

Axholme Cat Rescue  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
Period ending  
1 December 2023

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## **Trustees Annual Report For the period ending 1 December 2023**

The Trustees present their report with the independently examined financial statements of Axholme Cat Rescue. This is the first period of operation of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which covers from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 1 December 2023.

### **Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers**

<u>Name of charity:</u>	Axholme Cat Rescue
<u>Charity Registration Number:</u>	1202639
<u>Charity's Principal Address:</u>	Axholme Cat Rescue Medley House Farm Carrhouse Road Belton Doncaster DN9 1PG

#### Trustees:

Names of Trustees who served during the period and since the period end were as follows:-

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Dates of service if not for the full period:</b>
P Gleadell	Chair	First Trustee
S Reed-Lawson		First Trustee
I Gleadell		First Trustee
Dr L Nahmad-Williams		First Trustee
M S May		First Trustee
G Winston-Williams		First Trustee

<u>Independent Examiner:</u>	Katie Sauvage FCCA Chartered Certified Accountant, of: Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited Morley's Cottage Morley's Yard Walkergate Beverley East Yorkshire HU17 9BY
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### Bankers:

Barclays  
316-318 High Street  
Lincoln  
LN5 7DP

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### Governing Document:

Axholme Cat Rescue is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Constitution (foundation model), approved 6<sup>th</sup> April. The organisation was registered with the Charity Commission on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Recruitment and appointment of Trustees:

The trustees form the Executive Committee of the charity. The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting by the members of the Charity. All members are circulated with invitations to nominate trustees in advance of the AGM.

The Constitution of the Charity states that there must be at least three charity trustees, with no maximum limit.

Apart from the first charity trustees all trustees are appointed for a 3 year term by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### Trustee Induction and Training:

All trustees are provided with the Charity Commissions 'Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees', the Constitution and the financial statements including the Annual Report. Any training required by the trustees may be requested at any point, where it is considered useful to their role as trustee.

### Organisational Structure:

The board of Trustees manages the Charity, and aims to consider only strategic decisions at its meetings. Trustees are aware that any conflict of interest is declared and recorded and the person will be withheld from that part of the meeting and will not be able to vote for that bit of discussion. The board holds an AGM every year, other than that any charity trustee may call a meeting during the year.



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### **Risk Management:**

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. All systems and procedures are reviewed regularly to ensure they meet charity law and our own organisations aims and objectives.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The charity's object is:

"For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of cats and kittens in need of care and attention in areas of South Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire, in particular by providing and maintaining rescue homes and other facilities for the reception, care, treatment and rehoming of such animals."

### **Main objectives for the following year:**

In shaping our objectives for the following year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and this is regularly revisited.

The charity provides help in the local community to those people needing to re-home their cats, taking in stray cats handed in to the vets or roaming in the local community, and for those looking to adopt a cat. We also run a trap, neuter, return scheme for feral cats located in the area.

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### **Achievements and Performance**

As a solely volunteer-led charity, we are delighted to report that during the period from April 2023 to December 2023, we rehomed 66 cats. Many came from sad circumstances such as bereavements, evictions, owners moving and abandoning their cats, illness of owners/owners going into long-term care, social services cases, and strays handed into the vets. We are indebted to all our volunteers for their hard work in ensuring the cats and kittens receive the best possible care when they are with us, and the many donations of food, blankets, toys, and litter.

April 2023 to December 2023 has seen our finances stabilise with a lot of our mainstream fundraising streams proving successful. These include pen sponsorships, donation boxes in local shops, takeaways and pubs, theme nights, bingo nights (no monetary prizes), local summer shows, car boot sales, Community Champions at the local Coop, coffee morning at the local Church, and the sale of calendars.

We continue to get 'blocked' due to cats with health issues needing to be with us for longer periods of time, until their health issues are resolved. This means that we cannot take in new cats until these longer term cases have been rehomed. We had three long term health cases and we also had a number of kittens that needed to be hand-reared.

We receive support from Pet Plan and The Adoption Mission.

Even though our overheads have increased due to the Cost of Living and vets bills we have felt it has not been necessary to increase any of our adoption costs.

The Charity is still a member of the ADCH and continues to contribute and adhere to their standards. We were honoured to be invited to collaborate with Cats Protection at the ADCH Conference, delivering a workshop on home fostering.

We currently have two home fosterers, in addition to the main centre. Unfortunately one of our fosterers had to withdraw from the scheme due to illness. We are hoping to expand our home fostering and have advertised for expressions of interest.

