CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/05/2024		30/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Adoption Donations	41,909	-	-	41,909	-
Donations	16,860	-	-	16,860	-
Legacies	27,886	-	-	27,886	-
Gift Aid	26,450	-	-	26,450	-
Events	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Other	8,767	-	-	8,767	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	126,872	-	-	126,872	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	126,872	-	-	126,872	-
A3 Payments					
Kennels	57,938	-	-	57,938	-
Vets	55,918	-	-	55,918	-
Dog Food	5,097	-	-	5,097	-
Transport and Petrol	2,696	-	-	2,696	-
Insurance	1,027	-	-	1,027	-
Accounts	579	-	-	579	-
Utilities	529	-	-	529	-
Bank Charges	804	-	-	804	-
Dog Expenses	5,715	-	-	5,715	-
Sub total	130,303	-	-	130,303	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	130,303	-	-	130,303	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,431	-	-	- 3,431	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 3,431	-	-	- 3,431	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	HSBC	25322.36	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,322	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Julie Graham	1.7.26

KENT GREYHOUND RESCUE

Registered Charity Number: 1138841

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026

Charity name: Kent Greyhound Rescue

Registered charity number: 1138841

Reporting period: 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026

Legal structure: Unincorporated registered charity

Principal address: New Pound Fram House, Newington. Kent. CT18 8AU

Trustees serving during the year: J Graham

Website: www.kentgreyhoundrescue.com

INTRODUCTION

The Trustees present their Annual Report for Kent Greyhound Rescue for the financial year ended 30 April 2026.

Kent Greyhound Rescue is an independent animal welfare charity dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming unwanted, abandoned, neglected and retired greyhounds, lurchers and other sighthounds.

The charity operates through the dedication of volunteers, foster carers and supporters who share a common objective: improving the welfare of vulnerable dogs and giving them the opportunity to enjoy safe, secure and loving homes.

The reporting year has presented considerable challenges, particularly the increasing financial pressures affecting all animal rescue organisations, the growing number of dogs requiring specialist rehabilitation and the need to maintain a sustainable operating model.

Despite these difficulties, the charity has continued its rescue and rehoming activities, developed its foster-based approach and maintained its commitment to dogs with complex medical and behavioural needs.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's principal objectives and activities are to:

- Rescue unwanted, abandoned, neglected and retired greyhounds, lurchers and other sighthounds.
- Provide appropriate veterinary care, rehabilitation and temporary accommodation.
- Find suitable permanent homes through careful assessment and adoption procedures.
- Educate prospective owners about sighthound behaviour, responsible ownership and animal welfare.
- Support dogs with additional behavioural, medical or welfare needs.
- Provide long-term care for dogs who cannot safely or appropriately be placed for conventional adoption.

The charity recognises that successful rescue work involves more than simply finding a home for a dog. Some animals arrive with significant physical or psychological difficulties and require considerable time, patience, specialist care and financial support. The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that the welfare of each dog is central to the charity's decisions.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Success of Foster-Based Rescue

One of the charity's most significant achievements has been the continued development of its predominantly foster-based rescue model.

Historically, Kent Greyhound Rescue relied heavily on commercial boarding kennels to accommodate dogs awaiting adoption.

This resulted in substantial expenditure and meant that some dogs spent extended periods in kennels, sometimes for several months.

The Trustees recognised that, although kennel accommodation can provide essential shelter, it does not necessarily offer the same opportunities for individual attention, socialisation and everyday experiences as a suitable family home. The charity has therefore increasingly placed dogs with carefully assessed volunteer foster carers. This approach enables dogs to experience domestic life, regular walks, household routines and interaction with people.

Foster carers are also able to provide valuable information about each dog's personality, behaviour, exercise requirements and suitability for different home environments.

Importantly, the move towards foster-based rescue has not resulted in any reduction in the number of dogs successfully rehomed.

The Trustees consider this a significant achievement, demonstrating that the charity can operate more efficiently while maintaining its rehoming activities and improving the everyday welfare of dogs in its care.

Significant Savings in Kennel Costs

The financial benefits of foster-based rescue have been substantial. During the previous financial year, commercial kennel expenditure amounted to £57,938.

For the year ended 30 April 2026, this expenditure reduced to £2,156. This represents a reduction in recorded kennel expenditure of **£55,782**, approximately 96% compared with the previous year.

