

SILTH'S SANCTUARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1195252

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-07-21

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE RELIEF OF ANIMAL SUFFERING BY PROVIDING FOOD, SHELTER, AND MEDICAL CARE WITH A FOCUS ON ABANDONED, FERAL, AND SICK ANIMALS AND AN AIM TO REHOME WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

Activities: Silth's Sanctuary rescues, rehabilitates, and rehomes or returns abandoned, stray, and feral animals, particularly cats. We are run by volunteers and operate through a series of foster homes. We mostly operate within the central Liverpool region, but rehome nation wide.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals

Geography

- Devon
- Liverpool City
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-01	£14,790	£18,028	-	-
2024-03-01	£22,851	£21,773	-	-
2023-03-01	£21,973	£18,404	-	-
2022-03-01	£10,165	£9,481	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Arwen Nicholson		2020-07-02
Dr Rhana Nicholson		2020-07-02
Dr Rudy Arthur		2020-07-02
Elara Nicholson		2020-07-02
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Trustees' Annual Report - FY 24/25

2 March 2024 - 1 March 2025



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The trustees present their financial statement of the charity
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This report was approved by the Trustees on [DATE] and signed on their
behalf by:

Signature: _____

Name: Sam Walton Date: 31 December 2025

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4.1 Animal rescue

Silth's Sanctuary fostered and provided medical care for a total of 48 animals during this year.

Animals	Admitted	Rehomed	Released	Transferred	PTS	Died
Cats	38	32	2		1	
Small Animals	10			10		

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PTS: One cat was euthanised during this period due to severe health conditions. In this case, veterinary experts recommended euthanasia and we confirmed that there were no viable alternative options that could have led to a good quality of life.

4.2 Community assistance

Silth's Sanctuary provided a number of in-person responses to community calls for help. A substantial number of animals and owners were assisted by Silth's Sanctuary during this period.

Requests for help come from community Facebook groups (including Moggies & Doggies

Merseyside and Scouse Pets 2), the Merseyside animal rescue community, emails, and private messages on Silth's Sanctuary social media pages.

This support has included scanning, paper collaring, assessing stray animals, trapping animals, covering medical costs for stray cats (including neutering), reuniting lost pets with owners, and transporting animals for emergency medical treatment.

4.3 Volunteers

The number of people actively volunteering for Silth's Sanctuary during this period stayed at 17, although this included some new members joining and other members taking a prolonged break.

Due to ongoing personal situations, including new family members and medical issues, we aimed to keep Silth's Sanctuary stable in its size and activities this year. This meant we knew we could operate efficiently and effectively while also ensuring volunteers did not overextend themselves.

5.7 Expenses

During this financial period, £18,028.64 was spent running Silth's Sanctuary; £17,207.57 was spent directly on charitable activities that directly impact animals (95%).

- Veterinary expenses accounted for 70% of our annual spending (£12,479.45). This includes medication, such as flea treatment and supplements.
- Equipment to care for animals accounted for 1% of our annual spending (£187.31). This includes cleaning supplies such as litter lockers and waste storage.
- General costs, such as food and litter, accounted for 25% of our annual spending (£4,540.81).
- Fundraising and advertising accounted for 3% of our annual spending (£578.35). This includes website hosting fees (Squarespace) and domain names (GoDaddy).

This year we spent £5,132.77 less than in 2023-24 on medical bills, and our general costs were reduced due to more efficient management of running costs. The reduction in medical bills was due to having fewer complicated cases, however we still supported many ferals and animals going to other rescues (mostly rabbits) where we did not ultimately receive an adoption donation.

4.4 Fundraising and income

During this financial period, Silth's Sanctuary raised £14,875.79. This was raised via social media, GoFundMe appeals, and monthly bank transfers.

- One-off donations accounted for 46.5% of funds raised. These donations were often given in response to social media posts on various platforms (primarily Facebook and Instagram). We decided to cease fundraising activities on X (Twitter).
- Adoption fees accounted for 39% of funds raised. Adoption donations are currently set at £150 for a kitten and £100 for a cat. Adoption donations do not cover the full cost of medical bills for the adopted animals.
- GoFundMe appeals accounted for 7% of funds raised. One appeal was run via GoFundMe; 'Urgent Funds For Fat Charlie'.

GoFundMe appeal	Date started	Goal	Raised
Fat Charlie	6 June 2024	£1,000	£1,097

- Monthly direct debits accounted for 5% of funds raised.
- No in-person events were attended this year due to our limited capacity as volunteers.

This year saw our donations decrease in comparison to the last financial year. Due to the reduced number of animals taken in this year this is to be expected.

One-off donations are still our largest source of income. Monthly direct debit donations have decreased by 41% since the last financial year.

GoFundMe appeals raised half as much as the previous year (£1,097 in comparison to £2,098). This is unsurprising as we only ran a single appeal.

Although we applied for a number of grants, we did not receive any this year.

Our goal this year was to keep a stable income of donations. Because of the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are deeply aware of the financial struggle that many people are facing, especially throughout Merseyside. Therefore, our aim was to proactively fundraise while ensuring our supporters did not feel overly pressured.

We maintained our fundraising totals and covered all expenses for the year while handling a few emergency financial situations.

4.5 Partnerships

During this year we established a new relationship with Alley Cats and Kittens rescue, who come to us to provide feral cat socialization resources and to provide rescue space for particularly difficult to socialize feral kittens trapped by their team. We are grateful for their collaboration and support.

4.7 Stories

Every one of the 48 animals admitted by Silth's Sanctuary during this period has a unique story. Unfortunately, no animal that is admitted to a rescue has a completely happy backstory. However, at Silth's Sanctuary we endeavour to make all their future stories happy. We have selected three stories that highlight the dedicated work of our volunteers, vets, and supporters.

Fat Charlie

Charlie was known to one of our local volunteers, who had been caring for him for a number of years on the street. Our volunteer provided shelter and food, but wanted to provide a longer term solution for such a friendly street cat.

Charlie started suffering due to poor oral hygiene, and so the volunteer asked us to assist with directly rehoming Charlie where he could receive treatment while recovering from life on the streets. The amount of medical care needed for Charlie would be prohibitively expensive for his new family, therefore they would not be able to help him. By directly rehoming him and treating the new family as a temporary foster space, we were able to attend to Charlie's medical needs and help him settle into his forever home without needing a foster space first.

Charlie was unneutered, so we knew that this was the first step on his journey inside - while under anaesthetic, the vets were also finally able to take a good look inside his mouth to see what was going on. What they found was worse than anyone was expecting - bad teeth, pus, and a potentially cancerous lump. Charlie also tested positive for FIV, a serious condition with these complications that could be life threatening had he remained in his condition on the street.

