

Fylde Coast Cats, charity number 1190634
Report of the Trustees
&
Financial statement for period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024

FYLDE COAST CATS

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Report of the Trustees for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS BY (1) RESCUING ABANDONED, INJURED, HOMELESS AND SURRENDERED CATS, PROVIDING FOOD, ACCOMMODATION AND VETERINARY CARE WHERE NEEDED, AND REHOMING THEM WHERE POSSIBLE; (2) TRAPPING, NEUTERING AND RETURNING FERAL CATS; (3) EDUCATING AND ASSISTING THE PUBLIC IN NEUTERING CATS OVER 6 MONTHS OLD; AND (4) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN ANIMAL WELFARE TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND PREVENT CRUELTY TO THE ANIMALS LOCALLY.

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:

The charity remained extremely busy during these times; rescuing and rehoming cats and kittens safely. The charity rescues and rehomed 195 cats in this period. The charity found an increase in the number of abandoned and surrendered cats, most likely due to the challenges facing the area with regards to the cost of living. The charity took a number of cats into their permanent care, providing vet care for these cats indefinitely due to their not being appropriate to rehome. The charity trapped, neutered, blood tested, microchipped and returned or relocated a large number of feral cats, and where possible feral cats and kittens were tamed and homed. The charity maintained an educational platform online and the phone lines remained open at all times.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit:

All trustees have read and given regard to the guidance issues by the Charity Commission on Public benefit in all activities to ensure that their activities, and that of the charity on the whole, are in line with the guidance.

Contribution made by volunteers:

The charity is fortunate to have a small number of dedicated volunteers. These volunteers assist the charity in meeting its objects by fostering cats and kittens, trapping cats and kittens as necessary for their welfare, collecting donations/fundraising, providing transport for cats to and from the vets etc, and ensuring that all cats and kittens in our care are kept with the utmost regard to their welfare and needs.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

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:

This period was extremely busy for the charity, with 195 cats and kittens being safely homed. All potential owners underwent a home check to ensure the future welfare of the cats, and all cats and kittens were treated for fleas and worms, and microchipped, as well as health checked by a veterinarian and given their first vaccination. All cats over 5 months were neutered prior to leaving the charity, and any below this were able to take advantage of our reduced neutering costs at the vets with a voucher.

The adoption fee remained £80 despite increases in running costs (veterinary, food, litter etc). The difference between the adoption fee and the true financial costs have been met through fundraising, with an increased online presence increasing the charity's online fundraising abilities.

The charity has increased its profile in the community, and so the charity's ability to educate and help the public has increased. The charity receives dozens of calls on average per day, enabling them to help a large number of people with their pets. The charity has also helped a small number of other pets, including a handful of dogs, to find homes. The charity has been able to take on a number of foster homes to ensure that cats and kittens are able to adjust to a home environment.

The charity has helped a large number of feral cats, neutering and returning them to their territory where appropriate or relocating them where it is unsafe to release them back where they were.

The charity has neutered many owned cats to prevent pregnancy and disease where the owners were not in the position to neuter their cat themselves.

The charity is well received in the community and is well thought of publicly. Where appropriate, some of the cats and kittens visit a school for children with additional needs with a trustee to help with wellbeing and calmness.

The charity intends to build a new isolation unit for cats and kittens that aren't suited to being in foster homes and need isolation due to disease etc.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position:

The financial position of the charity can be found on the main financial statements and related notes in these accounts. The funds generated by the charity shall be applied solely in furthering the objects of the charity. The Board of Trustees review the level of cash funds on an ongoing basis and consider risks associated with the various income sources and expenditure plans for the next year.

Reserves policy:

Under the requirements of Charity Law, the Trustees are obliged to define the charity's policy for holding reserves. The intention in establishing this policy for Fylde Coast Cats is to secure continuation of its activities. The policy will:

1. Preserve the viability of the charity
2. In doing so, underwrite existing services against periods of deficit
3. Enable the charity to meet its legal objects
4. Provide confidence to supporters and donors seeking to give financial support to a prudently controlled charity
5. Ensure that, consistent with objects, mission statement and values of Fylde Coast Cats, proper ethical consideration be afforded to all matters of investment
6. Ensure that the reserves are at a level sufficient to discharge all the charity's obligations should the charity cease its operations.

Current levels of cash funds are deemed sufficient to meet the above obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document:

Fylde Coast Cats Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a registered charity governed by its CIO constitution.

Charity constitution:

Fylde Coast Cats (CIO) is a registered charity, number 1190634 and as such is constituted under the Charity Commission's regulations.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees:

The Executive Committee Members are elected or appointed on an annual basis.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name:

Fylde Coast Cats

Registered charity number:

1190634

Charity's principal address:

160 Newhouse Road
Marton
Blackpool
Lancs
FY4 4JN

Trustees:

K J Millard
S E Pepper
C E E Wain

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on
10th November 2024
and signed on its behalf by:



Miss K J Millard - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024

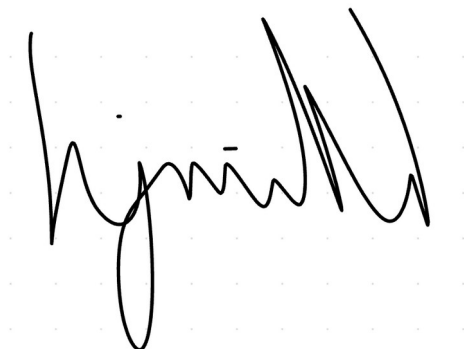
	Unrestricted fund
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	
Adoption fees	15600
Donations and legacies	19091
Total income	34691
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	46422
Total resources expended	36422
NET INCOME	-1731
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Funds transferred from last financial period	3216
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARDS	1485

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Balance Sheet
18.01.2024

	18.01.2024
	Unrestricted fund
CURRENT ASSETS	£
Debtors	0
Cash at bank	1485
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1485
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1485
NET ASSETS	1485
FUNDS	
Unrestricted funds	1485
TOTAL FUNDS	1485

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10th November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim', is written over a light grey dotted grid background.

Miss Kimberly Millard - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024.

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Fylde Coast Cats is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation and is domiciled in the UK. The charity's registered number is 1190634 and its principal office is 160 Newhouse Road, Blackpool, FY44JN.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The trustees have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

No significant judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024 .

4. STAFF COSTS

There were no employees during the period.

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

No debtors at the end of the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024.

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 18.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 18.1.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3216	-1731	1485
TOTAL FUNDS	3216	-1731	1485

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34691	36422	-1731
TOTAL FUNDS	34691	36422	-1731

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024.

8. VOLUNTEERS

We recruit volunteers who are briefed on our aims and objectives and who are provided with clear guidance on our policies and procedures. The contribution of volunteers towards the Charity's aims and objectives is also reviewed annually. Volunteers are signposted towards further training to develop their knowledge and skills in animal welfare.

9. FUNDS TRANSFERRED

With effect from 29.7.20 Fylde Coast Cats (an unincorporated association) transferred all activities, assets and liabilities to Fylde Coast Cats Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity number 1190634).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the period 19/01/2023 - 18/01/2024.

	Unrestricted fund
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Adoption fees	15600
Donations and legacies	19091
Total income	34691
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities:	
Food/litter/supplies inc flea, wormer, microchipping, traps	4024
Vet bills	32110
Mobile	288
Total resources expended	36422
NET INCOME	-1731