

# Trustees' annual report for the period



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Period start date       Period end date

Charity name  Charity No (if any)

## Objectives and Activities

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care and attention . In particular to provide and maintain rescue kennels.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To provide kennel facilities and staff so that such dogs can be offered shelter and sanctuary. To provide medical treatment for these dogs. To actively seek new homes for "rescued" dogs. To promote humane behaviour towards dogs. To give advice regarding dogs and their needs to the public.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when making decisions about the charity's activities.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The rescue homed 145 dogs during 2018/19. The reduced number is partly because we have a higher proportion of dogs who need significant behavioural work and have specific homing requirements. It does help the local population that we will take in their problem dogs, space allowing, but this has an impact on the numbers of long stay residents. We have also seen a real swing towards fashion trends in dog ownership and this means that we often care for fewer of those dogs that would generally be described as traditional pet breeds. Again, we don't give up but we do enjoy the moment that one of these dogs finds a quality home for life.</p> <p>This year we have started crowd funding to improve our bathing &amp; medical area and to replace the dilapidated storage buildings.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

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	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The rescue has had a strong presence in the surrounding towns and villages and is seen by many as a good source of help and information.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The fundraising committee has been very effective both in raising funds and receiving donations of food, items and time. The costs are now always met.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	At this point no investment is made.
Other		The rescue has been able to meet its increased wages bill this year. The extra employees have improved life for the dogs.

## Financial Review

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is financially more stable every year and, although not at all wealthy, is able to cover its needs as they occur.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	At this point no reserves are held. Any reserves would be used to safeguard against a future reduction in fundraising.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Nil
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity is in a period of growth but does not yet have sufficient income to save.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

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	<b>SORP reference</b>	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fundraising is the main source of funds, particularly the holding of three online auctions each year. We also have regular sponsors plus rehoming donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	At this stage we do not have investments. We are working on improving the environment for our dogs and visitors as a priority.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risk would be a drop in support from the public, particularly in reducing donations and volunteering time. This is currently a very low risk.
Other		We have started crowd funding for the first time this year, with the aim of improving facilities that are vital to the rescue.

## Structure, Governance and Management

<b>Description of charity's trusts:</b>	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Trust</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Appointed by existing trustees</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<b>SORP reference</b>	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Appledown Rescue and Rehoming Kennels
Other name the charity uses	Appledown Rescue
Registered charity number	1116848
Charity's principal address	Appledown Kennels Harling Road Eaton Bray Bedfordshire LU6 1QY

### 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	Julie Shelton	Chair		
2	Laura Shelton	Secretary		
3	Mary Smallwood	Treasurer		
4	Edward Smallwood	Treasurer		
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## Reference and Administrative details

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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#### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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#### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Julie Shelton

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

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Date

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date