After consulting with the vets we agreed that a biopsy of the lump should be taken and Charlie was booked in for a dental extraction of all his teeth. To help cover the costs of his treatment we started a GoFundMe. Thankfully the biopsy results came back as non-cancerous so he could immediately receive treatment for his dental disease. Once he had recovered fully from the infection, dental extraction and was vaccinated and microchipped he was officially adopted.

Start-Up Rabbit Rescue

We became aware of a member of the public attempting to start up their own small animal rescue. They were collecting rabbits for free from Facebook, and we noticed that no checks

were being performed for rehoming. We were then made aware that several rabbit rescues had voiced concerns about the animals in this start-up rescue's care, including a lack of medical treatment, quarantining procedures, and rehoming process to ensure suitable homes were being found.

Initially we allowed the prominent rabbit rescues in the area to take the lead in communication with the individual, only stepping in to get them to agree to relinquish a rabbit to us that they had set up as 'free to a good home'. Bubbles came into our foster care as an emergency, where we fostered her for over a month, neutering and vaccinating her while waiting for space at a rabbit rescue to become available. Rabbit rescues prioritised space for the rabbits they were attempting to get relinquished into their care, which meant Bubbles had an extended stay with us.

In this time communications between the individual running the start-up rescue and various established rabbit rescues suffered difficulties. As we have already made contact with the individual, we reached out again offering updates on Bubbles. From there we started offering advice to the problems they were facing in the hopes that they would learn and accept help from more knowledgeable rescues. This included advice about lack of funds, quarantine procedures, medical treatment, and rehoming processes.

Through patience and time, we were able to establish a relationship based on trust and honesty. Because of this approach, the start-up rescue felt comfortable enough to approach us to find rescue space for 4 rabbits they currently had, as they realised they couldn't rehome them or give them the care they needed. We agreed, found temporary foster care in our rescue for the 4 rabbits and agreed with Bunny Angels to find permanent rescue space for them. We encouraged them to consider relinquishing more of the rabbits into our care and a few days later 4 more were handed over leaving them with only the rabbits they were intending to keep as their own pets.

All 8 of these rabbits were neutered and vaccinated by us before moving on to other rescues for rehoming. Unfortunately one rabbit, Honey, became extremely unwell after neutering and died not long after being admitted to Bunny Angel's vets.

This particular case taught us that being consistent, educating, staying compassionate, and holding firm boundaries is important for building trust with members of the public, especially with regards to hoarding cases.

Matilda

Matilda came to us at 10 weeks old kitten after volunteers from Moggies and Doggies enquired about space for a kitten they had rescued. She had been stuck in a drain pipe and after 2 hours had finally been freed, She was scanned and no chip was found so foster space was requested.

Whilst she was initially given a clear bill of health from the vets after her ordeal, her fosterer began to notice a developing physical deformation she was concerned was Pectus Excavatum. X-rays at our primary vets confirmed this suspicion.

Once she was officially diagnosed we reached out to Rescue Me Animal Rescue, who we know to have previously dealt with a case of Pectus Excavatum. We then arranged an appointment with Animal Trust, the specialist vets Rescue Me recommended, to determine whether or not surgery would be appropriate in Matilda's case.

After consulting with the specialist over Matilda's x-rays we decided that, in her case, the risk of surgery would outweigh any potential gains in Matilda's quality of life. The vets confirmed no anatomical risks that would deem the surgery a necessity.

The Trustees and vets agreed on a delayed process of neutering and vaccinations so Matilda could be monitored at every step and in her neutering it was discovered that her deformation was lessening with age. This meant the vets and trustees were happy to clear her as 'healthy to be rehomed'.

Matilda was adopted by the home who had rehomed our other kitten with chest deformities, Ronan.

Monty

We were asked to investigate the report of a domesticated rabbit being sighted by the road in Skelmersdale. This was because we were the closest rescue available with experience of trapping rabbits successfully.

Upon arriving at the location the team of 2 volunteers asked locals, residents and schools for information. This allowed us to determine the most likely location of the rabbit was the central reservation of the A road nearby.

Due to the shy nature of the rabbit and how overgrown the area was, searching in person was not possible. A trail camera was set up overnight and baited with food to confirm the location of the rabbit. The overnight footage confirmed we were correct and so our volunteers returned with the manual humane trap to attempt to bring the rabbit inside to safety.

Four days were spent learning the rabbits routine and ensuring they were confident with the trap. To encourage interest and familiarity with the trap, rabbit bedding from resident rabbits and a range of food was used. We then set the trap with a soft toy rabbit inside to tempt Monty to enter while we were present. Monty was set up in an appropriate foster space until foster space could be organised through Bunny Angels. She was neutered and vaccinated in our care and then was transferred to Ivy Dene rabbit rescue for rehoming.

5. Financial review

Statement of financial activities, including summary income and expenditure account

5.1 Total Finances

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted income funds	Endow ment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	£14,790.42	-	-	£14,790.42	22,914.85
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	
Total	£14,790.42	-	-	£14,790.42	22,914.85
EXPENDITURE (Note 6)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	£85.37	-	-	£85.37	-
Charitable activities	£17,943.27	-	-	£17,943.27	22,023.90
Total	£18,028.64	-	-	£18,028.64	22,023.90
NET INCOME					
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	£6,034.89	-	-	£6,034.89	5,143.94
Total funds carried forward	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	6,034.89

5.2 Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed income funds	Endow ment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89
<i>Total current assets</i>	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	£2,796.67		-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89
<i>Total funds</i>	£2,796.67	-	-	£2,796.67	£6,034.89

5.3 Notes to the financial statements

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

5.4 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

5.5 Accounting policies

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resource, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

5.6 Income

	Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	£14,790.42	-	-	£14,790.42	22,579.99
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-		300
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Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Other	-	-	-	-	34.86
	Total	-	-	-	-	34.86
TOTAL INCOME		£14,790.42	-	-	£14,790.42	22,914.85

5.7 Expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed income funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed income funds	Endowmen t funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:								
				£				
Incurring seeking donations	£85.37	-	-	£85.37	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	£85.37	-	-	£85.37	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Expenses Incurred	£17,943.27	-	-	£17,943.27	22,023.90	-	-	22,023.90
Total expenditure on charitable activities	£17,943.27	-	-	£17,943.27	22,023.90	-	-	22,023.90
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£18,028.64	-	-	£18,028.64	22,023.90	-	-	22,023.90

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
Medical Costs	£12,479.45	-	-	£12,479.45	17,612.20	-	-	17,612.20
Food Costs	£4,540.81	-	-	£4,540.81	3,123.51	-	-	3,123.51
Other	£923.01	-	-	£923.01	£1,288.19	-	-	£1,288.19
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Cats	29	28	1	0	1	0
Other Animals	6	0	0	5	0	1

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PTS: One cat was euthanised during this period due to severe health conditions. In this case, veterinary experts recommended euthanasia and we confirmed that there were no viable alternative options that could have led to a good quality of life.

