

Lucy's Trust

Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Account

**For the period 1st November 2023
to 31st October 2024**

Northern Ireland Charities Number: 102210

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References and administrative details

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Charity Registration Number:	102210
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Trustees:	Dr Olivia Kennedy Mr Robert Durston Ms Charmaine Kennedy
Independent Examiner:	S.M. Vint & Co 8 Newry Road Banbridge BT32 3HN
Bankers:	Ulster Bank

Lucy's Trust (NIC102210)

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st October 2024

Approved on 15th August 2025

Registered Address:

Lucy's Trust
C/O Rob Durston Photography
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Trustee Board

- Dr. Olivia Kennedy
- Mr. Robert Durston
- Ms. Charmaine Kennedy

Introduction

The trustees are pleased to present the annual report for Lucy's Trust, outlining the charity's activities, achievements, and financial health for the year ended 31st October 2023. All activities were carried out with careful consideration of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to meet our objectives and provide meaningful impact.

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of Lucy's Trust are:

1. **Canine Welfare:**
 - To relieve canine suffering by taking in stray, neglected, and unwanted dogs, particularly those requiring veterinary attention or those with behavioral or breed-related challenges.
 - To rehabilitate, provide care, and rehome these dogs where possible. For dogs that cannot be rehomed, we provide permanent sanctuary.
2. **Public Education:**
 - To educate the public on animal welfare, focusing on the proper care and treatment of dogs.
 - To encourage a humane attitude toward animals through direct communication, public forums, and educational events with qualified canine behaviorists.

Achievements and Performance

Sanctuary Work:

- Continued to provide sanctuary for over 30 dogs at any given time, focusing on those with behavioral challenges or significant bite histories.
- Provided extensive veterinary care, including chronic and acute treatments for elderly and geriatric dogs.

Notable Cases:

- We took in three feral pups (Ray, Kate, and Maria) from Corran Kennels, providing care and rehabilitation.
- Cared for long-term residents facing health challenges:
 - **Jocko**, who arrived in 2020, passed away in February after a long and courageous battle with lymphoma.
 - **Bindi**, a beautiful black-and-white Bull Mastiff who joined us in 2015, faced significant health challenges. Diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma (HSA) in September after a collapse and a pericardial effusion in August, Bindi required emergency treatment and specialized care from a heart specialist.
 - **Xena**, a wonderful lurcher who became part of Lucy's Trust in 2013, experienced a spinal stroke in September.
 - **Vic**, a long-term resident, passed away in early September after two years of management with multiple medications to ease arthritis. Sadly, his condition progressed to renal failure.
 - **Dave**, another cherished member of Lucy's Trust, passed in June due to a suspected collapsing trachea.

Behavioral Support:

- This year saw a notable downturn in behavioral help requests, as more individuals expressed an unwillingness to work with their dogs' challenges. Unfortunately, many sought to surrender their pets instead of pursuing training or rehabilitation. This trend highlights ongoing difficulties post-lockdown, with pounds and rescues overwhelmed by the volume of dogs requiring placement and care.

Infrastructure Improvements:

- Replaced roofing over Bea and Ray's kennel in April 2023, with plans to fundraise for additional repairs.

Public Benefit

Lucy's Trust ensures all activities align with its mission to relieve canine suffering and educate the public. Initiatives this year included:

- Providing direct behavioral advice through messaging and public forums like Facebook.

- Hosting information sessions led by canine behaviorists to promote responsible dog ownership and prevent dog bites.

Financial Review

The trustees have reviewed budgets for the upcoming year and are confident that funds are sufficient to continue operations.

Going Concern:

The charity remains financially stable, with adequate resources to meet its objectives in the coming year.

Governance and Structure

Governing Document:

Lucy's Trust operates under its Constitution, with oversight provided by the trustee board.

Trustee Recruitment:

Trustees are elected by the board at the Annual General Meeting, with unanimous agreement required for appointment.

Organisational Structure:

The charity is governed by its trustees and managed by Director Dr. Olivia Kennedy.

Pay and Remuneration:

No trustees received pay or remuneration during this financial year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing:

- The annual report and financial statements in compliance with applicable laws.
- Accurate accounting records to detail transactions and safeguard assets.

Closing Remarks

Despite challenges, Lucy's Trust has continued to provide essential services to some of the most vulnerable dogs in our community. The trustees extend heartfelt thanks to all supporters who make this work possible.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:

Trustee 1 

Trustee 2 

Independent Examiner's Report to Lucy's Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st October 2024 which are set out on pages 6-7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Thomas Vint FCCA
For and behalf of S.M. Vint & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors
8 Newry Road
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Date: 28th August 2025

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Statement of Receipts & Payments for the period ended 31st October 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations/Grants	2	21,354	0	21,354	16,675
Total income		<u>21,354</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,354</u>	<u>16,675</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	3	869	0	869	584
Charitable Activities	3	22,580	0	22,580	23,565
Total expenditure		<u>23,449</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,449</u>	<u>24,149</u>
Net income / (expenditure) resources		<u>-2,095</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-2,095</u>	<u>-7,474</u>

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities- Period Ended 31st October 2024

	2024	2023
Reconciliation of funds at 31.10.24		
Total funds brought forward	9,302	16776
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	<u>-2,095</u>	<u>-7,474</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,207</u>	<u>9,302</u>
Bank & Cash Balances		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>7,207</u>	<u>9302</u>
	<u>7,207</u>	<u>9,302</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted funds	7,207	9,302
Restricted funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Funds	<u>7,207</u>	<u>9,302</u>

Notes on pages 8 to 9 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 7 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Olivia Kennedy - Trustee



Mr Rob Durston - Trustee



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Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31st October 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The charity generally meets its day to day working capital requirements from its annual income. The Trustees have obtained and reviewed cash flow forecasts for the coming year and based on these are satisfied that the charity has resources to provide a reasonable expectation that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Therefore these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis

b) Income

Income is accounted for on a cash receipts basis as the amount is collected and are allocated as either restricted or unrestricted funds according to the terms of the donation.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on a cash payments basis.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

e) Funds

Funds are classified as either restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific requirements as to their use which may be declared by the donor or with their authority or created through legal processes, but still within the wider objects of the Charity.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

2. Income and endowments from:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations	18,661	0	18,661	15,723
Gift Aid	2,693	0	2,693	952
Grants	0	0	0	0
	<u>21,354</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,354</u>	<u>16,675</u>

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3. Analysis of Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Raising Funds				
Advertising and Website	192	0	192	163
Fundraising Boxes	0	0	0	0
Paypal Fees	17	0	17	23
Just Giving Fees	660	0	660	398
Fundraising Events	0	0	0	0
	<u>869</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>584</u>
Charitable Activities				
Feeding	9,003	0	9,003	8,382
Bedding	1,216	0	1,216	890
Livestock and Veterinary	10,086	0	10,086	12,045
Insurance	448	0	448	608
Repairs and Maintenance	51	0	51	0
Waste Disposal	1,118	0	1,118	1,040
Accountancy	600	0	600	600
Sundry	58	0	58	0
	<u>22,580</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,580</u>	<u>23,565</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>23,449</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,449</u>	<u>24,149</u>

4. Taxation

Lucy's Trust is recognised as a charity for the purposes of applicable taxation legislation and is therefore not subject to taxation on its charitable activities.

5. Analysis of trustee remuneration and expenses.

No Trustee received any payments other than for out of pocket expenses incurred.