STRAY CAT RESCUE

England & Wales · Charity number 1098984

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2003-08-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Cattery Wood End Tingrith Milton Keynes MK17 9ER
Phone	01525875993
Email	enquiries@straycatrescue.charity
Website	www.straycatrescue.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS AND SUFFERING OF CATS AND KITTENS WITHIN THE BEDFORDSHIRE AREA WHO ARE IN NEED OF CARE BY REASON OF SICKNESS, STRAYING, NEGLECT OR MALTREATMENT BY THE PROVISION OF A RESCUE, FOSTERING, REHABILITATION AND REHOMING SERVICE AND THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT AND/OR NEUTERING ACCORDING TO VETERINARY ADVICE AND EXPERTISE.

Activities: STRAY CAT RESCUE, RESCUES, CARES FOR AND RE-HOMES STRAY AND UNWANTED CATS AND KITTENS. WE ALSO CARRY OUT NEUTERING CAMPAIGNS AND PROVIDE CATS WITH VETERINARY ASSISTANCE WHEN REQUIRED.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE BEDFORDSHIRE AREA.
- Bedford
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£313,220	£166,893	-	-
2023-10-31	£140,253	£157,765	-	-
2022-10-31	£88,501	£110,030	-	-
2021-10-31	£150,690	£85,115	-	-
2020-10-31	£81,593	£71,740	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Lesley Webb	Chair	2021-04-13
Alison White		2021-04-17
BEVERLEY FAULKNER		
MR GRAHAM HOWELL		
RITA MANSER		
SUSAN HOURD		
Sheri Jeffries		

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	11	2023	**To**	31	10	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	STRAY CAT RESCUE
Other names charity is known by	SCR
Registered charity number (if any)	1098984

Charity's principal address

The Cattery	
Wood End	
Tingrith, Beds	
Postcode	**MK17 9ER**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	HELEN WEBB	CHAIR		THE MEMBERS
2	BEVERLEY FAULKNER	SHELTER MANAGER		THE MEMBERS
3	ALISON WHITE	SECRETARY		THE MEMBERS
4	SUSAN HOURD	CAT WELFARE OFFICER		THE MEMBERS
5	GRAHAM HOWELL	TREASURER		THE MEMBERS
6	RITA MANSER	COMMITTEE MEMBER		THE MEMBERS
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
BANK	LLOYDS PLC	HIGH STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 17 FEBRUARY 2003 AND FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION GRANTED ON 8 JUNE 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF CIRCA 200 MEMBERS
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BY MEMBERS ANNUALLY AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

ALL TRUSTEES GIVE OF THEIR TIME VOLUNTARILY AND DO NOT SEEK ANY REMUNERATION OR OTHER BENEFITS.

BEVERLEY FAULKNER IS PAID A SMALL SALARY IN HER POSITION OF SHELTER MANAGER.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	TO RELIEVE DISTRESS AND SUFFERING OF CATS AND KITTENS, MAINLY IN THE BEDFORDSHIRE AREA BY PROVISION OF RESCUE, FOSTERING AND REHOMING, PLUS VETERINARY TREATMENT WHERE AND WHEN REQUIRED.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY STRAY CAT RESCUE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT: **SHELTER** LOOKING BACK OVER THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2023 – 31 OCTOBER 2024, OUR AIM CONTINUED TO BE TO RESCUE, HELP AND RE-HOME AS MANY CATS AND KITTENS AS WE ARE ABLE WITHIN BEDFORDSHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREA. IN DOING THIS WE HAVE STRIVED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF ALL CATS IN OUR CARE. WE HAVE CONTINUEING ISSUES WITH VAST NUMBERS OF CATS BEING ABANDONED. WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE ANIMALS DUMPED DUE TO THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS AND ALSO FROM PEOPLE WHO THINK KITTENS CAN GENERATE MONEY FROM SALES. KITTENS ARE NO LONGER SO MUCH IN DEMAND AND THE COST OF KEEPING A PET IS INCREASING. WE CONTINUED TO RESCUE & REHOME AS MANY CATS AS POSSIBLE AND HAVE INTRODUCED PRE-BOOKED REHOMING DAYS, WHICH ARE PROVING TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE CONTINUE TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO ADVERTISE AVAILABLE ANIMALS, TO FUNDRAISE AND ADVERTISE EVENTS AND IT IS VERY SUCCESSFUL. STRAY CAT RESCUE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE VETS IN LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BARTON LE CLAY, BEDFORD & LUTON FOR DISCOUNTING THEIR SERVICES TO US. WE ARE ALSO SO GRATEFUL TO OUR FOSTERERS ALONG WITH THOSE WHO COLLECT THE CATS, DO THE VET RUNS AND THE RE-HOMING CHECKS. WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR REHOMING PROCESS TO INCLUDE GREATER FINANCIAL CHECKS, CHECKING ADOPTER AFFORDABILTY AND UNDERSTANDING OF VET COSTS. MANY CHECKS ARE STILL CONDUCTED VIA VIDEO CALLS, AS THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE A TIME & COST-EFFECTIVE WAY OF OPERATING & NO MORE CATS HAVE BEEN RETURNED FOLLOWING ONLINE CHECKS THAN WITH PHYSICAL CHECKS. WE DO A PHYSICAL HOMECHECK IF WE HAVE ANY CONCRENS ABOUT THE ADOPTER OF THEIR LOCATION. OUR 2024 CALENDAR FEATURED STORIES ABOUT SOME OF THE CATS & KITTENS WE HAVE RESCUED AND AGAIN THIS PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE THIS FORMAT AS IT'S SO POPULAR AND SETS US APART FROM A CALANDER JUST WITH PICTURIES. THE OPEN DAY WAS AGAIN VERY SUCCESSFUL, WE CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THIS. SUPPORTERS ARE KEEN TO BRING THEIR ARTISAN ITEMS TO SELL AND IT IS POPULAR WITH OUR GUESTS. OUR PATRON, SIMON TOFIELD IS A GREAT SUPPORT FOR US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR THE OPEN DAY. HE WILL CREATE BESPOKE DRAWINGS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES AND

COMMISSIONS FOR A SUFFICIENT DONATION TO SCR.

MEMBERS AND SPONSOR EVENTS WERE COMBINED WITH CATS N CAKES FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND ARE VERY POPULAR.

FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL MEDIA

WE STARTED OUR NEW FY IN NOVEMBER 2023 WITH SOME INTERESTING NEWS, THAT WE HAD BEEN LEFT A LEGACY BY A LADY WHO HAD UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY, MRS SHEILA PARKES.

WE WERE NOT INITIALLY AWARE OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED BUT AFTER SOME COMMUNICATION WITH THE SOLICITOR HANDLING THE ESTATE, IT BECAME APPARENT IT WAS QUITE SUBSTANTIAL AND WOULD HAVE AN INCREDIBLY POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE CHARITY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. WE RECEIVED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 2023 FROM THE ESTATE OF MRS SHEILA PARKER, THE SUM OF £143,098.09, FOR WHICH WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

WE CONTINUE TO DO A VARIETY OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE CHARITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

AT THE END OF 2023 WE FOCUSSED OUR EFFORTS ON SELLING MERCHANDISE FOR THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PERIOD WITH OUR OWN DESIGNS OF CHRISTMAS CARDS AND THE 2024 EDITION OF THE CALENDAR, ALL OF WHICH SOLD IN EVERY INCREASING QUANTITIES.

OUR ACTIVITIES ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK HAVE RAISED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF FUNDS FOR THE CHARITY, WITH SEVERAL RAFFLES ORGANISED, SPECIAL APPEALS MADE AND OUR POPULAR 'DONATE A POUND ON PAYDAY' SCHEME GROWING FURTHER.

THE 'DONATE A POUND ON PAYDAY' SCHEME HAS NOW APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS AS OF OCTOBER 2024.

SOCIAL MEDIA IS A VITAL TOOL FOR MAKING PEOPLE AWARE OF OUR CHARITY, RAISING MONEY AND FOR PUBLICISING OUR EVENTS.

WE HAVE CONTINUED WITH OUR 'CATS & CAKE' AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKE EVENTS AT THE SHELTER, WHICH CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL.

OUR OPEN DAY HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2024 WAS ALSO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND WELL ATTENDED, RAISING A LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR US AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE CHARITY. WE CONTINUE TO DO EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO KEEP OUR NAME IN THE PUBLIC EYE. WE ATTENDED SEVERAL EVENTS IN LEIGHTON BUZZARD AS WE HAVE DONE FOR MANY YEARS AND WE ALSO ATTENDED THE SUMMER FETES AT TODDINGTON, BARTON AND TEBWORTH.

WE ALSO RECEIVE A LOT OF DONATIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD CATS & KITTENS FROM US PREVIOUSLY AND THEY JUST SEND US DONATIONS WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING, KNOWING WE HAVE HELPED IN THE PAST.

