

# Here for Cats

Cat Rescue for Surrey



**Charity Number 1172317**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Independently Examined Accounts for the  
Year Ended 31st December 2023**



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**Company Information**  
**31st December 2023**

**COMPANY NUMBER** 1172317

**VAT NUMBER** 336 8150 96

**TRUSTEES**

Jan Watson	appointed 22.2.17
Lesley Baughan	appointed 22.2.17
Joyce Wilson	appointed 16.6.22
Elspeth Beswick	appointed 29.06.24

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# **Here for Cats**

## **Trustee's Report**

### **For the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

#### **Governing document**

Here for Cats (HFC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organization registered on 29 March 2017. No amendments have been made to date.

#### **Charity Trustee Selection Methods**

The charity was formed by a small group of individuals with many years of experience in cat rescue and rehoming. We are actively looking for additional trustees with wider experience to help grow our charity to the next level. Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the existing trustees. Trustees will be selected with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

#### **Summary of the Objectives of the Charity**

We aim to rescue and rehabilitate cats and kittens without homes, to find them loving new homes and to assist the public to rehome animals they can no longer care for. A further aim is to promote higher welfare standards through public education and involvement in the care of animals.

**Our vision statement is:** To give every cat its best life.

**Our mission statement is:** Working together to improve the lives of cats now and in the future.

#### **Main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives**

Figures for the year (last years figures in brackets)

- 4(18) Direct Rehome
- 166(89) Neutered
- 29(35) Assisted with vet fees
- 41(21) Released back into the wild (TNR)
- 150(154) Rehomed

We have garden pens in homes, dedicated pens in a local cattery and space in others when available, and a growing and flexible network of caring foster homes throughout Surrey and neighbouring counties to enable us to take cats into our care.

In addition we operate a direct rehoming service to rehome cats from existing homes where possible. This policy makes it a less stressful process for the animals and owners and allows HFC to help more animals as our pen spaces can be used for homeless animals and urgent cases.

HFC works with a number of veterinary practices, in Surrey and surrounding areas and also work in cooperation with other local charities thus maximizing our ability to help members of the public and animals in need.

Trustees have regard to Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 in the operation of the charity and work hard to ensure that the money raised is spent to benefit the animals, either directly on their health and welfare, or to raise the profile of the charity to attract more homes, supporters and volunteers.

Cats coming into our care are health checked, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped before rehoming. We follow up to ensure the animals and new owners are happy in the new relationship. We can offer behavioural advice, animal communication and bereavement counselling should the need arise. These services have allowed a significant number of animals to remain with their original owners.

Online homechecking is now standard except in certain circumstances. We conduct comprehensive intake interviews so that we can best understand the needs of the individual cats.

Our Golden Oldies policy continues to be popular where we will cover certain conditions in older cats to increase our ability to find them suitable homes.

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

It has been another busy year with more pressure than ever on our resources, both in terms of homes available and individuals needing our help. We have had long waiting lists and have done our best to offer advice and support to those in need of help while they wait. Our hard work has been recognised again this year through nomination for the Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity of the Year Award. We continue to support a couple of local pet food banks with donated food, also purchasing and distributing food where necessary. The decrease in good homes and the lack of affordable vet care has led to an increase in feral colonies with an increased need to trap, neuter and release (TNR) where appropriate, and to our offering neutering where we can.

The closure of Five Acres cattery in October last year left us without any regular cattery pens. After a long search we now have a new partner cattery located on the Surrey/Hampshire border. Here we have a separate entrance and exclusive access to three pens, one can accommodate 4 cats and the others 2 each. Opaque panels separate the pens thereby minimizing stress levels. A volunteer built a waterproof shed on-site for storage of cat bed, litter trays, food, carriers etc. We

have been rehoming from there since June this year. All of the cats, many of whom are anxious when they first arrive, receive support with socialization from the cattery team alongside a small team of trained volunteers. Working together the requirements for the best home for each cat are established.

