Registered Charity number: **1135539**

BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

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Year ended 31 December 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Principal address	16 Sherbourne Avenue Bradley Stoke BRISTOL BS32 8BB	
Trading address	Knoll View Biddisham AXBRIDGE BS26 2RE	
Registered Charity number	1135539	
Trustees		
	Geraldine Watkins	Chair
	Lynette Butler	Secretary
	Colin Watkins	Treasurer
	Steve Blewett	Trustee
	Hilary McEwen-Smith	Honorary Trustee
Independent examiner	Bishop Fleming Audit Limited 10 Temple Back Redcliffe BRISTOL BS1 6FL	
Treasurer	Colin Watkins 16 Sherbourne Avenue Bradley Stoke BRISTOL BS32 8BB	
Bank	Barclays Bristol Branch	
Solicitors	Shakespeare Martineau 6 Queen Square BRISTOL BS1 4JE	

BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document:	Constitution (adopted 15 September 2009)
How the charity is constituted:	Association
Trustee selection methods:	Appointed by existing Trustees

Risk management

1 New Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission documents covering roles and responsibilities of becoming a Trustee, together with a copy of the Charity GDPR Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Equal Opportunity Policy, Euthanasia Policy and the Staff Handbook to ensure they understand their responsibilities as an employer.

2 The Charity shall have the following positions: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom are elected on an annual basis at the AGM.

3 The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the Charity is exposed which would be to run out of funds to continue. This has been mitigated by the Trustees decision to retain a minimum of 12/24 months running costs and retained within the Charity reserve account with Barclays Bank PLC.

4 Safeguarding, Equal Opportunity, Euthanasia Policy and GDPR Policies are all in place.

Objectives

The objective of the Charity is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home ex-racing greyhounds and ex-working lurchers, ensuring all dogs in their care are fully vaccinated, neutered, micro-chipped and receive flea and worm treatment prior to being re-homed.

Each prospective home is fully vetted and meets with the specified adoption criteria prior to re-homing.

In late 2019 the Charity purchased the freehold kennels at Knoll View, Biddisham. This purchase was achieved by the use of funds the Charity had been saving over the years and the legacy that it received in 2018 and a bank commercial mortgage. There is room to expand in the future, should the Trustees wish to. The Bank mortgage has now been repaid and the Charity owns the property and land outright and continues to make improvements when required.



Report of the Trustees [continued]
for the year ended 31 December 2025

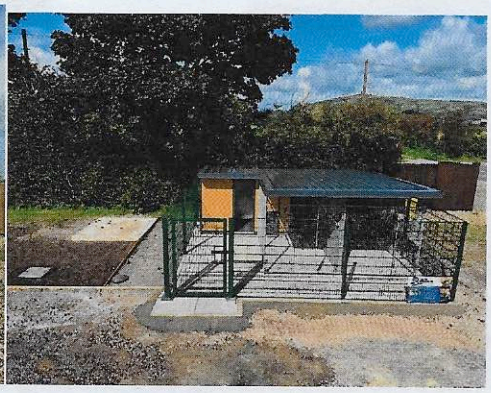
Activities

Fundraising activities remain a focal activity of the Charity with a full programme in 2025. As usual, many supermarket collections were organised along with various street collections. Dog shows were held, as were dog walks. Talks to various WI's were undertaken.

The Trustees also arranged some events at Knoll View, including a dog show and various social walks.

The Charity remains the nominated Charity for three Pets At Home stores in Bristol and North Somerset and the Charity has a close working relationship with them all in support of their Pet Adoption Scheme. During 2021 they provided a Grant to purchase a new animal transporter and also donated several pallets of food and were a fantastic support during the pandemic. The Trustees approached them for a further grant to assist with the erection of two new isolation kennels with a total cost in excess of £47,000. The Foundation visited Knoll View and the application was successful and building commenced with the initial groundwork and then erection of the kennels and fencing and was completed in September 2023. Pictures below show the before and after and the Trustees are so grateful for all the support they receive from Pets at Home Foundation. A further grant of £10,479 was agreed in 2024 to assist with a new roof and heating system in the old block of six kennels.



We are also the nominated Charity for Platinum Petcare Limited, with whom we have a fantastic relationship. The Director has undertaken several virtual fundraising events for us and continue to be a huge support to the Charity.

Public Benefit

By taking dogs on events, it has enabled many members of the public to help overcome a fear of dogs (particularly children) by a simple "meet and greet" exercise. These dogs are so quiet and graceful that many children who have a real fear of dogs actually end up on the dog's beds cuddling them and their parents are most grateful of our help.