SHEILA PARKES IS A CASE IN POINT OF THIS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD AND ALL THE HELPERS WHO HAVE SPENT THEIR TIME FUND-RAISING FOR SCR. WITHOUT OUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY ON OUR WORK OF HELPING STRAY AND LOST CATS & KITTENS.

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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERS REPORT FOR YEAR 2023-2024 – 118 MEMBERS PAID

MONTH	NEW	RENEWAL
NOVEMBER 2023	1	54
DECEMBER 2023	1	10
JANUARY 2024	0	2
FEBRUARY 2024	0	3
MARCH 2024	0	5
APRIL 2024	1	6
MAY 2024	0	7
JUNE 2024	0	4
JULY 2024	1	7
AUGUST 2024	0	1
SEPTEMBER 2024	1	8
OCTOBER	0	11

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP MONEY PAID 2023-2024 = £8897.00

CAT SPONSORSHIP

THE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME HAS BEEN RUNNING SINCE 2013 AND IT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A STEADY INCOME.

TO KEEP WITH LAST YEAR EFFORT TO BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE & ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, THE OPTION OF RECEIVING THE SPONSORSHIP PACKS VIA EMAIL WAS ADDED TO THE SPONSORSHIP FORM. SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN THIS OPTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS.

WE HAVE CURRENTLY 121 ACTIVE CAT SPONSORSHIPS FROM PEOPLE SPONSORING OR GIVING GIFT OF SPONSORSHIP AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 4 CATS ON THE SCHEME, ALL REMAIN IN FAIRLY GOOD HEALTH FOR THEIR AGE

OUR SPONSORS OPEN DAY WAS HELD IN MAY 2024 AND AS ALWAYS, A GOOD CHANCE TO MEET SPONSORS OLD AND NEW.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS WITH THE TREND IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, COSTS ARE CONTINUALLY ON THE RISE. GENERALLY, OUR INCOME HAS NOT BEEN MEETING OUR OUTGOING COSTS. WE HAVE KEPT AFLOAT, LARGELY DUE TO LEGACIES BEQUEATHED TO US. WITH THE

TOTAL CASH IN THE BANK AT £284950

- CAT HOMING DONATIONS THIS YEAR, BRINGING IN £64414.
- ONLINE DONATIONS THIS YEAR ARE AT £17615
- THE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME THIS YEAR, HAS RAISED A FIGURE OF £7356
- GENERAL DONATIONS ARE UP TO £46388, THIS DOES INCLUDE THE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION DONATIONS WHICH TOTAL £6728 FOR THIS YEAR.
- MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS RISING SLOWLY BUT DID BRING IN £7,573 COMBINED.
- MISC. SALES TOTAL OF £7130.
- WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO BE NAMED AS BENEFICIARIES OF ALISON'S NEIGHBOURS WILL, WHICH BOLSTERED OUR INCOME BY £143000
- CATS N CAKES RAISED MORE THAN £4600 & RAFFLES RAISED OVER £5000.

OUTGOINGS:

- CAT FOOD/LITTER UP TO £10566
- VET FEES UP TO £107930
- MICROCHIPPING £6461
- BEV'S WAGE £13747, GENERALLY RISES WITH MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES.
- ELECTRIC BILL'S UP YEAR THIS, £11395.
- ONGOING MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT COSTS APPROX. £2372, MANY THANKS TO OUR UNPAID IN-HOUSE MAINTENANCE TEAM OF MALCOLM & GARY.

WE HAD ONE FIXED TERM INVESTMENT DEPOSIT RUNNING, £50000 WHICH MATURES IN SEPTEMBER 2025.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

CAT WELFARE

SUMMARY OF CAT WORK DONE IN THE PERIOD NOV 2023– OCT 2024 AS FOLLOWS:

RE-HOMED	490
NEUTERED	361
VETERINARY TREATMENT	147
PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	31
REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	8
CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RE-HOMING)	26

BEFORE REHOMING KITTENS ARE FULLY VACCINATED & VOUCHERS PROVIDED FOR NEUTER & MCROCHIP. ADULT CATS ARE NEUTERED & MICROCHIPPED

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section D	Achievements and performance

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	WE HOLD CASH AT THE BANK OF £284950, ALL OF WHICH IS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE HELD TO MEET VET BILLS AND ANY URGENT UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE THAT MAY OCCUR.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	NOT APPLICABLE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

STRAY CAT RESCUE'S MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING THIS YEAR HAS COME FROM MONIES RAISED VIA A VARIETY OF MEANS, INCLUDING DONATIONS, FUNDRAISING EVENTS, SPONSERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP.

DONATIONS FROM CATS/KITTENS RE-HOMED DOES NOT SHOW THE LOSS WE INCURE ON MOST OF THESE, WHICH IS DUE TO THE VETS COST WE INCURR BEFORE THEY ARE DEEMED FIT FOR REHOMING.

THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS HAS ENABLED STRAY CAT RESCUE TO ENSURE ALL THE CATS AND KITTENS IN OUR CARE ARE FED, RECEIVE GOOD VETERINARY TREATMENT AND ARE LOOKED AFTER APPROPRIATELY AT THE SHELTER.

Section F Other optional information

FUTURE PLANS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO FUNDRAISE, WITH A GREATER FOCUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AS THIS HAS PROVED VERY LUCRATIVE. THE CARD READERS WHICH WE PURCHASED HAVE PROVED TO BE HUGELY BENEFICIAL AT MANY OF OUR EVENTS, MAKING IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO SPEND MONEY WITH US AND WE PLAN TO HAVE THEM AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC EVENT WE ATTEND IN THE FUTURE.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	H·L· Webb	
Full name(s)	HELEN LESLEY WEBB	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	26 AUGUST 2024	

Stray Cat Rescue

STRAY CAT RESCUE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The Cattery
Wood End
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MK17 9ER

Accountants & Examiners:

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Trustees Annual Report

Financial Review

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of Stray Cat Rescue ('the Charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake that examination as a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records;
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

James Colvin FCMA
The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities & Notes to the Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities

£	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	288,453	-	288,453	107,417
Fundraising		13,584	-	13,584	36,588
Other income		11,184	-	11,184	11,482
Total		**313,220**	**-**	**313,220**	**155,487**
Expenditure on:					
Fundraising expenses	3	816	-	816	1,103
Charitable Activities		157,830	-	157,830	156,143
Administration		8,247	-	8,247	4,566
Total		**166,893**	**-**	**166,893**	**161,813**
Net income / expenditure		146,328	-	146,328	(6,325)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		138,622	-	24,584	**144,948**
Transfers		-	-	-	**-**
Total funds carried forward		**284,950**	**-**	**170,912**	**138,622**

STRAY CAT RESCUE REGISTERED CHARITY: 1098984

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 October 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		299,716	138,622
Prepayments		-	-
		299,716	138,622
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	14,777	-
Net current assets		284,939	138,622
Total assets less current liabilities		284,939	138,622
Net assets		**284,939**	**138,622**
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds		-	-
Unrestricted income funds	5	284,938	138,622
Total funds		**284,938**	**138,622**

The notes on pages X to X form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees for issue on ...31/07/25... and signed on its behalf by:

(SECRETARY)

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Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011.

Stray Cat Rescue meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

In 2024, owing to a significant legacy payment, Stray Cat Rescue was required to prepare full accounts under the accruals basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Machinery Equipment - 5-year straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Going concern

The Charity remains a going concern, however remains reliant on legacies to continue as such. In 2024, the Charity received a legacy of £143,098.

2. Analysis of Income

	2024	2023
Donations and legacies		
General donations	46,388	19,517
Cat homing donations	64,414	64,955
Collection boxes/supermarket tokens	12,056	299
Supermarket collections	-	133
Corporate/charity donations	3,781	3,630
Web donations	17,615	18,883
Legacy income	144,198	-
	288,453	**107,417**
Fundraising		
Membership subscriptions	845	8,384
Gift aid	1,370	15,101
Social events	2,716	5,570
Stalls/open days	1,297	344
Sponsored cats	7,356	7,189
	13,584	**36,588**
Other income		
Misc sales	7,130	10,827
Bank interest	4,054	655
	11,184	**11,482**

3. Analysis of Expenditure

	2024	2023
Charitable Activities		
Cat food and litter	10,566	13,733
Vet fees	107,930	99,395
Microchipping	6,461	5,797
Cat boarding	994	70
Wages	13,747	12,526
Electricity	11,395	11,731
Waste disposal	1,963	1,810
Maintenance	2,372	8,130
Equipment	2,401	2,952
	157,830	**156,143**
Fundraising Activities		
Advertising and merchandise	279	1,103
Event costs	537	-
	816	**1,103**
Administration		
Phone	654	518
Insurance	1,219	951
Accountancy	4,320	1,000
General expenses	2,055	2,097
	8,247	**4,566**

4. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Accruals	14,777	-
	14,777	**-**

5. Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 November 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 October 2024
Unrestricted Funds	138,610	**313,220**	(166,893)	-	284,938
Restricted Funds	-	**-**	-	-	-
Total Funds	**138,610**	**313,220**	**(166,893)**	**-**	**284,938**

Prior period

	Balance at 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 October 2023
Unrestricted Funds	144,936	155,487	(161,813)	-	138,610
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	**144,936**	**155,487**	**(161,813)**	**-**	**138,610**

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Service checklist

Client: Stray Cat Rescue (id: 235)

Checklist definition: Version 1, 24/04/2024, 11:03:22

Service: Independent Examination

This checklist run started: 26/06/2025, 10:22:52

Period end: 30/11/2024

Staff member: Irina Bakareva (IB)

Service deadline: 31/08/2025

Completed: (in progress: 95%)

Summary comments

(no comments)

Fee review

(not necessary)

Activities

Name	Y	N	N/A	Comments
Direction 1:				
Check whether the charity is eligible to have an independent examination	✓			Turnover below £1m and gross assets below £3.26m
Checked the charity audit threshold applying to the accounts to be reviewed			✓	Does not apply
Checked an audit is not required for any other reason			✓	-
Confirmed the charity is eligible for independent examination	✓			-
Confirmed the amount of the charity's income to figure shown the accounts (including any branches) and confirmed that income and assets are below the audit threshold or, if applicable, obtained a copy of the letter from the Commission approving an audit dispensation	✓			-
If the charity has one or more subsidiaries confirmed that group accounts are not required by law			✓	-
If a charitable company checked that the audit exemption statement has been made			✓	-
If applicable, rechecked the threshold calculation during the examination			✓	-
If the charity's income is more than £250,000 confirmed that the examiner is a member of one of the listed bodies	✓			CIMA
If applicable, informed the trustees that the charity is not eligible for an independent examination			✓	-
If receipts and payments accounts have been prepared, checked that the charity's gross income is less than £250,000 and that it is not a company			✓	Accounts prepared on accrual basis, annual income is exceeding the threshold of £250k
If receipts and payments accounts have been prepared, check that there is no requirement to prepare accruals accounts in the charity's governing document or for any other reason			✓	-
If applicable, informed the trustees that the charity is not eligible to prepare receipts and payments accounts	✓			Trustees were informed that charity is not eligible to prepare receipts & payments accounts and accounts were updated to accrual basis.

Direction 2:				
Check for any conflict of interest that prevents the examiner from carrying out their independent examination		✓		No conflict of interest
Confirmed that there are no close personal relationships with the trustees that compromise independence		✓		-
Confirmed as having no the day to day involvement in the administration of the charity	✓			-
If providing other services to the charity then confirmed that all the criteria in Direction 2 necessary for independence are met	✓			Annual accounts were prepared by another accountant within the team
Identified that there are no circumstances in the examiner's judgment that would reasonably lead to the perception that the examiner is not independent	✓			-
Considered whether sufficiently skilled to carry out the examination and, where required, confirmed membership of a listed body	✓			-
If applicable, informed the trustees that you are not eligible to carry out the independent examination			✓	-
Direction 3:				
Record your independent examination	✓			-
File of working papers prepared to document the work undertaken (see the Direction for guidance on key working papers)	✓			-
Evidence of appointment on file	✓			Signed letter of engagement?
If issued, letter of engagement signed by the trustees on file			✓	-
Documentation of steps required by Direction 1 are all done	✓			-
Documentation that steps required by Direction 2 are all done	✓			-
Analytical review documented	✓			Working papers
Areas of concern identified and noted whether these were resolved or if unresolved and significant have included them in the examiner's report			✓	-
Verification and vouching procedures undertaken and any checks made are on file	✓			-
Copy of approved accounts on file	✓			-
Copy of trustees' annual report on file				to follow
Copies of information relied upon as part of the examination are on file	✓			-
If applicable, copies of written assurances given			✓	-
Recorded the conclusions drawn as an outcome of the independent examination that support the examiner's report are on file	✓			-
Recorded any matters of material significance about which a report must be made direct to the Commission			✓	-
Recorded whether to exercise discretion and report on relevant matters direct to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 4:				
Plan your independent examination	✓			-
Obtained an understanding of the charity's constitution, objectives, organisational structure, the funds managed, its activities and accounting records and systems	✓			-

Planned specific examination procedures appropriate to the circumstances of the charity	✓			-
Reviewed whether any areas for improvement were advised to the trustees in the previous year's independent examiner's report (or audit report and management letter) and looked to see if any action taken			✓	-
Considered the financial risks identified and, where accruals accounts prepared, considered whether the trustees have evidence that shows that the charity is a going concern	✓			-
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 5:				
Check that accounting records are kept to the required standard	✓			-
Checked that accounting records have been kept are complete and considered if they have been kept to the required standard	✓			-
Asked the trustees about how they ensure the accounting records are complete			✓	-
If corrections made or records created during the examination, the trustee approval for these has been sought and obtained			✓	-
Asked the trustees if they carried out a review of the charity's internal financial controls in the year reported	✓			-
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 6:				
Check that the accounts are consistent with the accounting records	✓			-
Compared the accounts with the underlying accounting records	✓			-
Checked some entries from the listing of transactions of income and expenditure to vouchers such as invoices, bank statements, and receipts.	✓			-
If applicable, confirmed that the trustees have taken the necessary steps to ensure that restricted or endowed funds are correctly reported in the accounts	✓			-
If additional checks were necessary, the evidence was found that showed the accounting record was complete, voucher present, and both supported the entry in the accounts			✓	-
Direction 7:				
If the accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and one or more related party transactions took place the examiner must check if these were properly disclosed in the notes to the account			✓	No related party transactions took place
Checked that the disclosures required by the SORP have been made and are complete	✓			-
Considered whether there are any implications for the examiner's report and reporting to the Commission			✓	-
If receipts and payments accounts prepared and a related party transaction note was provided, then checked the note for any implications for the examiner's report			✓	-
Direction 8:				
Check the reasonableness of the significant estimates and judgments and accounting policies used in accounting for the types of fund held and in the preparation of the accounts	✓			-
Checked with the trustees that the separate funds of the charity have been correctly accounted for and reported correctly in the accounts	✓			-
Checked the reasonableness of any significant estimates or judgments that have been made in preparing the accounts	✓			-

Where accruals accounts are prepared, checked that the accounting policies adopted are consistent with the SORP and are appropriate to the activities of the charity	✓			-
Where accruals accounts are prepared, checked that the accounts were prepared on a going concern basis	✓			-
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 9:				
The examiner must check whether the trustees have considered the financial circumstances of the charity at the end of the reporting period and, if the accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, check whether the trustees have made an assessment of the charity's position as a going concern when approving the accounts	✓			Charity remains a going concern
Asked the trustees whether they expect the charity to be able to settle outstanding invoices, bills and commitments as and when they fall due	✓			-
Asked the trustees about the reserves policy and the adequacy of the level of reserves held	✓			-
Where accruals accounts are prepared, checked that the trustees' have made an assessment of going concern and that their assessment is reasonable given the information available	✓			-
Where accruals accounts are prepared, checked that the SORP's disclosures about going concern have been made	✓			-
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 10:				
Check the form and content of the accounts	✓			-
Where receipts and payments accounts have been prepared, checked that the charity can lawfully prepare such accounts, that all the accounting statements are present and that the funds of the charity are correctly identified			✓	-
Where accruals accounts are prepared, checked that they comply with the SORP and applicable accounting standard	✓			-
If the charity is a company, checked that the accounts also comply with the applicable company law requirements			✓	-
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 11:				
Identify items from the analytical review of the accounts that need to be followed up for further explanation or evidence				Nothing to follow up on
Carried out an analytical review	✓			-
Following the analytical review, selected material items in the accounts for further explanation or supporting evidence	✓			-
If the accounts could be materially misstated, additional checks were undertaken and the examiner is satisfied that the item(s) identified were satisfactorily explained and correctly included in the accounts			✓	-
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 12:				
Compare the trustees' annual report with the accounts				Not on file?
Checked that any figure for reserves quoted in the trustees' annual report is not materially inconsistent with the accounts				to follow
Compared the trustees' annual report with the accounts for any material inconsistency				to follow
Noted any implications for the examiner's report and for separate reporting to the Commission			✓	-
Direction 13:				
Write and sign the independent examination report	✓			-

Reviewed the conclusions from the independent examination	✓			-
Considered whether the examination has identified a matter of concern that should be reported in the examiner's report			✓	-
Checked that the examiner's report covers all of the matters required	✓			-
If relying on the work of others in undertaking the independent examination, the examiner is fully satisfied with their work and that work has been fully documented			✓	-
Signed and dated the examiner's report	✓			-
Reported matters of material significance direct to the Commission			✓	-
Exercised discretion and reported relevant matters direct to the Commission			✓	-

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STRAY CAT RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1098984

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	11	2022	To	31	10	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name STRAY CAT RESCUE

Other names charity is known by SCR

Registered charity number (if any) 1098984

Charity's principal address

The Cattery
Wood End
Tingrith, Beds
Postcode **MK17 9ER**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	HELEN WEBB	CHAIR		THE MEMBERS
2	BEVERLEY FAULKNER	SHELTER MANAGER		THE MEMBERS
3	ALISON WHITE	SECRETARY		THE MEMBERS
4	SUSAN HOURD	CAT WELFARE OFFICER		THE MEMBERS
5	GRAHAM HOWELL	TREASURER		THE MEMBERS
6	ALISON WHITE	INTERIM MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY		THE MEMBERS
7	RITA MANSER	COMMITTEE MEMBER		THE MEMBERS
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
BANK	LLOYDS PLC	HIGH STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 17 FEBRUARY 2003 AND FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION GRANTED ON 8 JUNE 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF CIRCA 200 MEMBERS
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BY MEMBERS ANNUALLY AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

ALL TRUSTEES GIVE OF THEIR TIME VOLUNTARILY AND DO NOT SEEK ANY REMUNERATION OR OTHER BENEFITS.