Died: One puppy was admitted into our care as an evening emergency case. They passed while at the out-of-hours vets during the night. Unfortunately, no treatment could have helped them. We covered financial costs and had arranged a space for the following day with a dog specialist rescue.

4.2 Community Assistance

Silth's Sanctuary provided a number of in-person responses to community calls for help. A substantial number of animals and owners were assisted by Silth's Sanctuary during this period.

Requests for help come from community Facebook groups (including Moggies & Doggies Merseyside and Scouse Pets 2), the Merseyside animal rescue community, emails, phone calls, and private messages on Silth's Sanctuary social media pages.

This support has included scanning, paper collaring, assessing stray animals, trapping animals, covering medical costs for stray cats (including neutering), reuniting lost pets with owners, and transporting animals for emergency medical treatment.

4.3 Volunteers

The number of people actively participating in Silth's Sanctuary activities during this period grew to 20.

Due to personal situations, including new family members and medical situations, we aimed to keep Silth's Sanctuary stable in its size and activities this year. This meant we knew we could operate efficiently and effectively while also ensuring volunteers did not over-extend themselves.

4.4 Expenses

During this financial period, £21,772.91 was spent running Silth's Sanctuary; £20,766.16 was spent directly on charitable activities that directly impact animals (95%), and £1,006.75 was spent on administration, raising funds, and travel (5%).

- Veterinary expenses accounted for 81% of our annual spending (£17,612.20). This includes any medication, such as flea treatment and supplements.
- Equipment to run the charity and care for animals accounted for 1% of our annual spending (£217.95).
- General costs, such as food and litter, accounted for 13.5% of our annual spending (£2936.01).
- Fundraising, administration, and advertising accounted for 2.5% of our annual spending (£559.17). This includes website hosting fees (Squarespace), domain names (GoDaddy), and 1password.
- Travel by public transport for conference travel and to move animals to rescues accounted for 1% of our spending (£204.35).

- Second-party fees from donations accounted for 1% of our total spending (£243.23). This includes SumUp and PayPal fees on donations we receive.

Our general costs were reduced this year due to a smaller number of animals, but also as a result of our push for physical donations from supporters. We received a large number of regular donations of food and litter, allowing us to use more of our funds to cover things like vet bills.

This year we spent £3,843.28 more than in 2022-23 on medical bills despite having fewer animals. This was due to several complicated medical cases, supporting animals going to other rescues (mostly rabbits) where we did not ultimately receive an adoption donation, and assisting with more feral street cases.

For the first time, we reimbursed volunteer travel on public transport. These trips included two volunteers going to a Small Cat Charity conference run in collaboration by Battersea, Cats Protection, and International Cat Care. A grant of £300 was awarded to Silth's Sanctuary by Battersea to help cover volunteer travel costs.

4.5 Fundraising and income

During this financial period, Silth's Sanctuary raised £22,851.36. This was raised via social media, GoFundMe appeals, stalls, raffles, grants, and monthly bank transfers.

- One-off donations accounted for 42% of funds raised (£9,596.29). These donations were often given in response to social media posts on various platforms (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram).
- Grants accounted for 1% of total funds raised. This consisted of a £300 travel grant from Battersea.
- Adoption fees accounted for 20.5% of funds raised (£4,700). The recommended minimum adoption donations are currently set at £150 for a kitten and £100 for a cat. Adoption donations do not cover the full cost of medical bills for the adopted animals.
- GoFundMe appeals accounted for 9% of funds raised (£2,086.63). Two appeals were run via GoFundMe:

GoFundMe appeal	Date Started	Goal	Raised
EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR DAISY	28th Mar 2023	£1000	£168
URGENT FUNDS NEEDED TO SAVE RONAN	5th June 2023	£1500	£1930

- Monthly direct debits accounted for 16.5% of funds raised (£3,748.76)
- In-person events accounted for at least 11% of funds raised. Two large fundraising events, SantaPaws and Easter Pets at Home Fundraiser, brought in £2,408.31. Several smaller stalls, such as cake sales, were run. Donations from these events were taken as SumUp card payments and therefore cannot be distinguished from one-off donations.

This year saw our donations remain stable in comparison to the last financial year (there was an overall increase of £642.56, which is in line with inflation).

One-off donations are still our largest source of income. Monthly donations have increased by over 200% since the last financial year.

GoFundMe appeals raised a similar amount as the previous year (£2,098 in comparison to £2,223), however only two appeals were run this year. Daisy's appeal received few donations, which we think was due to her semi-feral socialisation status. Ronan's fundraiser exceeded the amount we aimed for, although the total bill from that specific medical situation was over £5,000.

Although we applied for a number of grants, we did not receive any this year, but we did receive a travel grant from Battersea to cover travel costs for two of our volunteers attending a cat conference.

Our goal this year was to increase passive fundraising streams without needing to ask our supporters for short-notice emergency funds. Because of the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are deeply aware of the financial struggle that many people are facing, especially throughout Merseyside. Therefore our aim was to proactively fundraise while ensuring our supporters did not feel overly pressured.

We maintained our fundraising totals and covered all expenses for the year while handling a few emergency financial situations.

4.6 Partnerships

During this year we established a new veterinary partnership with Parker and Crowther vets, who are providing us with a charity discount for in-house expenses for fosterers in the Sefton region. We are grateful for their collaboration and support.

We partnered with Pets At Home Penny Lane as their chosen charity of the year. We want to say a special thanks to the team at Penny Lane Pets At Home for having us in store and working so hard to help raise much-needed funds during this period.

4.7 Stories

Every one of the 35 animals rehomed by Silth's Sanctuary during this period has a unique story. Unfortunately, no animal that is admitted to a rescue has a completely happy backstory. However, at Silth's Sanctuary, we endeavour to make all their future stories happy. We have selected three stories that highlight the dedicated work of our volunteers, vets, and supporters.

Ronan

In April 2023 we were contacted by our vets about an emergency; a single surviving kitten from a family that had been admitted by a breeder. Unfortunately, the mother was struggling with labour and had become septic (suspected stuck kitten). The mum had to be euthanised, and all but one of the kittens born had died of hypothermia on arrival. The breeder had abandoned the remaining surviving kitten at the vets.

The 6-hour-old kitten was extremely cold and unresponsive. We were able to appropriately advise our vets on what to do and how to care for him until we arrived and could take over. We arranged an emergency foster space and admitted the kitten, who we named Ronan, into our care.

Ronan had to be hand-reared from birth by humans. This required fosterers to be up every two hours night and day for the first few weeks to feed, stimulate, and groom him. He was born with several health conditions, including flat-chested kitten syndrome, and at 5 weeks old he developed a partial intestinal blockage that threatened his life.

