

**Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue**  
Registered charity number 1060244

Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year to  
31st December 2024

# Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

## **Annual report and accounts**

31 December 2024

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# Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

## Annual report

31st December 2024

The managing committee present their report for the year to 31 December 2024. In alphabetical order, the members of the managing committee are:

Tina Armitage - Trustee

Di Cobbett - Trustee

Pauline Dowland - Retail Manager (Milford)

Kim Edwards - Trustee

Theresa Foot - Co-Manager

Jon Hancock - Co-Manager

Kathleen Quinn - Chair of Trustees

Kelly Terkeurst - Retail Co-Manager

(Lymington)

Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue was established by Trust Deed dated 13 December 1996 and is a registered charity, No 1060244.

### Objects, organisation and activities

The organisation was established to alleviate feline suffering by establishing a rescue and rehoming charity in the New Forest area.

2024 proved to be another record-breaking year for the charity, with the number of new cases exceeding 300 for the first time in the organisation's 48-year history (308, compared to 270 in 2023). The effects of the cost of living crisis continued to be felt as many owners struggled to afford pet care and had to relinquish their animals. As a result, the charity's rescue centre was at capacity for much of the year.

The majority of cases dealt with involved stray, abandoned, sick or unwanted cats and kittens who were cared for, given veterinary treatment where appropriate and, when allowed, rehomed. On numerous occasions when the rescue centre was full, staff and volunteers provided temporary shelter and care for cats and kittens in their own homes.

The charity prides itself on a strict policy of never putting a healthy animal to sleep, and cats unable to find homes for reasons of age, infirmity or temperament were given permanent accommodation at our rescue centre, or adopted as ferals at farms, stables and smallholdings.

The charity's two shops enjoyed their best year to date, achieving a combined gross income of £116k - an increase of eight per cent on 2023. A further £220k was received in legacies.

Efforts to locate and secure a new site for the rescue centre continued, only to be frustrated by a combination of planners' objections, logistical difficulties and prohibitive acquisition costs. In light of this the managing committee voted unanimously to purchase the freehold of 18 Highfield Avenue - the charity's home since its inception in the 1970s - to ensure the organisation can continue to function while the search for improved accommodation continues.

The organisation was delighted to promote one of its younger members, Ashleigh Wheeler, to the role of assistant charity manager in recognition of her exceptional skills and commitment.

Up to date news and information is available at the charity's regularly updated website [www.lymicat.org](http://www.lymicat.org) and through its social media platforms.

### Finances

The organisation continues to be funded principally from donations, legacies, shop and sale takings. Where relevant, supporters are encouraged to Gift Aid donations. The attached financial statements show the financial position of the charity at 31 December 2024.

Registered address: 18 Highfield Avenue, Lymington SO41 9HW.

Bankers: HSBC Bank plc and Santander UK plc

Independent examiner: Adam Jenkinson FCA, 23 Dene Way, Ashurst SO40 7DA.

J. Hancock - Treasurer

Date: 20th October 2025

On behalf of the managing committee

# Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

Charity no: 1060244

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts (as set out on pages 3 to 7) of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeds £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Adam Clifford Jenkinson FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Address: 23 Dene Way, Ashurst, Southampton SO40 7DA  
Date: 20th October 2025

# Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

## Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31st December 2024


<b>Income and expenditure</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	22,402	31,016
Shop takings	116,077	107,338
Legacy income	220,727	564,518
Sale takings	615	1,228
Deposit interest	3,631	1,760
<b>Total income</b>	<b>363,452</b>	<b>705,860</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
<b>Charitable activities:</b>		
Cat food	16,967	15,073
Cat litter	3,704	5,669
Rescue centre wages	83,054	64,130
Veterinary fees	42,546	32,559
Vehicle running costs	9,489	7,862
Cleaning and hygiene	11,355	10,506
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,115</b>	<b>135,799</b>
<b>Raising funds:</b>		
Shop expenses	85,612	77,576
Event and placement advertising	450	348
Hire charges	1,279	5,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,341</b>	<b>83,066</b>
<b>Other:</b>		
Electricity	2,162	5,530
Professional fees	579	-
Printing postage and stationery	950	537
Bank charges	390	475
Telephone and postage	2,296	2,337
Insurance	1,305	1,244
Freehold expenses	895	-
Depreciation	1,953	2,334
Sundry expenses	4,727	6,187
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,257</b>	<b>18,644</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>269,713</b>	<b>237,509</b>
Net surplus for the year	93,739	468,351
Fund balances brought forward	1,038,784	570,433
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>1,132,523</b>	<b>1,038,784</b>

# Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

## Balance sheet

At 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>2</b>				
Freehold			297,585		-
Cat houses and pens			757		199
Vehicle			4,938		6,584
Equipment			165		220
			<u>303,445</u>		<u>7,003</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Consumables		2,265		2,670	
Debtors and prepayments		6,581		7,671	
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>4</b>	<u>820,232</u>		<u>1,021,440</u>	
		829,078		1,031,781	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors and accruals		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>829,078</u>		<u>1,031,781</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>1,132,523</u>		<u>1,038,784</u>
Represented by:					
<b>Unrestricted income fund</b>			<u>1,132,523</u>		<u>1,038,784</u>
General purpose fund			<u>1,132,523</u>		<u>1,038,784</u>

  
 J. Hancock  
 Treasurer

Date: 20th October 2025

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## Statement of cash flows

For the year to 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>5</b>	94,893	467,912
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Investment income received		2,294	338
Purchase of property and equipment		(298,395)	-
<b>Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities</b>		<b>(296,101)</b>	<b>338</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(201,208)	468,250
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1,021,440	553,190
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b>820,232</b>	<b>1,021,440</b>

# Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue

## Notes to the accounts

31st December 2024

### 1. Accounting policies

#### General

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Charities.

#### Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets other than Freehold Property at the rate of 25% per annum on the reducing balance basis.

#### Consumables

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

### 2. Fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Cat houses & pens £	Vehicle £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost:</b>					
Brought forward	-	28,645	29,727	7,110	65,482
Additions	297,585	810	-	-	298,395
At 31 December 2024	297,585	29,455	29,727	7,110	363,877
<b>Depreciation:</b>					
Brought forward	-	28,446	23,143	6,890	58,479
Charged	-	252	1,646	55	1,953
At 31 December 2024	-	28,698	24,789	6,945	60,432
<b>Net book value:</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>297,585</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>4,938</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>303,445</b>
At 31 December 2023	-	199	6,584	220	7,003

### 3. Employees

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Remuneration:</b>		
Rescue centre staff	72,609	64,130
Shop staff	36,424	35,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,032</b>	<b>99,680</b>
<b>Headcount:</b>		
Rescue centre	5	6
Shops	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>



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## Notes to the accounts

31st December 2024

### 4. Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	50	1,254
Current account	668,753	873,499
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	88,787	86,339
Notice deposits (over 3 months)	62,642	60,348
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>820,232</b>	<b>1,021,440</b>

### 5. Cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	93,739	468,351
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,953	2,334
Interest from investments	(3,631)	(1,760)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	405	(980)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	2,427	(33)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>94,893</b>	<b>467,912</b>

### 6. Trustees

None of the trustees or any persons connected with them have received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses incurred for services provided to the charity (2023: nil).