The charity conservatively estimates that its foster-based operating model is saving approximately **£50,000 annually** in commercial kennel costs. These savings have been particularly valuable during a period of increasing financial pressure. The Trustees believe that reducing dependence on commercial kennels allows a greater proportion of charitable resources to be directed towards veterinary care, rehabilitation, enrichment and the individual welfare needs of rescued dogs.

The charity recognises that commercial kennels may still be necessary for emergency accommodation or where a suitable foster placement is not immediately available. However, fostering remains its preferred approach wherever appropriate.

REHABILATION AND BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORT

During the reporting year, the charity experienced an large increase in the number of dogs requiring specialist rehabilitation and behavioural support. Some dogs arrive with anxiety, limited socialisation, challenging behaviours or other difficulties that make immediate rehoming unsuitable.

The charity is committed to providing these dogs with the time, appropriate care and professional support necessary to improve their welfare and prospects of successful adoption. Rehabilitation can be a lengthy and expensive process.

Costs may include specialist training, swimming sessions, secure private exercise fields and other activities designed to provide safe physical exercise and mental enrichment.

Woofy

Woofy is an example of a dog who required significant additional rehabilitation support.

His programme included swimming sessions, training classes and the use of secure private fields for exercise.

These activities provided opportunities for physical exercise, structured learning and appropriate enrichment. It took 12 months to rehabilatate Woofy and before we found his forever home in June 2025. The charity considered this investment necessary to support his welfare and rehabilitation.

Sue the Lurcher

Sue is another example of a dog requiring additional support. Her care has included swimming sessions and other structured activities intended to provide physical exercise, mental stimulation and enrichment.

These activities are particularly important for dogs whose behavioural or emotional needs cannot be met through ordinary exercise alone.

The Trustees recognise that specialist rehabilitation involves additional expenditure but consider it an essential part of the charity's animal welfare work.

The charity does not believe that dogs with complex needs should automatically be excluded from the opportunity to enjoy a better quality of life.

LONG TERM FOSTER CARE

Kent Greyhound Rescue recognises that not every rescued dog can be placed for conventional adoption. Some dogs have medical conditions, behavioural difficulties or other circumstances that make finding a permanent adoptive home particularly challenging.

The charity therefore operates long-term foster arrangements for dogs requiring ongoing support. During the reporting year, the charity supported **eight dogs in long-term foster care**.

Six of these dogs were already in the charity's care at the beginning of the financial year, while two additional dogs entered its care during the year. Under these arrangements, dogs live in suitable family homes while the charity retains responsibility for their ongoing care costs.

These may include veterinary treatment, medication, food and other essential expenses.

Although long-term fostering represents a continuing financial commitment, the Trustees believe it offers a compassionate alternative to prolonged kennel accommodation or any other options.

Wilma

Wilma is a 10 year old greyhound who had spent her whole life living in a kennel. She was placed in long-term foster care so that she could remain with her daughter and their human family.

This arrangement allows Wilma to enjoy the security, familiarity and companionship of a stable home environment while continuing to receive support from the charity.

Dora

Dora has behavioural difficulties that make conventional adoption challenging.

Her long-term foster placement provides stability, understanding and an environment suited to her individual needs.

Lurcher Received Through the Police

The charity also accepted responsibility for a lurcher received through the police on the understanding that his circumstances meant he could not be placed for conventional adoption.

The charity's commitment to this dog reflects its willingness to help animals whose needs cannot easily be met through ordinary rehoming arrangements.

The Importance of Long-Term Foster Care

The Trustees recognise that supporting dogs who may never be conventionally rehomed places additional demands on the charity's finances.

However, the charity believes that its responsibility to vulnerable animals extends beyond finding homes for dogs who are easy to rehome.

Providing security, stability and appropriate ongoing care for dogs with complex needs remains an important part of its charitable purpose.

INCREASING VOLUNTEER EXPENSES

Although the charity has achieved substantial savings in commercial kennel expenditure, other costs have increased. The continuing cost-of-living pressures have affected volunteers, particularly through rising fuel costs and household expenses.

Volunteers contribute considerable amounts of unpaid time and provide essential support through transporting dogs, attending veterinary appointments, carrying out adoption assessments and supporting foster placements. The Trustees recognise that volunteers should not be expected to personally fund the necessary expenses associated with these activities.

