
OF R.S.P.C.A. LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing document

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Lincolnshire North East Branch is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The charity is governed by the RSPCA Branch Rules effective 18 February 2009.

Trustee induction and training

When considering appointing new trustees, the Board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed in order to support the charities work.

Trustees are offered any specific training they feel is necessary to perform their role.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees' have had due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission (CC) on public benefit. They believe the below objectives and activities, along with the year's performance, clearly show how the charity brings benefit to the public.

**Trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the branch are:

- To promote the work of the RSPCA, i.e. to promote kindness and suppress cruelty.

The activities performed to fulfil these objectives are:

- To help people in need with their animals
- To help inspectors by taking in free of charge, mistreated, abandoned animals and;
- To provide neutering for the animals of people on low income and benefits.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
OF R.S.P.C.A. LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH (CONT'D)  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

***Achievements and Performance***

This year has seen a surplus of £12,598 compared to 2016 which incurred a deficit of £6,534. The surplus has been generated due to the loan of £15,000 not having to be repaid.

The charity has again supported local animals in North East Lincolnshire, and also continues to help the public in respect of neutering, especially with our neutering scheme. The current reserves will allow the charity to continue this for future years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our committee members for their help during the year and the kind support shown by the public.

**Financial Review**

The charity has made a surplus this year of £12,598, and the reserves remain healthy at £43,104.

**Reserves Policy**

The RSPCA national charity has a policy to assist any branch who has insufficient funds to continue. However, the branch aims to hold enough reserves to cover 3 month's expenditure. This is currently being maintained.

**By order of the Board on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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**B. Hotson (Chairman)**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT**  
**TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**OF R.S.P.C.A. LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of R.S.P.C.A Lincolnshire North East Branch**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charities required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

**Kevin Hopper ACA**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
C/o Forrester Boyd  
Chartered Accountants  
26 South Saint Mary's Gate  
DN31 1LW  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2017</b>	<b>Total 2016 (Unrestricted)</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>2</b>	2,497	-	2,497	3,203
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	39,872	-	39,872	22,097
Other trading activities	<b>4</b>	22,396	-	22,396	17,610
Investment income	<b>5</b>	-	-	-	99
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>64,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,765</u>	<u>43,009</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Raising funds	<b>6</b>	18,903	-	18,903	19,324
Charitable activities	<b>7</b>	33,264	-	33,264	30,219
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>52,167</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,167</u>	<u>49,543</u>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		<b>12,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,598</b>	<b>(6,534)</b>
Total funds brought forward		<u>30,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,506</u>	<u>37,040</u>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<u><b>43,104</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>43,104</b></u>	<u><b>30,506</b></u>

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**LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31ST DECEMBER 2017**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	<b>9</b>		4,012		4,672
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock	<b>10</b>	300		300	
Debtors	<b>11</b>	1,199		2,040	
Cash at Bank		38,293		39,194	
		<u>39,792</u>		<u>41,534</u>	
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	<b>12</b>	(700)		(700)	
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
Net current assets			39,092		40,834
<b>NET ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>43,104</u>		<u>45,506</u>
<b>CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>					
Loan	<b>13</b>		-		(15,000)
			<u>43,104</u>		<u>30,506</u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE ORGANISATION</b>					
Unrestricted income funds			43,104		30,506
Restricted income funds			-		-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>43,104</u>		<u>30,506</u>

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
H. Elford (Treasurer)

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

Note

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**General Information**

This charity is an unincorporated entity.

**Its place of business is:**

64 Fitties Lane  
North Cotes  
Grimsby

The financial statements authorised for issue by the board on 19 March 2018.

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Going Concern**

The trustees expect the organisation to remain a going concern for the forthcoming year and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

**Definition of Funds**

Unrestricted general funds are those available for general use by the Charity, without restriction.

**Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are accounted for when the charity has entitlement, it is probable the income will be received and the income can be reliably measured.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure has been classified under operational headings which reflect the activities of the Charity, and has been accounted for on an accruals basis and is included net of VAT.

Costs of generating funds include both fundraising and trading activities.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the various activities of the Charity: The costs include both the direct costs and support costs relating activities carried out.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED**

**Fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost and depreciation is provided to spread the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

The depreciation rates currently in use for fixed assets held for use by the charity are:

Kennels and cat sheds	15% Reducing balance;
Fixtures and fittings	20% Reducing balance;
Computers	33% Straight line.

**Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value, using FIFO method.

<b>2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
Subscriptions and donations	961	-	961	1,060
Legacies	-	-	-	124
Grants	1,536	-	1,536	2,019
	<u>2,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,497</u>	<u>3,203</u>
<b>3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
Box collections, flag days and door to door	39,872	-	39,872	22,097
	<u>39,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,872</u>	<u>22,097</u>
<b>4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted £</b>	<b>Restricted £</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
Income from charitable trading	22,396	-	22,396	17,610
	<u>22,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,396</u>	<u>17,610</u>

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5.	<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Bank interest received		-	99
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
6.	<b>INCOME FROM CHARITABLE TRADING</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>
		<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Sales	22,396		17,610
	Cost of sales			
	Opening stock	300	300	
	Purchases	827	1,360	
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
			1,660	
	Closing stock	(300)	(300)	
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
		(827)		(1,360)
	Gross profit	96% 21,569	93%	16,250
	Shop expenses:			
	Rent	15,000	15,000	
	Light and heat	951	1,167	
	Rates	1,500	1,143	
	Insurance	625	654	
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
		(18,076)		(17,964)
	Operating (loss)/profit	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
		3,493		(1,714)

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

<b>7.</b>	<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Direct Costs</b>				
	Homeless animals costs	12,352	-	12,352	8,166
	Veterinary fees	13,547	-	13,547	12,387
	<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>25,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,899</b>	<b>20,553</b>
	<b>Support Costs</b>				
	Motor Expenses				
	Van Leasing	2,860	-	2,860	3,562
	Motor Expenses	901	-	901	846
	General Insurance	228	-	228	1,243
	Telephone and postage	594	-	594	449
	Printing and stationery	117	-	117	
	Repairs	1,408	-	1,408	708
	Professional fees	460	-	460	460
	Other expenses	152	-	152	1,582
	Depreciation	645	-	645	816
	<b>Total support costs</b>	<b>7,365</b>		<b>7,365</b>	<b>9,666</b>
		<u>33,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,264</u>	<u>30,219</u>
<b>8.</b>	<b>NET OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>				
	Net outgoing resources is stated after charging:			<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets			645	816
	(Profit) / loss on disposal of fixed assets			15	-
	Fees paid to independent examiner			<u>460</u>	<u>460</u>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>	<b>Kennels and sheds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At beginning of year	8,186	21,860	30,046
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	(1,694)	-	(1,694)
	<u>6,492</u>	<u>21,860</u>	<u>28,352</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At beginning of year	6,179	19,195	25,374
Provided for the year	251	394	645
Disposal	(1,679)	-	(1,679)
	<u>4,750</u>	<u>19,589</u>	<u>24,340</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
<b>At end of year</b>	<u><b>1,741</b></u>	<u><b>2,271</b></u>	<u><b>4,012</b></u>
At beginning of year	<u>2,007</u>	<u>2,665</u>	<u>4,672</u>
	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>	

**10. STOCK**

Shop stock – goods for re sale	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
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The total cost recognised as an expense during the period was £827 (2016: 1,360).

**11. DEBTORS**

	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
VAT	883	1,730
Prepayments	316	310
	<u>1,199</u>	<u>2,040</u>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

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12.	<b>CREDITORS</b>		
	<b>(AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Trade creditors	-	-
	Accruals	700	700
		<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
13.	<b>CREDITORS (AMOUNTS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR)</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	Interest free loan from RSPCA	-	15,000
		<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
14.	<b>REMUNERATION OF THE TRUSTEES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Remuneration of the trustees</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>
	No employees or directors were accruing benefits under pension schemes.		
	<b>Expenses Reimbursed to Trustees</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>-</b>
	The number of trustees having expenses reimbursed amounted to:	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>Higher Paid Employees</b>		
	No employees received emoluments exceeding £60,000.		
15.	<b>Tax</b>		
	The entity is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.		
16.	<b>Related Party Transactions</b>		
	There were no related party transactions during the year.		

# **RSPCA LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

REGISTERED CHARITY 223679

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## **STATEMENT of TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Under the Charities Act 1993, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of its incoming resources and application of such resources during the year. In preparing the statement, the trustees are required to:**

- ❖ Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently**
- ❖ Make judgement and estimates that are prudent and reasonable**
- ❖ State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in statement of accounts.**
- ❖ Prepare the financial statement on the ongoing concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations**
- ❖ The Trustees are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.**