BEVERLEY FAULKNER IS PAID A SMALL SALARY IN HER POSITION OF SHELTER MANAGER.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO RESCUE AND REHOME AND SUPPORTING OF CATS AND KITTENS MAINLY IN THE BEDFORDSHIRE AREA BY PREVENTION OF REPRODUCTION, FOSTERING AND REHOMING, PLUS VETERINARY TREATMENT WHERE AND WHEN REQUIRED.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY STRAY CAT RESCUE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

SHELTER

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2022 – 31 OCTOBER 2023, OUR AIM CONTINUED TO BE TO RESCUE, HELP AND RE-HOME AS MANY CATS AND KITTENS AS WE ARE ABLE WITHIN BEDFORDSHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREA. IN DOING THIS WE HAVE STRIVED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF ALL CATS IN OUR CARE.

WE HAVE CONTINUEING ISSUES WITH VAST NUMBERS OF CATS BEING ABANDONED. WE BELIEVE THIS TO STILL BE ANIMALS HOMED DURING THE PANDEMIC AND NOW UNWANTED AS KITTENS ARE NO LONGER SO MUCH IN DEMAND AND THE COST OF KEEPING A PET IS INCREASING. WE CONTINUED TO RESCUE & RE-HOME AS MANY CATS AS POSSIBLE AND HAVE INTRODUCED PRE-BOOKED RE-HOMING DAYS, WHICH ARE PROVING TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

STRAY CAT RESCUE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE VETS IN LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BARTON LE CLAY, BEDFORD & LUTON FOR DISCOUNTING THEIR SERVICES TO US. WE ARE ALSO SO GRATEFUL TO OUR FOSTERERS ALONG WITH THOSE WHO COLLECT THE CATS, DO THE VET RUNS AND THE RE-HOMING CHECKS.

IN ORDER TO STILL RE-HOME CATS & KITTENS WE HAVE CONTINUED TO UTILISE VIDEO CALLS FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE HOME CHECKS, INSTEAD OF PHYSICAL CHECKS. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE A TIME & COST-EFFECTIVE WAY OF OPERATING & NO MORE CATS HAVE BEEN RETURNED FOLLOWING ONLINE CHECKS THAN WITH PHYSICAL CHECKS.

OUR 2023 CALENDAR FEATURED STORIES ABOUT SOME OF THE CATS & KITTENS WE HAVE RESCUED AND AGAIN THIS PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO USE THIS FORMAT AS IT'S SO POPULAR AND SETS US APART FROM A CALANDER JUST WITH PICTURES.

THE OPEN DAY WAS BY FAR OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE AND WE AIM TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THIS.

MEMBERS AND SPONSOR EVENTS WERE COMBINED WITH CATS N CAKES FUNDRAISING EVENTS AND ARE VERY POPULAR.

FUNDRAISING

AT THE END OF 2022 WE FOCUSSED OUR EFFORTS ON SELLING MERCHANDISE FOR THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PERIOD INCLUDING OUR OWN DESIGN SCR CHRISTMAS CARDS AND OUR SCR CALENDAR (2023 EDITION) , WHICH WERE ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED VERY WELL AND SOLD IN GOOD QUANTITIES.

OUR EFFORTS TO FUND RAISE HAVE BEEN HEAVILY BIASED AROUND SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK.
THIS HAS GIVEN US A NEW SOURCE OF DONORS, WHO ARE WILLING TO GIVE US DONATIONS, BUY OUR MERCHANDISE AND SUPPORT VARIOUS EVENTS.

WE HAVE INSTIGATED A 'DONATE A POUND ON PAYDAY' SCHEME WHICH NOW HAS OVER 700 MONTHLY DONATORS.

WE HAVE ALSO INCREASED THE FREQUENCY OF OUR 'CATS & CAKE' AFTERNOON TEA AND CAKE EVENTS AT THE SHELTER, WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND EXTREMELY POPULAR.

WE CONTINUE TO DO EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ATTEND THE SUMMER FETES OF VILLAGES AND TOWNS IN OUR SURROUNDING AREA.
THIS IS LARGELY DONE TO KEEP OUR PROFILE HIGH IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES WE SERVE AND RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS BY SELLING MERCHANDISE AND PROMOTING OUR MEMBERSHIP AND SPONSORSHIP SCHEMES.

OUR OPEN DAY HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2023 WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WELL ATTENDED, RAISING A GOOD AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR US.

WE ALSO RECEIVE A LOT OF DONATIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD CATS & KITTENS FROM US PREVIOUSLY AND THEY JUST SEND US DONATIONS WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING, KNOWING WE HAVE HELPED IN THE PAST.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD AND ALSO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPENT THEIR TIME FUND-RAISING FOR SCR. WITHOUT OUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY ON HELPING STRAY AND LOST CATS & KITTENS.

MEMBERSHIP

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 170 PAYING MEMBERS.
7 MEMBERS HAVE JOINED SINCE THE LAST AGM. SADLY, WE HAVE LOST 14 MEMBERS THIS YEAR BUT DESPITE THIS OUR REVENUE FROM MEMERSHIP HAS INCREASED FROM THE LAST FINANCIAL PERIOD TO £8384, UP FROM £7269

WE CONTINUE TO BE GRATEFUL TO MANY OF THE MEMBERS WHO DONATE TO US SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN OUR MEMBERSHIP FEE & ALSO THOSE WHO DO VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE MAIN SHELTER, FOSTER FOR US AND HELP OUT AT & SUPPORT OUR EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

CAT SPONSORSHIP

THE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME HAS BEEN RUNNING SINCE 2013 AND IT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A STEADY INCOME.

MANDY BULL STEPPED DOWN FROM THE SPONSORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR POSITION IN JULY/AUGUST 2023 AND SOPHIE COOTES HAS TAKEN ON THE ROLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MANDY FOR HER HELP & ADVICE DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

IN AN EFFORT TO BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE &

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, I IMPLEMENTED MANDY'S IDEA OF TRANSITIONING THE SPONSORSHIP PACKS, FROM A4 TO A5 THAT WOULD REDUCE THE COST OF POSTING & PACKAGING. THE SPONSORSHIP PACKS WERE GIVEN A NEW LOOK & THE A5 SIZE MAKING THEM EASIER & CHEAPER TO POST.

I AM ALSO TRIALLING A FRIDGE MAGNET PHOTO FRAME, WITH THE AIM TO SEND OUT AN UPDATE PICTURE OF THE CHOSEN CAT ON THE RENEWAL OF THE SPONSORSHIP.

THE SPONSORSHIP PACK PRICE HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS AT A SUGGESTED £15 A YEAR. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND THE BACKING OF THE COMMITTEE, IT WAS DECIDED TO INCREASE THE SUGGESTED PRICE TO £25 PER YEAR.

WE HAVE CURRENTLY 105 ACTIVE CAT SPONSORSHIPS FROM PEOPLE SPONSORING OR GIVING GIFT OF SPONSORSHIP AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 4 CATS ON THE SCHEME, ALL REMAIN IN FAIRLY GOOD HEALTH. ONE OF OUR BELOVED OLDIES, TESCO TED, PASSED AWAY IN EARLY NOV 2022.

OUR SPONSORS OPEN DAY WAS HELD IN JUNE 2023 AND AS ALWAYS, A GOOD CHANCE TO MEET SPONSORS OLD AND NEW.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

IN A CLIMATE OF RISING COSTS FOR ALL, WE HAVE SEEN OUR VETS FEES INCREASE QUITE SIGNIFICANTLY THIS YEAR. THIS IS ALSO DOWN TO THE NUMBER OF CATS WE HAVE HELPED AS WELL AS THE INCREASED COSTS. IN RESPONSE TO THIS, WE DECIDED TO RAISE OUR RECOMMENDED RE-HOMING DONATIONS. A NUMBER OF RE-HOMING DAYS WERE HELD AT THE SHELTER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND GREATLY INCREASED ADVERTISING ONLINE HAS SEEN A REGULAR TURNOVER OF CATS THROUGH THE SHELTER.

