



Trustees' Annual Report for the period: **01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024**

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	Homing – the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of stray and unwanted cats and kittens. 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. Education – improving understanding of cats and their needs and prevention of cruelty and suffering to cats and kittens.
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 deflead, 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 2024 we rehomed 71 cats/kittens. Rehoming has been slow this past year because the rise in the cost of living has made people cautious about taking on further financial responsibilities and, in consequence, we have not had the capacity to accept all those kittens and cats offered to us.</p> <hr/> <p><i>In the period under review, 71 cats and kittens were rehomed.</i></p> <hr/>

		<p>Fostering</p> <p>At the end of the year, five cats were ready to be homed and another four were being prepared.</p> <p>Rehoming is what we work for with all foster cats. However there are now 19 “long-term” fosters which are often strays and abandoned cats which are not likely to be homed though one or two may occasionally find a home.</p>
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		<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>Preoperative and postoperative 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> <hr/> <p><i>In the period under review, 45 cats were neutered and microchipped under this scheme</i></p> <hr/> <p>In addition we assisted 13 members of the public with subsidised food, flea or worm treatments.</p> <p>A further three were given financial assistance towards emergency veterinary treatment.</p> <p>One of our volunteers, trained in feline reiki, offered free treatment sessions to several members of the public.</p>
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		<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.</p> <p>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> <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>
		<p><i>In the period under review, a total of 30 cats received help under our TNR programme.</i></p>

		<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> <p>The charity accepts young volunteers' help from those carrying out the voluntary service requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.</p>
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Summary

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rehoming - cats and kittens homed	83	137	96	102	86	71
Financially Assisted Neutering and Community Support - cats helped	55	31	83	75	95	45
Trap Neuter Return - cats helped	47	40	32	73	31	30
Totals	185	208	211	250	212	146
Cats in long-term foster care						19

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>At the end of the year, we had unrestricted reserves £34,806 so, if our current income is sustained, we have sufficient for the coming year</p> <p>Veterinary services continue to be the most significant outgoing, accounting for over 81% of the total expenditure, despite an overall reduction in the number of animals helped.</p> <p>Expenditure exceeded income by £11,440 for the period so the charity had to halt FAN and TNR services and call a halt to undertaking any further expenditure other than that necessary to cats already in the charity's care.</p> <p>Grants - In 2024 we received no grants because our dates and situations were not applicable to the various requirements of relevant charities. We were however applying for grants for the coming year.</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 £34,806.
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

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 November 2024, 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)
Samantha Joanne Green	Chair of Trustees	01/12/2024 on	Co-opted by Trustees
Carole Olivia Barnes	Chair of Trustees	to 19/06/2024	Elected by members
Diane Josephine Coffey	Secretary		Elected by members
Deryn Elizabeth Corner	Treasurer		Elected 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

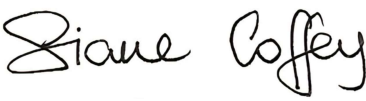
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Declarations

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)

Diane Josephine Coffey	
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Position
(eg Secretary, Chair)

Secretary	
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Date

12/02/2025	
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

STOPFORD CAT RESCUE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1178415

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 / 2024.

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:

21/03/2025

Name:

Sarah Harrison

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

FCA

Address:

48 Highfield Road, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0EF



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Stopford Cat Rescue

1178415

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

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

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - regular giving	7,545	-	-	7,545	8,390
Donations - adoption fees	7,665	-	-	7,665	8,920
Donations - one off	5,225	-	-	5,225	3,152
Sale of second hand items	3,023	-	-	3,023	2,960
Insurance commission	2,740	-	-	2,740	1,984
General fundraising	2,589	-	-	2,589	3,496
Sale of Christmas items	527	-	-	527	107
Events	1,056	-	-	1,056	831
Legacy	-	-	-	-	1,000
Gift Aid	3,821	-	-	3,821	3,355
Grants (Not Restricted)	-	-	-	-	5,000
Grants (Trap-Neuter-Return)	-	-	-	-	7,000
Public contributions to TNR	664	-	-	664	1,281
Grants (Financially Assisted Neutering)	-	-	-	-	1,000
Public contributions to FAN	250	-	-	250	1,253
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for	35,105	-	-	35,105	49,729
A2 Asset and investment sales (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,105	-	-	35,105	49,729
A3 Payments					
Veterinary costs - general	28,637	-	-	28,637	25,303
Veterinary costs - FAN	3,676	-	-	3,676	5,544
Veterinary costs - TNR	3,988	1,456	-	5,444	3,681
Food	4,460	-	-	4,460	4,698
Litter	1,427	-	-	1,427	1,013
Travel	303	-	-	303	649
Postage / stationery	264	-	-	264	280
Sundries	1,328	-	-	1,328	1,431
Events	95	-	-	95	320
Insurance	511	-	-	511	357
Independent Examination of Accounts	400	-	-	400	400
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,089	1,456	-	46,545	43,676
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,089	1,456	-	46,545	43,676
Net of receipts/(payments)	(9,984)	(1,456)	-	(11,440)	6,053
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,790	1,456	-	46,246	40,193
Cash funds this year end	34,806	-	-	34,806	46,246

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

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
Current account	30,951		-
Paypal	3,855	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	34,806	-	-

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

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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	Amount due	When due
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name	Date of
<i>Diane Coffey</i>	Diane Josephine Coffey	12/02/2025