ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In October 2024 RSPCA completed a merger with the former North Tees branch and from that date our Branch was renamed RSPCA Middlesbrough, Teesside and District Branch. At the end of 2025 the Branch has 7 Trustees. The Branch is an independent charity, registered with the Charity Commission, and affiliated with RSPCA.
The Branch is in the process of changing into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which, due to unfortunate issues with trustee retention during 2025, should be completed by the end of 2026.

RESULTS

The Branch income was £41,370 Branch expenditure was £51,850, with the largest single expense being a £10,000 contribution in support of the The RSPCA Cat Rehoming Hub which provides rehoming services covering our Branch area

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS OF THE BRANCH

The primary role of the Branch is to support the RSPCA National Society's Inspectorate within the Branch Area. Giving priority to the acceptance of case animals, and those animals signed over for welfare concerns/offences, or unowned or sick and injured animals presented with an incident number. The objectives of the RSPCA Middlesbrough, Teesside and District Branch are to promote kindness and prevent suffering of animals, and to undertake animal welfare activities in support of this.

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE, PUBLIC BENEFIT AND DEVELOPMENTS DURING 2025 AND FUTURE PLANS

2025 has been another year of significant achievements for RSPCA Middlesbrough, Teesside & District Branch. The pilot program for Neutering and Microchipping launched in 2024 became a full programme in 2025 with a multitude of local vets working with us to help neuter 60 cats and 32 dogs. The welfare programme, also launched in 2025, helped 21 cats and 7 dogs and supported 2 cats adopted with lifelong support for medical conditions. Also in 2025 we helped with funds towards 42 different RSPCA Incidents which involved 246 animals. Our Trap, Neuter, Release work took off with our branch supporting 11 colonies, helping over 83 cats. TNR is important to our branch. It is a humane way of managing the cat colonies by reducing the growth which helps the cat's welfare in the future and benefiting the communities they live within.

Unfortunately the amount of animals that need our help is rising. Rescues are inundated with cats and dogs in our area and there are still many families struggling to look after their pets.

Neutering remains a large focus for us as there are so many unneutered cats still roaming. Unplanned pregnancies can cause a huge strain on rescue resources and ultimately mean other cats may not find their home so early intervention and understanding through education is extremely important.

Our future growth is important with the cost of living ever increasing and more families struggling to pay for veterinary treatment and sometimes even food for their pets. The branch is looking into ways we can help these animals before they need intervention from Animal Welfare Officers and Inspectors.

In 2025 the branch was completely run by volunteers who have dedicated their time to support the Animal Welfare Programmes and help more animals than in previous years. Thank you to all the trustees for your support and guidance through 2025.

2026 is another chapter and we hope to continue to grow as a branch and support more animals in our local community.

RESERVES

The total funds of the branch as at 31st December 2025 were £111,784 in the Virgin Bank Accounts, and £89,507 in the Trustlaw Wealth (Quilter) Investment Account. Total funds were £201,291. This includes a 100% write-off of a £76k Virgin Savings account obtained during the North Tees merger that is yet to be taken under control of the branch due to issues with signatories. This amount will be written back on when the account is under branch control.

RISKS

The Branch is currently changing to a CIO. A risk register is in place and the Trustees have identified various risks and the associated mitigating actions.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The RSPCA Middlesbrough, Teesside and District Branch is a registered charity, with charity number 232226.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The organisation is an unincorporated charity, registered as a charity on the 13th December 1963. The constitution for the Branch is in the RSPCA Branch Rules (published by the Society). This governing document came into effect on 1st Jan 2003. The Branch has begun the transition to becoming a CIO.

TRUSTEES THAT HELD OFFICE IN 2025

Paul Chaytor – Trustee and Chair
Aiden Woodward – Trustee and Treasurer
Peter Hammond – Trustee and Secretary
Denise McCallan – Trustee
Prakesh Gururajan - Trustee (Elected 25th June 2025 resigned 14th October 2025)
Rebekah Liddle - Trustee (co-opted June 2025)
Wendy Coulthard - Trustee (Co-opted 12th November 2025)
Suzanne Watkins - Trustee (Co-opted 12th November 2025)

BRANCH POSTAL ADDRESS

RSPCA Middlesbrough, Teesside & District Branch c/o Durham & Cleveland Inspectorate Office, RSPCA Yarm Lane, Cleveland, TS9 6QB

RSPCA HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS

Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9RS.

BANKERS

The Branch Bankers are Virgin Money Bank, 182 High Street, Eston, Middlesbrough TS6 9JE.

RSPCA BRANCH ADVISER

The Branch Partnership Manager is Sarah Mason.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF RSPCA MIDDLESBROUGH , TEESSIDE AND DISTRICT BRANCH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 6-10

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 EXAMINERS STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated: 19/05/2026

Statement of FInancial Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Subscriptions	268	198
General Donations	41,101	168,350
Legacy	-	15,291
Sundries	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	**41,370**	**183,840**
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Vetinary Fees	25,702	5,075
Telephone & Admin	7,945	782
Accountancy Fees	2,139	- 903
Cat Hub Donation	10,000	10,000
RSPCA HQ Cont.	6,064	7,718
Data Protection Fee (ICO)	-	40
	51,850	**22,712**
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES	(10,480)	161,127
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(71,901)	596
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(82,380)	161,724
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forwards	283,671	121,947
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	201,291	283,671

Balance Sheet

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Investments	2	89,507	161,407

Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	111,784	122,264
Total Assets	**201,291**	**283,671**
Creditors: Amount falling due within 1 year	-	-
Total Liabilities	**-**	**-**
NET ASSETS	**201,291**	**283,671**
FUNDS		
Balance as at 1st January	283,671	121,947
Net Incoming Resources for the period	(82,380)	161,724
TOTAL FUNDS	201,291	283,671

Notes to the Accounts

1 - Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102)".

Donations

Voluntary income and donations are recognised when they are received by the charity, however, legacies if notified, are included on the accruals basis. The income from fundraising activities is shown gross, with the associated costs included in direct charitable expenditure. Gift aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included within the amount received.

Investment income, rental income and interest

Income from investments, rental income and interest received is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet data. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Taxations

The branch is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation.

2 - Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance as at year start	161,407	84,857
Additions	4,053	75,953
Drawdowns		
Write-Downs		
Increase/(Decrease) in Value	(75,953)	596
Balance as at year end	89,507	161,407

The North Tees Virgin saving account has been written off in the year pending finalisation of control being handed over to the branch. This value will be recognised again when control is obtained.

5 - Trustees' Remuneration

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023: £nil).

No out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2023: £nil).

6 - Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

7 - Control

No individual or group controls the branch.