



Furness and Barrow Branch
Reg. Charity Number 232247
Trustees Annual Report
2022



Board of Trustees

Executive/Branch officers

Hon Chairman: Mrs K. Unwin

Hon Treasurer: Mrs E. Brockway

Hon Secretary: Ms M. Christopher

Committee Members

Ms M. Round

Mrs J. Christopher

Mrs C. Rigg

Mrs A. Round

Structure, Governance and Management

The Furness and Barrow Branch is autonomous and operates within the Branch Rules and with connections to the National Body of the RSPCA.

The recruitment and appointment of trustees is performed by inviting members of the Local Branch to be on the committee. Nominations to stand for election are sent to all members before the AGM and eligible members at the AGM vote to elect trustees of the Branch. Policies and procedures for the training of trustees are drawn through written guidance from the National Body. The Branch has monthly committee meetings which are minuted.

We are insured through a policy that comes through RSPCA headquarters and perform risk assessments when the situation merits.

Selected members of our Branch attend Group meetings with other branches in the Northwest Region and are in regular dialogues with other Cumbrian branches. Regional Board meetings are also attended by our Regional Board representative when required and issues addressed at these meetings which are considered of relevance to the Branch are addressed at subsequent Branch committee meetings. We have a Facebook page and a Branch webpage which are proving popular, they are being kept up to date by dedicated volunteers. We also have a working connection with local media for advertising animals for adoption and advising on matters of animal welfare. The Branch is also in contact with other local Facebook groups that offer rehoming, pet finding and information.

The Charity exists to promote animal welfare and prevent cruelty to animals in the Furness area and provides a re-homing service for case and inspectorate sign over cats, dogs, small furrries and small reptiles. Our work with dogs is limited due to lack of suitable kennel facilities. These objectives are largely performed through our advice Centre via telephone, email and through our social media options. We also promote neutering and welfare assistance towards veterinary care through issuing vouchers and liaising with local vets. All animals we rehome are neutered, microchipped and inoculated. Volunteers for the Branch attend home visiting courses to assist with this aspect of our work.

The RSPCA Advice Centre, 106 Church Street, Barrow in Furness gives advice and offers help to the general public. This is open Monday and Tuesday from 9.00am - 4.00pm and Friday from 9.00am - 3.00pm.

Fundraising and Events

Due to work commitments outside of the Branch we were unable to hold many Fundraising events during 2022, however we have held a couple of raffles which proved very popular. The Branch has already organised future events for 2023.



Rehoming and Welfare Work

During 2022 the Branch rehomed a total of 65 cats, several small furrries including Rabbits and Mice.

We have assisted with 9 cats that needed treatment where their owners were struggling financially.



We issued 167 vouchers during 2022 a total of 50 in April due to our annual neutering campaign which proves very successful.

We also brought a rescue cat and her kittens over from Greece organised by Our Cat Rehoming Coordinator Michelle Round who while on holiday there helped with the local charity to organise bringing them to the UK, they have all been rehomed with a much better quality of life.



Chairpersons Report

As a local Branch we have passed through another year of changes and accomplishments.

As Chairman I know the work and dedication that goes into running this Branch and know that none of our achievements would be possible without our wonderful team of Trustees and Volunteers who are always willing to go that little bit extra.

Michelle has recruited several volunteers and fosterers recently to look after, socialise and foster the cats that we have in our care and we thank you and all the volunteers for your continued dedication and commitment.

As a Branch we always engage with the Inspectorate by providing information. Our area would highly benefit from having a more local Inspector as we find its increasingly difficult to manage.

I would like to thank them for the support they give us.

Kath Unwin

Hon. Chairperson.

Secretary's Report

We ended 2021/started 2022 with 2 snakes needing a place to stay very late on New Years Eve after they were abandoned in a house and removed by Chris an inspector. They were in luck as I had not long found out I was pregnant, so I wasn't out for New Year celebrating, and instead at home. I drove to meet Chris where I swapped a hot coffee and slice of Christmas cake for two very cold snakes!

During 2022 we continued to help many animals, as a branch we have tried to do as much as we can whilst we still don't have a dedicated inspector in our area. We are covered by inspectors from other areas, but the branch believes one is needed to cover us, and the other branch areas around us. We are unbelievably happy that in March we had 2 cat pens installed in the branch office. They are working out great, especially for cats that cannot be placed into a fosterer's home right away or for cats that are more feral. The cats are cared for by Michelle the cat coordinator, Janine the branch administrator during her hours of work, Audrey a trustee Alex and Hazel, who are two volunteers. In May we decided we needed people to care for the cats when the trustees or volunteers couldn't cover so we took on 2 part time cat carers. Along with the cat fosterers we have we are happy we can now look after and rehome more cats at a time and take in the ones we couldn't before we had the cat pens.