We needed to use a vet that had the capacity for overnight care, which meant that we did not have a working relationship with the practice overseeing Ronan's care. While they had the facilities needed to care for him, they lacked knowledge and experience with neonates.

This particular case made our team confront the reality of weighing financial costs against medical outcomes. Thanks to our research and team effort with our regular vet practice, we were able to narrow down the potential issues and advise the practice caring for Ronan what would be best despite their lack of experience. We were confident that Ronan stood a good chance at recovery despite the large associated costs (over £5,000).

Ronan made a full recovery thanks to our persistence and has now been rehomed with his

adopted sibling Benny. A GoFundMe to help cover his large vet bills was run and raised over £1900 towards his bill. An additional single donation of £2000 was also received to help with his costs.

Tulip

Tulip was one of two rabbits that were living free roam on a residential street. Tulip's bonded partner was hit by a car and passed away. Silth's Sanctuary became aware of the situation due to an online post and decided to try to ensure the surviving rabbit got to safety.

One of our volunteers searched the area, asked locals about the whereabouts of the rabbit, and tried to learn more about the situation and the potential owners. Eventually Tulip and the owners were located.

We discovered that Tulip was living under a car, with a pellet and water bowl as his only provisions, and so decided it was necessary for his safety to ask the owners whether they would be willing to relinquish him. The owners had very limited English skills, which we had been made aware of by the locals who had tried to help Tulip in the past.

One of our volunteers has a family member who studied Chinese languages at University, and so we contacted them to provide assistance with translation. Thanks to their expertises and translation, we were able to clearly communicate with the owners and answer their questions. They agreed to relinquish Tulip into our care.

Tulip was vaccinated and treated for parasites while under our care before going to Ivy Dene Rabbit Rescue to be neutered and rehomed. We'd like to say a special thank you to Bunny Angels UK for organising rescue spaces for all our rescue rabbits this year.

Our experience with Tulip has taught us how challenging language barriers can be in rescue situations. We have since asked for help from family and friends who speak multiple languages to assist in creating resources that can help our volunteers in cases such as these. We are currently focusing on Arabic, Romanian, and Chinese as these are widely spoken languages within Liverpool.

Barbara

Barbara is a stray cat that lives in the L13 area of Liverpool. She was noticed and cared for by one of our new volunteers while on the streets. Barbara was assessed and found to be very wary of humans and so not a suitable candidate for fostering and rehoming. We decided to trap, neuter, and release her back into the alley where she could continue to be cared for.

Barbara was kept in a calm and quiet space for 3 days post-spay to allow her to recover with as little stress as possible. She was given a two-week acting antibiotic and ear tipped.

We also tested her for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV), a standard we have set for all TNR and medical cases that visit our vets even when

not in foster care. This is allowing us to monitor and contain the spread of FIV and FeLV in the areas where we regularly trap.

Once we were certain Barbara had fully recovered from her spay and was eating and toileting well, she was released back into her alley. She continues to receive support, feeding and care from a volunteer who lives locally.

Some cats are not currently suitable for rehoming because of their history. Street cats in cities often live in close proximity to humans. It is therefore unusual to see true ferals in alleyways as cats often rely on feeding from locals. We most commonly find ferals at industrial estates and warehouses. Despite this contact with humans, older street cats have varying levels of comfort around people and therefore it is important that we meet each cat's individual needs.

Because of our foster home-based structure, we are ideally suited to working out which cats are simply nervous and require extra time and which cats are genuinely happier living on the streets alongside humans with support.

5. Financial review

Statement of financial activities, including summary income and expenditure account

5.1 Total Finances

Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
£	£	£	£	£

INCOME (Note 3)

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

Other trading activities

Total

22,816.50	-	-	22,816.50	21,817
34.86	-	-	34.86	156
22,851.36	-	-	22,851.36	21,973

EXPENDITURE (Note 6)

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

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Charitable activities	21,772.91	-	-	21,772.91	18,404
Total	21,772.91	-	-	21,772.91	18,404
NET INCOME	1,078.45	-	-	1,078.45	4,253
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	4,253	-	-	4,253	
Total funds carried forward	5,331.45	-	-	5,331.45	4,253

5.2 Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	8,361	-	-	8,361	5,143
<i>Total current assets</i>	8,361	-	-	8,361	5,143
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	8,361	-	-	8,361	5,143
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	8,361	-	-	8,361	5,143
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	8,361	-	-	8,361	5,143
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	8,361		-	8,361	5,143
<i>Total funds</i>	8,361	-	-	8,361	5,143

5.3 Notes to the financial statements

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

5.4 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

5.5 Accounting policies

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resource, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

5.6 Income

	Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	22,516.50	-	-	22,516.50	16,392
	General grants provided by government/other charities	300	-	-	300	5,000
	Total	22,816.50	-	-	22,816.50	21,817
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Other	34.86	-	-	34.86	156
	Total	34.86	-	-	34.86	156
TOTAL INCOME		22,851.36	-	-	22,851.36	21,973

5.7 Expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:								
				£				
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Expenses Incurred	21,772.91	-	-	21,772.91	18,404	-	-	18,404
Total expenditure on charitable activities	21,772.91	-	-	21,772.91	18,404	-	-	18,404
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	21,772.91	-	-	21,772.91	18,404	-	-	18,404

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
Medical Costs	17,612.20	-	-	17,612.20	13,769	-	-	13,769
Food Costs	2,936.01	-	-	2,936.01	3,713	-	-	3,713
Other	1,224.70	-	-	1,224.70	923	-	-	923
Total	21,772.91	-	-		18,404	-	-	18,404

5.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and on hand

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
8,361	5,143
8,361	5,143

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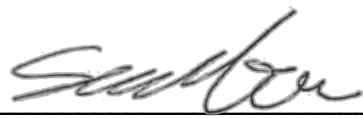
2 March 2022 - 1 March 2023



Registered charity number **1195252**

The trustees present their financial statement of the charity
(2 March 2022 - 1 March 2023)

This report was approved by the Trustees on 16 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature: _____

Name: Sam Walton Date: 20/12/2023

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1. Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Silth's Sanctuary
Charity number	1195252
Company registration number	CE026299
Registered address	7 Kew Road Formby Merseyside L37 2HB
Trustees	Arwen Nicholson Elara Nicholson Rhana Nicholson Rudy Arthur Sam Walton

2. Structure, governance and management

Silth's Sanctuary is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered 21 July 2021, with a Constitution governing document.

As of March 2023, Silth's Sanctuary consists of 5 trustees and 12 volunteers.

Trustees are selected by members, and voted in by a majority trustee approval. A majority vote from members can bring forward a motion to remove a trustee. A majority vote from trustees will remove a trustee. Volunteers are admitted when they express interest.

3. Objectives and activities

For the public benefit, the relief of animal suffering by providing food, shelter, and medical care with a focus on abandoned, feral, and sick animals and an aim to rehome wherever possible.

