

# FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

England & Wales - Charity number 1170938

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2017-01-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF CATS AND KITTENS IN SHEFFIELD, IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND IN PARTICULAR BY:A) THE RESCUE REHABILITATION AND RE-HOMING OF STRAY AND ABANDONED CATS AND KITTENS.B) PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF THE NEUTERING OF ALL CATS.2) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN GENERAL AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND SUFFERING AMONG CATS AND KITTENS.'

**Activities:** To help control the huge number of feral and abandoned unneutered cats in and around the city of Sheffield, particularly in areas of social and economic deprivation, and monitor their health and wellbeing.To promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding the importance of neutering and basic cat care.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Sheffield City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£33,194	£32,804	-	-
2024-07-31	£42,471	£42,838	-	-
2023-07-31	£59,707	£40,057	-	-
2022-07-31	£46,742	£68,381	-	-
2021-07-31	£50,198	£44,107	-	-
2020-07-31	£58,651	£60,836	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOANNE GARDNER		2025-10-24
MARGARET SKINNER		2016-10-10

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# Accounts

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**Friends of Ferals** 

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REG CHARITY NO: 1170938

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: C/O Joanne Gardner  
82, Ellis Street  
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WEB SITE <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofferals/>

TRUSTEE: Margaret Skinner (Chairperson)  
Joanne Gardner

GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Trust deed dated 21 November 2016

BANK: Nat West Bank  
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Sheffield  
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS: Mrs Sarah Smith MSc BSc FCCA FCIE MNAVP  
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## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustee of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination of the accounts 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) as required by s130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

*Sarah Smith*

Wednesday May 20th 2026

**Sarah A Smith (Mrs) MSc BSc FCCA FCIE MNAVP**

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Temple House  
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## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2025.**

The report of the trustee for the year ended 31 July 2025 includes the information given on the Reference and Administration page, (page 1).

The charity is run by trustees within the principles of a Charitable Trust Deed dated November 2016.

#### **Objects:**

- to help control the huge number of feral and abandoned unneutered cats in and around the city of Sheffield, and monitor their health and wellbeing.
- to remove cats from crisis situations in areas of danger to safety by way of placements at stables, homes or back to site where safe.
- to help small rescues, with trapping advice, the use of specialist equipment and the funding of equipment, food and veterinary treatment. We have maintained our critical partnerships with small rescues in the South and West Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, and North Nottinghamshire areas which uphold our Mission Statement. With the closure of two local rescues more cats were being left out on the streets but we continue to work closely with the remaining ones.
- to assist in areas of social and economic deprivation, with neutering, microchipping and veterinary funding. We always find that a little advice, a small gesture works wonders when people feel that they have nowhere else to turn to for help when all the cat they take in may need is neutering, microchipping and basic treatment.
- to promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding neutering and basic cat care.

#### **Activities and Achievements in support of the objects:**

Our eleventh year has again been a very good year from a life-saving, information-sharing and financial point of view. But it remains difficult to recover from the loss of our cat unit resulting from the devastating Catcliffe floods. We have managed to replace most of our equipment but being without a centre has increased our workload considerably.

We have not been able to find another centre despite our best efforts but have increased the number of fosterers who have proved to be such a positive in a negative situation. Despite everything that this year has thrown at us, we have still been able to maintain our standing in the local community, helping abandoned unneutered cats from under-privileged areas. Apart from operating a trap, neuter, return to safe areas policy, we have assisted members of the public who were unable to cover what we consider are unreasonably high vet bills, whose cats would otherwise suffer from painful and chronic diseases and face an unknown future. We continue to work hard placing ferals on to stables/small holdings, all neutered, bloodtested, microchipped and brought back to health.

We have helped set up more one-woman rescues in South and West Yorkshire with equipment, food and medications and will continue to work with other small rescues in an endeavour for them to survive these unbelievably difficult times.

To ensure continuation of our charity's current activities within the local community, especially at this precarious time, the Trustees have established a policy, at the advice of our accountant, whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be 12 months of the resources expended

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2025. (CON)

*-trapping, neutering, veterinary treatment and daily feeding of feral colonies, from online auction funding and voluntary donations*

This year again has seen a further increase in cats giving birth on the streets as a lasting effect of the global pandemic. We are constantly inundated with calls for help and trapping continues on a daily basis from dawn until late at night. It is taking all the charity's resources to keep on top of the previous week's calls.

*- Relocating*

Placing ferals in stables is a lengthy process and is something most other rescues are unable to do. We have it down to a fine art after years of practice. Following the initial visit to assess suitability, chicken coops are placed to give the cats somewhere safe, secure and comfortable in which to live out their first few weeks of restriction while getting used to their new homes. Visits are carried out on a regular basis at the same time as delivering supplies to ensure the cats are settled and in good health.

*- Fosterers*

Although the feral work is an integral part of what our rescue does, when assessing cats in a colony we find that not all are born feral, some are intact strays that have mixed into the colony. These cats that have been exposed to humans may stay in foster care for a longer period but often make good pets and are re-homed. Those that can't return to gardens or companies or go to stables where their safe future can be ensured, and are not rehomeable are looked after by long term foster parents who are dedicated to them for their lifetimes.

*- information and advice given on our website and face book page*

Our Facebook presence continues to grow and has become an excellent forum for detailing our activities. It is also very popular with our supporters.

We have found that our Facebook has proved to be so popular that we have agreed to use it as a website, with up to date information, especially regarding the importance of neutering and microchipping.

We have made great strides to increase our members on our facebook auction page diligently run by Alison and Darren Bloodworth, which is also very popular and covers the cost of most of our food bills, being responsible for over 100 cats per day, costing £6k.

Our supporters also use this as an approachable medium for seeking advice and sharing their stories and experiences.

*- our supporters*

The trustees extend their heartfelt thanks to their loyal Friends of Ferals who have helped by running the auction site, donating, adopting or fostering cats and in the vital frontline work of trapping and feeding the colonies.

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2025. (CON)

We hope that by getting our prevention messages out into the community, we can stop things from hitting crisis point in families and communities, reducing the number of emergencies we have to respond to at short notice and also reducing the number of cats that have to be destroyed in South Yorkshire every week. We know that by working with people at the earliest opportunity we can support them to access the services they need to reduce unwanted hardship. Volunteers, as ever are a huge part of our organisation, we have some very dedicated supporters who have been with the charity since the very beginning of FOF. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude. We have had to say goodbye to one of our trustees, Nicola Speke who has founded another small rescue. We thank her for her past support and wish her well with her new venture. There have been incredible acts of selflessness, dedication and commitment to our purpose and our cats that have further cemented our true understanding of why we do what we do, when we need it the most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

#### **Financial Review:**

Inevitably the cost of living crisis has continued to affect the charity's activities particularly the cost of veterinary services, cremations and food. However support for this individual organisation has remained satisfactory with donations and the auction bringing in £31,934 (2024: £42,471). This does, however, represent nearly a 25% reduction which we attribute to the wider economic environment.

