

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	11	2020	To	31	10
						2021

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

STRAY CAT RESCUE

Other names charity is known by

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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	SHERI JEFFRIES	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)

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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 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.

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

#### **SHELTER**

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2020 – 31 OCTOBER 2021, 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 SEEN A CONTINUATION OF 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, 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 REHOME CATS & KITTENS WE HAVE CONTINUED TO UTILISE 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 2022 CALENDAR FEATURED STORIES ABOUT SOME OF THE CATS & KITTENS WE HAVE RESCUED. YET AGAIN THIS PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL SELLING OVER 200 CALENDARS. AGAIN, WE ARE EXTREMELY THANKFUL TO ALL INVOLVED.

WITH THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS OUR SPONSOR & OPEN DAYS COULD GO AHEAD & WERE HUGE SUCCESSFUL BOTH IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ATTENDING & MONEY RAISED.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

THIS YEAR OUR FUND RAISING HAS AGAIN EMBRACED SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE ACTIVITY, WIDENING STRAY CAT RESCUE'S AUDIENCE & AS THE YEAR PROGRESSED, WE WERE ABLE TO LEVERAGE OUR MORE TRADITIONAL REVENUE STREAMS OF LOCAL EVENTS & CRAFT FAYRES.

WE STILL CONTINUE TO RAISE FUNDS VIA SOCIAL MEDIA WITH OUR FACEBOOK FUNDRAISING PAGE & ON OBTAINING A GAMBLING LICENCE WERE ABLE TO HOLD AUCTIONS & RAFFLES. OUR CRAFTERS HAVE ALSO MADE SOME LOVELY ITEMS WHICH WE HAVE SOLD. WE HAVE HAD MANY KIND DONATIONS.

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)



WE HAVE ALSO CONTINUED TO USE 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.

WE STILL 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 YEAR A GREAT SUCCESS ENABLING US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CATS & KITTENS WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE & FIND THEM WONDERFUL HOMES.

#### **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**

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

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 ACCOUNTANT 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 EMERGENCY 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)

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

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

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.



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

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## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

WE HOLD CASH AT THE BANK OF £166464, 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: 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**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
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	-
	<b>150,690</b>	<b>81,593</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
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
	<b>85,115</b>	<b>71,740</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>65,575</b>	<b>9,853</b>
<b>Cash Funds brought forward</b>	<b>100,889</b>	<b>91,036</b>
<b>Cash funds carried forward</b>	<b>166,464</b>	<b>100,889</b>
<b>Cash funds represented by:</b>		
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
	<b>166,464</b>	<b>100,889</b>
<b>Assets retained for charity's own use:</b>		
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
	<b>8,540</b>	<b>8,540</b>



Charity Name <b>Stray Cats Rescue</b>	Charity number <b>1098884</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date <b>01/11/2020</b>	To	Period end date <b>31/10/2021</b>
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>				
General donations	11,509	-	11,509	11,708
Cat homing donations	20,538	-	20,538	23,432
Membership subscriptions	7,292	-	7,292	6,072
Gift aid	11,094	-	11,094	5,722
Collection boxes/supermarket tokens	1,338	-	1,338	1,217
Social events	2,157	-	2,157	-
Stalls/open days	333	-	333	340
Supermarket collections	-	-	-	778
Sponsored cats	5,584	-	5,584	6,309
Corporate/charity donations	-	-	-	-
Web donations	12,057	-	12,057	10,957
Misc sales	8,608	-	8,608	4,222
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Bank interest	165	-	165	538
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	<u>150,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,690</u>	<u>81,593</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cat food and litter	6,019	-	6,019	5,278
Vet fees	49,084	-	49,084	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	218
Event costs	185	-	185	283
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
	<u>85,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,115</u>	<u>71,740</u>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>			<b>65,575</b>	<b>9,853</b>
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Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature
<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>

Print Name
AUSON WHITE
GRAHAM HOWELL

Date of approval
30/8/22
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:

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body (if any):

Address:

Date:

  
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