



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 11	Year 2023	Day 31	Month 10	Year 24
<b>From</b>					<b>To</b>		

## 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		
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### 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## 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

<p>meet the costs of veterinary care for their cats due to economic disadvantage.</p>
<p>In carrying out all our activities for this period we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>Our main activities were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The fostering and rehoming of cats as outlined in more detail in Section D</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. Providing numerous hours of online support and advice to concerned cat owners</li> <li>4. Providing online advice and education on responsible cat ownership and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among cats</li> </ol>

**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)**

**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.

## Section D

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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

Its fifth period of reporting is now post COVID 19 pandemic, however we are now seeing additional demands placed on the charity as a result of the ongoing financial impact of the 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 157 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 - 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. The charity saw an increasing number of very poorly cats and kittens which resulted in increased vet bills.

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.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at the bank at 31/10/24 was £2,529 in unrestricted funds. The charity 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

### 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 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 – although we have seen a slowing down also in our ability to recruit fosters which impacts on our ability to help. This will be a focus for the coming year.

Whilst the numbers of cats being adopted increased in the previous year there was also an increase in the time taken for cats to be adopted.

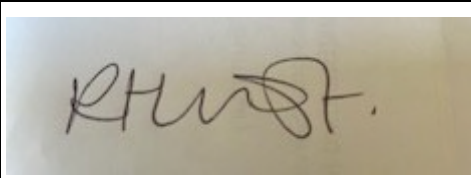
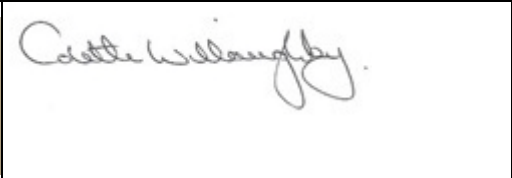
This all adds pressure to the Charity's finance and our ability to help the numbers of cats we are seeing who need support and help.

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
	<b>Full name(s)</b> Rachel Hurst	Colette Willoughby
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Secretary
<b>Date</b>	27/08/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Chorlton Cats Charity

No (if any)  
1189165

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/11/2023

To

Period end date  
31/10/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Adoption donations	17,315	-	-	17,315	8,024
Vet Bill donations	10,347	-	-	10,347	5,321
Regular donations	3,314	-	-	3,314	2,560
Transfer from Deposit Account	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>31,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,976</b>	<b>15,905</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,976</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,976</b>	<b>15,905</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Vet Bills	26,304	-	-	26,304	10,831
Cat Care	13,317	-	-	13,317	4,689
Transfer to Deposit Account	-	-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,621</b>	<b>16,520</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,621</b>	<b>16,520</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 7,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 7,645</b>	<b>- 615</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>10,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,174</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>- 615</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash	2,529	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	2,529	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Colette Willoughby

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Print Name

Colette Willoughby

Rachel Hurst

Date of approval

27/08/2025

27/08/2025

Missing independent examination report

With sincerest apologies we had not realised we needed to get an independent examination of our accounts as our income exceeded £25k - as you can see from previous years our income has always been significantly lower than this.

Could you please let us know if we can arrange for this to be submitted retrospectively, please?

Trustees

Chorlton Cats Charity Reg No 1189165