Expenditure was tightly controlled within our income levels at £32,804, (2024:£42,838).

The charity recorded a small surplus of £390, (2024 a deficit of £367)

The remaining free reserves of £48,776 represent almost 15 months of current expenditure.

The trustees are confident that the the reserves held are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the charity for at least 12 months from the signature date of these accounts.

#### **Public Benefit:**

The trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the use of funds.

The charity helps all local communities experiencing the management problems of unwanted, abandoned and feral cats. It also helps individual cat owners of limited financial means with veterinary care particularly neutering. The management, treatment and re-homing of feral cats manifestly benefits both the human and animal populations of Sheffield and environs.

*Maggie Skinner*

Mrs M Skinner  
20th May 2026

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

	NOTE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	2025	2024
	Fund		
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Voluntary donations and auction	0	31,934	40,471
Grants	0	0	0
Fundraising events and commissions paid	0	1,260	2,000
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	0	<b><u>33,194</u></b>	<b><u>42,471</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Fund raising expenses incl platform fees</i>	455	455	572
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>			
Veterinary fees	10,858	10,858	16,466
Cat Care and equipment	2,349	2,349	2,000
Crematorium	1,104	1,104	858
Cat food and litter	6,380	6,380	11,145
Donations	3,266	3,266	3,352
Printing postage and stationery	1,342	1,342	1,514
Fuel, vehicle repairs and hire	2,089	2,089	2,489
Garage rent and storage	3,715	3,715	3,220
Insurance (vehicle, volunteers and public liability)	661	661	647
Independent Examination	585	585	575
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	32,804	<b><u>32,804</u></b>	<b><u>42,838</u></b>
<b><u>Net Receipts, (Payments)</u></b>		<b><u>390</u></b>	<b><u>-367</u></b>
Cash Funds brought forward		<b><u>48,386</u></b>	<b><u>48,753</u></b>
Cash Funds carried forward		<b><u>48,776</u></b>	<b><u>48,386</u></b>

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 July 2025

	NOTE	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Nat West Account		45,095	44,744
Paypal Account		<u>3,681</u>	<u>3,642</u>
		<b><u>48,776</u></b>	<b><u>48,386</u></b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>			
VW Vans and Ebikes		16,855	19,400
Equipment (cats)		5,286	5,626
Equipment (office/unit cameras)		<u>880</u>	<u>550</u>
	3	<b><u>23,021</u></b>	<b><u>25,576</u></b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<b><u>71,797</u></b>	<b><u>73,962</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent Examiners Fee		500	475
Annual Return		<u>115</u>	<u>110</u>
		<b><u>615</u></b>	<b><u>585</u></b>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

*Maggie Skinner*

Name	Mrs M Skinner
Position	Chairperson
Date	20th May 2026

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2025

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2 Payments to trustees

The trustees receive no remuneration, direct or indirect benefits from the charity.

Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed to trustees and include fuel for their own vehicles in order to attend the sites.

1 trustee received £787 (3 trustees in 2024: £2,409) in mileage expenses

### 3 Tangible Assets

Equipment is stated at cost.

VW Caddy Grey (GF20 AVE)	14,555
Decathlon E-bikes (2)	2,300
Pens, traps and other equipment	2,600
Large galvanised pen (protect-a-pet)	2,686
	<u>22,141</u>

Cameras and accessories 880

Carried forward 31 July 2025 23,021

Cat shelters and specialist equipment purchased by the charity are donated to stables and small re-homing organisations to house the cats.

Historical costs are recorded without depreciation (wear and tear).

### 4 Funds

The charity has no Restricted Funds.

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*Sarah Smith*

Date: Thursday 8th May 2025

**Sarah A Smith (Mrs) MSc BSc FCCA FCIE MNAVP**  
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- to promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding neutering and basic cat care.

#### **Activities and Achievements in support of the objects:**

Our tenth year has again been a very good year from a life-saving, information-sharing and maintaining a stable financial position. But very difficult with the loss of our cat unit resulting from the devastating Catcliffe floods. Our few volunteers battled through, trapping and rehoming street cats in very difficult circumstances but we lost everything, specialist trapping equipment, medications, specialist cat carriers and pens. The river broke its banks and the unit suffered a direct hit.

We have not been able to find another centre despite our best efforts but have increased the number of fosterers who have proved to be such a positive in a negative situation. Despite everything that this year has thrown at us, we have still been able to maintain our standing in the local community, helping abandoned unneutered cats from under-privileged areas. Apart from operating a trap, neuter, return to safe areas policy, we have assisted members of the public who were unable to cover what we consider are unreasonably high vet bills, whose cats would otherwise suffer from painful and chronic diseases and face an unknown future. We continue to work hard placing ferals on to stables/small holdings, all neutered, bloodtested, microchipped and brought back to health.

We have helped set up one-woman rescues in South and West Yorkshire with equipment, food and medications and will continue to work with other small rescues in an endeavour for them to survive these unbelievably difficult times.

To ensure continuation of our charity's current activities within the local community, especially at this precarious time, the Trustees have established a policy, at the advice of our accountant, whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be 18 months of the resources expended

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

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*-trapping, neutering, veterinary treatment and daily feeding of feral colonies, from online auction funding and voluntary donations*

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*- Fosterers*

Each case is different and we would not return cats to a dangerous situations that they previously experienced. We are keen to return cats to to gardens and companies where their safe future can be ensured. Although the feral work is an integral part of what our rescue does, when assessing cats in a colony we find that not all are born feral, some are intact strays that have mixed into the colony. These cats that have been exposed to humans may stay in foster care for a longer period but often make good pets and are re-homed. Those that can't return to gardens or companies or go to stables where their safe future can be ensured, and are not rehomeable are looked after by long term foster parents who are dedicated to them for their lifetimes.

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We have made great strides to increase our members on our facebook auction page which is also very popular and covers the cost of most of our veterinary and food bills, We are responsible for the provision of food for over 100 cats every day at an annual cost of over £11k.

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#### **Financial Review:**

Inevitably the cost of living crisis has continued to affect the charity's activities particularly the cost of veterinary services, cremations and food. However support for this individual organisation has remained very strong with donations and the auction bringing in £42,471 (2023: £43,707). This represents a small decrease of 2.8%. Expenditure was £42,838, (2023:£40,057).

The charity recorded a small deficit of £367 compared to an operating surplus of £3,650 the previous year. The charity has also been very badly affected this year by the flooding incident.

The remaining free reserves of £48,386 represent 13.5 months normal expenditure.

This is a very small decrease from the previous year which was 14 months.

The trustees are confident that the reserves held are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the charity for at least 12 months from the signature date of these accounts.

The trustees acknowledge the challenge to build the reserves up to 18 months given the loss of equipment experienced this year. However, they are confident that the support for the charity is very high and look forward to serving the community and rebuilding during 2025.

#### **Public Benefit:**

The trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the use of funds.