I feel Michelle needs an extra mention here as she has worked tirelessly to do as much for the cats in our care as possible and without her, we would definitely not have the cat pens or the amazing group of fosterers she looks after.

Due to me being pregnant I decided I couldn't carry on fostering for the branch, after the last animals I had were rehomed, I took a step back but continued to keep in touch.

Towards the end of the year Janine advertised for some dog fosterers and with those we were able to take on 5 case dogs for the inspectorate. Being able to take in dogs again after so many years of not is great for the branch.

We have continued to support people in our local area with neutering and veterinary fee vouchers including neutering vouchers, we advertise these on our Facebook page which has been gaining more followers and is a great way for people to contact us for help, information on adoption and fostering.

Janine and I (before June) both went out on wildlife calls, many of Janine's calls were for injured gulls or gull chicks and mine were mainly to check on swans reported to be unwell on Ulverston canal and for hedgehogs who were found injured or out in the day.

I feel the branch has done some great things in 2022, let's hope 2023 we can grow our small branch of dedicated trustees and volunteers even more.

Mandy Christopher Hon.
Secretary



The Treasurers Introduction to the Annual Accounts

For the year 2022 we received just under £9970.00 in donations for adoptions and fundraising. Our Branch is always grateful for this income as it helps towards the care of animals in the local area.

We also received £15,618.00 from the Head Office grant again this is so valuable to us so we can continue to provide the help needed.

Our expenses have increased this year we spent £24,309 on Veterinary costs alone. This has increased by approximately £5000 on last year. Additionally, we have spent £6615 on improvements to the office including a new front door, external lighting and cctv.

We have completed installing two holding pens so we can keep cats temporarily and in emergencies, with this we also needed to install a separate sink, washing machine and additional radiator for heating in winter months.

We have spent £1872.95 on foster care for 2022.

We feel this has been a successful addition to Our office as we struggled previously with finding urgent foster care at short notice it's meant we can take in emergencies straight away.

I would like to thank all the Trustees, volunteers for all their hard work and dedication.

Eve Brockway
Treasurer

Hon.



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**Royal Society for the Prevention
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Furness and Barrow Branch

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 December 2022

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Statement of financial activities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2021	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income				
Donations Furness and Barrow	9,861		10,039	
Grant received from headquarters	15,618		16,418	
Bequests	-		24,626	
		25,479		51,083
Activities for generating funds				
Special efforts - Furness and Barrow	-		-	
Sundries including sale of goods	-		958	
		-		958
Investment Income				
Interest received		1,182		900
		26,660		52,941
Resources expended				
Governance costs				
Contributions to headquarters	-		185	
Accountancy	485		515	
		485		700
Other resources expended				
Telephone	536		549	
Veterinary expenses and pet crematorium	24,309		19,708	
Rents and rates	303		337	
Insurance	682		314	
Heat and light	1,251		974	
Salaries	10,187		7,879	
Licence - lotteries	-		55	
Centre expenses	3,873		1,915	
Repairs and renewals	616		6,838	
Bank charges	56			
Sundries	253		947	
Cattery	10,189		2,535	
Donation - NOWZAD	-		1,000	
VAT not recoverable	-		-	
		52,254		43,052
		52,739		43,752
Excess of income over expenditure		(26,079)		9,189
Balance brought forward from previous year		268,023		258,834
Balance at end of year		241,944		268,023

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Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2021	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Property RSPCA Centre, Church Street Barrow in Furness - at cost		20,156		20,156
Rabbit Facility - at cost		7,787		7,787
Two Tier Holding Pen (24/01/22)		873		
Two Tier Holding Pen (15/03/22)		2,618		
Total fixed assets		<u>31,433</u>		<u>27,943</u>
Current assets				
Debtors				
Prepayments		367		
VAT		-		
Investments				
Charity annual bonus 90 account (FBS)	57,343		56,985	
Fixed bond deposit account (FBS)	49,850		49,539	
1 year fixed rate bond (CBS)	52,219		51,817	
30 day notice deposit (CBS)	41,717		41,606	
		201,129		199,947
Cash at bank				
HSBC General account		9,507		40,947
Petty cash		9		
Total current assets		<u>211,011</u>		<u>240,894</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry creditors		500		500
Accruals		-		314
Net assets		<u>241,944</u>		<u>268,023</u>
Represented by Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds				
As at 31 December 2021		268,023		258,833
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year		<u>(26,079)</u>		<u>9,189</u>
Total funds as at 31 December 2022		<u>241,944</u>		<u>268,023</u>

I approve the financial information.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out and for providing R F Miller & Co with all the information and explanations necessary for its completion.

The financial information was approved on

Signed _____

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

We report on the accounts of Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 18 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention

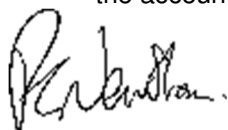
Basis of independent examiner's report

Our 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 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr P Newsham
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Dated : 14 June 2023