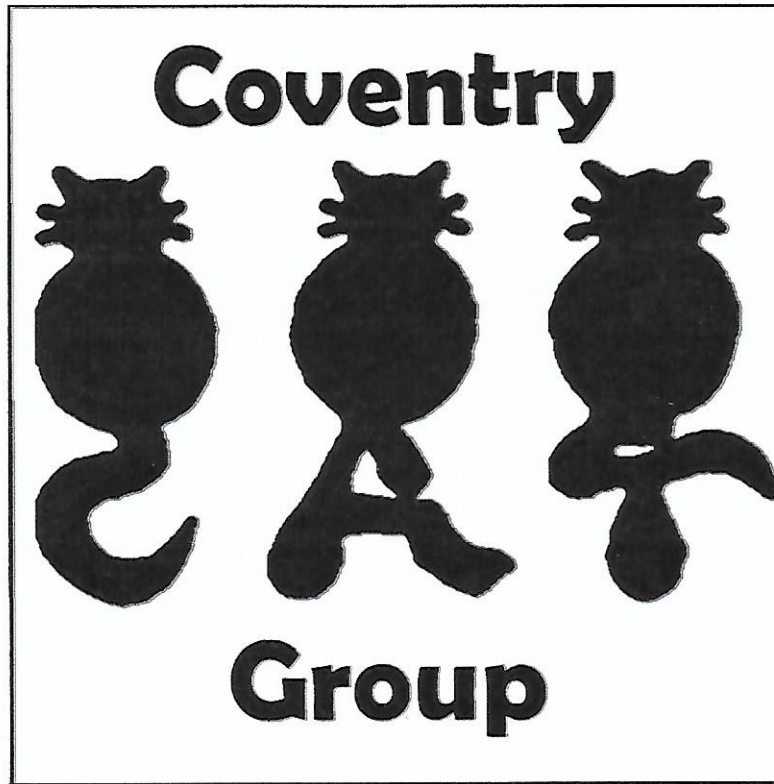


Coventry Cat Group



**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial
Statements for 1st April 2020 – 31st March
2021**

Registered charity number: 1065043

VAT Registration: 128 5052 25

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Coventry Cat Group

Other names Charity is known by: N/A

Charity Number: 1065043

Charity's operating address: Wychwood, North Brook Road, Coventry, CV6 2AJ

Names of the Charity Trustees who managed the charity during the reporting period

Name	Office	Appointed	Retired
Mrs Lin McManus	Trustee	1 st May 2014	-
Mrs Judith Stanley	Trustee	1 st March 2016	-
Mrs Deborah Brassington	Trustee	14 th February 2018	-
Mr Colin Childs	Trustee	14 th February 2018	-

Summary of the Organisation's Purpose and Activities

Summary of the Objectives of the charity as set out in its Governing Document

To provide assistance in the provision of care and accommodation of abandoned mainly feral cats which are in need of care and protection by reason of homelessness, sickness, maltreatment or poor circumstances or ill usage, and the prevention of cruelty to, and suffering among cats in Coventry and the immediate surrounding area, and to advance the education of the public in the care of feral cats.

The charity is run entirely by volunteers, none of whom are employed by the Trust.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to the charity's objectives

Rehoming of 87 cats and kittens, following each being neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and treated against fleas and worms.

Support for long term foster cats with a range of medical conditions and or elderly cats who are currently in foster care.

Trapping, neutering and microchipping has been carried out to aid local feral cats and kittens. Some of these were returned to site (TNR), and the majority were trapped, microchipped, neutered and found a place in our care to enable them to progress to family pets after many cases extended rehabilitation and socialisation.

Taking into care abandoned cats, getting them neutered (where necessary), vaccinated, and microchipped, treated against worms and fleas, rehabilitated and found a permanent home.

Providing a helpline to advise members of the public and also social workers and other who work with vulnerable people.

Provide a microchip scanning service.

Organising various successful fundraising events.

Additional Activities

Our feral pens unit were completed in winter 2020, significantly expanding our capacity to care for feral cats at our rescue centre.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit publishing by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity for the year

Homed 87 cats and kittens

Completion of the new feral cat unit, expanding the capacity at our rescue centre by 24 cats

Successfully recruited a number of new volunteers

Coordinators Annual Report

Well we made it! This time last year, we were finding our world a very different place, and today I am so proud of our volunteers, supporters and of course our members who are "hands on" albeit at a distance nowadays, as well as our Trustees who are very supportive to myself and the Charity as a whole.

Sincerest thanks to three special ladies, Lin, Lyndsey and Debbie, who keep Di's going, come rain or shine, they deserve their own pedestal, and have negotiated their way through Covid-19 and also, last year, the dreaded big "R"! As someone who struggles with figures and technology, I especially salute Colin our Treasurer who is a whizz with our figures, and helps us to stay in credit. Also, thanks to our independent auditor Mr McCabe.

Our Bid Funding Team who have been quietly working away behind the scenes, we are forever grateful for their kind efforts in these even more competitive times. We have very nearly managed to see completion of our New Feral Towers, helped along by some skilled crafts people, and already have some residents enjoying the facilities.

We have a floor which is now fit to walk across in the ancillary buildings, all holes mended, and now given a facelift with some replacement floor covering. Di's 3 Earth Angels, were there clearing it all ready for the repair work to commence, and put it all back again! Thank you all so much! Grateful thanks goes to Sarah, our Homing Co-ordinator for coping with new ways of doing the role. It can be challenging at times, (I know as I used to do it!). Sarah has been a superstar by doing virtual home visits, which have become the new normal to keep us and potential adopters safe. I still find it unnatural taking a cat or cats to their new home and leaving them on the doorstep, and not being able to go inside and settle them in, but safety first in these difficult times.