The charity helps all local communities experiencing the management problems of unwanted, abandoned and feral cats. It also helps individual cat owners of limited financial means with veterinary care particularly neutering. The management, treatment and re-homing of feral cats manifestly benefits both the human and animal populations of Sheffield and environs.

*Maggie Skinner*

Mrs M Skinner  
8th May 2025

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

	NOTE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted Fund	2024	2023
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Voluntary donations and auction	40,471	40,471	39,807
Grants	0	0	0
Fundraising events and commissions paid	2,000	2,000	3,900
Sale of Van	0	0	16,000
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>42,471</b>	<b><u>42,471</u></b>	<b><u>59,707</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Fund raising expenses incl platform fees</i>	572	572	337
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>			
Veterinary fees	16,466	16,466	13,635
Cat Care and equipment	2,000	2,000	1,395
Crematorium	858	858	798
Cat food and litter	11,145	11,145	10,617
Equipment (Office/Unit)	0	0	734
Donations	3,352	3,352	2,402
Printing postage and stationery	1,514	1,514	1,225
Fuel, vehicle repairs and hire	2,489	2,489	3,903
Garage rent and storage	3,220	3,220	3,905
Website maintenance	0	0	35
Insurance (vehicle, volunteers and public liability)	647	647	521
Independent Examination	575	575	550
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>42,838</b>	<b><u>42,838</u></b>	<b><u>40,057</u></b>
		<b><u><u>-367</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>19,650</u></u></b>
Cash Funds brought forward		<b><u>48,753</u></b>	<b><u>29,103</u></b>
Cash Funds carried forward		<b><u>48,386</u></b>	<b><u>48,753</u></b>

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 July 2024

	NOTE	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Nat West Account		44,744	44,261
Paypal Account		<u>3,642</u>	<u>4,492</u>
		<b><u>48,386</u></b>	<b><u>48,753</u></b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>			
VW Vans and Ebikes		19,400	26,400
Equipment (cats)		5,626	6,762
Equipment (office/unit cameras)		<u>550</u>	<u>4,252</u>
	3	<b><u>25,576</u></b>	<b><u>37,414</u></b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<b><u>73,962</u></b>	<b><u>86,167</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent Examiners Fee		475	470
Annual Return		<u>110</u>	<u>105</u>
		<b><u>585</u></b>	<b><u>575</u></b>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

*Maggie Skinner*

Name	Mrs M Skinner
Position	Chairperson
Date	8th May 2025

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2 Payments to trustees

The trustees receive no remuneration, direct or indirect benefits from the charity.

Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed to trustees and include fuel for their own vehicles in order to attend the sites, postage, cat food, equipment and veterinary fees.

3 trustees received £2,409 (3 trustees in 2023: £5,125)

### 3 Tangible Assets

Equipment is stated at cost.

VW Caddy Grey (GF20 AVE)	16,000
Decathlon E-bikes (2)	3,400
Pens, traps and other equipment	2,940
Large galvanised pen (protect-a-pet)	2,686
	<u>25,026</u>

Cameras and accessories\* 550

Carried forward 31 July 2024 25,576

Cat shelters and specialist equipment purchased by the charity are donated to stables and small re-homing organisations to house the cats.

Historical costs are recorded without depreciation (wear and tear).

\* Most of the equipment in this category was lost in the flooding.

The comparative value at 31 July 2023 was £4,252

### 4 Funds

The charity has no Restricted Funds.

**FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170938

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# Accounts

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# **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

**Caring for the feral cats in Sheffield**  
**Charity Registration Number: 1170938**

**Friends of Ferals** 

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REG CHARITY NO: 1170938

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 3 Main Street  
Back of Railway Arches  
Catcliffe Rotherham S60 5SR

WEB SITE <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofferals/>

TRUSTEE: Margaret Skinner (Chairperson)  
Joanne Gardner  
Nicola Speke  
Michael Dooley

GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Trust deed dated 21 November 2016

BANK: Nat West Bank  
42 High Street  
Sheffield  
S1 2GE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS: Mrs Sarah Smith MSc BSc FCCA FCIE MNAVP  
TSA (Oakham) Ltd  
Temple House  
8 Main Street  
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LE15 7QA

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustee of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) for the year ended 31 July 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination of the accounts 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) as required by s130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

*Sarah Smith*

**Sarah A Smith (Mrs) MSc BSc FCCA FCIE MNAVP** 27 February 2024.  
TSA (Oakham) Ltd  
Temple House  
8, Main Street  
Cold Overton  
LEICS LE15 7QA

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023.**

The report of the trustee for the year ended 31 July 2023 includes the information given on the Reference and Administration page, (page 1).

The charity is run by trustees within the principles of a Charitable Trust Deed dated November 2016.

#### **Objects:**

- to help control the huge number of feral and abandoned unneutered cats in and around the city of Sheffield, and monitor their health and wellbeing.
- to remove cats from crisis situations in areas of danger to safety by way of placements at stables, homes or back to site where safe.
- to help small rescues, with trapping advice, the use of specialist equipment and the funding of equipment, food and veterinary treatment. We have maintained our critical partnerships with small rescues in the South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, and North Nottinghamshire areas which uphold our Mission Statement.
- to assist in areas of social and economic deprivation, with neutering, microchipping and veterinary funding. We always find that a little advice, a small gesture works wonders when people feel they have nowhere else to turn to for help when all the cat they take in may need is neutering, microchipping and basic treatment.
- to promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding neutering and basic cat care.

#### **Activities and Achievements in support of the objects:**

This year has been a very good year from a life-saving, and information-sharing point of view. The charity is stable financially and we have survived and even thrived when other rescues have closed their doors. Our volunteers have battled through, trapping and rehoming street cats in very difficult circumstances

However, despite everything that this year threw at us, we have still been able to maintain our average figure of cats helped, over 200, many placed on stables/small holdings, all neutered, bloodtested, microchipped and brought back to health.

The trustees have established a policy, whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be 18 months of the resources expended. However, due to the longer journeys undertaken this year resulting from the closure of other rescue organisations, the trustees decided in 2022 to purchase a second commercial vehicle. It is hoped that we will be able to increase our fundraising to cover the running costs of the VW Caddy as it is most important that our frontline trustees are kept safe. During this financial year, the trustees have sold the older vehicle (YS68 NGG) to replenish reserves.

The closure of three local rescues has been brought to our attention, we continue to work closely with those that remain.

*-trapping, neutering, veterinary treatment and daily feeding of feral colonies, from online auction funding and voluntary donations*

This year again has seen a further increase in cats giving birth on the streets as a lasting effect of the global pandemic. We are constantly inundated with calls for help and trapping continues on a daily basis from dawn until late at night. It is taking all the charity's resources to keep on top of the previous week's calls.

