



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From		01	10	2022	To	30	09 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Catch And Treat Strays

Other names charity is known by

C.A.T.S.

Registered charity number (if any)

1153666

Charity's principal address

80 The Street, Kettlestone,

Fakenham,

Norfolk

Postcode

NR21 0AU

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	Doreen Smith	Chair		
2	Brenda Duggan	Secretary		
3	Jayne Cooper	Treasurer		
4	Celia Lee			
5	Jean Saunders			

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)	Unincorporated company
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated and appointed at Special General Meetings of trustees. Re-appointed at Annual General Meetings.

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.

C.A.T.S. works and shares information with other individuals and local cat rescue charities in the area that take in strays, helping each other where possible.

C.A.T.S. has built up a particularly strong relationship with The Grove Veterinary Clinic and Hospital based in Fakenham. Their service, help and advice has been invaluable. C.A.T.S. helps them, where possible, to look after unowned cats brought to the vet's surgery. The vets offer the charity a discount for services, that is much appreciated.

C.A.T.S. is constrained by the service and help it can offer by a shortage of temporary cat accommodation and funds to expand further. A Brick Fund has been established with the long-term goal of acquiring a building or land for that purpose.

The major risks to C.A.T.S. is a shortfall in income and a shortage of volunteers. C.A.T.S. has built up a strong presence in the local community and is regularly overwhelmed at the generosity of local people at times of emergency — most donors have had past experience of the good work of the charity and support it as much as possible.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

- (1) For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention and in particular by:
 - the rescue rehabilitation and re-homing of stray and abandoned cats and kittens;
 - the neuter and release of feral cats to humanely controlled colonies.
 - the treatment of any illness or disease before returning them to their original environment or re-housing them with an approved owner
- (2) To educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among cats and kittens.

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)

The main activities have been directed at the capture, homing and care of feral and un-owned cats and kittens along with fund-raising to cover the cost of any appropriate medical treatment, feeding and general care during their stay with the charity. As well as the neutering programme for well-established feral communities, C.A.T.S. supplies food supplies. 84% of C.A.T.S.' outgoings were for veterinary bills whilst the cost of buying food and cat litter accounted for 6% of costs. Generous donations of cat food from the public boost supplies. This year a new colony of feral cats at Hempton were trapped, neutered and returned.

Fund-raising is a major activity and, again, generous public donations of cash and goods for sale boost potential income as well as the proceeds of supporter's own fund-raising events that include a tractor road-run event, penny pots, table-top sales and funeral donations (Much Loved). Collections at the Fakenham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival boost donations. Main sales at events include a Christmas Fayre with stalls, a raffle, tombola and refreshments, plant sales, spring and autumn fetes, garage sales, and fabric sales. Sales account for 31% of our income. Public donations contributed 63% of our total income.

Education has been further advanced through personal contact with the public and at events, along with extensive use of social media (website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and the provision of information and advice, including the publication of spring and autumn newsletters and leaflets.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit by providing information to educate the public about the benefits and necessity of neutering cats not only among feral communities but also within a domestic situation and the need to control disease and promote good health of cats which has benefits to society and to the general well-being of their owners too. When invited we give talks to groups. As a locally-based charity, C.A.T.S. has the added benefit of bringing communities together at their fund-raising events.

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;

- The contribution made by volunteers.

C.A.T.S. has no paid staff and relies on the goodwill and dedication of its volunteers. Every penny raised by C.A.T.S. directly helps the charity meet its aims. It goes without saying that the contribution made by volunteers is not only vital for the success of the charity in meeting its objectives but is beyond value and deeply appreciated.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

C.A.T.S. trapped some 20 feral cats for neutering and chipping and returned them to their colony and found homes for many other cats and kittens. There were over 100 other additional visits to the vets (mainly the Grove in Fakenham) for general care, the treatment of illnesses and infections and for operations and investigative procedures.

C.A.T.S. has succeeded in raising much-needed funds thanks to generous public donations and fund-raising events that have had the added bonus of bringing the local community together.

Food has been supplied to help four feral colonies and there has been excellent public support whenever appeals have been issued to help obtain emergency supplies of food. Cat food is also donated by the general public either by leaving supplies at two local shops in Fakenham or by sending orders direct to C.A.T.S..

Advice and help has been offered to the general public through personal direct contact, or through our publications and social media.

Education is ongoing through personal communications, spring and autumn newsletters, a website, Facebook, twitter and Instagram, leaflets, and at charity and community events.

