



RSPCA Nottingham  
& Notts Branch  
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A close-up photograph of a small, fluffy grey and white kitten sleeping peacefully on an open book. The kitten's head is resting on the pages, and its paws are visible. The book has Turkish text on its pages. The background is filled with warm, autumnal decorations, including pinecones, a red apple, and a brown knitted scarf.

# A BRAND NEW CHAPTER

We have waited so long to be able to share our news with you. The biggest change Nottingham and Notts Branch has undertaken in decades...



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW BRANCH HOME



At long, LONG last we are turning the page on a new chapter for the RSPCA Nottingham and Notts Branch.

After over 45 years based in Hyson Green, we have moved to new premises! This will allow us to continue helping animals in our area and also initiate welfare programmes that we couldn't offer from Radford Road.

The last few years have been incredibly challenging for everyone. Globally, there's been the collective trauma of the pandemic. However, on a local level we've faced testing times with increasing violent anti-social behaviour in the area and the restrictions that occupying old buildings brings. In memory of the past and in celebration of the future we thought we'd share a potted history of the branch's time at Radford Road.

## THE PAST at Radford Road

Nottingham & Notts branch has been located at 137 Radford Road since the mid 1970's. Previously we could be found in Secretary Jane Symon's home in Mapperley. Initially we purchased one 3 storey mid Victorian terrace in thriving Hyson Green then a generous legacy enabled us to buy the adjoining property.



At the time, the Nottingham Inspectorate were tasked their work from the branch with an old school radio control! The properties each had a flat, one rented out, the other accommodating an Inspector. Kennels, cat pens and cages occupied



whatever free space there was behind the 'saloon' doors of the charity shop. There have been a multitude of species cared for by us over the years. A goat and even a racoon found their way to us in need of help.

An extension was built so the animal housing was vastly improved and a new cattery established.



In the 1980's, branch settled into its stride and became an animal welfare advice centre providing neutering assistance, adopting out animals and running the shop. We were in the heart of the city and at a time of less personal transport, accessible to the public. At this time



the 'Inspector's flat' was turned over to storage and much needed office space. The tenant's flat remained occupied and enabled us to have on site caretakers who were on call out of hours. Nottingham and Notts (one of the 3 county branches) who alongside the RSPCA Radcliffe Shelter Trust endeavoured to assist Inspectors with their rescued animals. There was a very close relationship with the officers and us which happily remains today.

During the mid 1990's, money was raised to rejig the animal accommodation once again. The very old kennels, pods and pens were replaced and the decision was taken to no longer house dogs.

Other domestic pets & wild animals continued to come through the door in their

droves via the Inspectors and the public. We even had multicoloured doves who turned out to be escapees from a magician's act! For a small, compact site, we rehabilitated and rehomed hundreds of animals.



The next big change happened in 2010 when our cattery and small animal unit closed. Sadly, this was inevitable due to massive changes in licensing that we couldn't facilitate. It was not cost effective to construct the limited amount of pens we'd legally been able to have, especially when a new cattery was being purpose built at Radcliffe. As well at this, our long term tenant caretakers were moving on, so a big rethink by

Management and Trustees was required.





Consequently, the entire ground floor of the centre was given over to the shop & both properties 'knocked through' into one. It wasn't long after the redevelopment that then Branch Secretary Judith and Branch Manager John embraced well deserved retirements. Our current manager Jo Maddock stepped up with 13 years experience and took the reins! The impact of the cattery closure was not truly felt for some time but it affected all factions of our work. No longer having animal adoptions meant we'd lost our primary connection with the public. Between 2007 and 2010 (the last

4 years of the animal homing on site) we adopted out 730 cats, rabbits, other small furies and birds. No longer having relationships with adopters, on average 180 new owners a year and potential helpers, was much more detrimental to volunteer recruitment and fundraising than originally anticipated.