3.1 Public benefit

The Trustees of Silth's Sanctuary confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and have taken into account in the course of the charity's work that our activities are undertaken for the purpose of public benefit.

3.2 Aims

Silth's Sanctuary aims to approach the issues of pet abandonment with a holistic view.

- **Rescue:** To assist animals, predominantly cats, that are in need. We aim to; assist the public by reuniting lost pets, rescue abandoned and stray animals that are at risk, and provide medical care to unowned animals.
- **Rehome:** To rehome (where appropriate) stray, abandoned, and previously feral animals.
- **Outreach:** To create a community response to stray cat colonies. A community-led response helps protect animals at risk and provides opportunities to educate local people and pet owners. We aim to link communities with local resources and rescues, and create an ongoing partnership with these communities so that we can effectively implement our other aims.
- **TNR:** To run a Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) scheme. TNR is needed to prevent increases in stray cat numbers, reduce the spread of diseases, and reduce the risk of injuries through fighting. We particularly aim to create a Liverpool TNR scheme to help stabilise, and eventually reduce, the stray cat population in the region.
- **Collaborate:** To network with our local rescue community and create positive working relationships. The scale of the abandoned and stray animal situation in Merseyside means it is near impossible to tackle for any individual charity. Therefore we aim to collaborate with local rescues and community groups to create a strong network where we can assist and support one another.

3.3 Ethos

Silth's Sanctuary is built on a set of values that form the foundation for our charity. At Silth's Sanctuary we believe that all animals have a right to humane care, medical assistance, and are not here to be used, abused, or consumed by people.

What this means for animals within our care:

- Every animal deserves humane care.
- Quality of life is at the forefront of our care.
- We will never put to sleep a healthy or treatable animal.
- We follow professional medical advice for each individual.
- The animal's comfort and safety always comes first when rehoming.
- We ensure wild animals and ferals are returned to safe environments.
- Feral animals released from our care will have on site feeding and monitoring.

We also believe that all animals, including humans, are worthy of respect and kindness. At Silth's Sanctuary we proudly support human rights and stand with marginalised communities. We recognise and understand ongoing systemic struggles that communities face, support our volunteers, and stand in solidarity with communities fighting against these societal prejudices.

4. Achievements and performance

In our second year as a registered charity, Silth's Sanctuary grew in size and impact in the Merseyside and Devon regions. We admitted nearly three times as many animals as in the preceding year, and dealt with our first significant animal welfare case, collaborating with other rescues across the North West. We have built stronger ties to other rescues, and formed new partnerships. Additionally, we have become more financially stable, setting us up for future growth.

4.1 Animal rescue

Silth's Sanctuary fostered, supported, or provided medical care for more than 50 animals during this year.

Animals	Admitted	Rehomed	Released	Transferred	PTS*	Died
Cats	42	33	0	4	2	0
Rabbits	11	0	0	11	0	0

A record of the animals under Silth's Sanctuary's care during the financial period of 2nd March 2022 - 1st March 2023.

** PTS = Put To Sleep (euthanised).*

Transferred: This year four cats were transferred to other animal rescues, including a mum and two kittens who had given birth in a stairwell. 11 rabbits were transferred to rescues with capacity and processes for rehoming them.

PTS: Two cats were euthanised during this period due to severe health conditions. In both cases, veterinary experts recommended euthanasia and we confirmed that there were no viable alternative options which could have led to a good quality of life.

4.2 Community assistance

Silth's Sanctuary provided a number of in-person responses to community calls for help. A substantial number of animals and owners were assisted by Silth's Sanctuary during this period.

Requests for help come from community Facebook groups (including Moggies & Doggies Merseyside and Scouse Pets 2), the Merseyside animal rescue community, emails, phone calls, and private messages on Silth's Sanctuary social media pages.

This support has included scanning, paper collaring, assessing stray animals, trapping

animals, reuniting lost pets with owners, and transporting animals for emergency medical treatment.

4.3 Volunteers

The number of people actively volunteering for Silth's Sanctuary during this period grew to 18.

Thanks to our surplus financial situation at the end of this year, we have also put plans in place to grow the number of foster homes we support. We intend to begin taking applications soon with the aim of adding 2-5 new foster homes in Merseyside.

4.4 Expenses

During this financial period, £18,573.47 was spent running Silth's Sanctuary; £18,017.24 was spent directly on charitable activities that directly impact animals (97%), and £485.23 was spent on administration and raising funds (2.6%).

- Veterinary expenses accounted for 74% of our annual spending (£13,768.92). This includes any medication, such as flea treatment or supplements.
- Equipment to care for animals accounted for ~3% of our annual spending (£512.25). This included weighing scales, cat pens, cat towers, and a remote detector for our automatic trap.
- General costs, such as food and litter, accounted for 20% of our annual spending (£3,736.07).
- Fundraising, administration, and advertising accounted for ~3% of our annual spending (£485.23). This includes costs such as website hosting fees (Squarespace), domain names (GoDaddy), phone bills, and events insurance.

Equipment and administration accounted for less of our annual spending this year, as we encountered fewer one-off fees relating to the establishment of the charity. Veterinary fees continue to be our primary spending.

4.5 Fundraising and income

During this financial period, Silth's Sanctuary raised £22,208.80. This was raised via social media, GoFundMe appeals, stalls, raffles, grants, and monthly bank transfers.

- One-off donations accounted for 35% of funds raised (£7,775.76). These donations were often given in response to social media posts on various platforms (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram), and from online raffles.
- Grants accounted for 23% of total funds raised (£5000). We are very grateful for this single grant, which was given by RSPCA Liverpool.
- Adoption fees accounted for 23% of funds raised (£5,050). Adoption donations are currently set at £150 for a kitten and £100 for a cat. Adoption donations do not cover the full cost of medical bills for the adopted animals.
- GoFundMe appeals accounted for 11% of funds raised (£2,417.68). Four appeals were run via GoFundMe:

GoFundMe appeal	Date started	Goal	Raised
URGENT FUNDS NEEDED TO SAVE COUSCOUS	<i>August 2022</i>	£600	£690
Raisin's Medical Fundraiser!	<i>October 2022</i>	£900	£50
URGENT RABBIT RESCUE APPEAL	<i>November 2022</i>	£1,200	£1,023
EMERGENCY SURGERY FOR FEYRE	<i>February 2023</i>	£900	£460

We are grateful to the r/rabbits Reddit community, who [provided a large number of donations and support](#) towards our rabbit rescue appeal fundraiser, enabling us to fully cover the costs of this rescue.

- Monthly direct debits accounted for 8% of funds raised (£1770).
- In person events accounted for 0.3% of funds raised (£64.72). These events were mainly to raise awareness of local schemes (such as cheap neutering), and educate on topics such as microchipping.