ELECTRICITY COSTS ALSO CONTINUE TO RISE, NEARLY DOUBLED THIS YEAR. THIS HAS LED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "DONATE A POUND ON PAYDAY" SCHEME, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED ON INSTAGRAM, AND CURRENTLY GENERATES APPROXIMATELY £1500 PER MONTH.

THE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME IS A GENERALLY RISING INCOME, AND IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF A NEW CO-ORDINATOR, SOPHIE, SO WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A NUMBER OF NEW IDEAS. MANY THANKS TO MANDY, FOR ALL HER YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THIS SCHEME.

WEB DONATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES DAPOP AND MISCELLANEOUS SALES FIGURES HAVE RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY. MAINLY DUE TO THE CRAFTING SKILLS OF SARAH AND CHERYL AND THE BEGGING OF LEONA AND GEORGIA, FOR DONATIONS OF GOODS FROM VARIOUS CONTACTS TO FILL THEIR CAT BOXES, WHICH SELL EXTREMELY QUICKLY.

THE OPEN DAY, WAS ONCE AGAIN VERY WELL ATTENDED, AS WERE THE REGULAR CATS N CAKES EVENTS, THROUGHOUT THE

SUMMER MONTHS. ALL OF WHICH BROUGHT IN MUCH NEEDED FUNDS.

THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE MAINTENANCE COSTS, BUT THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW CAT PENS, WITHIN THE GARDENS OF SHERI AND CRISTINA.

OVERALL, AFTER WHAT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING YEAR, AND DESPITE THE OVERSPEND OF OUTGOINGS OVER INCOME, WE FIND OURSELVES IN A REASONABLY HEALTHY FINANCIAL POSITION. WE HAD BEEN PRE-WARNED OF A WILL THAT THE CHARITY HAD BEEN NAMED IN, THE FUNDS OF WHICH WE RECEIVED TWO MONTHS LATER, DECEMBER.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

SOCIAL MEDIA

THIS WAS THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF HAVING THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT UP AND RUNNING. WE SAW A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN OUR FOLLOWING OVER THE 12 MONTHS AND IN HAND BEGAN TO SEE REHOMING AND DONATIONS GROW.

WE INTRODUCED THE 'DAPOP' SCHEME; DONATE A POUND ON PAYDAY, WHICH BECAME AND REMAINS VERY POPULAR. AS OF 31ST OCTOBER 2023, WE HAD £1165 COMING IN MONTHLY.

ON TOP OF DAPOP, WE SIGNED UP TO THE EASY FUNDRAISING SCHEME AND PROMOTED THIS TO OUR FOLLOWING, AS OF THE END OF OCTOBER WE HAD 63 PEOPLE SIGNED UP.

WEBBOX REACHED OUT TO US AND BEGAN MAKING GENEROUS DONATIONS OF FOOD AND TREATS IN RETURN OF US CREATING CONTENT FOR THE INSTAGRAM PAGE. THIS LATER LED TO US CREATING LETTERBOX PARCELS WITH THE REMAINING PRODUCTS TO FURTHER FUNDRAISE FOR THE CHARITY.

AN ILLUSTRATOR REACHED OUT LATER IN THE YEAR AND OFFERED TO DESIGN US SOME ANIMATED DRAWINGS OF OUR 'INSTA CAT'S'. FROM THESE DRAWINGS WE CREATED TOTE BAGS AND WINDOW STICKERS WHICH AGAIN RAISED US A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY; THESE ILLUSTRATIONS WE

CONTINUE TO USE ON MERCHANDISE AND POSTERS.

FURTHER FUNDRAISING THROUGH THE INSTAGRAM PAGE CONSISTED OF TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL RAFFLES, EASTER AND HALLOWEEN. MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF CATNIP HEARTS AND PILLOWS, AND DURING THE WARMER MONTHS OUR CATS & CAKES EVENTS WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE VERY POPULAR.

INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY POWERFUL WAYS OF US SPREADING AWARENESS OF THE CHARITY, REHOMING CATS AND FUNDRAISING OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND WE PLAN ON CONTINUING TO GROW BOTH PLATFORMS SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE COMING YEARS.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

SUMMARY OF CAT WORK DONE IN THE PERIOD NOV 2022 – OCT 2023 AS FOLLOWS:

RE-HOMED	483
NEUTERED	193
VETERINARY TREATMENT	102
PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	32
REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	13
CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RE-HOMING)	26

BEFORE REHOMING KITTENS ARE FULLY VACCINATED & VOUCHERS PROVIDED FOR NEUTER & MCROCHIP. ADULT CATS ARE NEUTERED & MICROCHIPPED

Section D Achievements and performance

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	WE HOLD CASH AT THE BANK OF £121971, ALL OF WHICH IS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE HELD TO MEET VET BILLS AND ANY URGENT UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE THAT MAY OCCUR.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	NOT APPLICABLE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

STRAY CAT RESCUE'S MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING THIS YEAR HAS COME FROM MONIES RAISED VIA A VARIETY OF MEANS, INCLUDING DONATIONS, FUNDRAISING EVENTS, SPONSERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP.

DONATIONS FROM CATS/KITTENS RE-HOMED DOES NOT SHOW THE LOSS WE INCURE ON MOST OF THESE, WHICH IS DUE TO THE VETS COST WE INCURR BEFORE THEY ARE DEEMED FIT FOR REHOMING.

THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS HAS ENABLED STRAY CAT RESCUE TO ENSURE ALL THE CATS AND KITTENS IN OUR CARE ARE FED, RECEIVE GOOD VETERINARY TREATMENT AND ARE LOOKED AFTER APPROPRIATELY AT THE SHELTER.

Section F Other optional information

FUTURE PLANS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO FUNDRAISE, WITH A GREATER FOCUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AS THIS HAS PROVED VERY LUCRATIVE. THE CARD READERS WHICH WE PURCHASED HAVE PROVED TO BE HUGELY BENEFICIAL AT MANY OF OUR EVENTS, MAKING IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO SPEND MONEY WITH US AND WE PLAN TO HAVE THEM AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC EVENT WE ATTEND IN THE FUTURE.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	H.L. Webb	
Full name(s)	HELEN LESLEY WEBB	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	19 AUGUST 2024	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stray Cats Rescue	1098984

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/11/2022	To	31/10/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Totals funds 2023 £	*Last year 2022 £*
Receipts				
General donations	19,517	-	19,517	*15,097*
Cat homing donations	64,955	-	64,955	*36,509*
Membership subscriptions	8,384	-	8,384	*7,269*
Gift aid	-	-	-	*-*
Collection boxes/supermarket tokens	299	-	299	*1,392*
Social events	5,570	-	5,570	*5,036*
Stalls/open days	344	-	344	*880*
Supermarket collections	-	-	-	*-*
Sponsored cats	7,189	-	7,189	*5,842*
Corporate/charity donations	3,630	-	3,630	*500*
Web donations	18,883	-	18,883	*8,494*
Misc sales	10,827	-	10,827	*2,713*
Audrey lamb charity trust	-	-	-	*-*
Legacy income	-	-	-	*4,746*
Bank interest	655	-	655	*25*
ADCH Emergency Fund	-	-	-	*-*
Total Receipts	**140,253**	**-**	**140,253**	*88,501*
Payments				
Cat food and litter	13,733	-	13,733	*9,523*
Vet fees	99,395	-	99,395	*68,450*
Microchipping	5,797	-	5,797	*3,236*
Cat boarding	70	-	70	*310*
Wages	12,526	-	12,526	*11,549*
Electricity	11,731	-	11,731	*6,681*
Waste disposal	1,810	-	1,810	*2,525*
Phone	518	-	518	*486*
Advertising and merchandise	1,103	-	1,103	*1,448*
Event costs	-	-	-	*-*
Maintenance	8,130	-	8,130	*1,481*
Equipment	2,952	-	2,952	*2,689*
Insurance	-	-	-	*-*
Accountancy	-	-	-	*-*
General expenses	2,097	-	-	*-*
Total Payments	**159,862**	**-**	**157,765**	*108,377*
Net receipts/(payments)	**(19,608)**	**-**	**(19,608)**	*(21,528)*
Cash funds brought forward	**144,936**	**-**	**144,936**	*166,464*
Cash funds carried forward	**125,327**	**-**	**125,327**	*144,936*

