# ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

# ALTON, HASLEMERE, PETERSFIELD & DISTRICT BRANCH

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

# **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 205153**

A & N Haslemere Limited Registered Auditors Aruna House 2 Kings Road HASLEMERE GU27 2QA

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# COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ADVISERS

Committee members:	Mrs V Kemp Mr J Leston Ms D Fowler Mr N Fowler Ms C Houghton Mrs D Andrews Mr L Brown Mrs H Woodrow Mrs C Boxall	(Chairman and Hon.Treasurer) (Hon.Secretary) (Membership Secretary) (Homing Co-ordinator) (Website) (resigned 31 December 2018)
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#### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

The Committee present their draft report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Chairman and Hon. Treasurer	Mrs V Kemp
Hon. Secretary	Mr J Leston
Membership Secretary	Mrs D Fowler
Homing Co-ordinator	Mr N Fowler
Website	Ms C Houghton
	Mrs D Andrews
	Mr L Brown
	Mrs H Woodrow
	Mrs C Boxall (resigned 31 December 2018)

#### Objects, organisation and activities

The objectives of the RSPCA Alton Haslemere Petersfield & District Branch are to promote animal welfare and help the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society) in the branch area. Our main objective is to find suitable homes for as many animals as possible and provide proper care for those who come into its care. A secondary objective is to provide financial assistance to those on low incomes whose animals are in need of veterinary treatment. The branch is very involved in fundraising to achieve these aims.

# **Constitution**

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The charity operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA (Charity Number 219099), subject to its rules for branches.

The branch is run by a Committee who are trustees of the branch. This Committee is elected at the AGM and is usually recruited from existing volunteers and supporters or by recommendations. The branch will also use local volunteer centres. All new Trustees will be sent an information pack from HQ who also run training courses. Trustees have individual and collective responsibility for the management of the branch and the funds. Subject to the supervision of the Society, the Committee controls and monitors all the fundraising and animal welfare initiatives of the branch. The trustees hold monthly meeting at which all decisions are made as to the running of the Branch. However, the Branch does work closely with HQ staff and where applicable other RSPCA Branches.

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#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (cont.)

#### Chairman's review of the year

Our share of the National Door to Door campaign in 2018 was £27,034.

During 2018 we did not have any major fundraising events but participated as usual with a table at the Charter Fair, Haslemere. We had a table at a dog show at Bedales School, Petersfield, one at a fete at St Ives' School, Haslemere, judged a fun dog show at the Mill Tavern in Haslemere with the proceeds coming to this branch, and manned a table at the Haslemere Charities Fair. Our team of knitters (catnip filled mice) from Alton again raised a huge amount of money with their cat toys. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work.

We started planning for another Fun Dog Show on Lion Green, as part of the Haslemere Festival in May 2019, and by the time this report is presented to members we hope to have raised a substantial amount of money, boosted the profile of the RSPCA in this area, and also enabled many owners and their dogs to have had a fun day.

One of our main focuses through 2018 was to partner with another branch in the opening of a shop. We are excited to say that May 2019 will see the opening of a shop in Petersfield, in partnership with Solent Branch. They will have the responsibility of the day to day running. We, however, are appealing for volunteers to help in the shop and for donations of clothes etc to sell there. Our shop is in Chapel Street and it would be great if members and friends were able to support us.

The trustees recognise under performance of the investment portfolio due to external economic circumstances and will reconsider in line with the investment policy to see if better use of the invested funds are possible in the long term. The trustees are looking whether the funds are performing poorly compared to other possible investments.

I would like to thank John for all his hard work as Branch Secretary, Di and Norman for taking care of the branch mobile phone and also Branch Membership. Also thanks are due to Chris and Heather – the team for the website and Facebook. At the end of 2018 a long standing Committee member, Carol Boxall, felt the time had come for her to retire. She has handed over her Homing Coordinator role to Norman and we are all very grateful to her for so many years of dedication to the branch. She has also been steadfast in helping with fundraising and has promised to be available in the future if needed.