The Trustees and a loyal group of volunteers, all of who enjoy "showing off" their dogs, undertake all of these events. This in turn has actually increased volunteers confidence in meeting and dealing with the general public.

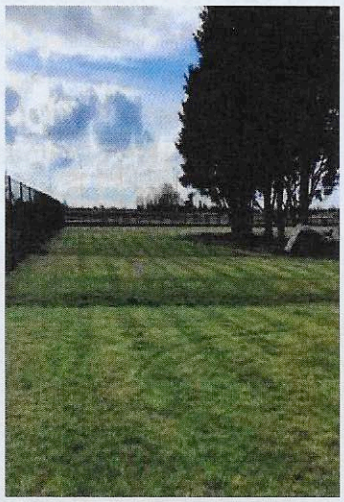
The Charity is fortunate to have many volunteer dog walkers at the Centre and many say how therapeutic it is to just walk, cuddle and groom the dogs. In addition during 2023 the Charity took on some local Community Payback who arrive with a supervisor. These are individuals many of whom "have been in the wrong place at the wrong time" and have been given Community Payback. They all enjoy their time with the Charity and this has also enabled several maintenance jobs to be undertaken. They provided this service again during 2025.

Report of the Trustees [continued]
for the year ended 31 December 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2025 has been a difficult year for the Charity. With ever increasing costs and peoples personal circumstances in the present economic position meaning less people adopting dogs, in 2025 we adopted 46 dogs. Our Kennel Supervisor served the full 12 months in 2025, however our Kennel Operative left in March 2025. After a recruitment campaign the Charity was very fortunate to secure the services of a very experienced person in animal welfare and known to two of the Trustees from previous employment at Holly Hedge. To say she has made a massive difference would be an understatement and has brought in various tried and trusted practices which has enhanced the overall welfare of the dogs.





The Trustees have felt really humbled and so grateful for all of the support of the Charity volunteers and supporters during 2025, especially those that have made financial donations – the level of donations seen is just absolutely amazing and knowing the Charity has this support makes it all worthwhile. The Charity is lucky to have so many kind volunteers who give up their time to help the dogs, we have regular dog walkers at the Rescue Centre and also volunteers who help out at collections. It is safe to say without their contribution the Charity would find it very difficult to run. The Charity now organises an annual Volunteers day where a BBQ, food and drink are provided as a thank you to all of the volunteers who give up their free time.



The boarding side of the venture continues to progress, with Lynette Butler looking after the administration of this. Where possible boarding has been restricted to five dogs during the Winter and eight in the Summer at any one time, and the diary for 2026 is already filling up. Boarding is only available to dogs which the Charity has re-homed. This brought in over £29,000 to the Charity during 2025.

Report of the Trustees [continued]
for the year ended 31 December 2025

All four Trustees served the full year and continue to work well as a team. There is a good mix of differing skills all of which add up to a settled Trustee team. Fundraising remains a key activity, the Trustees together with a loyal group of volunteers, spent most weekends outside of supermarkets or at organised events, not just raising funds but letting the general public know about these dogs and what they go through and what they endure, as it is a sad fact that greyhounds are never bred to be anyone's pet!! All fundraising activities are undertaken under the guidance of the Fundraising Regulator. The Charity's social media coverage has seen an explosion during 2025 with the addition of TikTok and Instagram being added to Facebook. A huge thanks to Nigel Stevens for promoting TikTok and he now has a vast following on this. Also thanks to all of the other volunteers who have contributed during the year.

The Charity continues to re-home on average one dog per week, which for a small charity is commendable. The Charity does advertise their dogs by use of social media sites and the internet as well as at events that are organised. The Charity also undertook a number of "home from home" adoptions during the year for which the Charity does not get reimbursed unless by way of a small donations from the old/new owner.

The Charity feels extremely fortunate to have been chosen by three of the Pets At Home Stores in the Bristol and North Somerset area as their nominated Charity, and this has been a huge tool in helping to promote the work we do, and the Charity undertake regular collections in each store and receive food donations.

The Charity also had many vet students undertake their placements with us during the Summer months. These are first/second year students and they were a great help and really acted like a spare pair of hands undertaking nail clipping, grooming and helping with the general welfare of the dogs and the walking during the day.

Our newest Patron, David Olusoga OBE, has been a fantastic support to the Charity during 2025 and being local he has attended numerous organised events (as well as owning a DAWG dog) and has very kindly donated some of his fees to Bristol DAWG. He joins our other two Patrons (Author, Andrew Dilger and CEO of the charity NowZad, Pen Farthing).