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023. (CON)

Placing ferals in stables is a lengthy process and is something most other rescues are unable to do. We have it down to a fine art after years of practice. Following the initial visit to assess suitability, chicken coops are placed to give the cats somewhere safe, secure and comfortable in which to live out their first few weeks of restriction while getting used to their new homes. Visits are carried out on a regular basis at the same time as delivering supplies to ensure the cats are settled and in good health. When assessing cats in a colony we find that not all are born feral, some are intact strays that have mixed into the colony. These cats that have been exposed to humans may stay in foster care for a long period but often make good pets and are re-homed. Feral cats are not returned to dangerous situations. Those that can't return to gardens or companies or go to stables where their safe future can be ensured, and are not rehomeable are looked after by long term foster parents who are dedicated to them for their lifetimes.

*- information and advice given on our website and face book page*

Our Facebook presence continues to grow and has become an excellent forum for detailing our activities, very popular with our supporters.

We are in the process of reformatting our web site with up to date information, especially regarding the importance of neutering and microchipping.

We have made great strides to increase our members on our facebook auction page which is also very popular and covers the cost of most of our veterinary and food bills, being responsible for the provision of food for over 100 cats every day at an annual cost of £10k.

Our supporters also use this as an approachable medium for seeking advice and sharing their stories and experiences.

*- our supporters*

The trustees extend their heartfelt thanks to their loyal Friends of Ferals who have helped by running the auction site, donating, adopting or fostering cats and in the vital frontline work of trapping and feeding the colonies.

We hope that by getting our prevention messages out into the community, we can stop things from hitting crisis point in families and communities, reducing the number of emergencies we have to respond to at short notice and also reducing the number of cats that have to be destroyed in South Yorkshire every week. We know that by working with people at the earliest opportunity we can support them to access the services they need to reduce unwanted stress. Volunteers, as ever are a huge part of our organisation, we have some very dedicated supporters who have been with the charity since the very beginning of FOF. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude. There have been incredible acts of selflessness, dedication and commitment to our purpose and our cats that have further cemented our true understanding of why we do what we do, when we need it the most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2023. (CON)

#### **Financial Review:**

Inevitably the cost of living crisis has continued to affect the charity's activities including fundraising and acting in partnership with other organisations. However, support for FOF as an individual organisation has remained very strong with donations and the auction bringing in £43,707 (2022: £41,376).

Expenditure was £40,057, (2022:£46,381).

The charity made a surplus of £3,650 before the sale of the commercial vehicle.

The sale realised £16,000 and so the total surplus was £19,650.

The remaining free reserves of £48,753 represent approx. 14 months normal expenditure.

The trustees are confident that the reserves held are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the charity for at least 12 months from the signature date of these accounts and now approach the ideal level of reserves which the charity's trustees set at 18 months expenditure.

#### **Public Benefit:**

The trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the use of funds.

The charity helps all local communities experiencing the management problems of unwanted, abandoned and feral cats. It also helps individual cat owners of limited financial means with veterinary care particularly neutering. The management, treatment and re-homing of feral cats manifestly benefits both the human and animal populations of Sheffield and environs.

*Maggie Skinner*

Mrs M Skinner  
27-Feb-24

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

	NOTE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted Fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Voluntary donations and auction	39,807	39,807	41,376
Grants	0	0	400
Fundraising events and commissions paid	3,900	3,900	4,966
Sale of Van	16,000	16,000	0
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>59,707</b>	<b><u>59,707</u></b>	<b><u>46,742</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Fund raising expenses incl platform fees</i>	337	337	591
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>			
Veterinary fees	13,635	13,635	16,332
Cat Care and equipment	1,395	1,395	3,436
Crematorium	798	798	612
Cat food and litter	10,617	10,617	7,523
Equipment (Office/Unit)	734	734	5,588
Donations	2,402	2,402	15
Printing postage and stationery	1,225	1,225	1,552
Fuel, vehicle repairs and hire	3,903	3,903	4,949
Garage rent and storage	3,905	3,905	4,568
Website maintenance	35	35	241
Insurance (vehicle, volunteers and public liability)	521	521	458
Independent Examination	550	550	516
Purchase of Vehicles	3 0	0	22,000
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>40,057</b>	<b><u>40,057</u></b>	<b><u>68,381</u></b>
		<b><u>19,650</u></b>	<b><u>-21,639</u></b>
<b><u>Net Receipts, (Payments)</u></b>			
Cash Funds brought forward		<b><u>29,103</u></b>	<b><u>50,742</u></b>
Cash Funds carried forward		<b><u>48,753</u></b>	<b><u>29,103</u></b>

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 July 2023

	NOTE	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Nat West Account		44,261	23,941
Paypal Account		<u>4,492</u>	<u>5,162</u>
		<b><u>48,753</u></b>	<b><u>29,103</u></b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>			
VW Vans and Ebikes		26,400	44,660
Equipment (cats)		6,762	11,746
Equipment (office/unit cameras)		<u>4,252</u>	<u>4,252</u>
	3	<b><u>37,414</u></b>	<b><u>60,658</u></b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<b><u>86,167</u></b>	<b><u>89,761</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent Examiners Fee		470	450
Annual Return		<u>105</u>	<u>100</u>
		<b><u>575</u></b>	<b><u>550</u></b>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

*Maggie Skinner*

Name	Mrs M Skinner
Position	Chairperson
Date	27-Feb-24

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2023

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2 Payments to trustees

The trustees receive no remuneration, direct or indirect benefits from the charity.

Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed to trustees and include fuel for their own vehicles in order to attend the sites, postage, cat food, equipment and veterinary fees.

3 trustees received £5,125 (4 trustees in 2022: £3,250)

### 3 Tangible Assets

Equipment is stated at cost.

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Decathlon E-bikes (2)	4,400
Pens, traps and other equipment	4,076
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	<u>33,162</u>

Cameras and accessories

	4,252
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Carried forward 31 July 2023

	<u>37,414</u>
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Cat shelters purchased by the charity are donated to stables and small re-homing organisations to house the cats.

Historical costs are recorded without wear and tear or damage considered.

### 4 Funds

The charity has no Restricted Funds.

**FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170938

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# Accounts

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# **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

**Caring for the feral cats in Sheffield**  
**Charity Registration Number: 1170938**

## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REG CHARITY NO: 1170938

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 3 Main Street  
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TRUSTEE: Margaret Skinner (Chairperson)  
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## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustee of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) for the year ended 31 July 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination of the accounts 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) as required by s130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

*Sarah Smith*

**Sarah A Smith (Mrs) MSc BSc FCCA FCIE MNAV** 9th December 2022

TSA (Oakham) Ltd  
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8, Main Street  
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## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021.**

The report of the trustee for the year ended 31 July 2022 includes the information given on the Reference and Administration page, (page 1).

The charity is run by trustees within the principles of a charitable Trust Deed dated November 2016.

#### **Objects:**

- to help control the huge number of feral and abandoned unneutered cats in and around the city of Sheffield, and monitor their health and wellbeing.
- to remove cats from crisis situations in areas of danger to safety by way of placements at stables, homes or back to site where safe.
- to help small rescues, with trapping advice, the use of specialist equipment and the funding of equipment, food and veterinary treatment. We have maintained our critical partnerships with small rescues in the South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, and North Nottinghamshire areas which uphold our Mission Statement.
- to assist in areas of social and economic deprivation, with neutering, microchipping and veterinary funding. We always find that a little advice, a small gesture works wonders when people feel they have nowhere else to turn to for help when all the cat they take in may need is neutering, microchipping and basic treatment.
- to promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding neutering and basic cat care.