### **Branch Officers**

**Mr Allan Wibberley Honorary Branch Secretary**

**Mrs Hazel Elford Honorary Branch Treasurer**

**Mr Brian Hotson Honorary Branch Chairman**

**Copies of the financial accounts will be available at the AGM or contact Allan on 01472 388158**

# **ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

## **LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH**

REGISTERED CHARITY 22369

### **BRANCH OFFICERS**

**Branch Honorary Secretary**

**Allan Wibberley**

**64 Fitties Lane**

**North Cotes**

**Lincs**

**DN36 5XQ**

**01472 388158**

**Branch Honorary Chairman**

**Mr. Brian Hotson**

**Branch Honorary Treasurer**

**Mrs. Hazel Elford**

### **Branch Committee and Auxiliary Secretaries**

**Mr. A Wibberley, Mr. B Hotson, Mrs. H Elford, Mrs. V Booth, Mrs. H Hotson,  
Mr. J Elford, Mrs. L Wibberley, Mr. J Ellis, Mrs. S Middleton, Mr. Allan Holmes  
until July 2017**

**RSPCA LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH EAST BRANCH  
REGISTERED CHARITY No 223679  
YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**The Trustees present their report for the year ending  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

**The objectives of the RSPCA Lincolnshire North East Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals [the Society] in the Branch area, namely to use all lawful means to prevent cruelty, and promote kindness and alleviate suffering of animals.**

**The Branch is governed by a committee who are Trustees of the Branch, they have individual and collective responsibilities for the management of the Branch and its funds, subject to the overall supervision of the Society, the committee controls and monitors the fundraising and animal welfare initiatives of the Branch.**

**The charities Act 2006 highlights that all charities must have charitable purposes or aims that are for the public benefit. This is known as the public benefit requirement. All charities must demonstrate their aims are for the public benefit.**



## Objects and public benefit statement

1. The RSPCA Lincolnshire North East Branch is an unincorporated charitable association and a separately registered branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society), carrying out its direct animal welfare work in the areas of North East Lincolnshire and East Lindsey.
2. The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the Society - to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means - with particular reference to the area of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society.
3. The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. **We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.**

## Advancement of animal welfare

4. Under the Charities Act 2006, the advancement of animal welfare is recognised as a distinct statutory charitable purpose. This legislation and the Animal Welfare Act of the same year indicate an acceptance by society that treating living creatures with compassion has a moral benefit for the public as a whole. Whilst this public benefit is clear, it is sometimes difficult to quantify and must be balanced against any detriment.
5. The Branch's animal welfare work, although local in nature, benefits society at large, and also aims to help people in need with the care of their animals. The next section of this report highlights the Branch's main activities and demonstrates the benefit provided to the public (*in italics*). All our charitable activities, as described in more detail in the following pages of this report, focus on promoting kindness and preventing or suppressing cruelty to animals and are undertaken to further these purposes for the public benefit.

## Charitable activities pursued for the public benefit

6. We support our local Inspector[s] by *taking in, free of charge, mistreated or abandoned animals, including pets whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away. The Society's Inspectorate (as well as providing education, information and advice) rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals in England and Wales by bringing prosecutions. This work is key to 'the prevention or suppression of cruelty' part of the RSPCA objects, and promotes humane sentiments towards animals which involves moral benefit to humankind as a whole.*
7. We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. We do this through *[a voucher scheme]. This work benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment.*

8. We provide subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for those in the Branch area on low incomes. We do this by *[a voucher scheme]*. *This work helps to control dog/cat populations through neutering and benefits those on means tested benefits by giving them financial help to neuter and microchip companion animals, thereby promoting responsible pet ownership.*
9. Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, microchipping and are assessed for rehoming. *This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through vaccination and neutering.*
10. We rehome animals in need at low cost to people willing and able to have a companion animal. *Whilst we recognise that companion animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health, we consider the provision of pets as subsidiary to the main charitable aim of this service, which is to reduce animal suffering. Our policy to charge a reasonable adoption fee for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals, and therefore would fall outside our objects, to rehome to those who could not afford them.*
11. We take in, free of charge, lost animals and take steps to reunite them with owners. *This work benefits our local community (including local authorities) by preventing animals straying and posing a risk to themselves and to people through road traffic accidents.*
12. We respond to enquiries (both direct and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. *The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.*
13. We offer free animal care advice by distributing information and guidance in the form of leaflets at public events and for members of the public visiting our advice centre/shop. *The public benefits through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.*
14. Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society and other RSPCA branches through the networking of animals to re-home and by carrying out home visits on behalf of other branches and by collaborating at events and meetings such as the Lincolnshire Animal Welfare Group.
15. We provide volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work, including *[trusteeship, fostering and fundraising]*. *This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.*

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees are pleased to give their report for 2017

It is with great sadness that in 2017 we lost one of our trustees Mr. Allan Holmes had been a trustee of the branch for over 15yrs he will be sadly missed by us all.

