



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	6	April	2024		5	April	2025

### 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	Caitlin Lloyd	Chair Adoptions Co-ordinator		
2	Thelda Bryant	Adoptions Manager Fund-Raising Manager	06/04/2024 – 06/10/2024	
3	Keith Bowden	Treasurer Membership Secretary		
4	Terry Bryant	Secretary	06/04/2024 to 21/04/2024	
5	Valentina Vennarini	Adoptions Co-ordinator		
6	Claudia Johnson	Adoptions Coordinator Secretary	06/10/2024 to 05/04/2025	
7	Christine Richardson	Foster Coordinator	06/10/2024 to 05/04/2025	
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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
Training & Behaviour	Ray Ward (joined March 2024)	

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-structured at the AGM (October 2024) and now consists of five trustees, and a change of Chairperson. The Secretary passed away unexpectedly in April 2024 and this role was filled by an existing Trustee, with approval of the other Trustees. There are, also, three administrators and one consultant trainer/behaviourist.

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. Settusfree reserves the right to sever any relationship with a rescue partner whose operating procedures do not meet the standards required by this charity.

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

For the public benefit to promote humane 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 new owners are encouraged to take out pet insurance.

All adopter homes are contacted by the charity's animal behaviourist at the earliest opportunity 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 grant making;
- 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 and all work to a set of guidelines agreed and laid down by the trustees.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

In this fiscal year a total of 47 abused or abandoned Setters have been helped by Settusfree.

All rescue dogs taken under the wing of the charity have a home to go to before they travel from their country of origin, and all are properly prepared for travel following health checks and vaccinations and all travel documentation is checked for compliance with border regulations.

Our financial support for our European partners was increased early in 2023 to help meet the ever-increasing costs of kennelling and health care.

Fund-raising remains robust and the charity's financial situation remains healthy thanks to careful management.

## 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

Fund raising events such as fun-day get togethers, coffee mornings, raffles, auctions, competitions 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)

	
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Full name(s)

Claudia Johnson	Caitlin Lloyd
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair,  
etc)

Secretary

Chair

Date

19 October 2025



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Charity Name  
Settusfree

No (if any)  
1173327

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
6-Apr-24

To

Period end date  
5-Apr-25

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	15,090	-	-	15,090	11,754
Fund Raising Events	614	-	-	614	955
Baloo bFund Raising Page	8,090	-	-	8,090	11,735
Dog Costs	29,298	-	-	29,298	31,534
Membership	3,257	-	-	3,257	3,347
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,522
Commission	4,468	-	-	4,468	2,746
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,244	-	-	2,244	- 117
Interest to Savings	-	-	-	-	142
Interest From Savings	2,107	-	-	2,107	1,094
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>65,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,168</b>	<b>64,712</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sales from items from shop	2,243	-	-	2,243	1,690
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>1,690</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>67,411</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,411</b>	<b>66,402</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vet Fees	6,430	-	-	6,430	5,620
Transport	25,678	-	-	25,678	23,744
Dog Costs inc. Fostering	24,547	-	-	24,547	19,493
Donations to other charities	10,582	-	-	10,582	709
Postage	187	-	-	187	447
Sundries	1,141	-	-	1,141	1,372
Stationery	50	-	-	50	70
Governance	750	-	-	750	697
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>69,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,365</b>	<b>52,152</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Purchases of Stock for Resale	652	-	-	652	580
Postage on Sales	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>580</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>70,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,017</b>	<b>52,732</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,606</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,606</b>	<b>13,670</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,056</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>77,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,726</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>75,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75,120</b>	<b>77,726</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Old Nat West Bank 33664757	338	-	227
	New Nat West Bank 41683439	18,903		21,896
	PayPal Account	736	-	460
	Savins Account	55,143	-	55,143
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>75,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,726</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	Agreement Error


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Savings Account		-	55,143
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Claudia Johnson	8/19/2025



<i>C. Lloyd</i>	Caitlin Lloyd	# 10-Sep-25
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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Settusfree

#### On accounts for the year ended

April 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1173327

#### Set out on pages

CCXXR1, R2 and R3

(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 04/04/2024.

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

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

19/08/2025

Name:

J W Southerington

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

Address:

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Melton Mowbray
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**Section B****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).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**