



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 01	Year 2020	Day 31	Month 12	Year 2020

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name HOMELESS CAT RESCUE BEDFORDSHIRE

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1153052

Charity's principal address 69 WATLING GARDENS

DUNSTABLE

BEDFORDSHIRE

Postcode

LU6 3FD

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	JACKIE BEAN	TRUSTEE		
2	VIKKI MILLER	TRUSTEE		
3	ALISON MORRELL	SECRETARY		
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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

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY MEMBERS

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

HCR is a charity concerned with the treatment, rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of cats in the Beds, Herts and Bucks areas. We provide food, cat litter, bedding and veterinary care as well as rehabilitation for cats and kittens in our foster care. We also operate a trap, neuter and release scheme for feral cats, which helps to reduce the number of unwanted kittens, as well as reduce cross infection of diseases such as FIV and feline leukaemia.

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)

HCR operates via a network of foster homes. Currently, our fosterers only have the facilities to take just one or two cats in at a time, but still make a valuable contribution to the rescue and welfare of the cats and kittens that would otherwise be homeless and starving.

As we rescue and rehabilitate within our own homes, we are in desperate need of more people who could foster for us, or provide use of safe and weatherproof sheds/outbuildings for us to house feral cats after neutering and so have had a year of vetting for suitable new foster carers.

HCR spay / neuter all cats (and kittens over 6 months or at 2kgs in weight) before they are available for adoption. Any kittens not meeting this criteria are adopted on the understanding that the owners will be contacted and chased up for confirmation that the kitten has been spayed / neutered. This year, we have continued to microchip all cats over the age of 12 weeks. This is to promote and educate responsible pet, as well as to identify owners should a cat be found injured or deceased.

All involved with the running of Homeless Cat Rescue abide by the guidance issued by the Charities Commission.

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.

ALL CATS (INCLUDING KITTENS OVER 12 WEEKS OF AGE) ARE MICROCHIPPED AND VACCINATED BEFORE BEING REHOMED

ALL KITTENS AGED 6 MONTHS (OR WEIGHING 2KGS) ARE NEUTERED PRIOR TO BEING REHOMED

Grants are only ever submitted to trusts which meet and uphold the ethics that we believe in.

Our volunteers help in many ways; fundraising, fostering, donating, publicising the charity via our website and social media, making cat nip toys, holding bake sales, car boot sales, to name but a few.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The key objective of HCR is to rescue as many homeless or abandoned cats as we can; providing them with the very best care and allowing them time for rehabilitation, so that they find the best home possible for their circumstances.

2020 has been a year like no other, as it has for everyone.

Adoptions started off slowly, as always in February and then COVID-19 hit the UK in March.

Luckily, just before lockdown, most of our available cats and kittens were home-checked and adopted.

When lockdown began in the 3rd week of March 2020, we immediately sought government guidance and assurance that we could continue with our rescues; also the feeding of the feral cat colonies.

So, HCR continued as “normally” as possible, bearing in mind the inevitable changes to veterinary practices and waiting times for essential procedures such as spay, neuter and vaccinations.

April saw no adoptions and a vast slump in monetary donations, as we were unable to get out and fundraise. The saving grace was that we didn't have a vet bill for April. And the general public were very generous in ordering off our Amazon wishlist, which saved a great deal of costs for food and litter supplies.

For cats in our care that became available for adoption, we switched to rigorous virtual home checks and interviews, to ensure that we continued to find the correct home for the cats and kittens in our care. This proved to be a great success.

During the summer of 2020, we had a huge increase in cats and kittens, due to a hoarding situation and also due to people taking extended holidays back to their home countries and abandoning their cats here in the UK.

Thankfully, as COVID restrictions began to ease over the summer months, our volunteers were able to get out and arrange boot sales to raise funds.

We fully support our Trap, Neuter and Release campaign and continued this work throughout the year, to attempt to humanely control feral cat colonies in Luton and the surrounding area and to ensure feral cats get any additional veterinary care that they need.

We maintain our belief that no healthy cat should be euthanised and that reflects in the still very low number of cats which have had to be put to sleep, only on the recommendation of our vets.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No official reserve, but in 2020, we have agreed to maintain the reserve of £8000 to cover increasing costs of emergency veterinary treatment during COVID-19, in case of any cat requiring extensive veterinary care or UK wide search campaign.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

HCR's expenditure has again been in the payment of veterinary bills, for essential treatment, especially as we have seen a considerable increase in the cost of veterinary care, despite receiving a charity discount at some surgeries. Due to COVID-19, we have had to look further for essential veterinary procedures such as spay and neuter operations. A hoarder situation in Summer 2020, where HCR rescued 19 cats and kittens from one household made a considerable dent in the bank account, as many were poorly and had to have extensive veterinary treatment before we could consider offering them for adoption.

Our Trap, Neuter, Release scheme is sometimes costly in respect of veterinary bills, but extremely worthwhile, so we accept that cost entirely.

Principal sources of fundraising this year continued to be from adoptions, online donations (via Paypal / fundraising sites and a link on our website) and selling donated items on eBay and Facebook selling pages. Due to COVID-19, income from boot sales diminished.

Facebook has been an invaluable way of raising both the charity's profile and also fundraising. The ability for our supporters to offer to raise money on Facebook during their birthday month has been of considerable help to us, with donations coming in on a monthly basis.

Gift Aid from donations is extremely important to HCR and we always ensure that eligible people complete a form when they make a donation to the charity.

Our seasonally themed catnip toys, knitted by volunteers did not sell as well in 2020, mainly due to the fact that the public have not been allowed inside veterinary clinics, where we stock them, due to COVID-19 – we have however, continued to sell them online.

Our "Feed a Stray at Christmas" eBay campaign was another success and helped to increase donations in the months of December. It also helps to raise the profile of our charity to a wider audience and we get support from people from all over the UK, so much so that we have decided to run it all year long in 2021, especially as we ended 2020 back in lockdown, with no possibility of raising funds through markets and street collections.

Section F

Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ALISON MORRELL	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	
Date	27/10/2021	



Charity Name HOMELESS CAT RESCUE BEDFORDSHIRE	No (if any) 1153052
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
ADOPTIONS	5,259	-	-	5,259	-
FUNDRAISING	12,856	-	-	12,856	-
DONATIONS	6,567	-	-	6,567	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,682	-	-	24,682	14,704
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,682	-	-	24,682	14,704
A3 Payments					
VETERINARY BILLS	19,851	-	-	19,851	-
OTHER EXPENSES	3,872	-	-	3,872	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,723	-	-	23,723	12,173
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	23,723	12,173
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,682	-	-		12,173
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,704	-	-		14,704
Cash funds this year end	12717.00	-	-		14,704

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alison Morrell	27/10/2021	