

### Income & Expenditure

About 30 years ago a number of RSPCA members from Llŷn became so disenchanted with the Society that they set up their own charity – Llŷn Animal Welfare Society (LAWS). In 2016 the remaining trustees decided that the RSPCA and the Branch were now in a much better place and handed over all their remaining funds to us – almost £7,000. Current members of the RSPCA Branch Committee are shown with the presentation cheque below.



The 'Fresh' section at the Asda store at Pwllheli presented a cheque for £250 to RSPCA West Gwynedd's secretary & shop manager Freda Holme.

Wendi Evans the fresh manager, said: "Special thanks to my team for their hard work and for nominating RSPCA West Gwynedd to win the £250, which was won by the fresh team for their incentive for Dairy Crest Butter Sales."



At the end of 2016, RSPCA West Gwynedd Branch presented a cheque for £50,000 to the Friends of Bryn-y-Maen Animal Centre to help fund a new all-weather dog-training barn at Upper Colwyn Bay. This will provide an excellent facility to help the Centre rehabilitate and rehome even more dogs in the future.

### Recognition for Branch volunteer work



Congratulations to Branch volunteers Philip and Kathleen Caddick from Caernarfon who received Community Stars awards from Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd (CCG) in January 2017.

The pair were nominated in the "Good Neighbour" category by Iolo Roberts, CCG Community Warden based in Caernarfon, for their voluntary work with the RSPCA, and holding weekly pet clinics on the Peblig estate in the North Wales RSPCA Mobile Clinic.

CCG tenants regularly visit Mr and Mrs Caddick at the clinics, either at Noddfa Community Centre or Tŷ Peblig, for advice from vet Jim Mason. Through their hard work tenants on the estate have access to information about their pets and reduced cost microchipping, vaccinations and prescriptions. Recently CCG's Void Properties Team came across a damp box with four new-born kittens which had been left in an empty garden. The kittens were very weak. Mr and Mrs Caddick took the kittens into their care, cleaned and fed them, and ensured that they got all necessary injections. All kittens recovered fully and found good homes.

### Cats keep us busy again

An elderly gentleman's death after a short illness resulted in his family asking us to rehome "21 or so" cats from his home. They had already boarded up the old cottage to prevent unwanted access by the cats but we were shocked on our first visit to count at least 30 cats – on the rooftops, the chimney, walls, under your feet – everywhere. We block-booked 3 neuters a day for two weeks at our nearest vets, then spent the next three weeks trapping/neutering/rehoming the 33 cats with fantastic help from Emma Jones (home-finder extraordinaire) and Shirley Lewis (emergency cat-boarder). It cost us about £3,000 in all but not one cat was put to sleep; 6 went to the family, 2 to a neighbour and the rest in manageable neutered groups of 3 – 5 cats at stables, small-holdings and a caravan park across North Wales.

We also trapped 4 adult cats and 4 kittens only a few days old within 2 hours of a request for help from Bangor University. The cats had been living in a car park. All adults have now been neutered and all 8 cats found loving homes.

A total of 93 feral cats at a further 12 multi-cat colonies of 5 - 18 individuals kept us on our toes. All were trapped, health-checked, neutered & rehomed or returned.

## National Cruelty Hotline 0300 1234 999

### RSPCA WEST GWYNEDD BRANCH

Shop at: 54 High Street, Pwllheli  
Open 10:00 - 16:00 Tue, Wed, Fri & Saturday

Phone: 01758 750356 (Freda)  
07900 597891 (Freda)  
01248 671304 (Alun & Ann)

Email: Enquiries@RSPCAWestGwynedd.org

We **urgently** need fundraisers to help out on collection days and to organise fundraising events, people willing to work on a regular basis in our shops, home-visitors for animals being adopted, people willing to help trap and to transport feral cats to veterinary surgeries. We also need regular donations of good quality clothes and bric-a-brac for the shop and temporary fosterers for cats and kittens.

**Can YOU help in any way?**

### Branch Statistics for 2016

#### Animals given veterinary treatment funded by Branch voucher

Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
945	483	17	10	1,455

#### Animals neutered by Branch voucher

Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
120	432	11	1	564

#### Animals re-homed by Branch

Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
-	364	-	-	364

**Total spent on vet bills (inc mobile clinic): £66,424**

**Total spent on fostering: £2,552**

**We receive no lottery, nor government funding**

**nor grants from RSPCA HQ.**

## Gala Dinner



**B** ranch Chair Ann Rees and Treasurer Alun Rees represented RSPCA Cymru Board at a Gala Dinner held at Pierhead, National Assembly for Wales in July 2016 to launch the publication of the RSPCA's 2015 Annual Summary for Wales. The event was hosted by Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths AM (centre). Also pictured are RSPCA Chief Executive Jeremy Cooper (right), Paul Baxter - Council member for RSPCA Cymru Wales (rear left) and Mike Tomlinson - Council member for East Midlands (rear right). Melanie Doel (former BBC presenter and newly elected Chairman to Brecon Beacons National Park Authority) was one of the keynote speakers.

## Parrot Rescues

**A** request for assistance was received from Gwynedd Council Social Services to collect a "cockatiel". Circumstances had meant that the bird's owner had been obliged to move. We naïvely arranged temporary accommodation and arrived at the premises expecting a medium-sized cage with a medium-sized bird. It turned out to be a large sulphur-crested cockatoo in a 5-foot high cage.

We returned next day with a transit van and took the cockatoo to "Joan's North Wales Parrot Rescue" where Sophie spent the next 3 weeks being expertly cared for. We then had to transport the bird to her rightful owner who had been relocated to the North West of England. Joan's husband Mani provided a meticulous care-plan, diet sheets, enough food for a week and spent an hour with the owner educating her on the right way to care for her pet. She reimbursed the full costs of fostering, vet bills and travel and gave a donation to the Parrot Rescue.



*Timneh grey parrot*  
*Psittacus timneh*

**J**ust a couple of months later we received another call from someone in Caernarfon reporting that their 11 year old Timneh Grey Parrot by the name of "Cwci" had escaped through a partly-open window. He was last seen flying towards the local secondary school.

We "put the word out" on our facebook site which spread like wildfire throughout Caernarfon. Within an hour Cwci was spotted in a hanging basket chewing at the plants. A quick-thinking neighbour used a washing-basket to trap the escapee and contacted the owner. This shows the power of social media.

### Is this a record?

In March / April 2016 we microchipped 186 dogs in Caernarfon in one day.....then 'chipped 226 dogs in just 5 hours at Pwllheli. Special thanks to vet Jim Mason and 'chipper Keymar Wake, plus all others who helped.