



## **The Heatons Animal Rescue Group: Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

### **Trustees Report**

The trustees are pleased to present their report for the financial year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, including the financial statements on income and expenditure.

We are an independent charity based in Manchester Road in Stockport. Our mission statement is To receive stray, abandoned and unwanted domestic animals, to provide food, shelter and veterinary care for these animals where required, and to rehome where possible to responsible owners. As long as the Quality of Life is acceptable, we will endeavour to look after the animal regardless of age or cost of treatment for the charity.

We have a charity shop, and our income is from the shop, direct donations, fundraising and from rehoming fees from our cats. We are also Charity of the Year in partnership with Pets At Home/Support Adoption for Pets, and receive a percentage of their bi annual fundraisers as well as donations of food from the public left in store and pallets of damaged stock.

### **Administrative Details**

**Charity Number** 1072091

**Registered Address** 406A, Manchester Road

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### **Trustees**

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Abigail Churchley  
Alisha Rumble  
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Alison Wright

## **Independent Examiner**

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## **Structure**

The Heatons Animal Rescue Group was founded in June 1998, and registered with the Charity Commission as an unincorporated charity. There are currently six trustees: our constitution sets out that there are a minimum of five and a maximum of eight.

## **Governance and Management**

All our trustees are fully aware of their duties and obligations in the role of trustee. Upon appointment, they are trustees until they submit an official resignation, and we constantly re evaluate the skill set of existing board members so, if the opportunity arises, we can recruit to fill in any gaps in areas of expertise.

We meet as a board at least once a quarter, and are all updated on financial status and key issues relating to the running of the charity shop

or Sanctuary. All decisions are made jointly following a consultation with all trustees.

## **Objectives of the charity**

As stated in our Constitution, we are committed to rescuing domestic animals (cats), and take in stray or unwanted cats, ensuring they receive the best possible care in terms of food and shelter, and thorough vet checks and treatment. We ensure that each cat is fully vaccinated, has flea and worm treatment and is neutered if old enough. We have a carefully crafted rehoming policy, which involves a face to face interview with the potential adopter, ID checks and a homecheck. We also undertake post adoption checks by phone to ensure the cat is well settled. We offer a full Rescue back up following adoption, and we are committed to maintaining this high level of care in the future through staff training, and maintenance and repair of our cat rooms and pens.

We would never put a healthy cat to sleep, and euthanasia is a very last resort if the cat has no chance of recovery, and strictly on the advice of our vet.

In order to deliver this, our focus is very much on the financial picture, and how we can close the current gap between income and expenditure.

## **Policies and Risk Management**

We have the following policies, which are updated annually. The Covid policy is updated in line with Government policy changes:

- Safeguarding
- Health and Safety
- Equality and Diversity
- Volunteer obligations and conduct
- Rehoming and adoption policy

Risk assessments are done regularly where necessary. We organise several fundraising events each year, and a formal risk assessment is carried out at the time of booking each event.

## **The challenges of 2020/2021**

The Covid pandemic affected us badly in that we were unable to open the Charity Shop during lockdown, nor allow people on the premises to view

cats and apply to adopt. We had to close for the last 2 weeks of March 2020, and could not reopen until June 30<sup>th</sup>. We were also closed in November 2020 until Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, and then for the whole of the Jan –Mar period 2021. We were also unable to open for normal hours post lockdown, due to volunteer shortages, with several having to isolate.

The result was a serious loss of income for us, as our shop generates income well in excess of £500 per week on average. It also meant that we had to stop our volunteers from attending, as the cat rooms do not allow for the required levels of social distancing, which put additional pressure on paid staff.

We could not fundraise either; we are Charity of the Year with Pets At Home in Stockport, and part of our arrangement with them is that we can host fundraising activities in store. During this period we were obviously unable to do so. Neither could we attend Car Boot sales during lockdown as they were all cancelled.

We were able to offer online sales with items from our charity shop, with some limited success, and in some weeks, we allowed cat viewing through a window, with virtual homechecks being undertaken. However, the income was still much reduced.

