

Trustees' Report

Introduction:

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the 12-month period ended November 30, 2024. This was the fourth full period of operation, in which Hector's House Cat Rescue was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The trustees confirm that their report and financial statements meet statutory requirements.

Despite our accounts showing we have surplus funds of circa £155,000, please note that this figure includes:

- a refund due from HMRC of around £90,000 for historic VAT reclaimed;
- £25,000 ring-fenced for off-site quarantine pens which were installed in December 2024.

This left £40,000 in our bank accounts.

Objectives and Activities:

Hector's House Cat Rescue was established for the public benefit, to promote humane behaviour towards cats in the Borough of Torbay and elsewhere by providing care, protection, treatment and security for cats in need of care and attention due to sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, rehoming such cats where necessary. We do this by providing a rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming service, and veterinary care, for domestic and feral cats and kittens. Our guiding principle is that if a cat has a chance of a life without suffering, we will do everything in our power to enable that.

Principal Activity:

Hector's House is staffed by four paid employees (one full-time and three part-time) and 110 volunteers, and works predominantly to rescue and rehome stray and abandoned male cats, which are the most difficult to rehabilitate. We work to reunite lost cats with their owners, respond to calls for assistance from the public, and work with veterinary practices, local authorities, and other charities and cat welfare organisations. More information is available on our website at <https://www.hectorshousecatrescue.co.uk/>

Lost cats:

We work hard to return lost cats to their owners, if they can be traced or come forward, primarily using information from an animal's microchip if available, and using social media and other local enquiries. We have an outreach service, with a team of volunteers across Devon who will carry out an initial visit to scan a cat of concern if possible, or scan an injured or deceased cat so its owner can be informed. The cat may be paper-collared if no microchip is detected, or if not approachable, a trap will be set

to secure the cat so it can be scanned and returned to its owner. Unclaimed and surrendered cats will be brought to a pen for assessment. If a cat is surrendered to the care of the charity, or no owner is found after an appropriate period of advertising, it will be given a health check and receive any required veterinary treatment. Its behaviour will be assessed before an appropriate home is found.

During this reporting period Hector's House Cat Rescue were glad to welcome The Microchipping of Cats and Dogs (England) Regulations 2023 coming into force. The new legislation mandates compulsory microchipping of cats before they reach the age of 20 weeks and to ensure contact details are kept up-to-date on a microchip database. The introduction of this legislation should assist with the reunification of lost/missing cats with their owners, simply by scanning a cat for a microchip.

Feral cats:

We respond to calls about feral cats. These are cats that have been born in the wild, receive no suitable socialisation between 2-8 weeks and cannot be domesticated. If left, a colony can quickly grow in size to cause problems, so we will neuter feral cats and provide health care, then either return them to their original location, or find a suitable feral placement where food and shelter is available. This is known as TNR, or Trap, Neuter and Return, which is an established welfare practice.

Rehoming:

All our cats offered for rehoming receive a health check and any necessary veterinary treatment. Life as a long-term stray can cause serious health problems, which we will ensure are treated. Although cats may appear well from a distance, they are good at hiding pain and distress. Strays often develop dental problems, matted coats, injuries from fighting, abscesses, parasite infections, and are prone to catching serious life-limiting diseases. Cats for rehoming will be neutered and given all the treatment they need, and are rehomed with five weeks' free pet insurance with Agria, which gives a donation to Hector's House for each policy subsequently taken out.

Kittens:

Kittens born in our care, or brought in young enough to be domesticated, are cared for by fosterers. Before they are rehomed, all kittens are socialised, neutered, health checked, given flea and worming treatment and vaccinations, and they will be covered by five weeks' free pet insurance from Agria Insurance.

Public benefit:

We promote cat welfare and good practice on our website and social media platforms. We provide advice to owners whose cats have gone missing, including a guide on what to do which is published on our website. We provide advice and information and

advocate neutering and microchipping of all cats, and also publish advice on our website on what people should do if they are concerned about a cat.

Chair's Report:

This was our fourth full period of operation, following the successful registration of Hector's House Cat Rescue with the Charity Commission, on November 13, 2020. The charity was named after my own cat Hector, who went missing in July 2018. The charity was established primarily to rescue, care for, rehabilitate and rehome stray and abandoned unneutered male cats.

During 2023, I began to question how sustainable the rescue was, given the huge need, and the fact that the charity's operation was based at my home. However, the legacy we subsequently received from the Maureen Jones Trust of £115,000 meant that the hunt for premises for an independent rescue centre began. In December 2023, we received the best Christmas present ever when we were given a grant of £95,000 from Pets Foundation to equip a new centre. In February 2024, we finally completed the purchase of 6 Old Mill Road, Torquay, thanks to an interest-free loan of £115,000 from a supporter who wishes to remain anonymous. Planning permission for change of use was granted and work began. The building was kitted out with 14 double pens, supplied and fitted by Peticular Pens.