Consequently, the charity has needed to provide greater financial assistance through reimbursement of legitimate volunteer expenses. During the reporting year, volunteer petrol reimbursements amounted to **£8,288**. The previous year the cost for petrol was £2969.

The Trustees consider this expenditure necessary to maintain the charity's rescue operations and support its volunteer network. Although fostering reduces commercial kennel costs, it also creates additional transport and coordination requirements.

The charity believes these expenses represent a reasonable and necessary investment in a volunteer-led rescue model.

FINANCIAL PRESSURE FACING ANIMAL RESCUE CHARITIES

The Trustees recognise that the wider economic climate has created increasingly difficult conditions for animal rescue organisations. Rising veterinary costs, food prices, fuel costs and other essential expenses have increased the financial burden on charities.

At the same time, household financial pressures have affected the number of people able to adopt dogs.

The charity has also experienced increased demand from existing owners seeking help to rehome their dogs because of financial hardship, changes in housing circumstances or other difficulties.

This creates additional pressure on rescue organisations already operating with limited resources.

The Trustees remain concerned about the continuing number of greyhounds bred for racing at a time when the availability of suitable retirement and adoption homes remains limited.

The charity believes that greater emphasis should be placed on responsible breeding, long-term welfare and ensuring that suitable retirement arrangements are available for dogs leaving the racing industry.

Kent Greyhound Rescue remains committed to helping dogs in need while recognising that the number of animals it can responsibly accept must be balanced against available financial resources, foster placements and volunteer capacity.

FUTURE RESCUE CENTRE AND PROPERTY PLANNING

The charity has previously explored the possibility of acquiring privately owned boarding kennels for conversion into a dedicated rescue centre.

The intention was to reduce reliance on expensive commercial accommodation and establish facilities operated directly for the benefit of rescued dogs.

However, concerns arose regarding the condition of the proposed property, planning permission, flooding, maintenance requirements and the substantial investment necessary to bring the premises up to an appropriate standard.

The proposed purchase price was also considered excessive in relation to the property's condition and the associated financial risks. The decision was therefore made not to proceed.

Although this caused disappointment among a lot volunteers, the Trustees considered withdrawal to be in the charity's best interests.

The experience reinforced the importance of careful due diligence and ensuring that significant capital projects are financially sustainable.

The charity remains interested in developing its own rescue centre in the future, provided that any proposal is affordable, appropriately planned and does not compromise the charity's ongoing animal welfare commitments.

VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Kent Greyhound Rescue relies heavily on the dedication of unpaid volunteers, foster carers and supporters. Volunteer activities include fostering, transport, fundraising, dog walking, administration, adoption assessments and ongoing support for adopters.

The charity recognises that volunteers provide an invaluable contribution, particularly when supporting dogs with complex behavioural or medical needs.

Their commitment enables the charity to operate a foster-based model and provide individual attention to dogs who might otherwise remain in kennel accommodation.

The Trustees wish to thank everyone who has contributed time, financial assistance or practical support during the year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees recognise their responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 to ensure that the charity's activities further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The charity provides public benefit through the advancement of animal welfare, including rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming animals in need.

It also promotes responsible dog ownership and greater public understanding of the welfare requirements of greyhounds, lurchers and other sighthounds.

The Trustees confirm, subject to approval of this report, that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when making relevant decisions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Overview

The financial year ended 30 April 2026 was challenging for Kent Greyhound Rescue.

The charity received total income of **£82,326** and recorded payments of **£98,286**, calculated from the individual categories supplied.

This represents net payments exceeding receipts of **£15,960**, before any outstanding reconciliation adjustments.

The Trustees recognise the importance of controlling expenditure and maintaining sufficient financial resources to meet the charity's ongoing animal welfare commitments.

Income

Income category	Amount
Adoption donations	£46,500
General donations	£16,364
Gift Aid	£11,469
Other income	£7,993
Legacies	£0
Events	£0
Total income	**£82,326**

The charity remains dependent on donations, adoption contributions, Gift Aid and other charitable income.

The Trustees are grateful to everyone who has supported its activities.

Expenditure

Expenditure category	Amount
Veterinary expenses	£51,447
Miscellaneous expenditure	£18,000
Dog food	£15,327
Volunteer petrol reimbursements	£8,288
Private boarding kennels	£2,156
Insurance	£1,125
Accounts	£790
Utilities	£600
Bank charges	£553
Total calculated expenditure	**£98,286**

Veterinary Care

Veterinary expenses remained the charity's largest expenditure category at £51,447.