2017 has been another challenging year for the branch once again raising funds for the branch has been the main concern and we will have to think up ways to try and increase funds

The shop is still our main source of income but during 2017 we did not see the same amount of day trippers and holidaymakers as in previous years and this does boost our income, we don't know if it was because of the economy or just the weather was not as good we will have to see what happens next year.

The shop is still used for all the committee meetings and our AGM this is a big saving for the branch, although it is difficult to find a venue for the AGM that will suit all the members because of the size of the branch we do try our best to please everyone.

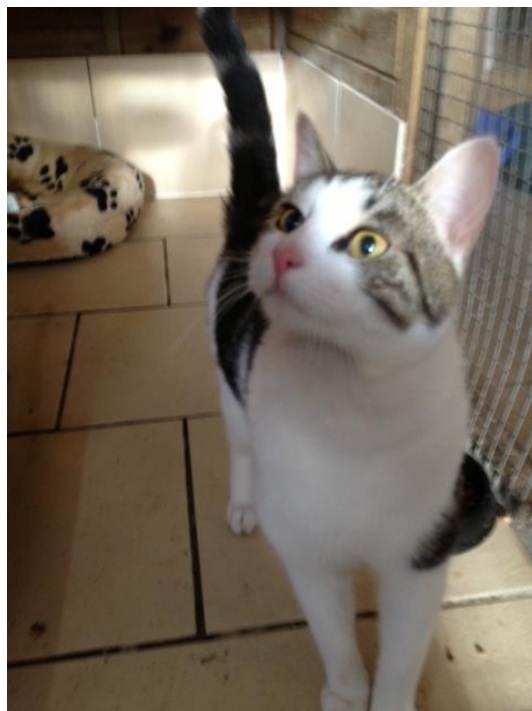
The branch as continued running the subsidized neutering scheme for dogs this is with the help of the regional board who granted us £1,000 towards it, we have also been giving out vouchers for neutering cats, we still offer microchipping at the same time as the neutering, but now because of the change in the law that says all dogs must be microchipped we are not being asked to do as many.

We have continued to help people to get veterinary treatment for their animals when asked for help, this is usually arranging a consultation at a vets to get the Animal seen.

The branch also answers the phone for seven days a week to the public, helping when we can, and giving the national helpline number out for sick and injured Animals, and cause for concern about animals.

Our dogs and cats are being rehomed at the RSPCA branch animal home in Chesterfield they are doing a great job of rehoming our cats and dogs much quicker then we could if we used private boarding kennels the other problem we have is there are no boarding kennels in our branch area that we could use and the nearest one is about 30 miles away, so the option of an rspca animal home being able to home them quicker for us means we are able to take more animals in from the Inspectorate, we still pay for all the veterinary treatment before they are moved on for rehoming and we are still pay the boarding until they are rehomed we would like to thank Chesterfield very much for all their help.

All the animals we take in are from the Inspectorate and the Animal Collection Officers, have to be treated at the vets and recovered before they can be rehomed, one sad incident was a little cat that had had both its ears cut off with a pair scissors Inspector Dan Bradshaw dealt with it and got it to the vets, it then had further treatment later, but it was still upsetting to see the poor little thing in that state, not knowing what it had suffered, on an happier note she did recover and was found a loving home.



Chesterfield branch and Woodside animal home have been giving us pet food this as saved us a lot of money, we have also been getting vouchers from pets at home and have used them to buy the cat litter.

Allan attended the RSPCA Animal Welfare Conference this was a two day event held in Staffordshire it is becoming very popular and more than 300 people from branches and staff were there.

### **DOOR TO DOOR FUND RAISING FOR 2017**

The Door to Door money we received from HQ was once again up on the previous year and the branch received £24,661 this is a boost to our finances helps the branch at the beginning of the year when funds are low.



We would like to thank Jan Merrikin she is still working hard for the branch and helping the inspectorate and aco with wildlife, she is also still our main person to call if anything needs bottle feeding.

We would also like to thank Chris and Brian Cliffe for their help

Brian still comes every week to the shop loads up his car and takes all the rubbish to the tip for us we don't know what we would do without him thank you.

Sheila Middleton is still our auxiliary in Sutton-On –Sea although we do not see her very often had a conversation on the phone she was well and still running her dog training classes.

The branch will still work hard to help the Inspectors with animals that need to come in although vets bills are getting higher and fundraising is getting harder, we will always prioritize the animals that the Inspectors pick up as they are the ones that are most in need.

We have Inspector Dan Bradshaw working in Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Immingham and Louth area, and Inspector Laura Jones also covering Mablethorpe and Animal Collection Officer Carol Smith covering all the branch picking up the sick and injured.

The Trustees would like to say Thank You to them they all work extremely hard.





