



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2021

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

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.

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.

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 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. All cats over the age of 12 weeks are microchipped by the charity.

This is to promote and educate responsible pet ownership, 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, WHICHEVER COMES SOONEST) ARE SPAYED/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

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.

2021 began in lockdown, due to COVID-19 restrictions by the UK government, so virtual home checks with prospective new homes continued.

Adoptions started off very well in January 2021, which was unusual and we ensured that we were as thorough as possible, to ensure that cats were going to the correct homes, not just as a “distraction” during lockdown.

Feeding of the feral cat community in Luton continued as normal, as it does 365 days a year.

A continuing struggle in 2021 was securing veterinary appointments – mainly due to COVID, but also less appointments and generally less vets in practice meant that HCR had to make appointments to out of area vets, which in itself, increases expenditure in petrol and also in volunteer’s time taken travelling to and from other counties.

April 2021 saw HCR able to resume car boot sales, which proved to be very successful throughout Spring and Summer months. Once again, the general public were so very generous in ordering off our Amazon wish list, which saved a great deal of costs for food and litter supplies. HCR also decided to run the Feed a Homeless Cat eBay listing throughout the year, rather than just for Nov/Dec and this proved very popular; bringing in a steady supply of funds.

For cats in our care that became available for adoption, rigorous home checks and interviews continued, to ensure that we found the correct home for the cats and kittens in our care. Successful adoptions continued throughout the year.

During 2021, we saw some particularly upsetting cases; of “owned” cats being left without necessary veterinary care. Two cases in particular that both required life changing surgery, simply due to neglect of their previous owners. Thankfully, both cats were signed over, given the necessary veterinary care and are now happily rehabilitated and in the forever homes, as much loved members of their new families.

We have continued to fully prioritise our Trap, Neuter and Release campaign in 2021, 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 upon the recommendation of our vets.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No official reserve, but in 2021, we agreed to maintain the reserve of £8000 to cover increasing costs of emergency veterinary treatment during COVID-19, and having to travel out of area to secure veterinary appointments, or 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 seen an increase in cost for veterinary care - in essential treatment, spay/neuter operations, emergency treatment.

Several rescue cases required extensive veterinary treatment, such as amputations and removal of ruptured eyes; all which drain our funds very quickly.

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. Thankfully, we had a successful summer raising money from selling at car boot sales.

Facebook has been an invaluable way of raising both the charity's profile and for fundraising. 2021 saw an increase in monies raised through followers choosing HCR as their charity to support for their birthday fundraiser. This secures donations on a monthly basis. Supporters also choose to give a monthly donation via PayPal, which is invaluable.

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.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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	22/10/2022	



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 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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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	3,810	-	-	3,810	
FUNDRAISING	7,856	-	-	7,856	-
DONATIONS	12,161	-	-	12,161	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,827	-	-	23,827	24,682
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,827	-	-	23,827	24,682
A3 Payments					
VETERINARY BILLS	14,223	-	-	14,223	19,851
OTHER EXPENSES	3,269	-	-	3,269	3,872
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,492	-	-	17,492	23,723
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,827	-	-	-	23,723
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,717	-	-	-	12,717
Cash funds this year end	19657.00	-	-	-	-

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
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	22/10/2022	