### THE PRESENT

Hyson Green has largely been kind to us & in the past, our welfare work was directly needed in the area. However, nothing stays the same in life and incidents of antisocial behaviour & intimidation have greatly increased. Last year these culminated in direct threats to staff. Even before these unfortunate events occurred, a decision had been made that it was time to move. The violence and aggression which spilled into our shop and was a daily occurrence necessitated haste. It was a sad day when we closed the door of



the 'Harrods of Hyson Green' in Nov 2021. To give the branch office a place of its own, separate locations for the shop and the office were sought. Owning Radford Road meant we had no rent to cover so that was a big factor in considering new shops. Despite viewing many potential retail premises, one of which fell through last minute, nothing viable was found. Sadly, retail staff redundancies followed. Finding volunteers had become virtually



impossible which we can only put down to our location. In fact, we had to employ a member of staff after the Covid lockdowns so we could safely re-open. It goes without saying these decisions were not taken lightly, we pride ourselves in employing and keeping staff and volunteers. However, circumstances & time conspired against us. We've had so many wonderful times at Radford Road, nothing will diminish these, but taking all things into account, it was time to make some new memories in a different location.



### THE FUTURE at Farrington Way

Our new building is completely different from the old. It has inclusive, disabled access and crucially an adaptable configuration. We actually have space! The people of Eastwood have historically been supportive of us as a local branch. Our charity shop on Nottingham Road is thriving through the hard work of Manager Karen, Branch Assistant Helen and the dedicated volunteers. Our new home will have an adoption suite so we can once again connect with the public through the animals we have cared for. We also have plans for an Ebay 'hub', which will give us income stream from donations without having to pay retail rents. That said, we do want to open another shop in the near future along with other projects that are in the pipeline. There's so much more potential which we will endeavour to capitalise on. Our new address is 7 Farrington Way. However, we felt it right to acknowledge 2 special people, who are greatly missed by us. Our branch office is called The Kemp McAdam building, in honour of former Branch Secretary Judith Kemp and Inspector David McAdam. It seemed fitting to name our new home after 2 people who, through their passion & dedication were integral in changing the lives of Nottingham's animals for the better.





# INSPECTORATE UPDATE - NOTTS & Lincs GROUP 2021-2022

We continued with the pandemic working practices into 2021. In and out of lockdowns and home schooling, things began to change workwise and as we entered Spring & Summer the group was as busy as usual. We continued to have virtual meetings and as a team, hadn't met up together! In September we got to have a face to face meeting. After 19 mths it was the first time we managed to gather as a group.

The team remains as\*

Ch Insp Becky Lowe  
DCI Dan Bradshaw  
Inspector Laura Jones  
Inspector Laura Kirkham  
Inspector Kate Burris  
Inspector Andy Bostock  
Inspector Keith Ellis  
Inspector Deb Scotcher  
Inspector Teresa Potter  
Inspector Annette Della-Porta  
ARO Paula Jones  
ARO Ian Callingham

We lost a great Inspector, colleague and friend when Inspector Dave McAdam passed away on the 11th Feb 2022. Dave dedicated 31 years of his life to rescuing animals and will be sadly missed by all who knew and worked with him.

Inspector Dan Bradshaw remains my deputy, continuing to support me and run the group when I am off.

Inspectors Dan Bradshaw, Andy Bostock and Deb Scotcher remain on the flood team. They also form the boat team for the group along with Insp Kate Burris. There are several rescues that require the boat or flood team so the experience of these individuals is invaluable to have in the group.

Inspector Laura Jones continues as Tutor Inspector, providing vital training to all new officers to the Notts/Lincs group and helping them attain their qualifications.

Inspector Kate Burris and ARO Paula Jones continue their roles as Wildlife Officers offering essential advice to colleagues where needed and a point of contact for any wildlife cases. Paula is also our WCV (Wildlife Casualty Volunteer) co-ordinator. WCV's are a great support to the group with collections and transfers of birds and small injured mammals. ARO Paula works closely with the volunteers ensuring they know what is required in the role.

