



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	6 April 2020	To	5 April 2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Settusfree

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1173327

Charity's principal address

Ellhurst, Five Ash Down

Uckfield

East Sussex

Postcode

TN22 3AP

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Thelda Bryant	Chair Adoptions Manager Fund-Raising Manager	Elected Chair from 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 at AGM	
2	Keith Bowden	Treasurer Membership Secretary		
3	Terry Bryant	Secretary		
4	Chiara Carella	Adoptions Co-ordinator	Elected from 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
5	Gina Whittaker	Adoptions Co-ordinator		
6	Marybeth Stafford-Jones	Adoptions Co-ordinator	Elected from 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	
7	Audrey Maud Leather			
8	Patricia Jane McCutcheon	Chair	6 <sup>th</sup> April – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (resigned as trustee)	
9	Pat Yarrow		6 <sup>th</sup> April – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (resigned)	
10	Claudia Price	Adoptions Co-ordinator	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 – February 2021 (resigned)	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 12 May 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Under Constitution Clause 13.1, trustees will seek re-election at the AGM. A new trustee can be appointed at any time under Clause 13.4

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The management committee was re-structure at the AGM and now consists of the seven trustees together with seven administrators

The charity works closely with a number of recognised rescue organisations throughout mainland Europe in the pursuance of rescuing and caring for abused and abandoned Setters and Setter Cross Breeds, offering financial and moral support. Allocation of donations are considered on merit and agreed by trustees vote.

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

For the public benefit to promote human behaviour towards animals by Supporting European rescues in the provision of appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for abandoned Setters and Setter mix breeds which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage  
To ensure that all dogs that we help are either neutered or spayed before adoption or if too young then we ensure that the adopter does this at the appropriate age  
Securing safe permanent homes within the United Kingdom by matching appropriate dog owners living in suitable settings as adopters of such animals and facilitating their relocation Raising funds to support these activities.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

All dogs coming into the UK are imported in compliance with the DEFRA/APHA regulations on the import of animals.

All adoption homes are checked for suitability, safety and security and are made aware of escape behaviour of Setters that have been used for hunting.

All dogs come with five weeks free pet insurance and the owners are encouraged to continue with pet insurance.

All adopter homes are contacted by the charity's animal behaviourist within six weeks to discuss any issues that may have come to light together with general advice on exercise etc. The charity reserves the right to re-home the dog should it feel it necessary to do so.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All grants and donations made by the charity are ratified by the trustees and fully documented with regard to how these funds were used.

All volunteers and members of the Admin Team, of which the trustees are a part, give of their time freely without pecuniary reward.

Home checks carried out by outside volunteers are done at no expense to the charity.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

In this fiscal year a total of 129 dogs were successfully adopted into new caring homes with a few others in the safety of a foster home whilst waiting for adoption.

This number is down slightly on the previous year, despite borders in Europe being closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic preventing travel to the UK. However, our activities in the counties where borders have opened up have increased.

Our support and fund-raising has helped improve facilities for our European partners where they are able to offer intermediate shelter for rescued dogs being held in appalling conditions in large municipal pounds.

During the year we took on a foster home co-ordinator whose function it is to arrange temporary homes for rescues where the permanent home is not ready or for various reasons must be moved to a safe place before a permanent home can be found. The foster co-ordinator will, also, recruit new foster families.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have no set policy on holding reserves, but allocations are made with a knowledge of what the bank balance is and what we are likely to receive in the way of donations.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's funds are raised in the following ways;

The generous donations of our supporters, some by monthly standing orders.

Annual membership fees – current membership circa 200

Fund raising events such as fun-day get togethers, coffee mornings, raffles, auctions etc.

Sale of charity branded goods and other items displayed in the on-line shop. Individual appeals for a specific purpose such as emergency veterinary treatment.

Monies bequeathed upon the death of a supporter.


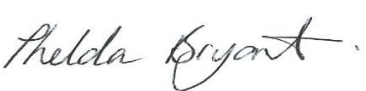
**Section F****Other optional information**

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**Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Terry Bryant	Thelda Bryant
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
	Date 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
SettusFree

On accounts for the year  
ended

5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1173327

Set out on pages

Trustees Report TAR 1-6 Receipts & Payments CC16a R1 & R2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out  
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I  
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission  
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to  
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of  
applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130  
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements  
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities  
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement  
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter  
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection  
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in  
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

18/06/2021

Name:

Nigel James Southerington FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Accountants

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RW Jarvis

Parkdene, Wilton Road,

Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, IE13 0UJ

## Section B Disclosure

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

<p>Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.</p>	
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