This financial year saw our donations more than double, even when accounting for running for a full year. An increase in the number of cats and foster homes will have naturally led to

an increase in donations, but we have become more established within our local community and our social media reach has grown.

One-off donations are still our largest source of income, and have increased by 300% since last year. Our one off donations includes social media events like '£1 Monday', and raffles.

GoFundMe raised approximately the same amount of money as last year. We ran four emergency fundraisers in comparison to three in the previous year. Raisin's appeal raised the least amount of funds, but was also the least urgent. Fundraisers where there was immediate danger or medical needs raised large sums.

We received a single grant this year, which was double the size of the grant that we received last year.

Money raised via adoption fees nearly doubled, as we nearly doubled the amount of animals we rehomed in comparison to the previous financial year. We also received some larger adoption donations.

Since opening our charity bank account, monthly donations have increased. We now receive more than triple the amount of donations every month than the previous financial year.

4.6 Partnerships

During this year we established a new veterinary partnership with Town Vets in Southport, who are providing us with discounts on treatment. We are grateful for their collaboration and support.

4.7 Stories

Every one of the 53 animals admitted to Silth's Sanctuary during this period has a unique story. Unfortunately, no animal that is admitted to a rescue has a completely happy backstory. However, at Silth's Sanctuary we endeavour to make all their future stories happy. We have selected three stories that highlight the dedicated work of our volunteers, vets, and supporters during this year.

Unlicensed petting zoo

In November 2022 we received word that a domestic rabbit had been sighted roaming around a small park in Liverpool. After speaking to other local animal rescues, we learned that there had been multiple sightings of dead animals, including birds, in the area, and that there was some kind of makeshift farm or petting zoo in a fenced area behind the nearby church. Upon further investigation, we found that there were a number of rabbits and dozens of birds being kept in very poor conditions, with inadequate housing, and little food or water.

We worked with local residents to identify who was taking responsibility for what turned out to be an unlicensed petting zoo for local children, and were able to convince them to

surrender all the rabbits into our care. We were also able to get WWR Wings involved to remove almost all of the 33 birds.

In total we removed 9 rabbits from terrible living conditions, filling the corners of our foster homes with temporary pens. We were able to run a successful fundraiser to cover the costs of vaccination and neutering for the rabbits, and transferred them to Rabbit Rescue North West, Society for Abandoned Animals, Estuary Small Animal Rescue, and Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary, so that they can be rehomed to new owners.

Marmalade and kittens

In July 2022 we were contacted by a member of the public who was concerned about their family member's breeding cats. Extenuating circumstances had led to the cats being left in an unoccupied house, and one of them had just had kittens. The owner was put in contact with us so we could offer advice on how to help this new mum cat and kittens. Eventually the owner decided it was in the best interest of the cats to be signed into our care.

Marmalade and her 4 kittens came to us underweight and with serious matts in their fur. Marmalade was less than a year old herself, and so was struggling to help her kittens gain weight. Through support feeding and lots of care, Marmalade and her kittens flourished. They were rehomed to adopters with experience of persians.

We decided to maintain our standard adoption fees and rely on our rehoming process to weed out potentially problematic applications, rather than charging more for 'pure breed' cats. We have seen other rescues increase fees for these sorts of cats, but decided this would be against our ethos that no cat is worth more than another, and we trusted that our application process would be sufficient to sort through unsuitable applicants.

Spooky kittens

In October 2022 we were contacted by our vets about a group of very sick kittens. They had been handed in by a member of the public who had found them in his kitchen. Their mother had abandoned them, so this person tried to feed them adult food. A local cat was also urinating on them, so they were drenched and cold.

After 5 days, he realised they were not doing well and so took them to our vets. All five kittens were hypothermic and extremely malnourished. One kitten had to be euthanized almost immediately as they were struggling so much. The remaining four were in such a poor condition that the vets were very unsure whether they would make it through the night.

The vets aged the kittens at 3 weeks based on their weight. When we collected them, we realised that these kittens were at least 5 weeks old. We put them in the new sanctuary incubator for an hour upon arriving at their foster home. Within an hour, thanks to the incubator increasing their body temperatures, all four kittens were energetically demanding food.

They were incubated intermittently for 3 days to allow them to gain weight without needing to

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maintain their body temperature, before being placed in a larger pen. All four kittens survived and flourished, and went on to find forever homes.

5. Financial review

Statement of financial activities, including summary income and expenditure account

5.1 Total Finances

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	21,817	-	-	21,817	9,767
Other trading activities	156	-	-	156	398
Total	21,973	-	-	21,973	10,165
EXPENDITURE (Note 6)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	370
Charitable activities	18,404	-	-	18,404	9,111
Total	18,404	-	-	18,404	9,481
NET INCOME					
	3,569	-	-	3,569	684
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	684	-	-	684	
Total funds carried forward	4,253	-	-	4,253	684

5.2 Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets					
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	5,143	-	-	5,143	1,574
<i>Total current assets</i>	5,143	-	-	5,143	1,574
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	5,143	-	-	5,143	1,574
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	5,143	-	-	5,143	1,574
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	5,143	-	-	5,143	1,574
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	5,143		-	5,143	1,574
<i>Total funds</i>	5,143	-	-	5,143	1,574

5.3 Notes to the financial statements

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Material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period. In our FY21/22 report we reported a value of £684 for 'Cash at bank and in hand'. This was an error - the correct value was £1,574, a difference of £890. The updated value has been reflected in this annual report.

5.5 Accounting policies

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resource, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

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Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

5.6 Income

	Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	16,392	-	-	16,392	7,128
	Gift Aid	425	-	-	425	139
	General grants provided by government/other charities	5,000	-	-	5,000	2,500
	Total	21,817	-	-	21,817	9,767
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Other	156	-	-	156	398
	Total	156	-	-	156	398
TOTAL INCOME		21,973	-	-	21,973	10,165

5.7 Expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:								
				£				
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	370	-	-	370
Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	370	-	-	370
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Expenses Incurred	18,404	-	-	18,404	9,111	-	-	9,111
Total expenditure on charitable activities	18,404	-	-	18,404	9,111	-	-	9,111
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,404	-	-	18,404	9,481	-	-	9,481

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
Medical Costs	13,769	-	-	13,769	-	-	-	-

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Food Costs	3,713	-	-	3,713	-	-	-	-
Other	923	-	-	923	9,481	-	-	9,481
Total	18,404	-	-	18,404	9,481	-	-	9,481

5.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and on hand

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
5,143	1,574
5,143	1,574

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Accounts

Silth's Sanctuary

Trustees' Annual Report - FY 21/22

21 July 2021 - 1 March 2022



Registered charity number **1195252**

The trustees present their financial statement of the charity
(21 July 2021 - 1 March 2022)

This report was approved by the Trustees on 11 Nov 2022 and signed on their
behalf by:

Signature:  _____

Name: Sam Walton Date: 11 Nov 2022

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1. Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Silth's Sanctuary
Charity number	1195252
Company registration number	CE026299
Registered address	7 Kew Road Formby Merseyside L37 2HB
Trustees	Arwen Nicholson Elara Nicholson Rhana Nicholson Rudy Arthur Sam Walton

2. Structure, governance and management

Silth's Sanctuary is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered 21 July 2021, with a Constitution governing document.

