



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2022

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

HOMELESS CAT RESCUE BEDFORDSHIRE (hereafter referred to as "HCR" for brevity) is a charity concerned with the treatment, rescue, rehabilitation, and re-homing of cats in the Beds, Herts and Bucks areas. We provide veterinary care as well as rehabilitation for cats and kittens in our foster care. Our foster carers are provided with food, cat litter, bedding and all expenses are covered by HCR. 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.

HCR spay / neuter all cats and kittens in our care before they are available for adoption.
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 AND KITTENS ARE NEUTERED, MICROCHIPPED AND VACCINATED BEFORE 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.

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.

2022 began with a very slow adoption rates and sadly, extremely high veterinary bills.

This was mainly due to a cat in our care that required extensive tests on what was suspected to be a neurological disorder and therefore required specialist veterinary care.

Sadly, due to the diagnosis of an aggressive tumour on her spine, the cat had to be euthanised. 12 hours of specialist care came to approximately £3000, which put a large dent in the bank account, but as we always put aside a reserve for such, this was not unexpected.

A continuing struggle in 2022 was securing veterinary appointments, due to the reduction in available vet practices, shortage of practising vets and therefore reduction in available appointments.

Therefore HCR had to continue to make appointments to out of area vets, which, in itself, increases expenditure in petrol and also in volunteer's time.

Due to the onset of war in the Ukraine, HCR saw, as everyone did, the knock on effect of price increases, in both petrol, energy prices and food prices. This was reflected in our monthly expenditure.

Fundraising always picks up in Springtime, due to being able to raise extra monies from local boot sales, cake sales etc.

Our loyal followers have continued to support us by ordering off our Amazon wish list, which saved a great deal of costs for food and litter supplies. HCR continued to run the Feed a Homeless Cat eBay listing throughout the year bringing in a small but 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 and picked up towards the end of the year.

Once again, 2022 brought with it some very distressing cases of animal neglect.

In particular, one cat "Magnum" which was found by a member of the public with ruptured eyeballs. The owner was identified, and the cat was signed over to our care. Magnum had to have both eyes removed and was also found to be FIV positive. Sadly, both his eye condition and his FIV diagnosis could have been avoided had the owner not neglected him. Thankfully, Magnum made a very good recovery and has adapted extremely well to being blind. He has now found a very loving indoor only home and is adored by his new owners. Due to the extent of veterinary care required for Magnum, we opened a specific fundraiser for his care, which proved very successful.

We have continued to fully prioritise our Trap, Neuter and Release campaign in 2022, 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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Feeding of the feral cat community in Luton continued as normal, as it does 365 days a year, and helps to gain trust to be able to trap feral cats for neutering and veterinary care.

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 2022, we agreed to maintain the reserve of £10000 to cover the ever increasing costs of emergency veterinary treatment during the ongoing issues caused by the pandemic and Brexit (lack of resources, veterinary shortages, 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

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. We have also needed to rent a garage to store our trapping equipment and bulky items.

Several rescue cases required extensive veterinary treatment (as mentioned above)

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. Boot sales throughout Summer continued to bring in a small but steady income and also has a positive effect on the environment by recycling goods no longer required, meaning less goes into landfill.

Facebook has been an invaluable way of raising both the charity's profile and for fundraising. This secures donations on a monthly basis. Supporters also choose to give a monthly donation via PayPal, which is invaluable.

Towards the end of 2022, we also launched our "Moggy Monday" campaign on Facebook; a request every Monday for our followers to donate £1. The campaign has taken off very well and we are very grateful to our followers for their continued support.

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 in order for us to make a claim with HMRC.

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	27/10/2023	



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 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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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	2,854	-	-	2,854	3,810
FUNDRAISING	12,284	-	-	12,284	7,856
DONATIONS	9,177	-	-	9,177	12,161
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,315	-	-	24,315	23,827
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,315	-	-	24,315	23,827
A3 Payments					
VETERINARY BILLS	19,691	-	-	19,691	14,223
OTHER EXPENSES	5,178	-	-	5,178	3,269
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,869	-	-	24,869	17,492
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,869	-	-	24,869	23,827
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	16633.00	-	-	16,633	-

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	27/10/2022	