Some rescued kittens have been hand-reared by volunteers. Cats and kittens are cared for until the perfect family or individual can provide a home forever. C.A.T.S. was able to place all its rescued cats and kittens with final homes in a domestic environment or, in the case of ferals, to an appropriate home (mainly farms) or returned to their former colony, but safe in the knowledge that breeding is curtailed and a healthier life is more likely.

Activities on social media, mentioned previously, are enhanced by encouraging online shoppers to use Easy Fundraising whereby participating companies make a small donation to C.A.T.S..

There was an excess of income over expenditure of £4,611.20.

Income is slightly lower than the previous year but grants were much lower this year whilst other public donations have increased. Expenditure is slightly up on the previous financial year.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are based on the predicted expenditure for the following financial year to allow for any unforeseen drop in income or no income.

At 1 October 2023, £25,000 was set aside to cover expenditure for the coming year that includes £20,000 for vet fees. The Brick Fund reserve totals £4417.10 leaving an uncommitted reserve of £6853.50 for unexpected expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

none

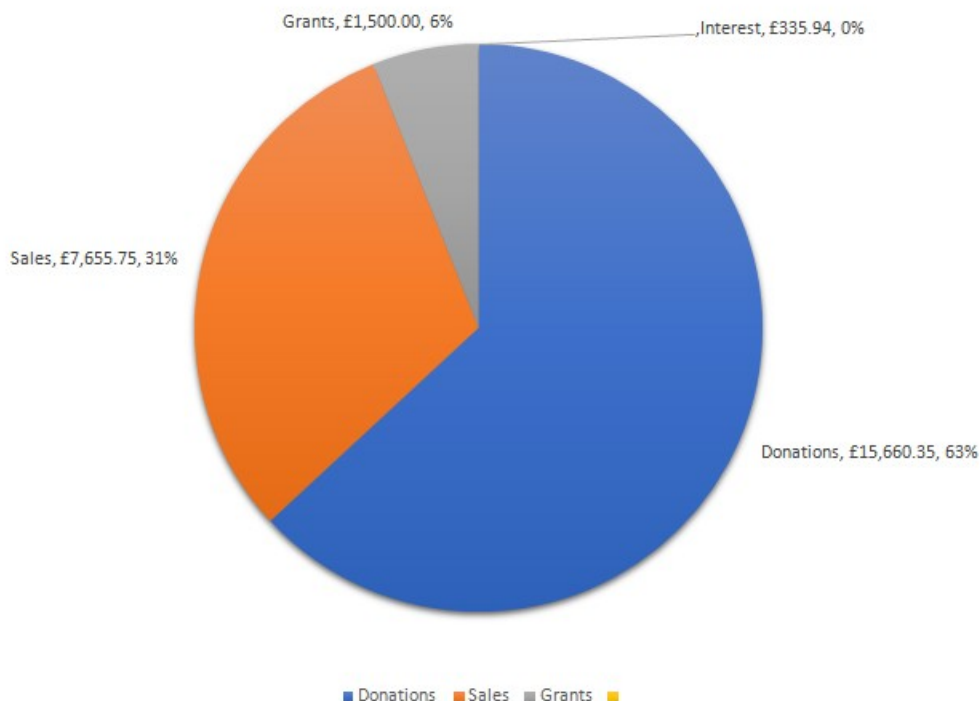
Further financial review details (Optional information)

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.

Receipts	2022-23
Donations (single)	9975.46
+ Penny Pots	517.52
+ Much Loved	386.12
+ Amazon/Easy Funding	539.96
+ Gift Aid	3663.33
+ Brick Fund	15.00
+ XMas Tree Fest	562.96
Sales	7655.75
Grants	1500.00
Interest:95 day saving	335.94
TOTAL	25,152.04

