



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 May 2024 **Period start date** **To: 30 April 2025** **Period end date**

Charity name: USK NEW START CAT RESCUE

Charity registration number: 1179707

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote humane behaviour towards cats and kittens by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for such animals. To advance the education of the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering. To provide therapy cats to people who are in need as a result of disability
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide a loving, safe and secure future for all cats and kittens who are vulnerable through no fault of their own.• To rescue cats within the South East Wales region, bring into foster with our volunteers, nurture and bring them back to good health if unwell or injured and to ensure their future wellbeing through a thorough adoption process.• To educate our communities to be caring and considerate to cats and to understand their obligation as responsible pet owners to provide them with love, shelter, nutrition and veterinary care when needed.• To work with those in our communities who have special needs, whether physically or mentally disabled or with other special needs, by providing therapy cats.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of Usk New Start Cat Rescue are familiar with the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit and remain mindful of the guidance when carrying out the work of the rescue.

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	
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>During this period, Usk New Start Cat Rescue rehomed 56 cats and kittens. We work very hard to ensure appropriate placements based on the cat/kitten's characteristics and the environment and dynamics of the prospective new home. We conduct home checks and have thorough discussions with any prospective adopters. We continued to work with the community to help find missing cats, reunite found/stray cats with their owners and to support with advice and education where appropriate. Our fundraising capability continued to be impacted during the period. Funds were raised by online appeals, raffles and donations. Funds raised have been used to pay our vet bills and fund the additional food, litter and routine medication (flea and worm treatment, kitten formula etc) required above the donations we receive for the cats in our foster care. We have continued to participate in promoting neutering of cats including strays and owned with the support of our Vets and the services they provide.</p>

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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	At the end of the period the Charity had £18,733 cash in the bank. Annual summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Balance in Bank - £8,776 • Income from Donations & Fundraising £86,947 • Payments £78,615 • Closing Balance in Bank £ 18,733
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As a small charity with no fixed outgoings, Usk New Start Cat Rescue does not operate with a defined reserve. Funds are reviewed on a weekly basis by the treasurer and reviewed formally at each trustee meeting.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Zero
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	In the event of a situation requiring funding beyond normal, budgeted levels, we will launch an appeal or stage a fund raising event.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations • Raffles • Online appeals and events • Coach Trips • Fayres
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Veterinary costs continue to increase along with demand of more cats requiring foster and medical treatment/neutering. Since the pandemic, numbers of cats requiring rehoming and neutering has increased due to owners having adopted cats in the pandemic and no longer wanting, the increasing costs of pets and the lack of neutering undertaken in the Pandemic timeframe.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		CIO
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Appointed by Board of Trustees.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Usk New Start Cat Rescue
Other name the charity uses	UNSCR
Registered charity number	1179707
Charity's principal address	92 Maryport Street Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1AH

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	Samantha Murray			
2	Helen Myden	Chair		
3	Beverley Dalglish	Treasurer		
4	Tracy Brace			
5	Sharon Griffiths			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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

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Other optional information

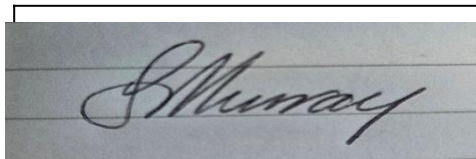
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Declarations

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)

SAMANTHA JANE MURRAY

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

COORDINATOR & TRUSTEE

Date

27th February 2026

Usk New Start Cat Rescue

Balance Sheet as of 30 April 2025

Assets

Cash in hand	
Lloyds Treasurers A/C no. 62406568	4,820.90
Lloyds Bank Instant Access A/C no. 69984960	9,773.60
Lloyds Commercial Instant Access A/C no.72657760	3,893.23
Paypal balance	244.37
SumUp balance - A/C no. 56376759	1.00
Total Cash in hand	18,733.10
Collection Buckets & vests; traps	200.00
Donated Stock	750.00
Total Assets	19,683.10

Liabilities

Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	0.00

Net Assets

19,683.10

Retained Equity

19,683.10

Profit & Loss as at 30 April 2025

Income

Bank Interest	78.52
Donations	56,320.90
Fundraising	22,436.98
Gift Aid	8,110.92
Grants	0.00
Total Income	86,947.32

Expenses

Direct costs	
Cost of charitable Activities	4,238.02
Cost of Fundraising Events	18,188.85
Donated Stock	1,625.00
Total Direct Costs	24,051.87

Overheads	
Paypal fees	24.98
Kitty Shack	960.00
Pet medication	2,405.13
Public Liability Insurance	231.17
Vet bills	50,942.61
Total Overheads	54,563.89

Total expenses 78,615.76

Net Income **8,331.56**



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

USK NEW START CAT RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended

30 APRIL 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1179707

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 30/04/2025.

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

~~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:

28/02/2026

Name:

DANIEL WILDE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

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USK
MON. NP15 1AF

Section B	Disclosure
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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.

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