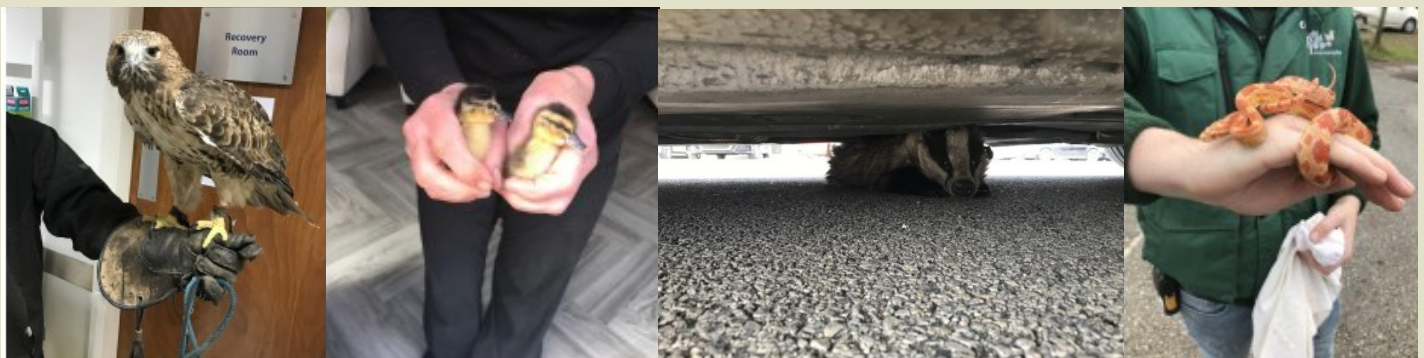
Inspector Annette Della-Porta became an Equine Officer in 2021 providing the group with essential knowledge and expertise. She has assisted with equine round ups around the country and I am sure she will bring a wealth of knowledge to us and surrounding groups.

Inspector Teresa Potter has been delivering a number of talks to Nottinghamshire Police's new recruits about the type of work we do, how they can help us and how we can help them. She has also done open days and talks at schools delivering crucial advice to the young people who shape our future.

Thank you to all the team, branches and volunteers for all your hard work throughout 2021-2022.

**Becky Lowe**  
Chief Inspector  
Notts/Lincs

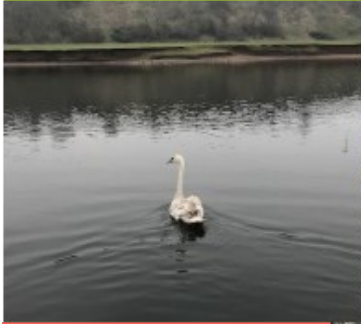
\* Correct at time of printing.





# RESCUES OF NOTE IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Inspector Keith rescued this swan after it had been chased by another family of swans and then became trapped between 2 fences. The swan was covered in parasites which were treated by a vet. Keith was able to release the swan back onto the River Trent.



Inspector Kate rescued this poor swan from Nottingham that had a pellet under its eye! Thankfully, East Winch were able to operate and remove the pellet and the bird made a full recovery.



Inspector Dan collected this rather poorly leopard gecko that was found by a member of the public outside! It was very underweight and could barely open its eyes. With a bit of veterinary treatment and some much needed R&R, the gecko went on to make a full recovery.

Inspector Annette rescued this little hedgehog that was trapped in football netting in Nottingham. The hedgehog was pregnant but happily not injured! She went to a hedgehog rescue for a few days and her story attracted over 2000 likes on Twitter!



## GROUP WORK ORDER STATS FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

2022	Collections & Escues	Transfers	Abandonments	Casework	Phone call	IS77 Animal Welfare Assessment	IS87 Warning Notice
JAN	182	117	324	20	162	8	1
FEB	190	113	231	40	150	9	1
MAR	222	112	189	35	185	6	3
APR	233	88	239	12	152	7	1
MAY	281	139	191	25	171	7	1
JUN	259	141	303	35	151	24	2
TOTAL	1367	710	1477	167	971	60	9



# FROM SUPPORTING WILDLIFE CENTRES, ASSISTING LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND RESCUE WORK, WE ARE LENDING A HELPING PAW



The UK has such a multitude of wildlife. Each species requiring specific tailored care, accommodation and veterinary treatment. RSPCA Stapeley Grange and RSPCA East Winch are experts in rehabilitating wild animals. Both centres take animals from our branch's area. Their expertise is phenomenal and invaluable.

