

Trustees' Annual Report for the period: **01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023**

Charity name: **Stopford Cat Rescue**

Charity registration number: **1178415**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Homing – the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of stray and unwanted cats and kittens.</p> <p>Neutering –i) the neutering and release of feral and garden cats to humanely controlled environments and ii) encouraging and assisting where possible in the neutering of domestic cats.</p> <p>Education – improving understanding of cats and their needs and prevention of cruelty and suffering to cats and kittens.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance that our activities should benefit the public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The charity is run entirely by volunteers from their own homes and does not own land or property thus keeping overheads to an absolute minimum.</p> <p>Committee members and many other supporters help in a wide variety of ways. Volunteers manage the day-to-day care of cats and kittens in foster.</p> <p>Sometimes volunteers help by interacting with specific cats to develop their confidence prior to rehoming.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Homing</p> <p>Cats come into our care from a variety of sources – strays, unwanted, abandoned, evictions, bereavement, via Social Services, police and vet referrals. Whilst we are unable to accommodate all requests, we help if we can. If we are unable to accept a cat, advice and alternative suggestions are always offered.</p> <p>Before being rehomed, all cats undergo a health check from a qualified veterinary surgeon, are neutered (if not already), wormed and defleaded, vaccinated, microchipped and for peace of mind, all are homed with four weeks free health insurance from Petplan.</p> <p>All cats that come into our care are assessed as to their homing suitability (eg. with small children, inexperienced owners, dogs, other pets.) We will only home a cat if we feel there is a good match with their new environment and new owners.</p> <p>We do not home animals on, or near, busy roads in an effort to ensure cats are safe from traffic accidents. Occasionally, we will rehome cats to live indoors but only when they are adults who have never been outside and who show no inclination to do so.</p> <p>Every cat being rehomed is taken to its new owner by a volunteer; We give verbal and written advice about how to settle a new cat into the family. Cats will always be accepted back into care should their new owner's circumstances change.</p> <p>In 2023 we rehomed 86 cats\kittens.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>In the period under review, 86 cats and kittens were rehomed.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Financially Assisted Neutering and Community Support</p> <p>The charity strongly believes that all cats should be neutered both for the cat's health and to avoid the birth of unwanted kittens.</p> <p>Since 2019 we have been helping people to access Financially Assisted Neutering: owners with low disposable income, who cannot afford to have their cats neutered, pay a £12 contribution and the charity pays the remaining veterinary costs. In addition, we encourage people to have their cats microchipped and we subsidise this procedure, charging £8 per cat.</p>

		<p>Some owners took the cats to the appointed vets themselves but in other cases, a volunteer transported the cat; the latter arrangement tends to be preferable to ensure the cat has been pre-starved and is transported in a secure basket. Collection also eliminates any worries disabled owners may have and supports owners who have communication difficulties.</p> <p>Often flea and worm medications are prescribed by the veterinary surgeon and can be followed by suggestions to the owner to improve the living conditions of the cat.</p> <p>Pre-operation and post-operation advice is always given to ensure owners understand the procedures the cat has had.</p> <p>Kittens born to such cats before they have been neutered are sometimes taken in by us for rehoming to ensure they are not offered for sale on social media sites.</p> <p>Calls for help with neutering come via Social Services, Housing Partnerships, veterinary practices and the general public.</p> <p>In addition, we give 'community support' i.e. financial help where owners are unable to afford the full cost of treatment for their cats, often in emergency situations.</p> <p>In 2023 , we helped with the neutering of 79 cats and veterinary care for 16 cats.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>In the period under review, 79 cats were neutered under this scheme and 16 cats received veterinary care.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Neutering - Trap Neuter Return (TNR)</p> <p>Unowned cats can become a nuisance in the community and on factory sites when they are roaming, fighting with neighbouring cats and having unwanted litters of kittens in inappropriate places. Most are semi-feral or feral; a few have had a home at some point. Cats are trapped then spayed or castrated, treated for parasites and ear-tipped for identification before being released back into their territory after recovery. On rare occasions, if the original trap site is considered unsafe for release, cats can be relocated to other safer sites e.g. farms, smallholdings and stables. Kittens young enough to be easily socialised are taken into foster care and subsequently placed for adoption.</p>
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		<p>Truly feral cats do not fare well in confinement and cannot be successfully socialised. They are released as soon as possible. Any trapped cats suffering from serious medical problems e.g. an injury not able to be fixed with a single treatment are usually euthanised.</p> <p>There are many benefits to TNR. Once neutered, a cat has a better quality of life, reduced fighting and disease. Female cats are prevented from having up to three litters a year. Nuisance behaviour is reduced or eliminated, thus improving the public's perception of cats.</p> <hr/> <p><i>In the period under review, a total of 31 cats received help under our TNR programme.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Advice and Education</p> <p>The charity works in some of the most deprived areas of Greater Manchester e.g. Wythenshawe which is one of the largest council estates in Europe and has a huge problem with stray and unwanted cats. The information the charity provides improves peoples' understanding of cats and it is believed many cats have a better quality of life through the charity's intervention.</p> <p>Agencies (eg housing associations) ring and ask for help when faced with situations involving tenants and their cats.</p> <p>The charity produces a regular, free newsletter which highlights our recent work and also gives advice on cat-related topics.</p>
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Summary

