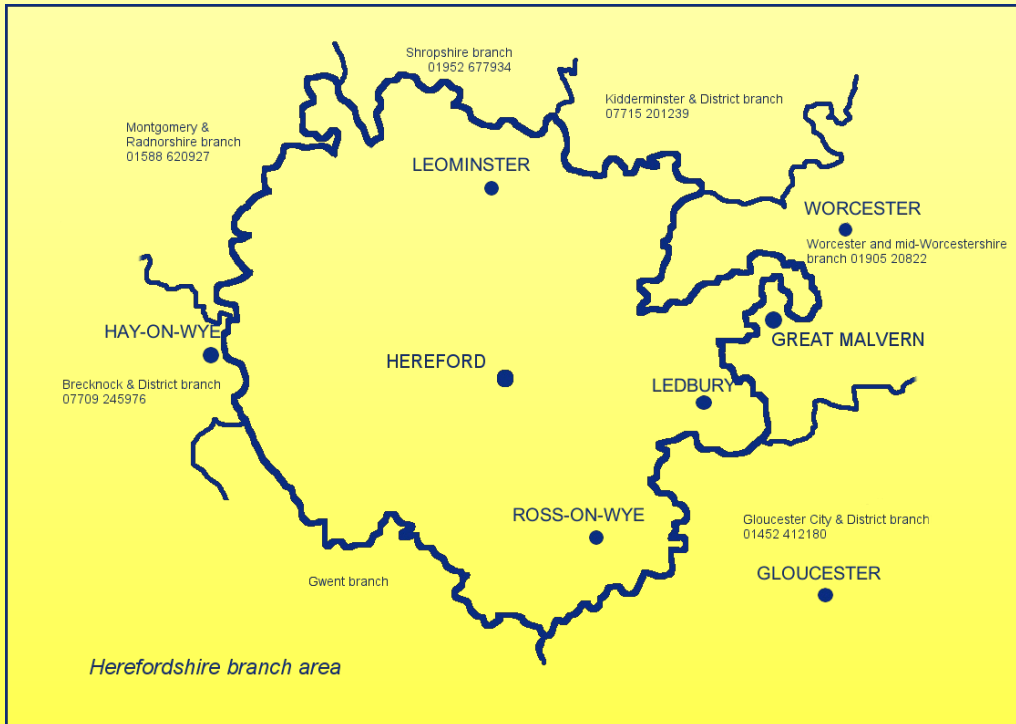


## RSPCA Herefordshire Branch Contacts

Phone : 0300 330 1451 (9.30-2.30 Mon, Wed, Fri.  
Please leave a message outside these hours.)  
E mail : [contact@rspcahereford.org.uk](mailto:contact@rspcahereford.org.uk)  
Website : [www.rspcahereford.org.uk](http://www.rspcahereford.org.uk)  
Facebook : Herefordshire Branch (RSPCA)  
Twitter : @RSPCAHereford  
Post : RSPCA Shop Herefordshire Branch, 22/23  
Commercial Road, Hereford HR1 2BD  
(Shop hours 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Saturday phone  
01432 272771)



**Herefordshire branch**  
**Registered charity No. 223364**



The Herefordshire branch of the RSPCA was founded in 1923 and is an independent charity. It does not deal directly with cases of cruelty, but liaises with RSPCA inspectors and the public to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome local animals in need.

It relies entirely on the generosity of local people - with money, merchandise, and time - in order to provide welfare for local animals.

**Concerns about animal welfare, cruelty or neglect should be reported to the RSPCA National Cruelty and Advice Line (24 hours)**  
**Phone: 0300 1234 999**

## **THE RSPCA SHOP**

We have a large and attractive shop on Commercial Road in Hereford which generates most of our income. We sell a wide range of new and donated goods including RSPCA pet supplies. We do always need more goods and there is even a convenient lay-by outside the shop for you to drop off donations. Local collections are available by appointment. We always welcome new volunteers in the shop; if you could spare a few hours a week, please call in or ring the manager on 01432 272771.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We never have enough volunteers. What all our volunteers share is caring about the welfare of animals; if you can spare a few hours to help out among like-minded people by:

- taking part in money collections.
- transporting animals to and from vets
- checking prospective new homes
- fostering an animal
- helping in the shop
- helping to run the branch

Then please come and join us - get in touch using contact details on the back page.

## **WAYS TO DONATE**

We spend around £1600 a week to keep the Branch going; most of this is spent on vet bills and the animals in our care. Every donated penny helps, and there are several ways in which you can contribute:

- By cash at our store collecting events, and various collecting boxes around the county.
- By donating goods to the shop.
- By donating food for the animals in our care.
- Via the TotalGiving Donate button on our web site.
- By cash or cheque to the shop, in person or by post
- By text: RSHE00 £2/£5/£10 - eg RSHE00 £5 - to 70070 (all networks).
- At no cost to yourself when you buy online, via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)
- eBay: either by donating a portion of the sale price when selling, or by donating at checkout when buying.

Please see our web site for full details on all of these and other options.

## **FUNDRAISING**

We are always open to ideas for fundraising. If you have any ideas on ways in which we can raise money, please get in touch.

## **LEGACIES**

A legacy or bequest will provide vital funds to support the Branch. If you are making a will, and would like local animals to benefit, you should state your intention clearly and include the Branch charity number.

## **NEUTERING AND MICROCHIPPING**

When possible we run neutering or microchipping schemes; in some cases providing financial help to those in need. Check our web site or Facebook page for details of current schemes.

## **ANIMAL REHOMING**

We always have animals needing homes. You can find full details on our website, Facebook, Twitter and in our shop window. All of our animals are vaccinated, neutered, treated for parasites and micro chipped where appropriate. If they are too young to be neutered, the adopter must undertake to get this done at Branch expense when appropriate. If you want to adopt or foster an animal please get in touch.

Before any animal can be adopted, a member of the Branch will visit to ensure that the environment is suitable for the animal and that the family realise the commitment required, as some of the animals may have been badly treated and will need patience.

## **DOGS**

If you wish to adopt a puppy or young dog, there should be a secure garden and the dog should not be left alone for more than 3 hours at a time. For older dogs, there should be a secure garden and the dog should not be left alone for more than 5 hours at a time. Any children present should be ideally over 5 years of age. These are general guidelines - dogs come in a very wide range of size, breed, and temperament and we do try to assess each adoption individually.

## **CATS**

We rehome cats where the home is not near a busy road and ideally with a cat flap fitted. Ideally there should be no children under 5 years.

## **RABBITS, GUINEA PIGS AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS**

Small mammals require a cage or hutch of adequate size, in a suitable position, with an exercise area. Rabbits often need a lot more space than is generally believed, and also need the company of another suitable neutered rabbit.

Rabbits and guinea pigs should not live together as they are different species with different needs.

## **FEES**

We ask for a fee for adopted animals towards the costs of accommodation, food, vet fees, etc. Our fees at present are:

- Dog/puppy: £100
- Cat/kitten: £50
- Rabbit/guinea pig: £40, or £70 a pair
- Small mammal: £15

(Prices correct at June 2016).

These may vary on a case by case basis, especially for older animals.

## **FOSTERERS**

At certain times of the year we often have so many unwanted dogs, cats, and kittens that we do not have room for them all. Could you be a foster carer for an animal while it is waiting for a new home to be found? Please contact the Branch for more information.