Nottingham and Notts Branch Trustees were very happy to be able to financially contribute to both centres, funding renovation of gosling accommodation, indoor seal pools and fox pens amongst other projects.



## EASTWOOD VOLUNTEER BUREAU & MILLWOOD CAT RESCUE



The cost of living crisis is hitting hard and here at RSPCA Nottingham and Notts we want to help animals whose owners are struggling to make ends meet. We are supporting the Eastwood Volunteer Bureau's food bank with donations of pet food. Currently we've 2 supermarkets, Tesco at Hucknall and Morrisons at Netherfield who kindly host collecting points for us. This food is not only used to feed animals in RSPCA care but assists with pet owners who require the Volunteer Bureau's help. Some cat food collected by us has also been donated to aid with feeding a feral feline colony upon request by Millwood Cat Rescue. Millwood along with Cats Protection have been busy with a 'TNR' (trap neuter & release) operation with the majority of the animals now neutered. We were very happy to support the programme.



**Chesterfield and  
North Derbyshire**



We have a close working relationship with neighbouring RSPCA branches and centres. RSPCA Chesterfield and North Derbyshire have taken animals ready for adoption from us when there's been no space at Radcliffe. Chesterfield recently opened again to the public after a rebuild. Nottingham and Notts branch has funded an extension and fencing of the centre's dog behaviour and exercise paddock. Branch Manager Jo attended the re-opening & was happy to hear our contribution has also provided the means for shelter on the paddock for when the weather's bad!



### YOUR FEEDBACK

What would you like see featured in YOUR newsletter? Is there anything you'd change? We'd love to hear your thoughts. Email [donna@rspca-nottinghamandnotts.org.uk](mailto:donna@rspca-nottinghamandnotts.org.uk)



# INSPECTOR DAVID MCADAM 1964 - 2022



In February this year we were devastated when we heard the news that RSPCA Inspector David McAdam had passed away. Of all the individuals who make up the RSPCA here in Nottingham, Dave was the society's essence to his core. Words seemed inadequate to express our feelings but as a branch, as colleagues and most importantly as friends we'd publicly like to acknowledge a man who, in our opinion, was the best Inspector the charity has ever had.

We were beyond lucky to have a work mate like Dave. He always, without fail, went above and beyond for animals, never losing sight of why he became an Inspector. He had the enviable ability to put people at ease, to connect with those from all walks of life, to reason calmly and get positive results with the least amount of fuss.

We'd know him for over 25 years. Back in those days he was 'Action Man McAdam' abseiling, boat rescues and probably breaking umpteen 'rules' but with skill, common sense and dare we say luck, he rescued the animal in question—even if one critter in particular peril was a shoe, not an injured pigeon! The RSPCA in Nottingham is a family. The job becomes part of you, a way of life and Dave was our family's heart, his passing broke ours. New

officers/staff were taken under his wing he would give them support and confidence. We know this branch meant a lot to Dave and he gave us so much help over the years. He would pop in for a cuppa (and several biscuits) and 'put the world to rights' natter. The society has changed dramatically over the 3 decades since Dave became an Inspector but he was a constant, always there with an experienced ear.

We miss his daftness, him asking us a favour and not his being there has been horribly tough. Dave is fondly remembered by people he met over his 30+ year career. We are still receiving messages of condolence, that's how highly he was thought of. Our little branch, our wee work home just isn't the same without Inspector McAdam. Dave, all you did for the thousands of animals, hundreds of people and your grieving friends is appreciated more than we can say. The biggest thanks of all is reserved, quite simply for you just being you, Dave Mac.



