



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	20	December	2017		19	December	2018

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bedlington Terrier Rescue Foundation

Other names charity is known by

BTRF

Registered charity number (if any)

1176408

Charity's principal address

Glyn Coch
Alltwalis
Carmarthen
Postcode SA32 7EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kaye Scott			
2	Frances Fuller			
3	Frances Marshall			
4	Natalia Lewis			
5	Morag Sutherland			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bedlington Terrier Health Group	Hefin Jones OBE	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO - Foundation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity structure comprises of:

- a board of trustees who are subject matter experts;
- area co-ordinators who liaise with potential adopters; and
- foster families who foster dogs who are waiting for adoption.

The Charity has several channels which it uses to communicate with the various groups. These include email, website, Charity Facebook page, Facebook messenger, WhatsApp. However, most of the communication with foster families, co-ordinators and trustees takes place through the Charity's closed Facebook groups. This provides the trustees with quick and immediate access to each other and to co-ordinators and foster families.

The closed groups are used to share information with each of the participants including any relevant developments in dog training or dog behaviour fields.

The Charity also organises annual team days which are led by the trustees and which are open to all co-ordinators and foster families. Team days are used as an opportunity to update co-ordinators and foster families on Charity's activities, to provide annual refresher data protection training and to provide soft skills and other training. Training needs are assessed on a continual basis and any skills gaps are addressed immediately.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering and alleviate distress of Bedlington Terriers and Bedlington crosses in need of care by providing behavioural support and advice to families who are experiencing issues with their dogs and re-homing Bedlington Terriers and Bedlington crosses who have been given up, left homeless or whose owners cannot keep them for whatever reason.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- We have provided medical, behavioural and training support for the dogs, gifting families and new adopters in our care.
- We have appointed a number of new area coordinators who maintain a list of potential new homes and liaise between these and the BTRF management team.
- We have built and continue to build professional relationships with qualified behaviourists and trainers around the country who we appoint to work with our dogs on a case by case basis.
- We began to formulate a foster carers training scheme to recruit new foster care homes to enable us to respond quickly to emergency, urgent and sensitive rehoming cases. This training scheme is due to come to full fruition in 2019/2020.
- We strive to minimise stress to the dogs in our care at each stage of the rehoming procedure and provide extensive post adoption back up and support in all cases.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- We have added to our team of coordinators. We now have 13 members of the Coordinator's Team covering England, Scotland and Wales
- We have appointed a Patron who is one of the leading lights in the Bedlington Terrier showing and breeding world. Dr Hefin Jones OBE is the Chairman of the Midland Bedlington Terrier Club and is on the committee for the Bedlington Terrier Health Group. He is our consultant with any questions on Copper Toxicosis.
- We have set up 'shadowing' sessions for our Coordinators with our appointed behaviourists around the country. This allows them to see what back up and support is offered to our dogs and adopters and its importance to both to help them settle into their new homes and address any behavioural issues going forward.
- We now have 4 fully qualified trainers and behaviourists on the Training and Behaviour Team – all volunteers and all who are able to liaise with our appointed behaviourists around the country working with our rescue dogs and their new adopting families.
- We have now completely revisited our Adoption Procedure. This structured procedure now offers behavioural and medical back up and support, not only to our adopting homes but also to our gifting homes.
- Every dog that is surrendered to us has an assessment carried out by a fully qualified behaviourist This enables us to match the right home to the right dog and vice versa.
- Every adopting family now have a 'Settling In' session a few days after adoption, carried out by an appointed behaviourist. This helps to reduce any issues in the early days and sets everyone off on the track from the very beginning.
- We held our first BTRF Team day and AGM in August 2018. This will now be an annual event. At the Team Day we presented a programme of educational seminars to our team on 'GDPR and its implication to BTRF', 'Dealing with and minimising stress in a rescue dog', 'Behavioural Back up and Support – Why it is Important' and a guest speaker presented a session on how as a team we should be protecting ourselves from the emotional side of rescue.
- Our Facebook page has over 7000 supporters and through this we are able to educate as well as post success stories to enable our supporters to see how their donations are used to benefit the dogs in our care.
- We have set up our own JustGiving page.
- We have launched various fundraising incentives – Regular Giving Scheme, home collection boxes, BTRF calendar, online auctions, merchandise sales etc.

2018 Statistics:

During 2018:

- 16 Bedlingtons and their crosses were surrendered to us
- 16 Bedlingtons and their crosses were successfully rehome
- All 16 dogs and their homes were appointed behaviourists to work with them to address the behaviour issues the dogs came with
- We received and processed a total of 425 Home Enquiry Forms (applications from potential new homes)

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No reserves policy has yet been put in place because the accounts are being monitored on a regular basis. No expenditure is incurred unless sufficient funds are available. Fundraising activities are carried out on a continual basis to ensure that there is a constant flow of funds into the account. Approval of a reserves policy has been added to the agenda for the next trustees' meeting.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	 <small>Kaye Scott (Oct 16, 2019)</small>	
Full name(s)	Kaye Scott	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	Oct 16, 2019	