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Totals funds 2023 £	*Last year 2022 £*
Cash funds represented by:				
Current account	13,448	-	13,448	*9,024*
Deposit account	65,163	-	65,163	*82,755*
Long term investment bonds	25,000	-	25,000	*25000*
Sponsorship account	7,179	-	7,179	*11,334*
Online account (special events)	2,140	-	2,140	*15,150*
Cash account	9,042	-	9,042	*1,674*
	121,971	**-**	**121,971**	*144,936*
Assets retained for charity's own use:				
Shed and storage bought year ended 31 October 16			3,450	*3,450*
Shelter pens and heater pads bought year ended 31 October 15			1,360	*1,360*
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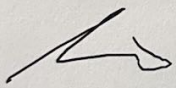

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Other names charity is known by SCR

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MEMBERSHIP

WE HAVE 177 PAYING MEMBERS. EVERY PERSON THAT ADOPTS A CAT FROM US IS GIVEN A COMPLIMENTARY 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY FOR A MEMBERSHIP AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

15 MEMBERS HAVE JOINED SINCE THE LAST AGM. SADLY, WE HAVE LOST 33 MEMBERS THIS YEAR.

WE CONTINUE TO BE GRATEFUL TO MANY OF THE MEMBERS WHO DO VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE MAIN SHELTER AND HELP OUT AT & SUPPORT OUR EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

CAT SPONSORSHIP

WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING THIS SCHEME FOR 10 YEARS NOW & IT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A STEADY INCOME

WE HAVE CIRCI 150 PEOPLE SPONSORING OR GIVING GIFT SPONSORSHIP & WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT

THERE WERE 28 NEW SPONSORS FOR THE YEAR

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 5 CATS ON THE SCHEME, ALL REMAIN IN

FAIRLY GOOD HEALTH.

OUR SPONSORS OPEN DAY WAS HELD IN JUNE & AS ALWAYS WAS A GOOD CHANCE TO MEET SPONSORS OLD & NEW.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THIS YEAR HAS SEEN A SIGNIFICSNT RISE IN COSTS IN A FEW AREAS. AS YOU WILL SEE, INCOME VERSUS OUTGOINGS, AT THE END OF OCTOBER WERE DOWN BY £22213, WITH A TOTAL CASH IN THE BANK AT £14425.

INCOME

- Cat homing donations have risen this year, bringing in £34,118.
- Online donations this year are at £8,494.
- The Sponsorship scheme this year, has raised a figure of £6,447.
- General donations are up to £16,172, many thanks to all our wonderful supporters who have donated during this period.
- Membership Subscriptions rising slowly but did bring in £7,268.
- I have included the "Tassimo pod" money received in the Collection box total of £1,372. Many thanks go to Denise Hillier-Kidston for organising this, unfortunately the scheme has now finished.
- Misc. Sales total of £2,723.

OUTGOINGS

- Cat food/Litter up to £9,601
- Vet Fees up alarmingly to £68,450
- Microchipping £3,236
- Bev's wage £11,549, generally rises with minimum wage increases.
- Electric bill's up this year to £6,681.
- Ongoing maintenance/equipment costs approx. £4,200.
- Even the cost of our waste removal this year has increased to £2,524.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

WE CURRENT;Y HAVE ONE FIXED TERM INVESTMENT DEPOSIT RUNNING NOW, £25000 WHICH MATURES FEBRUARY 2023.

WE KNEW AT THE START OF THE YEAR THAT WE HAD RECENTLY RECEICED A LARGE DONATION FROM A LADIES' ESTATE & THAT WE WERE RESONABLEY FLUSH WITH FUNDS. BUT S THE YEAR WORE ON, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT COSTS WERE RISING MUCH FASTER THAN ANYONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED. WE WILL NEED TO TAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS IN THE COMING YEAR, AS SPENDING AT THE CURRENT RATE WILL BE UNSUSTAINABLE.

A FEW OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US, WILL BE RAISING JOMING DONATION RATES, INCREASING OUR ONLINE PROFILE, SPECIAL APPEALS FOR CATS WITH SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES ETC.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

SUMMARY OF CAT WORK DONE IN THE PERIOD NOV 2021 – OCT 2022 AS FOLLOWS:

RE-HOMED	394
NEUTERED	270
FERAL CATS TRAPPED, NEUTERED & RETURNED	11
VETERINARY TREATMENT	148
PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	28
REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	6
CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RE-HOMING)	30

BEFORE REHOMING ALL CATS OVER FOUR MONTHS OLD ARE NEUTERED, MICROCHIPPED AND VACCINATED. KITTENS UNDER FOUR MONTHS OLD ARE VACCINATED & CHIPPED WHERE POSSIBLE BEFORE BEING REHOMED.

IF ANY OF THESE ARE OUTSTANDING ADOPTERS ARE PROVIDED WITH VOUCHERS TO COVER THEM AS WELL AS A VOUCHER FOR NEUTERING.

STRAY CAT RESCUE PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF CATS AND KITTENS AND CONTINUALLY TRIES TO RAISE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS TO THE BENEFITS OF HAVING CATS SPEYED AND NEUTERED TO PREVENT UNWANTED CATS/KITTENS BEING ABANDONED.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	WE HOLD CASH AT THE BANK OF £144231. ALL OF WHICH IS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE HELD TO MEET VET BILLS AND ANY URGENT UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE THAT MAY OCCUR.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	NOT APPLICABLE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

STRAY CAT RESCUE'S MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING THIS YEAR HAS COME FROM MONIES RAISED: ONLINE SALES & DONATIONS. BATTERSEA GRANT, A LATE SUPPORTERS ESTATE AND A DONATION FROM A CHARITABLE TRUST

DONATIONS FROM CATS/KITTENS RE-HOMED ONLINE AND ALSO MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS HAS ENABLED STRAY CAT RESCUE TO ENSURE ALL THE CATS AND KITTENS IN OUR CARE ARE FED, RECEIVE GOOD VETERINARY TREATMENT AND ARE LOOKED AFTER APPROPRIATELY AT THE SHELTER.

Section F Other optional information

FUTURE PLANS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO FUNDRAISE, WITH A GREATER FOCUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. WE PURCHASED CARD READERS WHICH WERE HUGELY BENEFICIAL AT OUR OPEN DAY AND WE PLAN TO HAVE THEM AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC EVENT WE ATTEND.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	H L Webb	
Full name(s)	HELEN LESLEY WEBB	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	

Date	30-9-23

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stray Cats Rescue	1098984

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/11/2021	To	31/10/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Totals funds 2022 £	*Last year 2021 £*
Receipts				
General donations	15,097	-	15,097	*11,509*
Cat homing donations	36,509	-	36,509	*20,538*
Membership subscriptions	7,269	-	7,269	*7,292*
Gift aid	-	-	-	*11,894*
Collection boxes/supermarket tokens	1,392	-	1,392	*1,336*
Social events	5,036	-	5,036	*2,157*
Stalls/open days	880	-	880	*333*
Supermarket collections	-	-	-	-
Sponsored cats	5,842	-	5,842	*5,584*
Corporate/charity donations	500	-	500	-
Web donations	8,494	-	8,494	*12,057*
Misc sales	2,713	-	2,713	*6,609*
Audrey lamb charity trust	-	-	-	*2,000*
Legacy income	4,746	-	4,746	*64,217*
Bank interest	25	-	25	*165*
ADCH Emergency Fund	-	-	-	*5,000*
Total Receipts	**88,501**	**-**	**88,501**	*150,691*
Payments				
Cat food and litter	9,523	-	9,523	*6,019*
Vet fees	68,450	-	68,450	*49,064*
Microchipping	3,236	-	3,236	*1,862*
Cat boarding	310	-	310	-
Wages	11,549	-	11,549	*11,021*
Electricity	6,681	-	6,681	*5,887*
Waste disposal	2,525	-	2,525	*1,013*
Phone	486	-	486	*740*
Advertising and merchandise	1,448	-	1,448	*872*
Event costs	-	-	-	*186*
Maintenance	1,481	-	1,481	*2,431*
Equipment	2,689	-	2,689	*4,110*
Insurance	-	-	-	*789*
Accountancy	-	-	-	*300*
General expenses	1,652	-	-	*822*
Total Payments	**110,030**	**-**	**108,377**	*85,115*
Net receipts/(payments)	**(21,528)**	**-**	**(21,528)**	*65,576*
Cash funds brought forward	**166,464**	**-**	**166,464**	*100,889*
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Current account	9,024	-	9,024	*9,524*
Deposit account	82,755	-	82,755	*116,779*
Long term investment bonds	25,000	-	25,000	
Sponsorship account	11,334	-	11,334	*21,185*
Online account (special events)	15,150	-	15,150	*17,539*
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MEMBERSHIP

WE HAVE 195 PAYING MEMBERS. EVERY PERSON THAT ADOPTS A CAT FROM US IS GIVEN A COMPLIMENTARY 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY FOR A MEMBERSHIP AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

12 MEMBERS HAVE JOINED SINCE THE LAST AGM. SADLY, WE HAVE LOST 8 MEMBERS THIS YEAR.

WE CONTINUE TO BE GRATEFUL TO MANY OF THE MEMBERS WHO DO VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE MAIN SHELTER AND HELP OUT AT & SUPPORT OUR EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.