## ANIMALS WE HAVE CARED FOR OCT 2021 TO OCT 2022

DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTAL
13	219	4	236

## ANIMALS WE HAVE HELPED NEUTER OCT 2021 TO OCT 2022

DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTAL
79	60	22	161

The majority of the animals in our care are taken directly from RSPCA officers. We also help members of the public when we have enough space. Our neutering assistance vouchers are available for anyone living in our area & are for all domestic pets inc rabbits, ferrets even rats!

FROM THE 1ST OF JAN 2011 UNTIL  
THE 31ST OCT 2022 - WE HAVE  
ASSISTED WITH THE COST OF

6269



SPAYING & NEUTERING OPERATIONS!





# THANK YOU SO MUCH SHELLEY

Our wonderful colleague and friend, Shelley, has retired after 18 years dedicated service to the Nottingham and Notts Branch. Shelley joined us in 2004 and brought enthusiasm, fun and kindness by the cat basket load to our work family. Her main role was driving but that varied from collecting donations to picking up injured animals. However, as with any charity, your work is never defined by your job description and Shelley epitomised 'turning her hand to anything!'

This included (but not exclusive to):

sorting donations, steaming clothes, serving, sweeping up, cleaning out animal pens, answering calls, communicating with members of the public, building rapport rescuing animals, plant growing, recycling, loading up the van, off loading the van, getting into tricky situations, getting into BIZARRE situations, going the extra mile, game for anything, if the end goal was helping an animal, Shelley would be at the forefront with a big smile. As well as the day to day work, for many years Shelley manned our Dog Walk plant stall. She took on the responsibility of growing and sourcing the plants. The stall raised thousands (we estimate over £10,000) and this never failed to bolster enthusiasm to do even better the following year.

Shelley had a soft spot for the elderly, poorly animals who often come into our care. Many have gone home with her to live out their days spoiled, doted on and knowing nothing but love.

Dear Shelley, we will miss your smile and your sense of humour. Thank you on behalf of all the animals and we know this isn't goodbye, 'cos let's face it, no-one gets away that easy!



## 2022 SUCCESS STORIES - THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

Apr - Sonny suffered horrendous injuries which our vet suspected were caused by a blunt force trauma, possibly a kick. The wound on his side was not just skin deep but had ruptured muscle. The protective layer that covers the intestines, the omentum, was protruding! The possibility of infection was huge. Sonny needed immediate surgery. After some R&R, Sonny went on to make a full recovery thanks to the skill and patience of Ben, and his staff at Arnold & Carlton Vets. He was moved by us to RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre for rehoming.

May - Buster was in our care for a whopping 10 weeks! He suffered multiple breaks to his pelvis and on top of that, had conjunctivitis. He was rushed straight to the vet by ARO Karen who was tasked with his rescue. There was a very large question mark over whether this plucky little cat would make it. Bowel and bladder function/damage were also a potential barrier to his recovery. Buster was such a chatterbox and liked to let everyone know what he was thinking and feeling in a loud but very endearing manner!

Injuries like Busters are 'open ended'. There is no way of knowing when the animal will heal. We have to wait and see and of course, hope. As a branch, we are very lucky to have a vet who can accommodate these types of recoveries. As mentioned, Buster came into our care in May and FINALLY in Aug was able to take his next steps, slightly wobbly ones, to finding a new home.

We transported him to our colleagues at Radcliffe Animal Centre who continued with his care & recuperation, Buster had lost a lot of muscle and needed further time to build up his strength. Without your continued support, we wouldn't be able to fund the treatment and hospitalisation critters like Buster need.



Sep - Holly & her kittens were living in a garden in Colwick, discovered by a woman who had recently bought the property! Building work was going on & it was far from an ideal situation. With cats who are outdoors, a cat trap is sometimes required because fear and consequential adrenalin can make even the friendliest moggie skittish or even aggressive. However, with a bit of soft spoken encouragement, a packet of tasty food & combined 40 yrs + experience, we got Holly and her babies safe & secure. It was presumed she had been abandoned. Happily, all 5 animals were rehomed.