We work within the local community to control and manage the feral cat population. We trap, neuter and return (TNR) feral cats to site wherever possible. Every cat in the colony is neutered. Preparatory work is carried out to estimate the size of the colony and assess the logistical issues for the individual situation. Long-term monitoring of a colony is necessary to keep the population under control, by trapping new arrivals. If feral kittens are found and are young enough, they are socialised and re-homed as domestic pets. This year, we have worked with local prisons, farms, small holdings and industrial estates. In this time period we have trapped, neutered and returned 58 feral cats.



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### **Charity improvements**

We applied for Gift Aid on becoming a charity and were successful. This has increased our income. As a charity, we have also become members of the Pets at Home VIP club.

We saved money to replace some the flooring in the cat pens. The pen floor was uneven which posed a potential safeguarding issue. This has now been rectified and is now fully safe and is also easier to clean to ensure hygiene is of the highest standards.

The charity is committed to maintaining and building relationships with our local veterinary practices. The high levels of expertise and care provided by our vets help us ensure a high level of cat welfare standards and enhance our local reputation as an ethical cat rescue. We also liaise regularly with other cat rescue charities, and we support one another to provide the highest standards of care.

### **Financial Review**

#### Reserves Policy

The charity reserves are currently healthy. We have a policy of holding three months reserves.

### **Plans for Future Years**

Please see main objectives for the following year.

### **Statement of Trustees responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Axholme Cat Rescue has income below £250,000 and has therefore elected to prepare the financial statements on a Receipts and Payments basis in line with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Statement of disclosure of information to Independent Examiner**

We, the Trustees of the charity who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, each confirm so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant information of which the charity's Independent Examiner is unaware; and

- We have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

### **Independent Examiner**

Katie Sauvage FCCA from Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy has been appointed as Independent Examiner for the first accounting period.

### **Trustee Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

*Paul Gleadell*

Paul Gleadell  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 20/09/2024

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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Axholme Cat Rescue**

I report on the accounts of Axholme Cat Rescue for the period ending 1 December 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Katie Sauvage FCCA  
Chartered Certified Accountant, of:  
Phoenix Accountancy and Business Consultancy Limited  
Morley's Cottage  
Morley's Yard  
Walkergate  
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HU17 9BY



Date: 30/09/23



**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period ended 1 December 2023**

		<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1</b>			
Grants		-	-	-
Donations	2	3,269	-	3,269
Charitable Activities	3	11,653	-	11,653
Other Income		37	-	37
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		14,959	-	14,959
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Food and Supplies		1,555	-	1,555
Vet Fees		9,039	-	9,039
Fundraising Expenses		2,622	-	2,622
Maintenance		1,134	-	1,134
Printing, postage & stationery		189	-	189
Training		30	-	30
Sundries				
Purchase of Fixed Assets				
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		14,569	-	14,569
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<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>		<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>390</b>
Funds transferred from unincorporated association		3,476	-	3,476
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<b>Cash and Bank Balances carried forward</b>		<b>3,866</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,866</b>
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The notes on pages 12 form part of these financial statements



**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As at 1 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 Total Funds £
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Current Account – Barclays		3,610
Current Account – Lloyds		206
Petty Cash		50
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<b>3,866</b>
Comprising:		
Unrestricted Funds		3,866
Restricted Funds	4	-
		<b>3,866</b>
<b>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</b>		
<b>Debtors</b>		-
<b>Creditors</b>		240

These financial statements have been approved by the committee on 20/09/2024 (date)  
 and signed on its behalf by:

*Paul Gleadell*

Paul Gleadell, Chair

The notes on pages 12 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the period ended 1 December 2023

### Notes

#### 1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments (R&P) basis in line with charity commission guidance for a charity of this size. This is the first period of operation, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### 2 Donations

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Donations	3,269	-	3,269
	<u>3,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,269</u>

#### 3 Charitable Activities

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Adoption Fees	6,500	-	6,500
Fundraising Activities	5,153	-	5,153
	<u>11,653</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,653</u>

#### 4 Taxation

Axholme Cat Rescue is a registered charity. All the charities' income is applied to its charitable objectives and the charity is therefore exempt under current legislation from most forms of taxation.

The charity is not VAT registered and all expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

#### 5 Payments to Trustees

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Charity was paid or payable for the period to any Trustee.

There was also no reimbursement of travel expenses paid or payable to Trustees in respect of the period.