The charity continues to support dogs requiring medical treatment, ongoing veterinary care and rehabilitation.

Some dogs have complex medical needs, while others require additional support because of age, previous neglect or other circumstances. The Trustees consider veterinary expenditure essential to the charity's animal welfare objectives.

Financial Result

Financial summary	Amount
Total receipts	£82,326
Total calculated payments	£98,286
Net payments exceeding receipts	**£15,960**

The Trustees recognise that payments exceeded receipts during the reporting year.

The charity's financial priorities include maintaining essential veterinary and welfare services, reducing unnecessary operating expenditure, developing fundraising activities and ensuring that ongoing commitments remain affordable.

STRUCTURE GOVERNACE AND MANAGEMENT

Kent Greyhound Rescue is an unincorporated charity governed by its governing document.

The Trustees are responsible for the charity's strategic direction, financial oversight, safeguarding of assets and compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Trustee Recruitment

The charity recognises the importance of maintaining a suitably experienced and effective Board of Trustees.

The organisation has faced challenges in maintaining a sufficiently broad trustee board due to serious ill health, and has sought additional trustees with experience in charity governance, financial management, fundraising, property development and strategic planning.

Strengthening governance remains an important priority to support the charity's future development and long-term sustainability.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The charity's principal risks include:

- Rising veterinary and animal care costs.
- Increasing demand for rescue and rehabilitation services.
- Shortages of suitable foster homes.
- Financial pressures affecting donations and fundraising.

- Continuing costs associated with long-term foster dogs.
- Difficulty recruiting appropriately experienced trustees.
- Risks associated with future property acquisition or capital projects.
- Dependence on volunteers for essential rescue activities.

The Trustees aim to manage these risks through careful financial oversight, appropriate planning, volunteer support and regular review of the charity's commitments.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Kent Greyhound Rescue remains committed to developing a sustainable rescue organisation capable of providing appropriate care for vulnerable dogs.

Its principal priorities are:

1. Continue developing and strengthening the foster-based rescue model.
2. Recruit additional foster carers and volunteers.
3. Maintain appropriate veterinary treatment and specialist rehabilitation services.
4. Continue supporting dogs requiring long-term foster care.
5. Strengthen governance through the recruitment of experienced trustees.
6. Develop fundraising activities and improve financial resilience.
7. Explore financially sustainable options for a future rescue centre.
8. Promote responsible greyhound ownership and improved welfare standards.
9. Maintain successful rehoming outcomes while prioritising the individual needs of each dog.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable charity law and accounting requirements.

They are also responsible for maintaining appropriate accounting records, safeguarding charitable assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and financial irregularities.

The Trustees acknowledge their collective responsibility for the proper administration of the charity.

CONCLUSION

The financial year ended 30 April 2026 has demonstrated both the challenges facing Kent Greyhound Rescue and the benefits of its changing operating model.

The move towards foster-based rescue has substantially reduced commercial kennel expenditure without reducing the number of dogs successfully rehomed.

This represents an important achievement for the charity, allowing it to provide a more individualised approach to animal care while making better use of limited charitable resources.

At the same time, the charity has experienced increased demand for specialist rehabilitation and long-term foster care.

The Trustees recognise that these activities can involve considerable expense but believe that helping dogs with complex needs is fundamental to the charity's purpose.

The charity remains committed to supporting dogs who might otherwise struggle to find suitable homes, including those requiring ongoing care for the remainder of their lives.

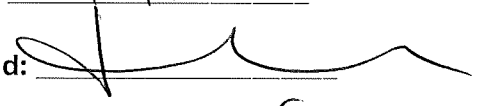
Despite the financial pressures affecting the wider rescue sector, Kent Greyhound Rescue continues to benefit from the dedication of its volunteers, foster carers, donors and supporters.

The Trustees believe that the foster-based model provides a strong foundation for the charity's future and remain committed to strengthening governance, maintaining financial sustainability and ensuring that animal welfare remains at the centre of every decision.

APPROVAL AND DECLARATION

This report was approved by the Trustees of Kent Greyhound Rescue on:

Date: 1.11.26

Signed: 

Name: Julie Graham.

Position: Trustee

For and on behalf of the Trustees of Kent Greyhound Rescue

End of Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 April 2026.