Having cats and kittens with us, meant that we still incurred maintenance costs, staff salaries and vet bills. We used the furlough scheme, and one staff member elected to work unpaid during lockdown.

We were very fortunate to receive many donations of cat food from our very generous supporters. We are so grateful for their help.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our staff and volunteers, who worked under very difficult circumstances and recognised the need for additional hygiene and controls. Our vets at Vets4Pets Stockport helped us enormously while ensuring that all government guidelines were strictly adhered to, and the team at Pets At Home in Stockport continued to make sure that our donations of cat food reached us post lockdown.

## Finance

### Overall Summary: Income and Expenditure

	20 21
Prev Assets	£68,662
Income	£78,186
Expenditure	£100,714
NewAssets	£46,134
Current	£2,041
Deposit	£44,093
	£46,134

There was a shortfall in income versus expenditure of £22,528 for the period, which depleted our cash reserves. This was despite being given a £10,000 from Stockport Council, and a £5000 award from Support Adoption for Pets. As we have a constant shortfall, it has been our strategy to keep a level of cash on reserve with the hope that the charity can remain open in the short to medium term.

### 20/21 Versus 19/20 Income and Expenditure

	19 20	20 21
Prev Assets	£59,265	£68,662
	£128,98	
Income	0	£78,186
Expenditure	£119,58	£100,71
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NewAsset	£68,662	£46,134

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Current	£4,097	£2,041
Deposit	£64,565	£44,093
	£68,662	£46,134

Year on Year income: The 19/20 income figure of £128,980 included a legacy of £53,000.

And 20/21 includes the Stockport Council Grant of £10,000, and a £5000 grant from Support Adoption 4 Pets

Year on Year Expenditure: The 19/20 figure includes a refurbish project of c £24,000.

## Income 20/21

INCOME	20/21
	£59,7
Banked	18
	£2,00
Legacies	0
	£10,0
Council Grant	00
Support AD	£5,00
Grant	0
HMRC	£1,44
Furlough	0
Deposit	
Interest	£28
	<b>£78,1</b>
	<b>86</b>

## Income 19/20

Income	
19/20	£

Banked	£72,272
Legacy	£53,000
Petplan	
Grant	£3,600
Deposit	
Interest	£108
	<b>£128,980</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>

## Expenditure By Category 20/21 versus 19/20

Category	20/21 £	19/20 £
Cat Food, Meds & Cleaning Supplies	£11,557	£10,543
Salaries, HMRC DWP & Pension	£45,020	£46,899
Utilities	£4,172	£5,598
Vet	£35,109	£27,663
Gloves	£696	£365
Van (inc insurance)	£1,399	£1,218
Building Refurb	£0	£24,152
Council Tax	£0	£551
Ground Rent	£6	£6
Insurance	£1,376	£1,325
Waste	£1,379	£1,263
	<b>£100,714</b>	<b>£119,583</b>

Net of the building refurbishment in 19/20, the expenditure figure is £95,431, so our expenses in 20/21 were around £5000 higher. This was mostly down to an increase in vet bills. Many of the cats and kittens we rescued had complex health issues, and it became more common for us to

take in sick animals whose owners could no longer afford / keep/care for them as Covid threatened their income.

Our salaries were slightly lower due to furlough and one member of staff working unpaid, but we paid more for specialist cat food and for gloves and cleaning products which were needed during the pandemic.

We were in the very fortunate position of having received a legacy the previous year, otherwise we would have had to close because of insufficient funds.

## **Future Financial Plans and Strategy**

We are conscious that with a constant shortfall in income versus expenditure, without a buffer of saved funds, we are in a very vulnerable position.

We are heavily reliant on being able to keep the shop open for at least five days a week, and to maintain our rehoming programme, and active fundraising. We will continue to be proactive in looking at new revenue streams; we already use Ebay, have a Facebook based charity shop site, and run regular online raffles and quizzes. We benefit from cashback with Amazon and Just Giving, but the size of the shortfall means that we remain dependent on legacies or other sources of financial help to secure our future.

This is a key focus for our board meeting discussions.





**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

THE HEATONS ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

MARCH 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1072091

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission  
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have  
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with  
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of  
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

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