With the increase in administrative tasks we made the decision last year to employ a part time second person to oversee the adoption process and support various other admin tasks thus freeing the operations manager to do more problem solving in the community. This appointment in June proved invaluable and was expanded to a full time appointment in October. This has enabled us to increase the level of service we are able to offer.

This year we took part once again in 2 fundraising events, the RSPCA Fun Dog Fair in Chobham and at the Cranleigh Carnival where we have become well known for our great tombolas.

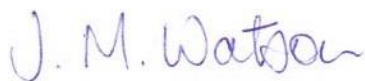
To attract legacies we are members of Remember a Charity. We are also members of the ADCH, the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes. ADCH represents the views of animal welfare charities to the government and is an excellent resource for the charity. Our data is provided annually to the Association of Dogs and Cats homes (ADCH) for analysis and will be used in their own impact and strategic plan.

As of the end of December 2023 we have over 7,300 facebook followers.

We use Shelter Manager to record and audit the trail of each cat that we help. This also provides us with valuable data for our impact and strategy going forward.

#### Policy on reserves

Based on 2022 income and taking into account 1 year's operating costs. HFC have agreed that one year's operating costs will be kept in reserve to cover employment costs, vet bills, catfood, litter and van lease.



Jan Watson  
Treasurer

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## Independent Examiner's Report (for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

HERE FOR CATS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1172317

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

*Michele Sutcliffe*

Date:

5.9.2024

Name:

MICHELE SUTCLIFFE

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qualification(s) or body  
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# Here for Cats **Balance Sheet** At 31st December 2023

## Here for Cats **BALANCE SHEET** At 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	3		1838		0
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors		2612		1,840	
Cash at Bank		281,367		287,959	
		<b>283,979</b>		<b>289,799</b>	
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year					
		2,836		1,638	
				<b>1638</b>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>281,143</b>		<b>288,161</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>282,981</b>		<b>288,161</b>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	5		228,279		176,832
Restricted Funds			54,702		111,329
			<b>282,981</b>		<b>288,161</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on September 5th 2024 and were signed on its behalf by

*J. M. Watson*

Jan Watson  
Trustee



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## Notes on Financial Statements

### At 31st December 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognized as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

#### 2. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation has been provided on all fixed assets at rates designed to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Office Equipment 33% straight line basis

### 3. FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
<b><u>Cost</u></b>			
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023		1016	1016
Additions	<u>2451</u>		<u>2451</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>2451</u>	<u>1016</u>	<u>3467</u>

### **Aggregate Depreciation**

As at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023		1016	1016
Charge for the year	<u>613</u>		<u>613</u>
As at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	<u>613</u>	<u>1016</u>	<u>1629</u>

### **Net Book Value**

At 31st December 2023	<u>1838</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1838</u>
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### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### 5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net Mvmt in funds	At 31.12.23
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	176832	51447	228279
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Felix Fund	111329	(56627)	54702

Net movement in Funds included  
in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
Unrestricted Fund <u>UU</u>			
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	108155	56708	51447
Restricted Funds			
General Fund	0	56627	-56627

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### Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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### REVENUE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	48635	50510
Fundraising	1583	757
Gift Aid	8640	9547
Legacies	44558	5000
Interest Received	4739	757
	<hr/> 108155	<hr/> 66571
<b>Overheads</b>		
Veterinary Fees	41036	31162
Food/Litter	4216	3385
Wages	44140	26064
Employers Pension	1992	1348
Class 1a NIC	623	575
Training	145	
Van Leasing	1157	1308
Motor	1408	1604
Garage Rent	1000	750
Boarding Fees	11375	6565
Equipment		209
Repairs & Renewals	200	505
Software	365	365
Website costs	882	1002
Telephone	387	528
Insurance	898	932
Subscriptions	412	359
Postage & Stationery	810	327
Bank Charges	1383	1514
Depreciation	613	338
Sundries	293	280
	<hr/> 113335	<hr/> 79120
<b>Profit for the Year</b>	<hr/> <b>-5180</b>	<hr/> <b>-12549</b>