



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	Day 01	Month November	Year 2022	To	Day 31	Month October	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Chorlton Cats Charity
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1189165
Charity's principal address	19 Sandringham Avenue Helsby Frodsham Postcode WA6 9QJ

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	Colette Willoughby	Secretary		
2	Julie Wellings	Chair		
3	Rachel Hurst	Treasurer		

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

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 adopted 23 rd April 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in October

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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are:

1. For the public benefit to promote humane behaviour towards cats by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for cats which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and rehoming such cats and to educate the public in matters pertaining to responsible cat ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among cats.

2. The relief of poverty by providing support to persons who are unable to meet the costs of veterinary care for their cats due to economic disadvantage.

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)

In carrying out all our activities for this period we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Our main activities were as follows:

1. The fostering and rehoming of cats as outlined in more detail in Section D
2. Offering financial assistance (vet treatment) to those owners who could not afford to treat their cat be it neutering or an illness or injury.
3. Providing numerous hours of online support and advice to concerned cat owners
4. Providing online advice and education on responsible cat ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among cats

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent taking care of cats they have opened their homes up to and fostered.

Without their valuable contribution of time, energy, compassion and love for the cats in their care we would not have been able to achieve so much.

The numbers of cats and kittens we have been able to rehome to their forever homes bears testament to their unwavering support for the Charity and for this we and the cats will always be grateful.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The CIO was established at the start of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Its fourth period of reporting continued beyond the COVID 19 pandemic and as such some of its activities for the period this report relates to were somewhat constrained by additional demands placed on the charity as a result of the ongoing financial impact of the pandemic together with increases in the cost of living.

We also recognised the impact that the cost of living crisis was having on our ability to raise funds and made a conscious decision to focus on fewer, larger, online appeals.

During this period 82 cats were adopted through the charity - these ranged from kittens and pregnant mummy cats to strays through to animals surrendered to the charity as a result of a change in circumstances for the owners - some not all of these as a result of the pandemic, others relating to house moves, allergies, or financial issues.

Of these cats, most required some form of vet intervention whether it be the minimum of vaccinations and microchips for kittens, spay and chip for female cats or neuter and chip for male cats.

All adult cats were neutered and chipped before they were rehomed as part of our education programme to prevent unwanted litters, illness etc.

In addition, a number of cats needed more intensive treatment before they were well enough to be rehomed.

Financial assistance was also provided in the form of vet treatment for owners who found themselves unable to afford the cost of treatment needed for their cats.

The charity also assisted a further 17 cats with vet treatment including one specific very young cat who was called George Pig. George Pig suffered injuries resulting from being trapped in a drier. An appeal for donations successfully raised a significant portion of the costs required.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at the bank at 31/10/23 was £10,174 in unrestricted funds.

The charity currently holds a further £1,000 in reserves and has set a minimum balance in terms of cash in the bank of £1,000.

If the balance gets close to this or drops below, then fundraising activities are targeted to ensure that any unexpected vets bills are able to be settled.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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.

Our main source of funds this year has been donations either from regular donors, for specific vet bills or from adoptions.

The charity continued to feel the financial and other aspects of the impact of the aftermath of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

There was a significant rise in requests for help with both accessing and funding vet appointments, notably a big increase in neutering requests and also an increase in the number of pregnant cats resulting in increased numbers of kittens.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans

The coming year is still full of uncertainty due to the continuing cost of living crisis.

We are anticipating and indeed have already seen an increase not only in requests for financial support but also in cats being surrendered - not only from a financial perspective but also housing changes and sadly care home admissions and bereavements.

To that end we have a constant cycle of foster recruitment in order to cope with the inevitable increase in cats needing our help – however we have seen a slowing down also in our ability to recruit fosters which impacts on our ability to help.

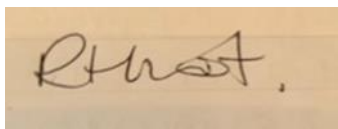
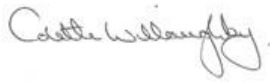
There has also been a noticeable slow down in the number of cats being adopted and an increase in the time taken for cats to be adopted. This all adds pressure to the Charity's finance and our ability to help the numbers of cats we are seeing who need support and help.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rachel Hurst	Colette Willoughby
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	30/08/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Chorlton Cats Charity	1189165

Receipts and payments accounts


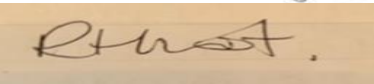
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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/11/2022		31/10/2023

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					
Adoption donations	8,024	-	-	8,024	5,910
Vet Bill donations	5,321	-	-	5,321	5,664
Regular donations	2,560	-	-	2,560	2,858
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,905	-	-	15,905	14,432
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,905	-	-	15,905	14,432
A3 Payments					
Vet Bills	10,831	-	-	10,831	9,550
Cat Care	4,689	-	-	4,689	1,790
Transfer to Deposit Account	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,520	-	-	16,520	11,340
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,520	-	-	16,520	11,340
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 615	-	-	- 615	3,092
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,789	-	-	10,789	-
Cash funds this year end	10,174	-	-	10,174	3,092

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	Cash	10,174	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,174	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
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 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	
		Colette Willoughby	30/8/2024	
		Rachel Hurst	30/08/2024	