As of March 2022, Silth's Sanctuary consists of 5 trustees and 10 volunteers.

Trustees are selected by members, and voted in by a majority trustee approval. A majority vote from members can bring forward a motion to remove a trustee. A majority vote from trustees will remove a trustee. Volunteers are admitted when they express interest.

3. Objectives and activities

For the public benefit, the relief of animal suffering by providing food, shelter, and medical care with a focus on abandoned, feral, and sick animals and an aim to rehome wherever possible.

3.1 Public benefit

The Trustees of Silth's Sanctuary confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and have taken into account in the course of the charity's work that our activities are undertaken for the purpose of public benefit.

3.2 Aims

Silth's Sanctuary aims to approach the issues of pet abandonment with a holistic view.

- **Rescue:** To assist animals, predominantly cats, that are in need. We aim to; assist the public by reuniting lost pets, rescue abandoned and stray animals that are at risk, and provide medical care to unowned animals.
- **Rehome:** To rehome (where appropriate) stray, abandoned, and previously feral animals.
- **Outreach:** To create a community response to stray cat colonies. A community-led response helps protect animals at risk and provides opportunities to educate local people and pet owners. We aim to link communities with local resources and rescues, and create an ongoing partnership with these communities so that we can effectively implement our other aims.
- **TNR:** To run a Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) scheme. TNR is needed to prevent increases in stray cat numbers, reduce the spread of diseases, and reduce the risk of injuries through fighting. We particularly aim to create a Liverpool TNR scheme to help stabilise, and eventually reduce, the stray cat population in the region.
- **Collaborate:** To network with our local rescue community and create positive working relationships. The scale of the abandoned and stray animal situation in Merseyside means it is near impossible to tackle for any individual charity. Therefore we aim to collaborate with local rescues and community groups to create a strong network where we can assist and support one another.

3.3 Ethos

Silth's Sanctuary is built on a set of values that form the foundation for our charity. At Silth's Sanctuary we believe that all animals have a right to humane care, medical assistance, and are not here to be used, abused, or consumed by people.

What this means for animals within our care:

- Every animal deserves humane care.
- Quality of life is at the forefront of our care.
- We will never put to sleep a healthy or treatable animal.
- We follow professional medical advice for each individual.
- The animal's comfort and safety always comes first when rehoming.
- We ensure wild animals and ferals are returned to safe environments.
- Feral animals released from our care will have on site feeding and monitoring.

We also believe that all animals, including humans, are worthy of respect and kindness. At Silth's Sanctuary we proudly support human rights and stand with marginalised communities. We recognise and understand ongoing systemic struggles that communities face, support our volunteers, and stand in solidarity with communities fighting against these societal prejudices.

4. Achievements and performance

During the course of our first financial year, Silth's Sanctuary has grown in volunteer numbers, foster homes, and funds. We have rescued and assisted stray, feral, and abandoned animals from the Merseyside and Devon regions, and established core processes for the future.

To account for our increase in size, we have refined our rehoming process (to great success), created new training opportunities for volunteers, increased our social media activity, and started several working partnerships.

4.1 Animal rescue

Silth's Sanctuary fostered and provided medical care for a total of 27 animals during this year. This brings the total number of animals directly assisted by Silth's Sanctuary to 35.

Animals	Admitted	Rehomed	Released	Transferred	PTS	Died
Cats	15	19	1	2	2	0
Small Animals	3	1	0	0	0	0

A record of the animals under Silth's Sanctuary's care during the financial period of 21st July 2021 - 1st March 2022. PTS stands for Put To Sleep (euthanised).

Released: During this period one feral cat was neutered and released by Silth's Sanctuary to her original location which was deemed safe following our re-release guidelines. We confirmed that she had shelter and sources of food and water.

Transferred: Silth's Sanctuary collaborated with other local animal rescues to transfer animals that could not be fostered by us for a long period due to a shortage of space in foster homes. We would like to thank Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary in particular for admitting a pair of kittens which we did not have the capacity to support long-term.

PTS: Two cats were euthanised during this period due to severe health conditions. In both cases, veterinary experts recommended euthanasia and we confirmed that there were no viable alternative options which could have led to a good quality of life.

4.2 Community assistance

Silth's Sanctuary provided a number of in-person responses to community calls for help. A substantial number of animals and owners were assisted by Silth's Sanctuary during this period.

Requests for help come from community Facebook groups (including Moggies & Doggies Merseyside and Scouse Pets 2), emails, phone calls, and private messages on Silth's Sanctuary social media pages.

These missions have included scanning, paper collaring, assessing stray animals, trapping animals, reuniting lost pets with owners, and transporting animals for emergency medical treatment.

4.3 Volunteers

The number of people actively participating in Silth's Sanctuary activities during this period grew from 11 to 15.

To ensure the safety of volunteers as Silth's Sanctuary grows, new rules have been implemented. In-person responses are carried out by a minimum of two volunteers. Medical kits and safety equipment are provided by Silth's Sanctuary.

This year Silth's Sanctuary has focused on providing volunteers with a range of training opportunities such as scanning, trapping, and assessing animals on the street using a range of equipment.

The number of foster homes grew from 2 to 6. A foster agreement was created to ensure the charity maintains an excellent standard for foster homes. All new fosterers must sign and adhere to this agreement before taking on animals on behalf of the charity.

Additional training has been provided for certain foster homes depending on the needs of their foster animal(s). Neonatal care training was undertaken by 2 foster homes, and the use of specialist equipment, such as nebulisers and incubators, has been provided for 3 foster homes.

5.7 Expenses

During this financial period, £9,481 was spent running Silth's Sanctuary; £9,111 was spent directly on charitable activities that directly impact animals (96%), and £370 was spent on raising funds (4%).

- Veterinary expenses accounted for 70% of our annual spending (£6,671.32). This includes any medication, such as flea treatment or supplements.
- Equipment to care for animals accounted for 13% of our annual spending (£1,255.30). This includes a new incubator and new equipment for 5 foster homes (litter trays, cat carriers, pens, weighing scales etc.).
- General costs, such as food and litter, accounted for 9% of our annual spending (£882.52).

- Fundraising and advertising accounted for 4% of our annual spending (£370). This includes website hosting fees (Squarespace), domain names (GoDaddy), a large reusable banner, business cards, and the purchase of SumUp card machines.

Many of our expenses for equipment and advertising were one time purchases, which were expected during our start as a new charity. We expect to decrease the amount we spend on fundraising and advertising costs in the next year, although annual fees, such as website hosting, will continue.

