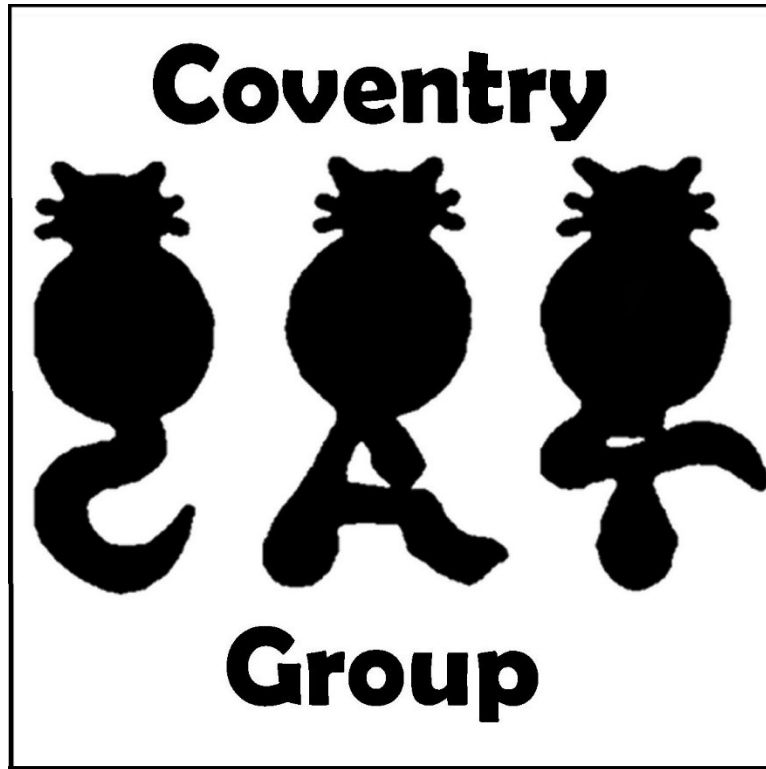


Coventry Cat Group



**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial
Statements for 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025**

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 41 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 41 cats and kittens

Added a third pod to our Isolation Unit facility

Successfully recruited a number of new volunteers

Coordinators Annual Report

We will never be out of our volunteer jobs! So, it has been great to have new volunteers join us over the last 12 months. So many thanks to them and our more experienced volunteers for showing them how we tick.

We are still receiving calls via our helpline for help with cats which often only need microchip and spay/neuter, but householders are not being successful when seeking neutering vouchers via the local Cats Protection. Some of our work in reuniting lost cats has been made more difficult causing wasted time and fuel, due to microchips not being kept up to date.



Nicole, Darce and Liva



Over the last twelve months we have had more complex cases needing more than a quick “snip and chip”. Craig had an infection, possibly from a fight wound, to his front leg, he was given a Convenia antibiotic injection. All seemed well until I was due a day off. For some reason, I wasn’t quite sure how his leg was healing that morning, so I had him checked at the vet. Clean bill of health, (she even took his temperature), he ate his belated breakfast and I left him with a feed to be given at 3 pm while I was away. He refused it and was found to be staring into space. So, I came back early and, on the way, organised for Craig to go to the emergency vet at Warwick, he was kept in overnight. They found a sudden heart murmur, chest rattle and the start of sepsis! Grateful thanks to our daughter Katie who did the day-care, driving and Debbie for accompanying her.

We have had another tom cat who had an injury to his paw, which could have been a fight wound, or caused from trauma by landing on a nail or something. All seemed well at first, then it definitely got much bigger than the foot on the other side. Thankfully with some antibiotic tablets on board, he was able to recover from the wound, his neuter and microchip procedures and find an excellent new home.

Our rescue centre has been running for around 10 years, so we have had to do some remedial work on the bungalow and also our isolation unit due to the very welcome additional pen, enabled by a very generous donation from two of our dedicated volunteers. Unfortunately, there had been a change in design, which meant the whole of its roof had to be replaced. We are currently waiting for the electrical updates to be completed.

As we move from spring to summer, we are looking forward to hosting our afternoon teas and our open day, hoping the weather will be kind.

Many thanks to our Trustees, Executive Committee Members, Bid Funding Team, volunteers and supporters who make it possible for us to do what we can to help the cats and kittens.



Our new ISO pod under construction

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 2024/2025

I am pleased to report that despite continued challenging economic conditions over the last year, the Charity remains in a healthy financial position. This year we have incurred some unexpected maintenance costs at Willand, along with further investment in our cattery centre by adding a third isolation pen, however the charity has returned a small surplus for the financial year thanks to our wonderful supporters. Special thank you to Jane Pitcher for her very generous donation this year.

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.

The Charity's cash reserves at the end of FY24/25 amounted to £60,844.

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 grant applications, 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.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

The independent examination of the Coventry Cat Group accounts for the period 1st April 2024 through to 31st March 2025 was conducted in January 2026 by David McCabe.

Coventry Cat Group

**Financial Statements for the
Year Ending 31st March 2025**

Charity Number 1065043

COVENTRY CAT GROUP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025

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
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Colin Childs
Trustee

22nd January 2026

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

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

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 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
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22nd January 2026

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	250,000	250,000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in hand	60,844	33,377
VAT Refund Due	904	1,076
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(9,317)	(375)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>52,431</u>	<u>34,078</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>302,431</u>	<u>284,078</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>302,431</u>	<u>284,078</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted income funds	<u>302,431</u>	<u>284,078</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>302,431</u>	<u>284,078</u>

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on the 22nd January 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

Colin Childs
Trustee

COVENTRY CAT GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generating funds:		
Donations	76,970	51,276
Willand income	14,385	14,491
Interest Received	651	900
Grant	2,000	1,500
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	94,006	68,167
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds:		
Cat Food	(13,138)	(13,721)
Cat Litter	(2,527)	(6,836)
Cat Expenses (other)	(5,057)	(5,086)
Cat Medications	(3,320)	(3,621)
Vets Bills	(15,928)	(19,220)
Fundraising Equipment	(143)	(1,798)
Telephone	(90)	(90)
Printing Postage and Stationery	(1,068)	(749)
Bank Charges	(57)	(34)
Accountancy	(375)	(375)
Bungalow Repairs	(9,110)	(658)
Cattery Fees	(6,960)	(7,269)
Energy Bills	(2,286)	(1,328)
Insurance	(1,517)	(1,399)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED ON OPERATIONS	(61,576)	(62,184)
Special Projects	(14,077)	(4,600)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	18,353	1,383
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	284,078	282,695
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	302,431	284,078

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.