Again, we have been kept at more than full capacity, and managed to help cats and kittens despite several lock downs. We have had to work with our vets who have not been able to generate as many spay and neutering slots as swiftly as we would like. For instance we had 10 booked in for their ops in November last year, but when we had a 2nd lock down, we had to postpone them, but Bell and Partners were great and all were completed before Christmas. Broad Lane Vets have also helped out with urgent work where necessary.

Thanks to our members who have become emergency fosterers, Lyndsey, Gaynor and Georgia. Fostering can be a tough and challenging road to travel, and we acknowledge that some journeys can be tougher than others. How they stay strong and manage to let them go to their new homes is remarkable, and we do know how hard it is!

Grateful thanks to our local RSPCA's Dave Budd, Deputy Manager, who has been generous with items they cannot use themselves, as well as being there to chat should the need arise. Tesco Stores have also been looking after our Charity by allowing us to have a collection point with Melissa at Tesco Cross Point, and Michelle at Tesco Ricoh. Ian and his team at Just for Pets Ricoh also have a collection point within their store at the Ricoh Shopping Centre.

We also receive very valuable Lifelines via the Pets at Home VIP (Very Important Pet) scheme.

You simply name a chosen charity - hopefully Coventry Cat Group! Their website states you should receive 10% off online if you join them, as well as 10% off in store. (Correct as of today's date - 4/5/21). Every time you shop, use your VIP card, which can collect Lifelines for us. We do quite well, and get the vast majority of our wood litter this way, so please if you are not already on the scheme, think of our furries and sign up, they and us, will be most grateful.

Looking forward to the future, we are hoping to start work soon on our Mum and Kitten Unit, which will help relieve the pressure on our Centre from having to find a separate and quiet area every time a Mum to be, or a Mum with kittens comes in. Our Charity has received a substantial donation towards this from Brenda Cartwright, who knows how desperately we need this, because there seems to be no such thing as "kitten season", it is all year round, and if it is anything like our isolation unit, will be very well used indeed. We appreciate her generosity towards this so much.

As Government restrictions ease, we are looking forward to welcoming back our socialisers very gradually by invitation. This will of course depend on how our felines cope with the changes, and we will be led by them and our Centre Manager and her team, who I call Di's Earth Angels.

Once again, thank you all for your continued help and support, we and the felines, very much appreciate it, and we couldn't do what we do without you.

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust has no substantial reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution adopted September 1997 and amended May 2018

How the Charity is Constituted: Trust

Trustee Selection: Being an established, trustworthy volunteer invited and nominated by all the other Trustees

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: By reference of the Charity Commission Notes about the role of a Trustee, and reference to the history and current status of the charity.

Additional Governance: Minimum of three trustees at any one time. Executive Committee meet monthly to discuss day to day running of the charity, report to trustees, including any major risks identified.

We are associate members of the Association of Dog and Cat Homes. We work with other local charities to offer advice, support and assistance, also to members of the public who get in touch regarding feral colonies, abandoned or stray cats.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Full Name

LINDA ROSEMARY MCMAHUS

Lin Mcmanus

Signature

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Position

Trustee

Date

05-12-21

Full Name

Judith Anne Stanley

Judith Stanley

Signature

J.A. Stanley

Position

Trustee

Date

05-12-21

Full Name

Debbie Brassington

Signature

DB

Position

Hon. Secretary

Date

5/12/21

Full Name

Colin Childs

Signature

CC

Position

Hon. Treasurer

Date

5th December 2021

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

Charity Number 1065043

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name Coventry Cat Group

Charity registration number 1065043

Willand
Harvest Hill Lane
Coventry
CV5 9DD

The trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Lin McManus
Judith Stanley
Debbie Brassington
Colin Childs

Independent examiner

David McCabe
6 Charwelton Drive
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 1TU

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To provide assistance in the provision of care and accommodation of abandoned, mainly feral cats which are in need of care and protection by reason of homelessness, sickness, maltreatment or poor circumstances or ill usage and the prevention of cruelty to and suffering among such cats in Coventry and the immediate surrounding area: and
To advance the education of the public in the care of feral cats

Signed on behalf of the trustees

6 Charwelton Drive
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 1TU

Colin Childs
Trustee

24th January 2022

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COVENTRY CAT GROUP

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on the following pages this report.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David McCabe
Independent Examiner

6 Charwelton Drive
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 1TU

24th January 2022

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	250,000	250,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in hand	81,767	65,580
VAT Refund Due	1,755	2,088
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(350)	(350)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>83,172</u>	<u>67,318</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>333,172</u>	<u>317,318</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>333,172</u>	<u>317,318</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted income funds	<u>333,172</u>	<u>317,318</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>333,172</u>	<u>317,318</u>

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 24th January 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Colin Childs
Trustee

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2020</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generating funds:		
Donations	64,703	40,323
Willand income	13,625	10,505
Interest Received	88	241
Grant	425	3,825
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>78,841</u>	<u>54,894</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds:		
Cat Food	(6,952)	(5,123)
Cat Litter	(2,337)	(2,081)
Cat Expenses (other)	(307)	(3,796)
Cat Medications	(2,411)	(1,928)
Vets Bills	(17,618)	(13,062)
Fundraising Equipment	(0)	(890)
Telephone	(72)	(71)
Printing Postage and Stationery	(1,473)	(973)
Bank Charges	(77)	(60)
Accountancy	(350)	(350)
Bungalow Repairs	(1,375)	(67)
Cattery Fees	(7,440)	(7,940)
Energy Bills	(2,735)	(1,977)
Insurance	(1,392)	(1,392)
Special Projects	(18,448)	(11,152)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>(62,987)</u>	<u>(50,862)</u>
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	15,854	4,032
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	317,318	313,286
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>333,172</u>	<u>317,318</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.