As usual everyone on the Committee has worked to keep the branch running smoothly so a big thank you to them and to all the wonderful volunteers who support us in so many ways. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the veterinary practices for all they do for animals in this area. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our accountants, A&N for letting us use their offices for all our Committee meetings.

Vanessa Kemp

Our website address is <u>www.rspca-altonhaslemerepetersfield.org.uk</u> and our e-mail address <u>rspca-ahp@hotmail.co.uk</u>.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (cont.)

#### Risk Statement

The branch has carried out a review to identify the key risks and has taken appropriate steps to mitigate them.

The key risks identified are:-

- (a) The loss of reputation due to error, or fraud.
- (b) The loss of income due to error, or fraud.
- (c) The loss of income and reserves due to poor investment performance.
- (d) The loss of reserves due to savings being held which exceed the FSCS threshold.
- (e) Insufficient numbers of volunteers for fundraising activities.
- (f) Insufficient numbers of trustees to allow the branch to continue.
- (g) Insufficient funds to allow the branch to meets its objectives.
- (h) Loss of reputation if it is perceived to not be using its available reserves in a positive manner to meet the stated aims and objectives.

In the opinion of the Trustees the Branch policies and procedures are adequate to mitigate financial and reputation loss due to error, or fraud whilst maintaining a viable future financially. The controls in place are also adequate but are being monitored to help strengthen the Branch in any way deemed appropriate. The numbers of volunteers and trustees is being addressed, especially in light of having recently lost the skills of several valued committee members.

#### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have given consideration to how the Charity considers it benefits the public. It achieves this amongst other ways by education of the general public to help alleviate suffering of animals which might otherwise suffer due to neglect and ill treatment. In addition, the Charity provides homing and neutering services for animals which would otherwise possibly roam unchecked and cause a nuisance in the local region. Through the dedication and love of animals we try to pass on to others the benefits to life that can be bought through owning animals.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The branch holds reserves in order that levels of service provided for animal welfare may be maintained should there be a continued decline of incoming resources. Despite all efforts the fundraising levels continue to fall with more competition amongst Charities for the goodwill and generosity of the general public and our membership, via the RSPCA's headquarters is declining.

Without Legacies, which are irregular and unpredictable, though highly welcomed, expenditure may well exceed income. For this reason the Trustees believe that Reserves should be maintained to ensure a safe long term future for the branch. If however opportunities, such as when the Cattery arose, which will offer long term financial savings then the trustees will consider them even if the initially reduce the reserves of

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (cont.)

the Charity. Where Legacies are received the size of the income will dictate how the trustees can make best use of the funds in order to achieve the stated aims of the Charity. The trustees are aware that the Charities reputation can be damaged where the general public perceive that funds are being hoarded and not used in a positive manner.

The Trustees will, via their monthly management meetings, monitor the reserves and policies and take appropriate action to ensure that the reserves policy is adhered to and that the reserves comply with the guidelines issued by the Charities Commission.

### **Investment Policy**

At 31 December 2018 the branch investment policy was:-

- (a) The Current Bank Account operates with a preserved daily balance. Any excess or deficit is swept to or from the Business Premium Account on a daily basis. This prevents the Current Account from becoming overdrawn.
- (b) To continue to review funds held on deposit in our base rate reward account.
- (c) The M&G Equity fund should be maintained.
- (d) The Charishare Common Investment fund and Charinco Common Investment fund should be maintained where day to day funding allows.
- (e) To ensure reserves are managed to ensure Financial Services Compensation Scheme is monitored and action taken to mitigate any risk arising from the failure of any of the Charities bank or savings providers.

The trustees recognise the need to review this policy on an annual basis and to appropriately monitor the investment funds and be proactive in their management, to ensure the best interests of the branch objectives are maintained

### **Connected Parties**

The Charity is a local branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Charity Number 219099) a national Charity that acts as a support organisation. The Charity pays an annual Quota to the RSPCA Headquarters based on its level of reserves during the previous year.

This report was approved by the Committee on  $\frac{10}{6}$   $\frac{6}{19}$ 

Signed:

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Mrs V Kemp - Chairman

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

# ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ALTON, HASLEMERE, PETERSFIELD AND DISTRICT BRANCH

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes and are set out on pages nine to sixteen.