#### **Activities and Achievements in support of the objects:**

Our ninth year has again been a very good year from a life-saving, information-sharing and financial point of view. We have survived and even thrived when other rescues have closed their doors. Our volunteers have battled through, trapping and rehoming street cats in very difficult circumstances

However, despite everything that this year threw at us, we have still been able to maintain our average figure of cats helped, over 200, many placed on stables/small holdings, all neutered, bloodtested, microchipped and brought back to health.

The trustees have established a policy, whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be 18 months of the resources expended. However, due to the longer journeys undertaken this year resulting from the closure of other rescues organisations, the trustees decided to purchase a commercial vehicle. It is hoped that we will be able to increase our fundraising to cover the running costs of the VW Caddy as it is most important that our frontline trustees are kept safe. In the event of financial necessity the trustees will consider selling the original VW Combi, but have reduced the reserves policy to a minimum of 6 months running costs until 31 July 2024 at which point this level will be reviewed.

The closure of Rotherham Rescue Rangers meant more cats were being left out on the streets, following which a new group, 4 The Love of Cats, was set up. We are delighted to work with them, both from a practical as well as financial point of view.

*-trapping, neutering, veterinary treatment and daily feeding of feral colonies, from online auction funding and voluntary donations*

This year again has seen a further increase in cats giving birth on the streets as a direct result of the global pandemic. We are constantly inundated with calls for help and although trapping continues on a daily basis from dawn until late at night it is taking all the charity's resources to keep on top of the previous week's calls.

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2022. (CON)**

Placing ferals in stables is a lengthy process and is something most other rescues are unable to do. We have it down to a fine art after years of practice. Following the initial visit to assess suitability, chicken coops are placed to give the cats somewhere safe, secure and comfortable in which to live out their first few weeks of restriction while getting used to their new homes. Visits are carried out on a regular basis at the same time as delivering supplies to ensure the cats are settled and in good health.

#### *- information and advice given on our website and face book page*

Our Facebook presence continues to grow and has become an excellent forum for detailing our activities, very popular with our supporters. We are in the process of reformatting our web site with up to date information, especially regarding the importance of neutering and microchipping. We have made great strides to increase our members on our facebook auction page which is also very popular and covers the cost of most of our veterinary and food bills, being responsible for the provision of food for over 100 cats every day. Our supporters also use this as an approachable medium for seeking advice and sharing their stories and experiences.

#### *- educational and fund raising stalls*

We were not able to have our regular neutering information stalls at community events, stores and vets, but have increased the number of our food donation bins in the supermarkets and vets where the displays draw attention to the benefits of neutering and microchipping. Our involvement in the Pets@Home VIP voucher scheme has been very helpful, resulting in over £1K funding for in-store grooming and supplies.

#### *- our supporters*

The trustees extend their heartfelt thanks to their loyal Friends of Ferals who have helped by running the auction site, donating, adopting or fostering cats and in the vital frontline work of trapping and feeding the colonies.

We hope that by getting our prevention messages out into the community, we can stop things from hitting crisis point in families and communities, reducing the number of emergencies we have to respond to at short notice and also reducing the number of cats that have to be destroyed in South Yorkshire every week. We know that by working with people at the earliest opportunity we can support them to access the services they need to reduce unwanted stress. Volunteers, as ever are a huge part of our organisation, we have some very dedicated supporters who have been with the charity since the very beginning of FOF. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude. There have been incredible acts of selflessness, dedication and commitment to our purpose and our cats that have further cemented our true understanding of why we do what we do, when we need it the most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2022. (CON)

#### **Financial Review:**

Inevitably the pandemic has continued to affect the charity's activities including fundraising and acting in partnership with other organisations. However, support for FOF as an individual organisation has remained very strong with donations and the auction bringing in £41,376 (2021: £44,478).

Expenditure, excluding vehicles, was £46,381, (2021:£42,407).

The charity made a small surplus of £361 before the purchase of the commercial vehicle.

The vehicle was therefore purchased from accumulated available reserves.

The deficit including the vehicle purchase was -£21,639, (2021: £6,091).

The remaining free reserves of £29,103 represent 7.5 months normal expenditure.

The trustees are confident that the reserves held are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the charity for at least 12 months from the signature date of these accounts and fall within the minimum level set this year in order to release funds for the vehicle purchase.

#### **Public Benefit:**

The trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the use of funds.

The charity helps all local communities experiencing the management problems of unwanted, abandoned and feral cats. It also helps individual cat owners of limited financial means with veterinary care particularly neutering. The management, treatment and re-homing of feral cats manifestly benefits both the human and animal populations of Sheffield and environs.

*Maggie Skinner*

Mrs M Skinner  
09-Dec-22

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022

	NOTE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	2022	2021
	Fund		
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Voluntary donations and auction	41,376	41,376	44,478
Grants	400	400	0
Fundraising events and commissions paid	4,966	4,966	5,720
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>46,742</b>	<b><u>46,742</u></b>	<b><u>50,198</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Fund raising expenses incl platform fees</i>	591	591	1,503
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>			
Veterinary fees	16,332	16,332	15,490
Cat Care and equipment	3,436	3,436	5,595
Crematorium	612	612	408
Cat food and litter	7,523	7,523	5,868
Equipment (Office/Unit)	5,588	5,588	897
Donations	15	15	995
Printing postage and stationery	1,552	1,552	1,607
Mobile Telephone	0	0	507
Fuel, vehicle repairs and hire	4,949	4,949	3,598
Garage rent and storage	4,568	4,568	4,128
Website maintenance	241	241	570
Insurance (vehicle, volunteers and public liability)	458	458	453
Independent Examination	516	516	500
Legal Fees	0	0	288
Purchase of Vehicles	3 22,000	22,000	1,700
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>68,381</b>	<b><u>68,381</u></b>	<b><u>44,107</u></b>
<b><u>Net Receipts</u></b>		<b><u><u>-21,639</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>6,091</u></u></b>
Cash Funds brought forward		<b><u>50,742</u></b>	<b><u>44,651</u></b>
Cash Funds carried forward		<b><u><u>29,103</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>50,742</u></u></b>

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 July 2022

	NOTE	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Nat West Account		23,941	47,974
Paypal Account		<u>5,162</u>	<u>2,768</u>
		<b><u>29,103</u></b>	<b><u>50,742</u></b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>			
VW Vans and Ebikes		44,660	22,660
Equipment (cats)		11,746	21,216
Equipment (office/unit cameras)		<u>4,252</u>	<u>4,252</u>
	3	<b><u>60,658</u></b>	<b><u>48,128</u></b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<b><u>89,761</u></b>	<b><u>98,870</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent Examiners Fee		450	415
Annual Return		<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>
		<b><u>550</u></b>	<b><u>510</u></b>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

*Maggie Skinner*

Name	Mrs M Skinner
Position	Chairperson
Date	09-Dec-22

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2022

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2 Payments to trustees

The trustees receive no remuneration, direct or indirect benefits from the charity.

Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed to trustees and include fuel for their own vehicles in order to attend the sites, miscellaneous office costs etc.

4 trustees received £3,250 (4 trustees in 2021: £2,637)

### 3 Tangible Assets

Equipment is stated at cost.

VW Caddy Grey (GF20 AVE)	22,000
VW C20 Kombi Maxi Grey (YS68 NGG)	18,260
Decathlon E-bikes (2)	4,400
Pens, traps and other equipment	9,060
Large galvanised pen (protect-a-pet)	2,686
	<u>56,406</u>

Cameras and accessories 4,252

Carried forward 31 July 2022 60,658

Cat shelters purchased by the charity are donated to stables and small re-homing organisations to house the cats.  
Historical costs are recorded without wear and tear or damage considered.

### 4 Funds

The charity has no Restricted Funds.

**FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170938

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# Accounts

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# **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

**Caring for the feral cats in Sheffield**  
**Charity Registration Number: 1170938**

## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REG CHARITY NO: 1170938

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS: 3 Main Street  
Back of Railway Arches  
Catcliffe Rotherham S60 5SR

WEB SITE <http://www.friendsofferals.co.uk/>

TRUSTEE: Margaret Skinner (Chairperson)  
Joanne Gardner  
Nicola Speke  
Michael Dooley

GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Trust deed dated 21 November 2016

BANK: Nat West Bank  
42 High Street  
Sheffield  
S1 2GE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS: Mrs Sarah Smith BSc FCCA FCIE  
TSA (Oakham) Ltd  
Temple House  
8 Main Street  
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## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustee of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) for the year ended 31 July 2021.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination of the accounts 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) as required by s130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

*Sarah Smith*

**Sarah A Smith (Mrs) BSc FCCA FCIE**

TSA (Oakham) Ltd  
Temple House  
8, Main Street  
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28-Feb-22

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021.**

The report of the trustee for the year ended 31 July 2021 includes the information given on the Reference and Administration page, (page 1).

The charity is run by trustees within the principles of a charitable Trust Deed dated November 2016.

#### **Objects:**

- to help control the huge number of feral and abandoned unneutered cats in and around the city of Sheffield, and monitor their health and wellbeing.
- to remove cats from crisis situations in areas of danger to safety by way of placements at stables, homes or back to site where safe.
- to help small rescues, with trapping advice, the use of specialist equipment and the funding of equipment, food and veterinary treatment. We are maintaining critical partnerships with small rescues in the South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, and North Nottinghamshire areas which uphold our Mission Statement.
- to assist in areas of social and economic deprivation, with neutering, microchipping and veterinary funding. We always find that a little advice, a small gesture works wonders when people feel they have nowhere else to turn to for help when all the cat they take in may need is neutering, microchipping and basic treatment.
- to promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding neutering and basic cat care.

#### **Activities and Achievements in support of the objects:**

Our eighth year has again been a very good year from a life-saving, information-sharing and financial point of view. We have survived and even thrived when other rescues have closed their doors. And although we have lost much valued volunteers to Covid, our remaining volunteers have battled through, trapping and rehoming street cats in very difficult circumstances

However, despite everything that this year threw at us, we have still been able to maintain our average figure of cats helped, over 200, many placed on stables/small holdings, all neutered, bloodtested, microchipped and brought back to health.

To ensure continuation of our charity's current activities within the local community, especially at this precarious time, the Trustees have established a policy, at the advice of our accountant, whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be 18 months of the resources expended

*-trapping, neutering, veterinary treatment and daily feeding of feral colonies, from online auction funding and voluntary donations*

This year again has seen a further increase in cats giving birth on the streets and at sites such as the Sheffield former steel works. We are constantly inundated with calls for help and although trapping continues on a daily basis from dawn until late at night it is taking all the charity's resources to keep on top of the previous week's calls.

Placing ferals in stables is a lengthy process and is something other rescues are unable to do. We have it down to a fine art after years of practice. Following the initial visit to assess suitability, chicken coops are placed to give the cats somewhere safe, secure and comfortable in which to live out their first few weeks of restriction while getting used to their new homes. Visits are carried out on a regular basis at the same time as delivering supplies to ensure the cats are settled and in good health.

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021. (CON)**

#### *- information and advice given on our website and face book page*

Our Facebook presence continues to grow and has become an excellent forum for detailing our activities, very popular with our supporters.

We are in the process of reformatting our web site with up to date information, especially regarding the importance of neutering and microchipping.

We have made great strides to increase our members on our facebook auction page which is also very popular and covers the cost of most of our veterinary and food bills, being responsible for the provision of food for over 100 cats every day.

Our supporters also use this as an approachable medium for seeking advice and sharing their stories and experiences.

#### *- educational and fund raising stalls*

We were not able to have our regular neutering information stalls at community events, stores and vets, but have increased the number of our food donation bins in the supermarkets and vets where the displays draw attention to the benefits of neutering and microchipping. Our involvement in the Pets@Home VIP voucher scheme has been very helpful, resulting in over £2K funding for in-store grooming and supplies.

We are still benefitting from the Pets@Home Charity of the Year grants, owning a nearly new van as a consequence. This came just in time as our old van had begun to let us down in dangerous areas.

#### *- our supporters*

The trustees extend their heartfelt thanks to their loyal Friends of Ferals who have helped by running the auction site, donating, adopting or fostering cats and in the vital frontline work of trapping and feeding the colonies.

We hope that by getting our prevention messages out into the community, we can stop things from hitting crisis point in families and communities, reducing the number of emergencies we have to respond to at short notice and also reducing the number of cats that have to be destroyed in South Yorkshire every week. We know that by working with people at the earliest opportunity we can support them to access the services they need to reduce unwanted stress. Volunteers, as ever are a huge part of our organisation, we have some very dedicated supporters who have been with the charity since the very beginning of FOF. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude. There have been incredible acts of selflessness, dedication and commitment to our purpose and our cats that have further cemented our true understanding of why we do what we do, when we need it the most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2021. (CON)**

#### **Financial Review:**

Inevitably covid-19 has continued to affect the charity's activities including fund raising and acting in partnership with other organisations. However, support for FOF as an individual organisation has remained very strong with donations and the auction bringing in £44,478 (2020: £34,826). There were no further grants or legacies in 2021, (2020: £16,050) Expenditure, excluding vehicles, was £42,407, (2020:£39,876).

A surplus of £6,091 (2020: deficit £2,185) was recorded and consequently reserves have grown, as planned. At 31 July 2021 reserves in the two bank accounts were £50,742 (2020: £44,651), and underpin the continuing activities of the charity.

The trustees are building up freely accessible reserves in order to meet rising demand and the projects now being undertaken in 2022 and beyond.