CAT SPONSORSHIP

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IN EXCESS OF £5500 HAS BEEN RAISED WITH CIRCA 200 PEOPLE SPONSORING OR GIVING THE GIFT OF SPONSORING.

WE HAVE 30 NEW SPONSORS & NOW HAVE 5 SPONSOR CATS ON THE SCHEME.

THIS YEAR OUR SPONSORS DAY WAS ABLE TO GO AHEAD & WE ENJOYED MEETING OUR SPONSORS OVER A CUP OF TEA & PIECE OF CAKE.

AS ALWAYS, WE THANK ALL OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR ACOUNTANT FOR PREPARING THE ACCOUNTS. OUR INCOME THIS YEAR IS UP BY AROUND £65000 LARGELY DUE TO A GIFT FROM A LATE SUPPORTERS ESTATE.

PAYMENTS ARE UP BY AROUND £14000

CAT HOMING DONATIONS ARE DOWN AT £20500 BUT ONLINE DONATIONS CONTINUE TO RISE TO JUST OVER £12000. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED £7300; SPONSORSHIP £5500 & GENERAL DONATIONS £11500.

THE TASSIMO POD COLLECTIONS RAISED AROUND £1300 BUT HAS SADLY ENDED. MISCELLANEOUS SALES RAISED OVER £6600

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO BATTERSEA FOR AN ADHC EMMERGENCY GRANT PAYMENT OF £5000 & WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE £2000 FROM THE AUDREY LAMB CHARITABLE TRUST.

COSTS OF FOOD & LITTER ARE UP & VET FEES HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY TO £49000. MICROCHIPPING HAS COST £1800 & ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS RUN AT AROUND £6500 BUT WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TO ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR CARRYING OUT OUR MAINTENANCE FOR US.

ALL TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE AND ALWAYS WILL ABIDE BY THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE CHARITIES COMMISSION IN RUNNING STRAY CAT RESCUE.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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WITHOUT THIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF TIME, ENTHUSIASM AND EXPERTISE WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE SO MUCH.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

SUMMARY OF CAT WORK DONE IN THE PERIOD NOV 2020 – OCT 2021 AS FOLLOWS:

RE-HOMED	255
NEUTERED	136
FERAL CATS TRAPPED, NEUTERED & RETURNED	42
VETERINARY TREATMENT	113
PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	23
REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	23
CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RE-HOMING)	29

BEFORE REHOMING ALL CATS OVER FOUR MONTHS OLD ARE NEUTERED, MICROCHIPPED AND VACCINATED. KITTENS UNDER FOUR MONTHS OLD ARE VACCINATED & CHIPPED WHERE POSSIBLE BEFORE BEING REHOMED.
IF ANY OF THESE ARE OUTSTANDING ADOPTERS ARE PROVIDED WITH VOUCHERS TO COVER THEM AS WELL AS A VOUCHER FOR NEUTERING.

STRAY CAT RESCUE PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF CATS AND KITTENS AND CONTINUALLY TRIES TO RAISE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS TO THE BENEFITS OF HAVING CATS SPEYED AND NEUTERED TO PREVENT UNWANTED CATS/KITTENS BEING ABANDONED.

Section D Achievements and performance

Section E Financial review

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Details of any funds materially in deficit	NOT APPLICABLE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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STRAY CAT RESCUE'S MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING THIS YEAR HAS COME FROM MONIES RAISED: ONLINE SALES & DONATIONS, BATTERSEA GRANT, A LATE SUPPORTERS ESTATE AND A DONATION FROM A CHARITABLE TRUST

DONATIONS FROM CATS/KITTENS RE-HOMED ONLINE AND ALSO MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS HAS ENABLED STRAY CAT RESCUE TO ENSURE ALL THE CATS AND KITTENS IN OUR CARE ARE FED, RECEIVE GOOD VETERINARY TREATMENT AND ARE LOOKED AFTER APPROPRIATELY AT THE SHELTER.

Section F Other optional information

FUTURE PLANS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO FUNDRAISE & LOOK INTO PURCHASING CARD READERS TO WIDEN OUR ABILITY TO TAKE PAYMENTS.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	H·L·Webb	
Full name(s)	HELEN LESLEY WEBB	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	

Date 29·8·2022

Stray Cats Rescue
Charity Number 1098984

Accounts for year ended 31 October 2021

Receipts	**2021**	**2020**
	£	**£**
General donations	11,509	11,708
Cat homing donations	20,538	23,432
Membership subscriptions	7,292	6,872
Gift aid	11,894	5,722
Collection boxes/supermarket tokens	1,336	1,217
Social events	2,157	-
Stalls/open days	333	340
Supermarket collections	-	776
Sponsored cats	5,584	6,309
Corporate/charity donations	-	-
Web donations	12,057	10,957
Misc sales	6,609	4,222
Audrey lamb charity trust	2,000	-
Legacy income	64,217	9,500
Bank interest	165	538
ADCH Emergency Fund	5,000	-
	150,690	81,593
Payments		
Cat food and litter	6,019	5,278
Vet fees	49,064	39,337
Microchipping	1,862	1,292
Cat boarding	-	75
Wages	11,021	10,728
Electricity	5,887	4,612
Waste disposal	1,013	1,730
Phone	740	722
Advertising and merchandise	872	216
Event costs	186	293
Maintenance	2,431	1,881
Equipment	4,110	3,813
Insurance	789	814
Accountancy	300	300
General expenses	822	649
	85,115	71,740
Net receipts/(payments)	**65,575**	**9,853**
Cash Funds brought forward	**100,889**	**91,036**
Cash funds carried forward	**166,464**	**100,889**
Cash funds represented by:		
Current account	9,524	6,913
Deposit account	116,779	28,343
Long term investment bonds	-	45,000
Sponsorship account	21,185	16,730
Online account (special events)	17,539	2,000
Cash account	1,438	1,903
	166,464	**100,889**
Assets retained for charity's own use:		
Shed and storage bought year ended 31 October 16	3,450	3,450
Shelter pens and heater pads bought year ended 31 October 15	1,360	1,360
New office purchased year ended 31 October 2018	3,730	3,730
	8,540	**8,540**

Charity Name	Charity number
Stray Cats Rescue	1098984

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/11/2020		31/10/2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds £	Last year £
Receipts				
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Cat homing donations	20,536	-	20,536	23,432
Membership subscriptions	7,292	-	7,292	8,672
Gift aid	11,894	-	11,894	5,722
Collection boxes/supermarket tokens	1,336	-	1,336	1,217
Social events	2,157	-	2,157	-
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Supermarket collections	-	-	-	776
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Misc sales	6,609	-	6,609	4,222
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	150,690	-	150,690	81,593
Payments				
Cat food and litter	6,019	-	6,019	5,276
Vet fees	49,064	-	49,064	39,337
Microchipping	1,862	-	1,862	1,292
Cat boarding	-	-	-	75
Wages	11,021	-	11,021	10,728
Electricity	5,887	-	5,887	4,812
Waste disposal	1,013	-	1,013	1,730
Phone	740	-	740	722
Advertising and merchandise	872	-	872	216
Event costs	186	-	186	293
Maintenance	2,431	-	2,431	1,881
Equipment	4,110	-	4,110	3,813
Insurance	789	-	789	614
Accountancy	300	-	300	300
General expenses	822	-	822	649
	85,115	-	85,115	71,740
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Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ALISON WHITE	30/8/22
	GRAHAM HOWELL	30/8/22

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Stray Cat Rescue

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Stray Cat Rescue for the year ended 31 October 2021.

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'). The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

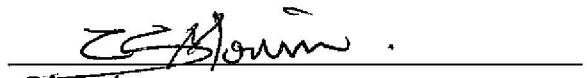
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:	
Name:	C Morris
Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body (if any):	ICAEW
Address:	Wellington House, 273-275 High Street, London Colney, Herts, AL2 1HA
Date:	31/08/2022.

STRAY CAT RESCUE

England & Wales - Charity number 1098984

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	11	2019	To	31	10	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	STRAY CAT RESCUE
Other names charity is known by	SCR
Registered charity number (if any)	1098984
Charity's principal address	The Cattery Wood End Tingrith, Beds **Postcode** MK17 9ER

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MICHELE ASTLEY	CHAIR	1.11.19 – 7.7.20	THE MEMBERS
2	BEVERLEY FAULKNER	SHELTER MANAGER		THE MEMBERS
3	RUTH FRANCIS-FOSTER	COMMITTEE MEMBER	1.11.19 – 30.7.20	THE MEMBERS
4	SUSAN HOURD	CAT WELFARE OFFICER		THE MEMBERS
5	GRAHAM HOWELL	TREASURER		THE MEMBERS
6	SHERI JEFFRIES	MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY		THE MEMBERS
7	RITA MANSER	COMMITTEE MEMBER		THE MEMBERS
8	HELEN WEBB	ACTING CHAIR	FROM 8.7.20	THE MEMBERS
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
BANK	LLOYDS PLC	HIGH STREET, LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 17 FEBRUARY 2003 AND FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION GRANTED ON 8 JUNE 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF CIRCA 160 MEMBERS
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BY MEMBERS ANNUALLY AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

ALL TRUSTEES GIVE OF THEIR TIME VOLUNTARILY AND DO NOT SEEK ANY REMUNERATION OR OTHER BENEFITS.