#### 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 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 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 accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

# ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ALTON, HASLEMERE, PETERSFIELD AND DISTRICT BRANCH (CONT.)

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 which gives me reasonable 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 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 10/06/2019

Mrs Anugrah Sharma BSc.FCA A & N (Haslemere) Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Aruna House 2 Kings Road Haslemere Surrey GU27 2QA

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	<b>T</b> 1	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
	<u>Un-</u> <u>Restricted</u>	Restricted	Total	
NICOMING BECOUDCES	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income				
Donations	1,471	-	1,471	1,891
Collecting boxes	440	-	<b>44</b> 0	993
RSPCA Headquarters collections	27,034	-	27,034	24,761
Legacies received (Note 10)	200	-	200	3,000
Activities for generating funds				
Membership subscriptions	333	-	333	315
Proceeds from special efforts	681	-	681	1741
Miscellaneous income	55	-	55	-
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank deposit interest (gross)	338	-	338	107
Investment income	6,271	-	6,271	5,928
Incoming resources from charitable				
activities	36,823	-	36,823	38,736
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	36,823		36,823	38,736
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Clinics and veterinary fees	11,014	_	11,014	10,698
Animal expenses	929	_	929	1,176
Honorarium	**	-	-	800
Expenses of special efforts	55	-	55	318
Fundraising trading costs of goods sold				
Merchandise	148	-	148	140
	12,146		12,146	13,132
	14,140	-	12,140	10,102
Costs of charitable activities				
Headquarters and regional quotas	5,855	-	5,855	5,500
	5,855	-	5,855	5,500

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	<b>T</b> I	<u>2017</u>		
	<u>Un-</u> <u>Restricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> £	£
<u>Governance costs</u> Printing, stationery, advertising,				
telephone, postage and bank charges	100	-	100	35
Insurance	524	-	524	716
Independent Examiner's fee	680	-	680	650
Bookkeeping fees	1,000	-	1,000	998
Meeting and AGM expenses	-		-	58
-	0.004		0.004	0.457
	2,304	-	2,304	2,457
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	20,305		20,305	21,089
<u>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</u> <u>before transfers</u>	16,518	-	16,518	17,647
Gross transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
<u>Gains/(Losses) on investment assets</u> Realised (Note 3)				
Realised (Note 3) Un-Realised (Note 3)	- (20,388)	-	(20,388)	13,629
Net movement in funds for the year:	(3,870)	-	(3,870)	31,276
Fund balances brought forward	312,476	-	312,476	281,200
Fund balances carried forward	308,606		308,606	312,476

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these accounts

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	
	<u>Note</u>	£	£	£	£
<u>Fixed assets</u> Investments	3		155,927		176,315
<u>Current assets</u> Debtors Goods in stock Cash at bank	4 7	246 550 159,149		70 300 143,008	
		159,945		143,378	
<u>Current liabilities</u> Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	7,266	_	7,217	
Net current assets			152,679		136,161
Total assets less current liabilities		-	308,606	_	312,476
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			-		-
Provision for liabilities and charges			-		-
Net assets		-	308,606		312,476
Funds	2				
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds			24,410		18,310
General funds			284,196		294,166
Restricted funds			-		-
Total funds		-	308,606	_	312,476

ess Kenp Signed: N.A.A Mrs Vanessa Kemp Chairman

Date: 19/6/19

For and on behalf of the Committee

The notes on pages 12 to 16 form part of these accounts

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. SORP (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005. This is necessary for their accounts to give a true and fair view as required by the 2008 Regulations.

The charity has availed itself of Paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 of the Regulations 2008 and adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities. No separate SOFA has been presented for the charity alone as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 397 of the SORP.

#### (b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### (c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement arises when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them. The fair value is measured or estimated based on the information available, and will generally be the expected cash amount.