The free reserves of £50,742 currently represent 14.5 months normal expenditure, close to the 18 months set as a target by the trustees.

The trustees are confident that the the reserves held are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the charity for at least 12 months from the signature date of these accounts

#### **Public Benefit:**

The trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the use of funds.

The charity helps all local communities experiencing the management problems of unwanted, abandoned and feral cats. It also helps individual cat owners of limited financial means with veterinary care particularly neutering. The management, treatment and re-homing of feral cats manifestly benefits both the human and animal populations of Sheffield and environs.

*Maggie Skinner*

Mrs M Skinner  
28-Feb-22

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021

	NOTE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	2021	2020
	Fund		
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Voluntary donations and auction	44,478	44,478	34,826
Grants		0	15,000
Pets@Home			
Volvux		0	550
Fundraising events and commissions paid	5,720	5,720	7,775
Legacy		0	500
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>50,198</b>	<b><u>50,198</u></b>	<b><u>58,651</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Fund raising expenses incl platform fees</i>	1,503	1,503	1,188
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>			
Veterinary fees	15,490	15,490	10,975
Cat Care	1,460	1,460	0
Crematorium	408	408	504
Cat food and litter	5,868	5,868	5,464
Equipment (Cats)	3 4,135	4,135	6,623
Equipment (Office/Unit)	897	897	857
Donations	995	995	550
Printing postage and stationery	1,607	1,607	2,174
Mobile Telephone	507	507	789
Fuel, vehicle repairs and hire	3,598	3,598	5,484
Garage rent and storage	4,128	4,128	4,008
Website maintenance	570	570	0
Insurance (vehicle, volunteers and public liability)	453	453	780
Independent Examination	500	500	480
Legal Fees	288	288	0
Purchase of Vehicles	3 1,700	1,700	20,960
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>44,107</b>	<b><u>44,107</u></b>	<b><u>60,836</u></b>
		<b><u>6,091</u></b>	<b><u>-2,185</u></b>
Cash Funds brought forward		<b><u>44,651</u></b>	<b><u>46,836</u></b>
Cash Funds carried forward		<b><u>50,742</u></b>	<b><u>44,651</u></b>

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 July 2021

	NOTE	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Nat West Account		47,974	38,228
Paypal Account		<u>2,768</u>	<u>6,423</u>
		<b><u>50,742</u></b>	<b><u>44,651</u></b>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>			
VW Van and Ebikes	3	22,660	20,960
Equipment (Cats)		21,216	17,081
Equipment (Office/Unit)		<u>4,252</u>	<u>3,355</u>
		<b><u>48,128</u></b>	<b><u>41,396</u></b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<b><u>98,870</u></b>	<b><u>86,047</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent Examiners Fee		415	405
Annual Return		<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>
		<b><u>510</u></b>	<b><u>500</u></b>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

*Maggie Skinner*

Name                      Mrs M Skinner  
Position                   Chairperson  
Date                        28-Feb-22

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2021

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2 Payments to trustees

The trustees receive no remuneration, direct or indirect benefits from the charity.

Out of pocket expenses paid to trustees include fuel for their own vehicles in order to attend the sites, mobile telephone, post and stationery.

4 trustees received £2,637, (2020: £2,704)

### 3 Tangible Assets

Equipment is stated at cost.

VW C20 Kombi Maxi Grey YS68NGG	18,260
Decathlon E-bikes (2)	4,400
Coops/Pens/Shelters/ Traps	18,530
Large galvanised pen (protect-a-pet)	2,686
Carried forward 31 July 2021	<u><u>43,876</u></u>

Cameras and accessories	4,252
Carried forward 31 July 2021	<u><u>4,252</u></u>

The VW van is registered in a trustee's name. M Skinner  
Historical costs are recorded without wear and tear or damage considered.

### 4 Funds

The charity has no Restricted Funds.

**FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1170938

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# Accounts

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# **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

**Caring for the feral cats in Sheffield**  
**Charity Registration Number: 1170938**

## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020**

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS: Mrs Sarah Smith BSc FCCA FCIE  
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## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustee of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) for the year ended 31 July 2020.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination of the accounts 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Ferals (Sheffield) as required by s130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

*Sarah Smith*

**Sarah A Smith (Mrs) BSc FCCA FCIE**  
TSA (Oakham) Ltd  
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10th May 2021

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020.**

The report of the trustee for the year ended 31 July 2020 includes the information given on the Reference and Administration page, (page 1).

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#### **Objects:**

- to help control the huge number of feral and abandoned unneutered cats in and around the city of Sheffield and Rotherham, and monitor their health and wellbeing.
- to remove cats from crisis situations in areas of danger to safety by way of placements at stables, homes or back to site where safe.
- to help small rescues, within and outside our area, with trapping advice, the use of specialist equipment and the funding of equipment, food and veterinary treatment. We are maintaining critical partnerships with small rescues in the Mansfield, Retford, Worksop, Ripon, Barnsley, Thorpe Hesley and inner-city Sheffield, which uphold our Mission Statement.
- to help cat owners, particularly the elderly and unemployed, in areas of social and economic deprivation, with neutering, microchipping and veterinary funding. When owners feel they have nowhere else to turn, a small gesture as regards basic treatment neutering or microchipping might be all that is required to support human and animal welfare.
- to promote humane behaviour and educate the public regarding neutering and basic cat care.

#### **Activities and Achievements in support of the objects:**

Our seventh year has again been a very good year from an information-sharing and financial point of view. We are the only charity in Sheffield which has the experience and specialist equipment to help feral cats and are regularly asked by other larger charities to trap on their behalf. We are only too pleased to do this but it does mean weeks, sometimes months, spent on helping other charities is not reflected in the number of cats our charity actually helps.

However, despite everything that 2020 threw at us, we have still been able to maintain our average figure of cats helped, 207, (2019 202). This figure includes 52 placed on stables/small holdings, all neutered, blood tested, microchipped and brought back to health.

To ensure continuation of our charity's current activities within the local community, especially at this precarious time, the Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be 12 months of the resources expended.

*-trapping, neutering, veterinary treatment and daily feeding of feral colonies, from online auction funding and voluntary donations*

This year, again, has seen a further increase in cats giving birth on the streets and at sites such as Sheffield former steel works. We are constantly inundated with calls for help and although trapping continues on a daily basis from dawn until dusk it is taking all the charity's resources to keep on top of the previous week's calls.

Placing ferals in stables is a lengthy process and is something other rescues are unable to do. We have it down to a fine art after years of practice. Following the initial visit to assess suitability, chicken coops are placed to give the cats somewhere safe, secure and comfortable in which to live out their first few weeks of restriction while getting used to their new homes. Visits are carried out on a regular basis at the same time as delivering supplies to ensure the cats are settled and in good health.

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020. (CON)**

#### *- information and advice given on our website and face book page*

Our Facebook presence continues to grow and has become an excellent forum for detailing our activities, very popular with our supporters.

We have made great strides to increase our members on our facebook auction page which is also very popular and covers the cost of most of our veterinary and food bills, being responsible for the provision of food for over 100 cats every day.