4.4 Fundraising and income

During this financial period, Silth's Sanctuary raised £10,165. This was raised via one-off donations (£2,675.93), grants (£2500), adoption fees (£2,230), GoFundMe special appeals (£2,128.33), monthly direct debits (£500), and in person events (£130.74).

- One-off donations accounted for 26% of funds raised. These donations were often given in response to social media posts on various platforms (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram).
- Grants accounted for 25% of total funds raised. Animal Friends awarded Silth's Sanctuary a grant of £2500 in September 2021.
- Adoption fees accounted for 22% of funds raised. Adoption donations are currently set at £150 for a kitten, £100 for a cat, and £10 for a gerbil. Adoption donations do not cover the full cost of medical bills for the adopted animals.
- GoFundMe appeals accounted for 21% of funds raised. Three appeals were run via GoFundMe; "Silth's Sanctuary: Daenerys's Emergency Vet Bills", "Urgent Funds To Save Barrel", and "All we wants for Christmas is... an incubator!".

GoFundMe appeal	Date started	Goal	Raised
Daenerys's Bills	July 2021	£2,000	£1,045
Save Barrel	October 2021	£4,000	£1,255
Incubator Fund	December 2021	£700	£760

Daenerys' GoFundMe appeal began before this financial period, however it continued to receive funds during this period. Barrel's GoFundMe raised over £1000 within 12 hours. Unfortunately Barrel could not be helped, and so the appeal was changed to a memorial fund. The incubator fund reached its target and fully covered the purchase of a Curadle Pet Brooder ICU Max (Small) (costing £696.63).

- Monthly direct debits accounted for 5% of funds raised. Silth's Sanctuary opened a business bank account with NatWest in September 2021. To avoid confusion with transferring monthly direct debits, we did not accept monthly donations until the opening of our business bank account.
- In person events accounted for 1% of funds raised. Volunteers ran our first Silth's Sanctuary stall at the Live A Better Life (LABL) Christmas fair in December 2021. The cost to attend the fair as a charity was £75 (a reduced charity rate). The stall raised £130.74, directly resulted in one adoption, and raised awareness within the local community.

Internal and external factors have had widespread impacts on fundraising during this period. Silth's Sanctuary is a new and relatively small rescue with a small social media following. One-off donations, our largest source of funding, are dependent on reach. As our social media following and community awareness grows over time, we expect to see funding increase.

COVID and lockdown measures implemented by the UK Government have reduced in-person fundraising. Due to an ongoing cost of living crisis, combined with furlough and job losses during the lockdown measures, donations have reduced nationwide. We expect in-person events to be more heavily attended in future, which will increase fundraising.

4.5 Partnerships

We have established veterinary partnerships with Vets4Pets Penny Lane in Liverpool and St Davids Veterinary Group in Exeter, where we receive discounts on medical treatments for animals in our care. We are thankful to staff at both organisations for their ongoing collaboration and support.

Additionally, we have joined Agria Insurance as a Rehoming Organisation, enabling us to provide 5 weeks free insurance to all adopters, and are registered as a charity with Zooplus, providing us with discounts on online orders.

4.6 New charity setup

As a new charity, we have also spent significant effort during the course of this year establishing core accounts, registrations, and branding. This includes:

- Registering a business bank account
- Creating branding, logos, and a website
- Gaining recognition with HMRC to claim Gift Aid
- Verifying our charity with the major UK microchip databases to enable searches
- Setting up charity accounts on websites including Cat Chat, Pets4Homes, Adoptable, and JustGiving.

- Purchasing equipment, including microchip scanners, and an incubator for neonatal kittens
- Creating and cultivating an online presence on social media.

All of this, and more, has put us in a good position to continue our work long term.

4.7 Stories

Every one of the 27 animals rehomed by Silth's Sanctuary during this period has a unique story. Unfortunately, no animal that is admitted to a rescue has a completely happy backstory. However, at Silth's Sanctuary we endeavour to make all their future stories happy. We have selected two stories that highlight the dedicated work of our volunteers, vets, and supporters.

Daenerys

In March 2021 we trapped a pregnant stray in Toxteth, Liverpool. Despite her initial fear at being in one of our foster homes, she gave birth to five healthy kittens in our care, and relaxed dramatically. When we noticed that she was thin and her stomach was still distended weeks later, veterinary tests determined that she had serious medical issues with her liver.

We began a long series of medical tests to uncover the specific issues, which cost more than £2000 in total, prompting us to run a successful one-off fundraiser. We were eventually able to determine that Daenerys had a significant infection in her intestines, which we treated with targeted antibiotics. Daenerys made a full recovery and, in addition to her kittens, was happily adopted.

Mithra & Jerry

On Christmas Eve, 2021, we received a call about stray kittens who were being fed in an industrial park in Liverpool. They had scratches and cuts on their body, and were too shy to be picked up by concerned locals. We attempted to trap them on Christmas Eve, and returned on the 26th after being unsuccessful. On Boxing Day we were able to catch one of the kittens, and the following day trapped the second.

After getting the pair inside, a vet checkup revealed that they had puncture wounds, and were both around 4 months old. Though we hadn't seen them directly interacting outside, we tentatively put them together and discovered that they immediately comforted each other. Between their similar ages, face shapes, and behaviour, we are confident they were dumped siblings. Despite being very scared at first, Mithra & Jerry (the latter named for the security guard who helped us on-site!) settled into their foster homes as their wounds healed. They have since been happily adopted together.

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INCOME (Note 3)

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

9,767	-	-	9,767	-
398	-	-	398	-
Total	-	-	10,165	-

Other trading activities

Total

EXPENDITURE (Note 6)

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

370	-	-	370	-
9,111	-	-	9,111	-
Total	-	-	9,481	-

Charitable activities

Total

NET INCOME

684	-	-	684	-
Total funds carried forward	-	-	684	-

5.2 Balance sheet

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<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	684	-	-	684	-
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	684	-	-	684	-
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	684		-	684	-
<i>Total funds</i>	684	-	-	684	-

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5.6 Income

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Donations and legacies:						
	Donations and gifts	7,128	-	-	7,128	-
	Gift Aid	139	-	-	139	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
	Total	9,767	-	-	9,767	-
Charitable activities:						
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:						
	Other	398	-	-	398	-
	Total	398	-	-	398	-
TOTAL INCOME		10,165	-	-	10,165	-

5.7 Expenditure

Analysis	This year			Total funds
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	
Expenditure on raising funds:				£
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	370	-	-	370
Total expenditure on raising funds	370	-	-	370
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Expenses Incurred	9,111	-	-	9,111
Total expenditure on charitable activities	9,111	-	-	9,111
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,481	-	-	9,481

5.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and on hand

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
684	-
684	-