



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	11	2019		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)

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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.

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

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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 CORONAVIRUS 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 SOCIAL 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

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)

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.

WE PERIODICALLY RECEIVE A VIP CLUB VOUCHER FROM PETS AT HOME WHICH IS ALSO USED TO BUY FOOD OR ANYTHING SPECIAL THAT IS REQUIRED.

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.

STRAY CAT RESCUE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED AND HELPED TO MAKE THIS PAST DIFFICULT YEAR A GREAT SUCCESS ENABLING US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CATS & KITTENS WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE & FIND THEM WONDERFUL HOMES.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

22 MEMBERS HAVE JOINED SINCE THE LAST AGM.

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

THE SCHEME IS NOW IN ITS EIGHTH YEAR & REMAINS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE THE DIFFICULT PERIOD. THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT DECLINE FROM LAST YEAR.

IN EXCESS OF £6300 HAS BEEN RAISED WITH CIRCA 200 PEOPLE SPONSORING OR GIVING THE GIFT OF SPONSORING, SOME OF WHICH ARE OVERSEAS.

WE HAVE 31 NEW SPONSORS & NOW HAVE 6 SPONSOR CATS ON

THE SCHEME.

OUR SPONSORS DAY WAS CANCELLED LAST YEAR DUE TO CORONOVIRUS BUT WE HOPE TO HOLD THE EVENT LATER IN THE YEAR.

AS ALWAYS, WE THANK ALL OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR ACCOUNTANT FOR PREPARING THE ACCOUNTS. OUR INCOME THIS YEAR IS DOWN BY AROUND £20000 & PAYMENTS ARE DOWN BY £11000.

CAT HOMING DONATIONS ARE UP £23500 & ONLINE DONATIONS CONTINUE TO RISE TO JUST UNDER £11000. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED £6800; SPONSORSHIP £6300 & GENERAL DONATIONS £11708. AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT IN APRIL SAW SEVERAL THOUSAND POUNDS COMING IN STRAIGHT AWAY THANKS TO OUR FANTSTIC SUPPORTERS.

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.

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)

A GREAT CONTRIBUTION IS MADE BY MEMBER VOLUNTEERS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY HOURS OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE SPENT AT THE SHELTER CARING FOR THE CATS ALONG WITH OUR FOSTERERS WHO LOOK AFTER ALL THE KITTENS IN OUR CARE.

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

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

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

RECEIVED TREATMENT	40
PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	25
REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	28
CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION)	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 AND THE SEX IS REPRODUCED	

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Section D

Achievements and performance

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

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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 £100889, ALL OF WHICH IS UNRESTRICTED FUNDS. THESE FUNDS ARE HELD TO MEET VET BILLS AND ANY URGENT UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE THAT MAY OCCUR.

WE HAVE TWO FIXED TERM INVESTMENT DEPOSITS AND THESE INVESTMENTS ARE REVIEWED REGULARLY TO ENSURE WE HAVE FUNDS IN RESERVE FOR ANY UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES.

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: 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