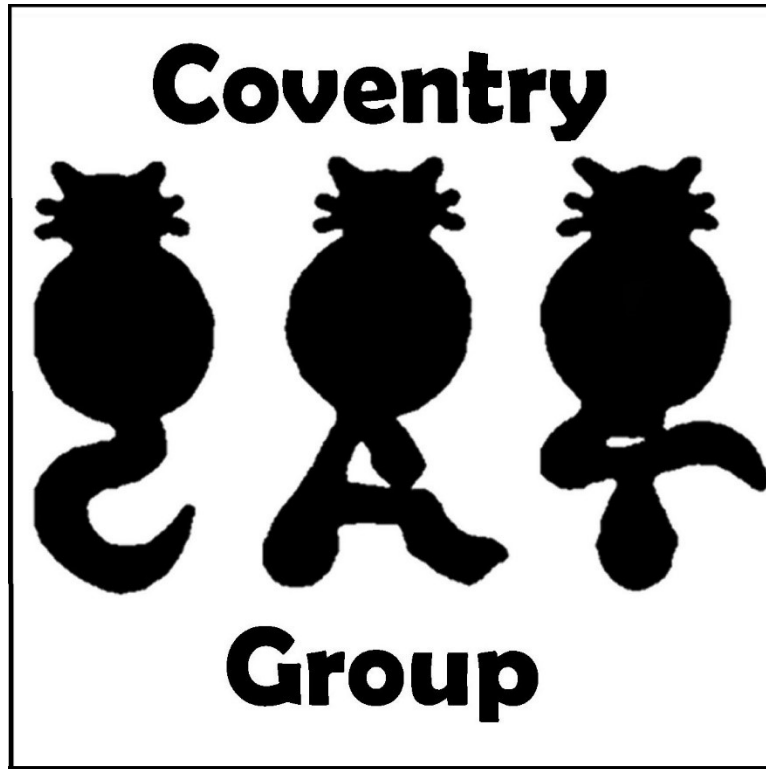


# **Coventry Cat Group**



**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Registered charity number: 1065043**

**VAT Registration: 128 5052 25**

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## 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 Linda McManus	Trustee	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2014	-
Mrs Judith Stanley	Trustee	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	-
Mrs Deborah Brassington	Hon. Secretary	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	-
Mr Colin Childs	Hon. Treasurer	14 <sup>th</sup> 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 62 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

During 2022 we completed our mother and kitten unit. This specialist unit will allow the charity to provide dedicated care to pregnant queens and new-born litters that we take into our care.

## 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 62 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 following the pandemic and relaxing of social distancing rules

### Coordinators Annual Report

As we find ourselves in our 26th year, on the eve of our Coronation of King Charles we have some lucky cats in our care. Lucky because we are so grateful to our regular volunteers and supporters, we are so pleased to have your dedication. Please can we all wish Wendy a speedy recovery after her accident at home, we are missing her quiet presence at the Centre. Special thanks goes to my fellow Trustees, a small but mighty support, thank you all so much!



*Interior of our new Mother and Kitten unit*

We know there are so many more needing our help from our messages on our Facebook pages and helpline, all we can do is our best for those in our care, and give advice to those who we cannot take in. So if you hear of anyone getting a young cat or kitten, please try and advise them not to let the youngster out until he or she has neutered or spayed.

Our new Mum and Kitten Unit is now officially open and operational thanks to Brenda Cartwright's gift to make it happen. Our Bid Funding Team have been beavering away, doing their best to secure any grants to help us, thank you all.

Afternoon Teas are currently being advertised on our Facebook page, don't panic if you missed out on the first one, there will be more to follow. All we need is some lovely weather.

We hope to add another pen onto our Isolation Unit when funds allow, which will be well used as the first two have proven to be.

We are striving our hardest to help the colonies we have visited in the past, some of them are proving quite hard to capture!



*Hope, one of the first residents of our new Mother and Kitten unit*

## 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

### **Treasurer Report for Financial Year 2022/2023**

I am pleased to report that the Charity remains in a healthy financial position. During the last year, we have made significant capital investment of approximately £30,000 at our rescue centre, including the completion of a landmark project for Coventry Cat Group, our new mother and kitten unit.

During the last year, we have had great success with the return of our big fundraising events, the Summer Open Day, Our Christmas Fayre and the popular Paws for a Cuppa afternoon teas.

The Charity's cash reserves at the end of FY22/23 amounted to approximately £28,000.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to my fellow Trustees and Executive Committee members for their support, our Bid and Funding team for all their determination with several successful grants, our volunteers for all their hard work, and to our Supporters for their generosity and goodwill.

## 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 nominated and elected by the charity membership at the AGM

**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: Judith Stanley

Position: Trustee

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Signature:



Full Name: Lin Mcmanus

Position: Trustee

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Signature:



Full Name: Debbie Brassington

Position: Hon. Secretary

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Signature:



Full Name: Colin Childs

Position: Hon. Treasurer

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

Signature:



# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

The independent examination of the Coventry Cat Group accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 through to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was conducted in January 2024 by David McCabe.

**Coventry Cat Group**

**Financial Statements for the  
Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Charity Number 1065043**

**COVENTRY CAT GROUP**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Charity Number 1065043**



**COVENTRY CAT GROUP**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023

**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

27th January 2024

## **COVENTRY CAT GROUP**

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

**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 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

27th January 2024

## COVENTRY CAT GROUP

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	250,000	250,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at Bank and in hand	31,450	84,215
VAT Refund Due	1,620	1,211
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	(375)	(375)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>32,695</u>	<u>85,051</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>282,695</u>	<u>335,051</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>282,695</u>	<u>335,051</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Unrestricted income funds	<u>282,695</u>	<u>335,051</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>282,695</u>	<u>335,051</u>

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 27th January 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

Colin Childs  
Trustee

**COVENTRY CAT GROUP**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Incoming resources from generating funds:		
Donations	31,839	34,478
Willand income	13,068	13,930
Interest Received	223	77
Grant	0	3,950
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>45,130</b>	<b>52,435</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Cost of generating funds:		
Cat Food	(14,030)	(11,226)
Cat Litter	(5,434)	(1,854)
Cat Expenses (other)	(5,299)	(3,878)
Cat Medications	(2,996)	(2,115)
Vets Bills	(20,273)	(14,899)
Fundraising Equipment	(1,882)	(0)
Telephone	(72)	(72)
Printing Postage and Stationery	(298)	(889)
Bank Charges	(56)	(0)
Accountancy	(375)	(375)
Bungalow Repairs	(1,151)	(3,915)
Cattery Fees	(7,300)	(6,680)
Energy Bills	(1,389)	(2,096)
Insurance	(1,287)	(1,277)
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED ON OPERATIONS</b>	<b>(61,842)</b>	<b>(49,276)</b>
Special Projects	(35,644)	(1,280)
<b>NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(52,356)</b>	<b>1,879</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>		
Total funds brought forward	335,051	333,172
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>282,695</b>	<b>335,051</b>

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.