Report of the Trustees [continued]
for the year ended 31 December 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity needs to retain a reserve of funds to cover on-going monthly costs of running the Charity, which are approximately £11,000 per month. Whilst fundraising events will continue these cannot be relied upon for future income and it is the Trustees views that a minimum reserve of 12/24 months costs needs to be retained, as a contingency.

At the end of the financial year the Charity had total assets of £956,311 now owning the property outright. Of this figure £246,550 was held in cash balances and in excess of 12 months running costs which complies with the rules within the Constitution.

The Charity's main sources of income are from adoption fees, fundraising collections, boarding and paddock hire, the Lottery and Sponsor a Kennel Scheme and donations received.

The expenditure has supported the key objectives of the Charity in that costs associated with the Rescue Centre and vets bills make up the largest proportion of total outgoings, alongside ever increasing property costs.

These two items are provided to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the dogs in the care of the Charity. Every dog receives whatever veterinary treatment is required and all dogs receive flea treatment, worming and micro-chipping and are neutered in accordance with the Charity objectives.

FUTURE PLANS

The purchase of the Rescue Centre has created numerous future opportunities for the Trustees. These are kept under constant review.

The Charity has already built up a band of local people who volunteer their services for such activities as dog walking, helping with general maintenance of the property etc and these will be actively encouraged going forward.

There are some capital expenditure projects that the Trustees will consider in the next 2/3 years. The main ones being:

- all three kennel gardens to be re-designed so less astro turf and more "landscaping"
- the car park to be re-surfaced and possibly extended
- new septic tank/water treatment system
- new roof on triple garage

SUMMARY

There is no doubt that 2025 was another year of consolidation for the Charity. The present economic and worldwide issues and the ever increasing cost of everything has presented challenges. That said the Charity continues to thrive and all the Trustees feel extremely proud of what the Charity has achieved and has fully justified the Trustees decision to purchase the Rescue Centre.

There are challenging times ahead, with the ever increasing cost of living sure to affect Bristol DAWG, but it is felt that the Charity has the necessary Trustees, staff and volunteers available to ensure that the Charity continues to go from strength to strength and that it can continue to provide animal welfare to as many greyhounds and lurchers as it can.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by

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Colin Watkins
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol Dog Action Welfare Group ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

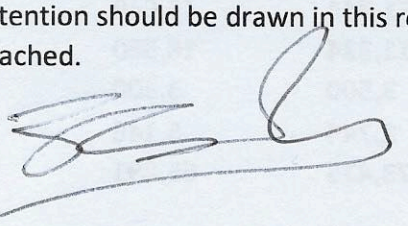
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Joseph Scaife FCA DChA
BISHOP FLEMING AUDIT LIMITED
Chartered Accountants
10 Temple Back
Redcliffe
Bristol
BS1 6FL

Date 22 October 2026

BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2025			Year ended
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	31 December 2024
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations, legacies and grants	5	**60,116**	-	**60,116**	73,975
Fundraising events and activities	5	**101,905**	-	**101,905**	93,062
Interest receivable	5	**4,829**	-	**4,829**	3,647
		166,850	-	**166,850**	170,684
Resources expended					
Staff costs	4	**51,744**	-	**51,744**	46,640
Vet bills		**11,324**	-	**11,324**	16,560
Donations		**3,500**	-	**3,500**	3,300
Fundraising costs	6	**2,744**	-	**2,744**	5,146
Other expenditure	6	**67,596**	**5,879**	**73,475**	65,891
		136,908	**5,879**	**142,787**	137,537
Net movement in funds		**29,942**	**(5,879)**	**24,063**	33,147
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**920,415**	**5,879**	**926,294**	893,147
Total funds carried forward		**950,357**	-	**950,357**	926,294

BRISTOL DOG ACTION WELFARE GROUP

Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2025

	Note		2025		2024
			£		£
Fixed assets	7		**646,087**		662,744
Current assets					
Stock		**3,979**		2,088	
Debtors	8	**9,695**		6,370	
Investments	9	**50,000**		50,000	
Cash at bank		**246,550**		208,900	
		310,224		267,358	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(5,954)**		(3,808)	
Net current assets			**304,270**		263,550
Net assets			**950,357**		926,294
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	11		**950,357**		920,415
Restricted Fund					
Kennel refurbishment	11		**-**		5,879
			950,357		926,294

The notes form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22 October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by

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Colin Watkins
Trustee

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025 [continued]

1 Accounting policies [continued]

Income from interest
This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity
These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £250.

They are valued at cost.

The depreciation rates and methods are disclosed in note 7.

