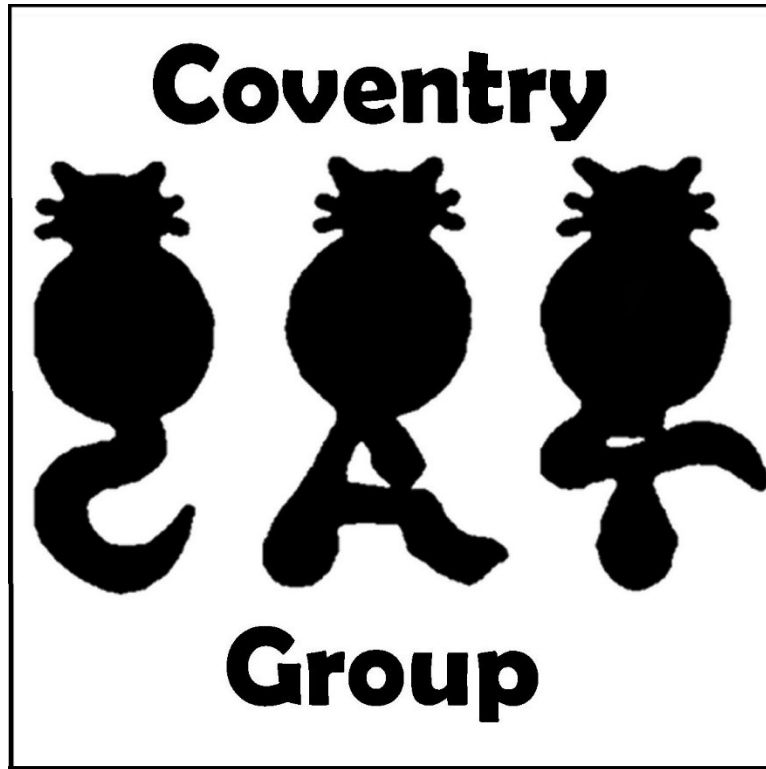


Coventry Cat Group



**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial
Statements for 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024**

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 st May 2014	-
Mrs Judith Stanley	Trustee	1 st March 2016	-
Mrs Deborah Brassington	Hon. Secretary	14 th February 2018	-
Mr Colin Childs	Hon. Treasurer	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 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.

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 32 cats and kittens

Completion of the mother and kitten unit, providing a specialist care space for queens and their litters

Successfully recruited a number of new volunteers

Coordinators Annual Report

We have been asked to help more and more cats, especially as our name is growing, possibly via the internet. Although we suspect there are a lot more who do need help, due to kittens being purchased over the dreadful Covid time. A lot of people have taken them on and not been serious about their commitment, not having them, vaccinated, microchipped or spayed/neutered. We spend a lot of time explaining to people why we cannot help them. We continue to help feral colonies before they grow any bigger, which can end up with sickly cats needing a lot more help and resources if nobody does.

The public need to understand that we have to have somewhere to isolate the cat(s) needing help, get a vet appointment, take it at least once, incur costs, treatment and recovery time, depending on whether a simple neuter/spay, or a possible more complex procedure, such as an eye removal, where it may then be unsafe to return the cat to where it came from, or if a member of the public who asked for help, no longer wants the cat back at their property. We can quickly have no space, low funds and are supported by a small army of volunteers, not the big charity they wish we were.

Recently we have had some lovely people do their best to help cats who have appeared in gardens looking lost or needing help. So, when they call our helpline, we do our very best to support them with advice and thank them generously for their efforts.

As you may be aware, it is becoming law on the 10th of June this year, that all cats and kittens aged 20 weeks, or more are microchipped with their details up to date. We sincerely hope it makes a difference. We are glad to see that when someone finds a cat or kitten, they are usually advised from one member of the public to another to take it to a vet to have it checked for a microchip.

Two of our dedicated volunteer members have given us a substantial donation towards the much-needed refurbishment of our Isolation Unit, the building has seen so many little faces over the few years we have had it in use, so this is very welcome and appreciated indeed, we are so grateful to them.



We would like to send a huge “thank you” to our Trustees, Executive Committee Members, Bid Funding Team, volunteers and supporters, who along with the cats who need our help, give us the will to carry on when some days it is really tough without a break from the constant demands for our services.

We look forward to raising some more funds at our Afternoon Tea and Open Day events, which were enjoyed by many last year, and were financially successful too. All we need is some good weather to make it happen, it is great to be able to meet our supporters on those days, you make what we do possible.

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 2023/2024

I am pleased to report that despite tough economic conditions, the Charity remains in a healthy financial position. After investing heavily during 2022 on our new Mother and Kitten unit, 2023 was a year of consolidation, ensuring our costs continue to be carefully controlled.

During the last year, we have again had wonderful success with our big fundraising events, the Summer Open Day, our popular Paws for a Cuppa afternoon teas, and finally our Christmas Fayre which this year raised a record breaking £2,280!

The Charity's cash reserves at the end of FY23/24 amounted to £33,377. 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: 8th December 2024

Signature:

J A Stanley

Full Name: Lin Mcmanus

Position: Trustee

Date: 8th December 2024

Signature:

L Mcmanus

Full Name: Debbie Brassington

Position: Hon. Secretary

Date: 8th December 2024

Signature:

DL

Full Name: Colin Childs

Position: Hon. Treasurer

Date: 8th December 2024

Signature:

C Childs

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

The independent examination of the Coventry Cat Group accounts for the period 1st April 2023 through to 31st March 2024 was conducted in January 2025 by David McCabe.

Coventry Cat Group

**Financial Statements for the
Year Ending 31st March 2024**

Charity Number 1065043

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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COVENTRY CAT GROUP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024

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

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Rugby
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23rd January 2025

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Colin Childs
Trustee

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

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

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 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

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23rd January 2025

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	250,000	250,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in hand	33,377	31,450
VAT Refund Due	1,076	1,620
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(375)	(375)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>34,078</u>	<u>32,695</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>284,078</u>	<u>282,695</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>284,078</u>	<u>282,695</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted income funds	<u>284,078</u>	<u>282,695</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>284,078</u>	<u>282,695</u>

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 23rd January 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Colin Childs
Trustee

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generating funds:		
Donations	51,276	31,839
Willand income	14,491	13,068
Interest Received	900	223
Grant	1,500	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	68,167	45,130
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds:		
Cat Food	(13,721)	(14,030)
Cat Litter	(6,836)	(5,434)
Cat Expenses (other)	(5,086)	(5,299)
Cat Medications	(3,621)	(2,996)
Vets Bills	(19,220)	(20,273)
Fundraising Equipment	(1,798)	(1,882)
Telephone	(90)	(72)
Printing Postage and Stationery	(749)	(298)
Bank Charges	(34)	(56)
Accountancy	(375)	(375)
Bungalow Repairs	(658)	(1,151)
Cattery Fees	(7,269)	(7,300)
Energy Bills	(1,328)	(1,389)
Insurance	(1,399)	(1,287)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED ON OPERATIONS	(62,184)	(61,842)
Special Projects	(4,600)	(35,644)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	1,383	(52,356)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	282,695	335,051
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	284,078	282,695

The Statement of Financial Activites 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.