The charity is committed to learning and developing our knowledge base, skills and practice.

In February 2024, I, along with trustee Kitty Oldfield and staff members Kim Lott and Tabitha Holmes completed a 20-week online course on 'Becoming a cat friendly homing centre' organised by International Cat Care.

In September 2024, I and our centre manager Kim Lott attended a one-week residential course on shelter management at Battersea Academy in London. The cost of the course and expenses were all covered by Battersea.

In late September 2024, the charity applied for full membership of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH). Thanks to the hard work of trustee Kitty Oldfield, I'm delighted to say that after an on-site assessment in December 2024, we were approved as members in February 2025.

To strengthen our ability to raise funds for the cats, we explored options to open our first shop. We projected that we could raise a significant surplus, and so we opened our shop in Lucius Street, Torquay, in February 2024.

The shop was largely successful, and eventually required a dedicated paid, part time shop manager to support the operations. In July 2024, Natalie Hall-Moore was employed for 10 hours a week as our shop manager. Natalie's focus allowed the shop to raise even more funds for the cats in our care with innovative ideas such as holding £1 sale weekends and Christmas sale events. The shop volunteering team has grown from strength to strength.

During the period we continued to maintain a strong working relationship with our main veterinary practice, MediVet Torquay (previously Animal Health Centre). I would like to thank all the staff there for their ongoing support and understanding of the often complex and demanding needs of our cats. Additionally, we continued to enjoy a good relationship with Jonathan Woods veterinary practice in Crediton, for our excess neutering requirements.

Our team of employees grew from two to four, including the addition of Natalie as our shop manager and Ashleigh Whiteman as our charity administrator, also on a part-time basis of four hours per week. The additional roles allowed the charity to run better, ensuring vital administrative tasks can be completed without compromising time spent on cat welfare matters.

Our team of volunteers stabilised at approximately 110. They included 18 kitten fosterers, who cared for mums and kittens in their homes, 16 adult cat fosterers, a driver, and more than 40 others in roles including admin, social media, fundraising, volunteering in our new shop, pen maintenance and outreach. Our team of pen organisers taking care of all the needs of the cats at HQ twice a day grew to 40. I would like to thank all our volunteers for their amazing hard work and commitment to our cause.

We are grateful for financial support during the period which included grants from Animal Rescue Foundation (£10,000); Kevin Foster MP (£1,000); The Sanctuary Angels (£500); Pets Foundation (£95,000 to equip the new cat rescue centre).

Our reputation in the community continued to grow. We are grateful for fundraising opportunities from Pets at Home and Dunelm in Torquay during this period. We are also grateful to the many individuals and companies who donated money, food and equipment, and supported our fundraising events.

Cats rehomed:

We took in 677 cats and kittens. 19 died while in our care, 68 were euthanised due to insurmountable health reasons. 108 were allocated to alternative placements and all the other unclaimed cats were adopted.

During this period we were involved in several multi-cat household situations. This resulted in us taking many cats in permanently, however we also arranged for around 70 cats to be neutered, microchipped and returned to owners. This was mostly done with the use of Cats Protection Neutering Vouchers sourced by the owners. There were three cats in long-term foster care during this period.

Yet again, it was a very busy year, with absolutely no sign of the unowned cat crisis in this country abating, but with the new centre and staffing in place, we continue to strive to make a significant difference in our locality.

I would like to thank the trustees for their support, especially Kitty Oldfield for her exceptional work in developing our policies and procedures to match the growth of the charity.

Zara Oldfield

Hector's House Cat Rescue

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 November 2024

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Hector's House Cat Rescue

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Hector's House Cat Rescue

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Hector's House Cat Rescue
Charity number	1192317
Trustees	Zara Oldfield Alison Short Clive Appleby Edward Oldfield Elaine Rowe Kitty Oldfield
Address	51 Audley Avenue Torquay Devon TQ2 7PB
Accountant	Vincent & Co Accountants 37 Shiphay Lane Torquay Devon TQ2 7DU

Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the Unaudited Accounts of

Hector's House Cat Rescue

In accordance with the engagement letter , and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties we have compiled the financial statements of the registered charity from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Charity's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as 30th November 2024 your duty to ensure that the charity has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

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Vincent & Co Accountants

37 Shiphay Lane
Torquay
Devon

TQ2 7DU

Date:

Hector's House Cat Rescue

Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	4	316,105	26,658
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	95,684	39,334
Cash at bank and in hand		87,017	282,440
		<u>182,701</u>	<u>321,774</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(4,024)</u>	<u>(3,285)</u>
Net current assets		<u>494,782</u>	<u>345,147</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	<u>(109,146)</u>	<u>(115,000)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>385,636</u></u>	<u><u>230,147</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted income funds	10	<u>385,636</u>	<u>230,147</u>
Members' Funds		<u><u>385,636</u></u>	<u><u>230,147</u></u>