Stock
Stock held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Debtors
Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

Creditors
The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Going concern
The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of the authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	**2,130**	2,100

3 Transactions with trustees and related parties

3.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits
None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 *(2024: Nil).*

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025 [continued]

3.2 Trustees' expenses

None of the trustees have been paid any expenses for the year ended 31 December 2025 *(2024: Nil).*

3.3 Transactions with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

4 Paid employees

4.1 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	**50,729**	45,742
Employer National Insurance	**-**	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	**1,015**	898
	51,744	46,640

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

4.2 Average head count in the year

	2025	2024
Charitable activities	**2**	2

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025 [continued]

5 Analysis of income

	Year ended 31 December 2025			Year ended
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and grants				
Adoptions	**14,900**	**-**	**14,900**	11,100
Donations and grants	**41,634**	**-**	**41,634**	58,299
Gift Aid	**3,582**	**-**	**3,582**	4,576
	60,116	**-**	**60,116**	73,975
Fundraising income				
Supermarket and street collections	**52,061**	**-**	**52,061**	44,004
Sponsorship and lottery schemes	**17,175**	**-**	**17,175**	17,397
Boarding	**29,805**	**-**	**29,805**	28,885
Goods sold	**1,446**	**-**	**1,446**	1,193
Paddock hire	**1,418**	**-**	**1,418**	1,583
	101,905	**-**	**101,905**	93,062
Interest receivable				
Bank interest receivable	**2,418**	**-**	**2,418**	2,758
Investment income	**2,404**	**-**	**2,404**	873
Repayment interest	**7**	**-**	**7**	16
	4,829	**-**	**4,829**	3,647

6 Analysis of expenditure

	Year ended 31 December 2025			Year ended
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cost of fundraising events				
Fundraising events	**1,120**	-	**1,120**	1,056
Goods and materials	**574**	-	**574**	1,555
Lottery prizes	**1,050**	-	**1,050**	2,535
	2,744	-	**2,744**	5,146

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025 [continued]

6 **Analysis of expenditure** [continued]

	Year ended 31 December 2025			Year ended
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Other expenditure				
Motor and fuel costs	1,485	-	1,485	1,722
Dog food	5,884	-	5,884	7,203
Postage and stationery	280	-	280	-
Insurance	2,485	-	2,485	2,181
Subscriptions	1,221	-	1,221	1,047
Accountancy	2,130	-	2,130	2,100
Depreciation	20,127	-	20,127	19,886
Sundry expenses	560	-	560	254
Establishment costs	15,355	-	15,355	14,174
Property repairs and renewals	16,278	5,879	22,157	15,477
JustGiving, SumUp & paddock	1,399	-	1,399	1,647
Loss on sale of asset	392	-	392	200
	67,596	5,879	73,475	65,891

7 Fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At beginning of year	687,205	22,453	19,261	20,454	749,373
Additions	-	3,269	593	-	3,862
Disposals	-	-	(749)	-	(749)
At end of year	687,205	25,722	19,105	20,454	752,486
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	65,932	9,366	3,971	7,360	86,629
Charge for year	13,745	2,436	1,901	2,045	20,127
On disposal	-	-	(357)	-	(357)
At end of year	79,677	11,802	5,515	9,405	106,399
Net book value					
At 31 December 2025	**607,528**	**13,920**	**13,590**	**11,049**	**646,087**
At 31 December 2024	621,273	13,087	15,290	13,094	662,744
Depreciation basis	Straight line	Straight line	Straight line	Straight line	
Depreciation rate	2%	10%	10%	10%	

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025 [continued]

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	**3,234**	241
Prepayments and accrued income	**6,461**	6,129
	9,695	6,370

All debtors are due within one year.

9 Investment assets

	2025	2024
	£	£
Analysis of current asset investments		
Cash or cash equivalents	**50,000**	50,000

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	**1,875**	79
Accruals	**4,079**	3,729
	5,954	3,808

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025 [continued]

11 Charity funds held and movements in current period

	At beginning of year	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	920,415	166,850	(136,908)	-	950,357
Restricted Fund					
Pets at Home grant	5,879	-	(5,879)	-	-
	926,294	166,850	(142,787)	-	950,357

Restricted Fund
Pets at Home grant — The grant income was restricted to the renovation works on the block of six kennels.

12 Charity funds held and movements in previous period

	At beginning of year	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At end of year
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	893,147	160,205	(132,937)	-	920,415
Restricted Funds					
Pets at Home Grant	-	10,479	(4,600)	-	5,879
	893,147	170,684	(137,537)	-	926,294

Restricted Fund
Pets at Home grant — The grant income was restricted to the renovation works on the block of six kennels.