The branch splits its income between different categories on the SOFA. These are Membership subscriptions, which represent the branch's element of the national subscription paid by members in their area. Donations represent the monies donated locally (excluding those in special efforts) and those made direct to the RSPCA Headquarters but for the benefit of this branch. Income from Special Efforts represents the monies raised at events (such as fetes, car boot sales etc). Collecting boxes are the monies collected from the various collecting tins displayed in local shops and amenities. RSPCA Headquarters collections reflect the branch's element of the monies collected on a national level from donations by bank transfer

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (Continued)

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### (d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a floor area basis and other overheads have been allocated on the basis of the head count.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

#### (e) Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

The Trustees recognise the need to review this policy on an annual basis and to look at other potential opportunities whilst appropriately monitoring the available funds and being proactive in their management, to ensure the best interests of the Charity's objectives are maintained.

#### (f) Stock

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Items donated for resale or distributions were not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (Continued)

#### 2. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 01/01/18 £	Resources received £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/12/18 £
Unrestricted					
<u>Designated</u> Shop Project	10,000	-	-	10,000	20,000
Emergency Vet	4,410	-	-	-	4,410
Neutering	3,900	-		(3,900)	-
0	18,310	-	-	6,100	20,410
General Fund	294,166	36,823	(40,693)	(6,100)	284,196
÷	312,476	36,823	(40,693)	-	308,606

#### DESIGNATED FUNDS

#### Shop Project

The trustees earmarked during 2014 £10,000 to put towards the cost of opening a branch shop. This was viewed as a long term project which was expected to give them an opportunity to improve the branch profile and allow them to increase the branches income. Post year end a joint branch was opened with the Solent RSPCA Branch (11 May 2019). A further £10,000 has been designated in anticipation of these costs. In the financial year ended 31 December 2019 this fund will become an important measure in order for the trustees to measure the performance of this shop.

#### Emergency Vet

RSPCA Headquarters will now only meet the cost of an emergency vet where they are contacted in advance and agree the treatment, otherwise emergency veterinary treatment for injured animals and this is now the responsibility of the individual branches. The trustees do not have any historical information about the likely cost over one year and initially set aside a reserve of £5,500 to help meet this expense. Whilst there has been no specific use of this fund during 2018 or 2017, the trustees believe this is still an ongoing funding requirement felt it was appropriate to maintain it as designated funds.

#### Neutering

The trustees have re-evaluated the need for a designated neutering reserve and due to a decrease in demand locally. The trustees considered alternative options such as donating funds towards a street vet charity however policy rules prevented this. It was felt therefore that the funds would be better allocated back to general reserves.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

		<u>2018</u>			<u>2017</u>	
	Holding	Cost	<u>Market</u>	<u>Holding</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
			value			<u>Value</u>
		£	£		£	£
<b>Quoted equity shares:</b>				0.000.000	4.054	
M & G Equities Inv. Fund	3,200.000	4,954	45,569	3,200.000	4,954	52,566
Investment funds	15.674.765	34,296	90,381	15.674.765	34.296	102.795
Charishare Common Inv. Fund	15,674.705	54,290	70,701	10,074.700	01,270	102,770
Charinco Common Inv. Fund	10,740.068	19,370	19,977	10,740.068	19,370	20,954
Total		58,620	155,927		58,620	176,315

The unrealised loss shown in the Statement of Financial Activities is  $\pounds$ 20,388 (2017 – gain of £13,629).

# 4. <u>DEBTORS</u>

	2018	2017
	£	£
VAT recoverable	246	751
Other debtors	-	51
	246	802

5. <u>CREDITORS</u>

	2018	2017
Trade creditors	£	£
	766	211
Other creditors and accruals	6,500	7,006
	7,266	7,217

# 6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

No committee members received any remuneration and the branch has no other paid staff.

#### 7. <u>Stock</u>

The stock held at the year-end was valued by the committee at £550 (2017 - £300). All stocks have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 8. DONATIONS MADE

No donations were made by the Branch during the year (2017 -  $\pm$ nil).

#### 9. DONATIONS RECEIVED

During the year the branch received donated items worth £683 (2017 £271) to the Charity.

#### 10. LEGACIES

A legacy was received during the year from the late E.V Bulmer for £200 (2017  $\pounds$ 3,000).

#### 11. CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees control the Charity in accordance with the constitution and the branch rules of the main RSPCA Charity.