On behalf of the board


[Zara Oldfield \(Sep 16, 2025 11:35:50 GMT+1\)](#)

Signed by: Zara Oldfield

Date:

Hector's House Cat Rescue

Notes to Financial Statements for the Period Ended 30 November 2024

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Charities SORP FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015) and applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is responsible in law.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area

Incoming resources

Donations are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the charity. Expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less

Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	20% reducing balance

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Notes to Financial Statements for the Period Ended 30 November 2024

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2 Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Depreciation charge on Plant & equipment	1,424	1,779
Depreciation charge on Fixtures & fittings	1,718	1,816
Depreciation charge on Motor Vehicles	2,455	3,069
	<u>5,597</u>	<u>6,664</u>

3 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Rescue Centre	Plant & equipment	Fixtures & fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost					
Brought forward		11,122	10,589	17,229	38,940
Additions	293,722	-	1,322		295,044
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 30 November 2024	<u>293,722</u>	<u>11,122</u>	<u>11,911</u>	<u>17,229</u>	<u>333,984</u>
Depreciation					
Brought forwards		4,003	3,324	4,955	12,282
Charge for the year		1,424	1,718	2,455	5,597
As at 30 November 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>5,427</u>	<u>5,042</u>	<u>7,410</u>	<u>17,879</u>
Net book value					
As at 30 November 2024	<u>293,722</u>	<u>5,695</u>	<u>6,869</u>	<u>9,819</u>	<u>316,105</u>
As at 30 November 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>7,119</u>	<u>7,265</u>	<u>12,274</u>	<u>26,658</u>

Hector's House Cat Rescue

Notes to Financial Statements for the Period Ended 30 November 2024

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5	Debtors	2024	2023
		£	£
	Debtors	95,684	39,334
		<u>95,684</u>	<u>39,334</u>
		<u><u>95,684</u></u>	<u><u>39,334</u></u>
6	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	2,520	2,520
	Trade Creditors	1,504	765
		<u>4,024</u>	<u>3,285</u>
		<u><u>4,024</u></u>	<u><u>3,285</u></u>
7	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Other loans	109,146	115,000
		<u>109,146</u>	<u>115,000</u>
		<u><u>109,146</u></u>	<u><u>115,000</u></u>
8	General Information		
	Hector's House Cat Rescue Registered number 1192317 is a limited by guarantee charity incorporated in England & Wales. The Registered Office is 51 Audley Avenue, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 7PB.		
10	Reconcillation of funds	Unrestricted Funds	
	Funds Brought forward	230,147	
	Surplus during the year	<u>155,489</u>	
	Funds Carried forward	<u><u>385,636</u></u>	

Hector's House Cat Rescue

Income and Expenditure Account for the Period Ended 30 November 2024

	30-Nov-24		30-Nov-23	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Card and Calender Sales		2,333		2,083
Adoption Fees		40,655		37,634
Fundraising		1,550		25,250
Donations		185,180		251,119
Grants and subsidies received		112,419		8,000
Other trading income		33,105		
		<u>375,242</u>		<u>324,086</u>
COST OF SALES				
Specialist Cat Food/Litter/ Medication and other pet expenses	24,382		24,871	
Vet Fees	<u>99,898</u>		<u>106,265</u>	
		<u>(124,280)</u>		<u>(131,136)</u>
GROSS SURPLUS		<u>250,962</u>		<u>192,950</u>
Administrative Expenses				
Travel and subsistence expenses	235		201	
Light and heat	2,123			
Rates	1,574			
Cleaning & Laundry	1,904		1,093	
Vehicle running costs	9,070		7,599	
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	6,509		1,132	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	7,168		3,418	
Insurance	5,841		1,766	
Printing, postage and stationery	2,190		1,047	
Advertising and marketing costs	2,373		2,387	
Telecommunications and data costs	713			
Accountancy fees	3,000		1,900	
Bookkeeping fees			1,260	
Legal and professional fees	258		5,567	
Wages and salaries	35,820		1,617	
Employee pension costs	493			
Rent	7,525		1,831	
Bank charges	1,054		1,350	
Depreciation of plant and machinery	1,424		1,780	
Depreciation of motor vehicles	2,455		3,069	
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	1,718		1,816	
Sundry expenses	2,026		1,241	
VAT reclaimed in previous year (see note 9)			<u>(17,399)</u>	
		<u>(95,473)</u>		<u>(22,675)</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u><u>155,489</u></u>		<u><u>170,275</u></u>

Hectors House Accounts 2024

Final Audit Report

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
HECTOR'S HOUSE CAT RESCUE

On accounts for the year
ended

30 NOVEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1192317

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 NOVEMBER 2024.

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:

16/09/2025

Name:

Sharna Yeowell

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

MAAT

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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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