The "Feeding Station" facebook page exists solely to raise funds to feed some of the ferals at their sites but at the same time shows the faces and living conditions of the cats on the streets.

We continue to run our video showing how we trap and place ferals and are only too pleased to loan out traps with lessons on how to make the best possible use of our specialist equipment at companies' fundraising events and on information stalls, although these activities have been severely curtailed by covid-19.

#### *- educational and fund raising stalls*

We were still able to have our regular neutering information stalls at community events, stores and vets, although these were curtailed early in the year, again because of the pandemic. They have always been well received and as well as generating income, have allowed us to speak to members of the public to raise awareness of cats in crisis. We have food donation bins in the main vets in Sheffield and Pets@Home stores where the displays draw attention to free neutering and microchipping. Our involvement in Pets@Home VIP voucher scheme has been very helpful, resulting in over £3k funding for in-store grooming and supplies.

We were asked to be the Pets@Home Charity of the Year 2019 and although this meant a tremendous amount of commitment with in-store events, it resulted in a grant of £15k for the purchase of a nearly new van. This came just in time as our old van had begun to let us down in dangerous areas.

We were proud to be a Partner of the CatSmart programme which funded neutering/microchipping in Sheffield, sponsored by the RSPCA. Unfortunately, funding ran out at the end of the year which will inevitably have an adverse effect on the number of unneutered cats left on the streets.

A monthly Craft Club was initiated by one of our talented volunteers to act to strengthen volunteer relationships, as well as enabling a new fundraising arm from the sale of handmade items. Again, covid-19 interfered with her plans but the volunteers have still been able to make superb items for online fundraisers.

#### *- our supporters*

The trustees extend their heartfelt thanks to their loyal Friends of Ferals who have helped by donating, adopting or fostering cats and in the vital frontline work of trapping and feeding the colonies.

We hope that by getting our prevention messages out into the community, we can stop things from hitting crisis point in families and communities, reducing the the number of emergencies we have to respond to at short notice and also reducing the number of cats that have to be destroyed in South Yorkshire every week. We know that by working with people at the earliest opportunity we can support them to access the services they need to reduce unwanted stress. For example if we can support people to neuter and spay their pets it reduces unwanted litters which can be the tipping point for families in financial difficulties.

## **FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2020. (CON)**

Volunteers, as ever, are a huge part of our organisation, we have some dedicated supporters who have been with the charity since the very beginning of FOF. We owe them all a great debt of gratitude.

#### **Financial Review:**

In the seventh year of existence the charity has experienced a 7% drop in donations to £34,826 due to covid-19 but was fortunate to receive grants of £15,550 and a legacy of £500 which were new income streams this year. This income met 76% of the new vehicle and Ebike costs of £20,960.

Fund raising continued online but also saw a decrease of 18% to £7,775

A deficit of £2,185 (2019: surplus £16,915) was recorded and consequently reserves have reduced from £46,836, to £44,651. However, this was after funding the additional one off costs of the vehicles and leaves the charity in a secure financial position ready to re-start income generating activities that could not continue during the pandemic.

Annual running costs (excluding new equipment) are £33k and so the reserves policy, to maintain 1 years running costs on deposit at the bank has been met.

The trustees are confident that the reserves held at the year end are sufficient to meet liabilities for at least 12 months from the signature date on these accounts.

#### **Public Benefit:**

The trustees bear in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the use of funds.

The charity helps all local communities experiencing the management problems of unwanted, abandoned and feral cats. It also helps individual cat owners of limited financial means with veterinary care particularly neutering. The management, treatment and re-homing of feral cats manifestly benefits both the human and animal populations of Sheffield and environs.

*Maggie Skinner*

Mrs M Skinner  
10th May 2021

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020

	NOTE	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Unrestricted	2020	2019
	Fund		
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Voluntary donations and auction	34,826	34,826	37,421
Grants <u>Pets@Home</u>	15,000	15,000	0
Volvux	550	550	0
Fundraising events and commissions paid	7,775	7,775	9,534
Legacy	500	500	0
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>	<b>58,651</b>	<b><u>58,651</u></b>	<b><u>46,955</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<i>Fund raising expenses incl platform fees</i>	1188	1188	1512
<i>Direct charitable costs</i>			
Veterinary fees	10,975	10,975	6,679
Crematorium	504	504	597
Cat food and litter	5,464	5,464	6,291
Equipment (Cats)	3 6,623	6,623	2,992
Equipment (Office/Unit)	857	857	450
Donations	550	550	131
Printing postage and stationery	2,174	2,174	1,435
Mobile Telephone	789	789	688
Fuel, vehicle repairs and hire	5,484	5,484	3,640
Garage rent and storage	4,008	4,008	3,522
Repairs and maintenance	0	0	1,021
Insurance (vehicle, volunteers and public liability)	780	780	722
Professional fees	480	480	360
Purchase of Vehicles	3 20,960	20,960	0
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>	<b>60,836</b>	<b><u>60,836</u></b>	<b><u>30,040</u></b>
<b><u>Net Receipts</u></b>		<b><u>-2,185</u></b>	<b><u>16,915</u></b>
Cash Funds brought forward		<b><u>46,836</u></b>	<b><u>29,921</u></b>
Cash Funds carried forward		<b><u>44,651</u></b>	<b><u>46,836</u></b>

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 July 2020

	NOTE	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Nat West Account		38,228	43,289
Paypal Account		6,423	3,547
		<u>44,651</u>	<u>46,836</u>
<b>Tangible Assets</b>			
VW Van and Ebike	3	20,960	500
Equipment (Cats)		17,081	10,458
Equipment (Office/Unit)		3,355	2,498
		<u>41,396</u>	<u>13,456</u>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<u>86,047</u>	<u>60,292</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Independent Examiners Fee		405	390
Annual Return		95	90
		<u>500</u>	<u>480</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

*Maggie Skinner*

Name                      Mrs M Skinner  
Position                    Chairperson  
Date                         10th May 2021

## FRIENDS OF FERALS (SHEFFIELD)

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2 Payments to trustees

The trustees receive no remuneration, direct or indirect benefits from the charity.

Out of pocket expenses in respect of veterinary care, food and equipment are refunded to trustees and volunteers.

In addition, 4 trustees received reimbursed fuel costs totalling £2,704, ( 2019: £2,700)

### 3 Tangible Assets

Equipment is stated at cost.

In 2020 the charity purchased:	£
VW C20 Kombi Maxi Grey YS68NGG	18,260
Decathlon E-bike	2,700
Coops/Pens/Shelters/ Traps	6,623
	<b>27,583</b>
Brought forward 1 August 2019	10,458
Carried forward 31 July 2020	<u><b>38,041</b></u>
Brought forward 1 August 2019	2,498
Cameras and accessories	857
Carried forward 31 July 2020	<u><b>3,355</b></u>

The VW van is registered in a trustee's name. M Skinner

### 4 Funds

The charity has no Restricted Funds.