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Rehoming - cats and kittens homed	83	137	96	102	86
Financially Assisted Neutering and Community Support - cats helped	55	31	83	75	95
Trap Neuter Return - cats helped	47	40	32	73	31
Totals	185	208	211	250	212

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In the year under review, there was an overall surplus to reserves of £6,053. This was due partly to an increase in receipts made possible by the successful application to charitable grants (see below) and a reduction in expenditure of £3,600 (7%) on last year.</p> <p>Veterinary services continue to be the most significant outgoing, remaining at 79% of the total outgoings, despite an overall reduction in the number of animals helped.</p> <p>As income exceeded expenditure for the period the charity had no need to access any reserves to fund the ongoing work.</p> <p>Grants - In 2023, we obtained grants totalling £13,000 from five organisations. This helped us with our vet costs and with the costs of our Assisted Neutering and TNR programs.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's policy is to hold between three and six months of unrestricted reserves to provide a buffer against unexpected events.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the review period, the charity held unrestricted reserves of £44,790 (12 months.)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations from adopters and the general public, either one-off or by standing order. 2. Fundraising - we continued to raise funds through online appeals, competitions, sales of second-hand items and outdoor fundraising events. 3. Grants from various organisations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The charity's principal risk is the liability for large, unexpected vet bills for cats taken into our care.</p> <p>Routine veterinary costs are generally known and predictable; however, if a veterinary surgeon advises that a cat needs particularly expensive treatment, to mitigate the risk, the trustees will make an informed decision on whether to proceed with treatment.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution, adopted 20 th December 2017
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charitable association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Trustees are normally elected or re-elected annually at the charity's AGM.</p> <p>The elected trustees may appoint further trustees during the year as required - in October 2023, a new trustee was appointed.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are advised to study Charity Commission guidance CC3a and, if appropriate, attend locally sourced training.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Governance of, and decisions about, the charity's activities are made by a committee that comprises three trustees plus other supporting committee members/officers.</p> <p>The general public can apply to be members of the charity. Membership needs to be approved by the committee and is free. Members are able to vote at the AGM.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Stopford Cat Rescue
Other names the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1178415
Charity's principal address	10 Long Lane Pott Shrigley Cheshire SK10 5SD

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)
Carole Olivia Barnes	Chair of Trustees		Elected by members
Diane Josephine Coffey	Secretary		Elected by members
Michael North			Elected by members
Deryn Elizabeth Corner	Treasurer	26/10/2023	Co-opted by trustees

Director name
None

Names of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information


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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have unanimously approved this report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Carole Olivia Barnes	
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Position
(eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair of Trustees	
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Date

25th April, 2024	
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Charity Name

Stopford Cat Rescue

No (if any)

1178415

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To


Period end date
31/12/2023

(note: columns may not add exactly due to rounding)

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - regular giving	8,390	-	-	8,390	8,430
Donations - adoption fees	8,920	-	-	8,920	8,960
Donations - one off	3,152	-	-	3,152	3,711
Sale of second hand items	2,960	-	-	2,960	549
Insurance commission	1,984	-	-	1,984	1,416
General fundraising	3,496	-	-	3,496	7,272
Sale of Christmas items	107	-	-	107	237
Events	831	-	-	831	1,828
Legacy	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Gift Aid	3,355	-	-	3,355	3,602
Grants (Not Restricted)	5,000	-	-	5,000	100
Grants (Trap-Neuter-Return)	-	7,000	-	7,000	250
Public contributions to TNR	1,281	-	-	1,281	379
Grants (Financially Assisted Neutering)	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Public contributions to FAN	1,253	-	-	1,253	1,098
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,729	8,000	-	49,729	38,732
A2 Asset and investment sales (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,729	8,000	-	49,729	38,732
A3 Payments					
Veterinary costs - general	25,303	-	-	25,303	23,617
Veterinary costs - FAN	-	5,544	-	5,544	3,961
Veterinary costs - TNR	2,431	1,250	-	3,681	9,573
Food	4,698	-	-	4,698	4,587
Litter	1,013	-	-	1,013	660
Travel	649	-	-	649	1,164
Postage / stationery	280	-	-	280	1,140
Sundries	1,431	-	-	1,431	1,713
Events	320	-	-	320	69
Insurance	357	-	-	357	392
Independent Examination of Accounts	400	-	-	400	400
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	36,882	6,794	-	43,676	47,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,882	6,794	-	43,676	47,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,847	1,206	-	6,053	(8,544)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,943	250	-	40,193	48,737
Cash funds this year end	44,790	1,456	-	46,246	40,193

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	Current account	42,975	1,456	-
	Paypal	1,815	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,790	1,456	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Carole Olivia Barnes	25th April 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
STOPFORD CAT RESCUE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1178415

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

Date: 07/05/2024

Name:

Sarah Harrison

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

FCA

Address:

48 Highfield Road, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0EF



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to nearest £

Restricted
to nearest £

Endowment
to nearest £

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1,456
-
-
1,456

-
-
-
-

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

-
-
-
-
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-
-

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

-
-
-
-
-

Current value
(optional)

-
-
-
-
-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

-
-
-
-
-
-

Current value
(optional)

-
-
-
-
-
-

B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which
liability relates

Amount due
(optional)

-
-
-
-
-

When due
(optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature

Carole Olivia Barnes

Print Name

Carole Olivia Barnes

Date of

25th April 2024

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