

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	11	2021		31	10

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	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:

21ST CELEBRATIONS

SCR UNDERTOOK 21 ACTIVITIES TO CELEBERATE OUR 21 YEARS OF RESCUEING CATS AND KITTENS. THESE INCLUDED CRAFT FAYRES, OPEN DAY, CATS AND CAKES EVENTS AT THE SHELTER.

SHELTER

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PERIOD 1 NOVEMBER 2021 – 31 OCTOBER 2022, 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 THE PANDEMIC HAS BROUGHT US, WHERE PEOPLE ADOPTED PETS WHILST IN LOCKDOWN THEN ABANDONE THEM. 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 2023 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 HUGEY SUCCESSFUL BOTH IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ATTENDING & MONEY RAISED.

FUNDRAISING

THIS YEAR OUR FUND RAISING HAS AGAIN EMBRACED SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE ACTIVITY, AND WE NOW HAVE AN INSTAGRAM PAGE. THIS IS ATTRACTINIG A WIDER AUDIENCE THAN BEFORE AND IS AN AREA TO FOCUS ON. WE CONTINUE TO LEVERAGE OUR MORE TRADITIONAL REVENUE STREAMS OF LOCAL EVENTS

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)

& CRAFT FAYRES.

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

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.

WE ALSO INTRODUCED CATS AND CAKES EVENTS AT THE SHELTER, WHICH ARE VERY POPULAR AND WE WILL CONTINUE THESE.

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 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 CIRCA 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 SIGNIFICANT 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 £144251.

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 CURRENTLY 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 RECEIVED A LARGE DONATION FROM A LADIES' ESTATE & THAT WE WERE REASONABLY FLUSH WITH FUNDS. BUT AS 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 JOINING 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
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NEUTERED	270
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FERAL CATS TRAPPED, NEUTERED & RETURNED	11
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VETERINARY TREATMENT	148
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PUT TO SLEEP FOLLOWING VETERINARY ADVICE OR DIED WHILE IN OUR CARE	28
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REUNITED WITH ORIGINAL OWNER	6
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CATS IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE (SOME OF THESE CATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RE-HOMING)	30
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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 £144251. 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, WITH A GREATER FOCUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. WE PURCHASED CARD READERS WHICH WERE HUGE 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

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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	Restricted	Totals funds	Last year
	2022	2022	2022	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
Cash funds carried forward	144,936	-	144,936	166,464

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Totals funds	Last year
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds represented by:				
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
Cash account	1,674	-	1,674	1,438
	<u>144,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,936</u>	<u>166,464</u>

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
	<u>8,540</u>	<u>8,540</u>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature

G R Howell

Print Name

GRAHAM R. HOWELL

Date of
approval

30/10/23

Stray Cat Rescue

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

For the year ended 31 October 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2022.

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

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 examiners statement

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 that in any material aspect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
1. The accounts do not accord with those records;
2. 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.



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26/10/2022