CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 January 2025 Period start date** **To**
Period end date **31 December 2025**

Charity name: **Banbury Animal Rescue & Kindness Service (BARKS)**

Charity registration number: **1163343**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To rescue, re-home and care for animals in Need To care for animals to the highest possible standards and to give them quality of life, safety, security and happiness, by means of adoption or long-term foster care To support and encourage our **volunteer**s and helpers To seek new volunteers at all times to ensure continuity of care To raise funds and seek financial support to safeguard our work and the future of the charity
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	BARKS's rescue and rehoming activities benefit members of the public who are distressed and need help with their animals, or who have taken in a lost or injured animal and need a charity to take over.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**n/a**

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**n/a**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	BARKS is 100% managed and staffed by volunteers, who even pay for many of the day to day costs
Other		BARKS works to raise funds with raffles, lotteries, stalls and online sales. We look regularly for new opportunities, encourage members of the public to raise money for us, and work to secure grants whenever possible

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	The rescuing and rehoming of numerous small animals. The beneficiaries in human terms were for the people whose animals were taken on and cared for, relieving them of stressful problems, and the people who gained new animals to care for. Additionally helping our volunteers to overcome mental health and social problems, enabling them to gain confidence and find a more fulfilling lifestyle. We have also developed a network for long-Term sanctuary care of elderly animals who would otherwise not find new homes, giving peace in many cases to elderly people unable to care for their elderly pets.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**Income £102673** **Expenditure £61495**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The small reserves that we hold are intended to protect us against emergency situations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£4000.00**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**n/a**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**n/a**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Essential maintenance drained our reserves in 2023, and until we can rebuild these reserves we are vulnerable

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		**n/a**
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
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	Trustees are nominated and elected by the members at the AGM in accordance with the Constitution

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	Banbury Animal Rescue & Kindness Service
Other name the charity uses	B.A.R.K.S. / BARKS
Registered charity number	1163343
Charity's principal address	47 Park End Bodicote BANBURY Oxfordshire OX15 4DQ

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	Ann Collins	Chair		
2	Marianne Kern	Treasurer		
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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)

Exemptions from disclosure

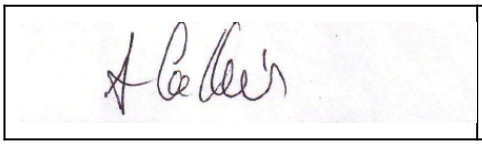
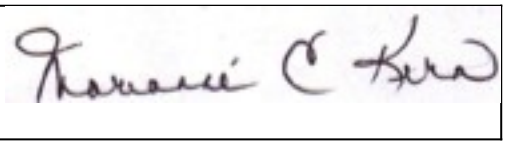
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ann Collins	Marianne Claire Kern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	20 October 2026	

BANBURY ANIMAL RESCUE AND KINDNESS SERVICE

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Nat West current account	2388	4516
Cash Float	23	23
CAF Gold Fund	0	0
Nat West savings account	45909	3938
Paypal	1775	440
Total funds	50095	8917
Less: Current liabilities		
Loan overpayments	-400	-400
Total Funds Available	49695	8517

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on ..

Marianne Kern
(Treasurer)

Ann Collins
(Chairman)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Banbury Animal Rescue and Kindness Service

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 2, 3 and 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It is 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met.

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