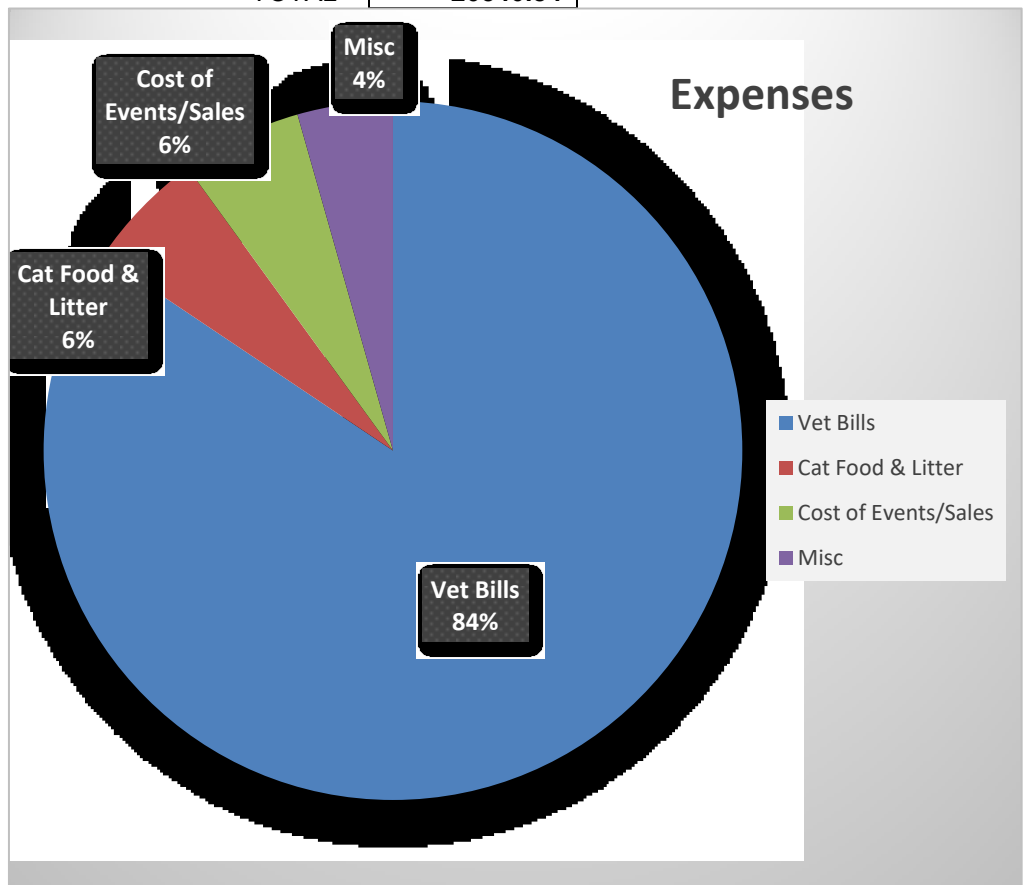
C.A.T.S 2022/2023 Income



Payments

Vets	17337.04
Cat litter	373.00
cat food	777.44
Equipment	232.40
Venue hire	216.00
Online fees	42.64
Fuel	244.50
Miscellaneous	145.81
Insurance	252.00
Planting	20.00
Fabrics	795.92
Refreshments	116.09

TOTAL **20540.84**



C.A.T.S. has two accounts with the NatWest bank: a current account and a 95 day savings account (that accrued an interest of £335.94).

**Current & savings at
30 Sep 2022**

Current account	5275.26
95 day saving	30995.34
	36,270.60

**Allocations for
2023-2024**

BRICK FUND-ring-fenced	4417.10
GENERAL	25000.00
RESERVES	6853.50

Section F Other Optional information

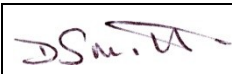
Comparison figures with previous 2021-2022 financial year:

<u>Receipts</u>	2021-2	2022-3	<u>Payments</u>	2021-2	2022-3
Ind.Donation	5819.20	9975.46	Vets	15447.59	17337.04
Penny Pots	659.68	517.52	Cat litter GJL	444.75	373.00
Grants	6000.00	1500.00	cat food	925.87	777.44
Much Loved	448.10	386.12	Equipment	445.30	232.40
Brick Fund	2274.60	15.00	Venue hire	120.00	216.00
Gift Aid	4645.91	3663.33	Online fees	00.00	42.44
Amazon/Easy Funding	203.22	539.96	Stationery	49.10	0.00
Sales/Events	4347.55	6589.75	Fuel	144.00	244.50
Christmas Tree Fest	447.86	562.96	Miscellaneous	145.81	133.81
Plant sales	1904.50	1066.00	Insurance	300.56	252.00
Misc	275.01	0.00	Planting	109.80	20.00
Interest:95 day saving	25.34	335.94	Fabrics	200.00	795.92
Float	90.00	0.00	Refreshments	241.81	116.09
			cheque b/f	60.00	0.00
TOTAL	27140.97	25152.04	TOTAL	18634.59	20540.84

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)	Doreen Smith	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	1 March 2024	

The Accounts have been Examined and approved by John Constance, an independent auditor. See next page.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Catch And Treat Strays (C.A.T.S.)

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1153666

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

04/03/2024

Name:

John L G Constance

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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