BEVERLEY FAULKNER IS PAID A SMALL SALARY IN HER POSITION OF SHELTER MANAGER.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO RELIEVE DISTRESS AND SUFFERING OF CATS AND KITTENS, MAINLY IN THE BEDFORDSHIRE AREA BY PROVISION OF RESCUE, FOSTERING AND REHOMING, PLUS VETERINARY TREATMENT WHERE AND WHEN REQUIRED.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY STRAY CAT RESCUE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:

SHELTER

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2019 – 31 OCTOBER 2020, OUR AIM CONTINUED TO BE TO RESCUE, HELP AND RE-HOME AS MANY CATS AND KITTENS AS WE ARE ABLE WITHIN BEDFORDSHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREA. IN DOING THIS WE HAVE STRIVED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF ALL CATS IN OUR CARE.

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A UNIQUE ONE, WITH THE CHALLENGES THAT CORONOVIRUS HAS BROUGHT US. STRAY CAT RESCUE HAS CONTINUED TO RESCUE & REHOME AS MANY CATS AS POSSIBLE WHILST WORKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE.

STRAY CAT RESCUE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THE VETS IN LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BARTON LE CLAY AND LUTON FOR DISCOUNTING THEIR SERVICES TO US. WE ARE ALSO SO GRATEFUL TO OUR FOSTERERS ALONG WITH THOSE WHO COLLECT THE CATS, DO THE VET RUNS AND THE RE-HOMING CHECKS.

IN ORDER TO STILL REHOME CATS & KITTENS WE HAVE UTILISED VIDEO TO CREATE REHOMING ADVERTS & UNDERTAKE HOME CHECKS WHERE POSSIBLE. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE A TIME & COST-EFFECTIVE WAY OF OPERATING & NO MORE CATS HAVE BEEN RETURNED FOLLOWING ONLINE CHECKS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS WITH PHYSICAL CHECKS.

OUR 2021 CALENDAR FEATURED ADOPTED & SPONSORED CATS & THEIR STORIES. THIS PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL SELLING OVER 200 CALENDARS. AGAIN, WE ARE EXTREMELY THANKFUL TO ALL INVOLVED.

WE NOW HAVE A TREATMENT PEN AT THE SHELTER, ENABLING THE VET TO COME TO THE SHELTER TO CARRY OUT MINOR TREATMENTS & CHECKS OF THE CATS, SAVING TIME & TRAVEL FOR THE SHELTER MANAGER.

OUR SPONSOR & OPEN DAYS COULD NOT GO AHEAD THIS YEAR DUE TO THE PANDEMIC BUT DATES HAVE BEEN PENCILLED IN FOR NEXT YEAR.

FUNDRAISING

THIS YEAR OUR FUND RAISING HAS EMBRACED SOCIA MEDIA & ONLINE ACTIVITY, WIDENING STRAY CAT RESCUE'S AUDIENCE.

WITH MANY PUBLIC EVENTS BEING CANCELLED DUE TO LOCKDOWNS WE HAVE TAKEN TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO RAISE FUNDS WITH A FACEBOOK FUNDRAISING PAGE THAT HAS ENJOYED A SMALL & DEDICATED FOLLOWING. CRAFTERS HAVE

MADE ITEMS & WE HAVE HAD MANY KIND DONATIONS. OUR SUPPORTERS HAVE MADE & SOLD FACEMASKS, CATNIP TOYS, NEEDLE FELTED ITEMS, BAUBLE WREATHS & OTHER HAND MADE ITEMS.

WE HAVE ALSO CREATED AN EBAY & ETSY SELLING PAGE TO INCREASE SALES.

ALONG WITH OUR CALENDAR WE ALSO SOLD STRAY CAT RESCUE CHRISTMAS CARDS FEATURING SOME OF OUR FOSTERED KITTENS.

TWO OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE GENEROUSLY ALLOWED A MEMBER OF THEIR STAFF TO RUN OUR TWITTER ACCOUNT WHICH AGAIN WIDENS OUR AUDIENCE.

THE FOOD COLLECTION BOX IN SAINSBURY'S DUNSTABLE CONTINUES TO BRING IN PLENTY OF FOOD AND BISCUITS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE TWO LONGSTANDING VOLUNTEERS WHO EMPTY THE BOX EVERY WEEK AND TAKE ALL THE FOOD AND BISCUITS TO THE SHELTER. THE FOOD COLLECTED REGULARLY FEEDS ALL THE CATS ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

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WE HAVE QUITE A FEW COLLECTING BOXES PLACED IN VETERINARY SURGERIES, SHOPS AND PUBS WITHIN BEDFORDSHIRE. ALL THIS IS WITHOUT THE REGULAR MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS, PERSONAL DONATIONS AND THROUGH OUR AMAZON WISHLIST, FOR WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL.

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WE HAVE 227 MEMBERS & 182 ADOPTIVE MEMBERS. EVERY PERSON THAT ADOPTS A CAT FROM US IS GIVEN A COMPLIMENTARY 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PAY FOR A MEMBERSHIP AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

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THE SCHEME.

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THE TASSIMO POD COLLECTIONS RAISED AROUND £900 & MISCELLANEOUS SALES RAISED OVER £4000

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO BATTERSEA FOR AN INITIAL GRANT PAYMENT OF £4500 WITH MORE TO COME & WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE £2000 FROM ANIMAL FRIENDS INSURANCE ONLINE VOTE.

COSTS OF FOOD & LITTER HAVE RISEN BUT VET FEES HAVE DECREASED, POSSIBLY IN PART DUE TO LACK OF APPOINTMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC. MICROCHIPPING HAS COST £1200 & ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS RUN AT AROUND £5500 BUT WE ARE VERY THANKFUL TO ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR CARRYING OUT OUR MAINTENANCE FOR US.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWO FIXED TERM INVESTMENT DEPOSITS; A £20000 BOND MATURING IN MAY & £25000 MATURING IN AUGUST.

WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A NUMBER OF PAYMENTS FROM A LATE SUPPORTER'S ESTATE. HER HUSBAND HAS NOW PASSED AWAY & THE ESTATE HAS BEEN DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN A NUMBER OF ANIMAL CHARITIES INCLUDING STRAY CAT RESCUE. WE BELIEVE THE AMOUNT DUE WILL BE AROUND £62500.

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Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

SUMMARY OF CAT WORK DONE IN 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

RE-HOMED	292
NEUTERED	178
VETERINARY TREATMENT	99
PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	25
REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	23
CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RE-HOMING)	21

ENTIRE ADULT MALE CATS HAVE ALL RELEVANT VET CHECKS UNDERTAKEN.
CATS OVER FOUR MONTHS OLD ARE NEUTERED, MICROCHIPPED AND VACCINATED BEFORE BEING REHOMED. CATS UNDER FOUR MONTHS OLD ARE VACCINATED BEFORE BEING REHOMED.

STRAY CAT RESCUE PROMOTES RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP OF CATS AND KITTENS AND CONTINUALLY TRIES TO RAISE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS TO THE BENEFITS OF HAVING CATS SPEYED AND NEUTERED TO PREVENT UNWANTED CATS/KITTENS BEING ABANDONED.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit	NOT APPLICABLE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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STRAY CAT RESCUE'S MAIN SOURCE OF FUNDING THIS YEAR HAS COME FROM MONIES RAISED: ONLINE SALES & DONATIONS, BATTERSEA GRANT AND ANIMAL FRIENDS INSURANCE ONLINE VOTE

DONATIONS FROM CATS/KITTENS RE-HOMED ONLINE AND ALSO MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS HAS ENABLED STRAY CAT RESCUE TO ENSURE ALL THE CATS AND KITTENS IN OUR CARE ARE FED, RECEIVE GOOD VETERINARY TREATMENT AND ARE LOOKED AFTER APPROPRIATELY AT THE SHELTER.

Section F Other optional information

FUTURE PLANS

STRAY CAT RESCUE HAVE APPLIED TO THE LOCAL COUNCIL FOR A GAMBLING LICENCE IN ORDER TO CONDUCT ONLINE & FACE TO FACE RAFFLES, AUCTIONS ETC.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	H·L·Webb	
Full name(s)	HELEN LESLEY WEBB	
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	

Date 17/08/2021

Registered Charity Number 1098984

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the Stray Cat Rescue

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2020.

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 the Charities Act 2011 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 these 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 of 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 requires:

- 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.

Laura Katherine Cochrane CA

Date: 24 February 2021