

HASTINGS CAT LOVERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Charity Registration No. 1184847

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Iona Jardine (Chair) Robert Shepherd (Secretary) Lesley Ann Hunter
Charity number	1184847
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Independent examiner	Alastair Towler BFP ACA DChA 18 Hyde Gardens Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4PT
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Objects and activities

The objects of the charity are to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide rescue and rehoming for the reception, care and treatment of such cats.

The charity aims to help:

- Elderly people
- People with disabilities
- The general public

with their cats and related problems.

The charity's main activities during the year were:

1. Helping cats in the community;
2. Rehoming cats and kittens accepted into our care;
3. Welfare support of cats classified as 'Supported Cats';
4. Collection of deceased cats from the public domain and transport to vets for identification purposes;
5. Reunite lost and found cats with their owners.

The Trustees have paid due regard to Public Benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

In furtherance of the objectives of the charity, we collected 12 deceased cats, usually the victims of road traffic accidents, and took them to the vets to check for microchips in the hope that they would be reunited with their owners.

During the year:

- 21 cats were taken into rescue;
- 18 cats were rehomed;
- 82 cats helped with advice given to their owners;
- 14 cats were reunited with their owners.

We also had 27 cats in our care and 2 cats in supported foster care.

We continued carrying out home visits in a Covid safe way.

Lockdown continued during the year, so fundraising was only possible by donation or online auctions.

We have over 2,900 people on our facebook site, some of whom are our most ardent supporters.

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The majority join our Group to seek advice with a variety of cat related problems, ranging from behavioural issues to illnesses. Some join when their cats go missing or they have found a stray cat or kitten.

The number of stray cats seems to have decreased during the pandemic, perhaps as a result of more people being at home.

We are a 24/7 charity. The Trustees and fundraising team are all volunteers.

Financial review

Income for the year totalled £40,092 (2021: £22,660) and expenditure £33,252 (2021: £17,558) leaving a surplus of £6,840 (2021: £5,102). Cash balances at the year end were £14,500 (2021: £7,660).

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered on 9 August 2019. The CIO is governed by its constitution 'The Rules of Hastings Cat Lovers'. If the CIO is wound up the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Iona Jardine (Chair)

Robert Shepherd (Secretary)

Nicola Camoccio (Resigned 17 March 2022)

Lesley Ann Hunter (Appointed 13 April 2022)

The CIO must have at least 3 trustees with no maximum number of trustees being set. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the trustees to appoint a new trustee. New trustees are appointed by passing a resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

New trustees are appointed having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

On appointment, new trustees are given a copy of the current version of the CIO's constitution and the latest Trustees' Report and statement of accounts.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Iona Jardine

Trustee

Date: 8 June 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HASTINGS CAT LOVERS

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Alastair Towler BFP ACA DChA

Chartered Accountant

18 Hyde Gardens

Eastbourne

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Date: 9 June 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds		
Receipts		
Donations and legacies	4,826	6,068
Adoption fees	1,270	2,005
Fundraising	33,161	12,437
Sponsorship of animals	835	-
Donated assets	-	2,150
	40,092	22,660
Payments		
Vetinary fees and medicines	14,802	9,171
Cat food and litter	6,973	4,592
Fundraising expenses	2,658	777
Motor expenses	4,919	1,632
Legal fees	-	900
Computer expenses	281	281
Repairs and equipment purchases	3,185	205
Garage rent	434	-
	33,252	17,558
Surplus of ordinary receipts over payments	6,840	5,102
Bank and cash brought forward at 1 September 2020	7,660	2,558
Bank and cash carried forward at 31 August 2021	<u>14,500</u>	<u>7,660</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Totals £	2020 Totals £
At historical cost			
Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Motor vehicles	2,150	2,150	2,150
	2,150	2,150	2,150
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	14,500	14,500	7,660
	14,500	14,500	7,660
	16,650	16,650	9,810
Current liabilities			
Other creditors	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Net current assets	16,650	16,650	9,810
Total assets less current liabilities	18,800	18,800	11,960

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8 June 2022

Iona Jardine
Trustee

Robert Shepherd
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Going Concern

At the date of this report, there exists considerable uncertainty regarding the potential impact of the Coronavirus and the economic consequences, both within the U.K. and overseas, which may result from government policies to contain the spread. The duration and geographical extent of any possible lockdown or future government policies are unknown. Whilst we are unable to predict what the economic consequences may be and the impact on the charity's future ability to continue operating, we have continued to use the going concern basis as appropriate in the preparation of these accounts.

2. Related parties and transactions with trustees.

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or were reimbursed for any expenses during the year or in the previous year.