

Axholme Cat Rescue  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Period ending  
1 December 2024

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## **Trustees Annual Report For the period ending 1 December 2024**

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**

Name of charity: Axholme Cat Rescue

Charity Registration Number: 1202639

Charity's Principal Address: 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 – to 17.1.25	First Trustee
S Reed-Lawson		First Trustee
I Gleadell		First Trustee
Dr L Nahmad-Williams	Chair – from 18.1.25	First Trustee
M S May		First Trustee
G Winston-Williams		First Trustee

Independent Examiner: Rebecca Triffitt, MAAT

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Morley's Cottage  
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Bankers:

Barclays  
316-318 High Street  
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**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 re-visited.

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**

We are pleased to report that during the period from December 2023 to December 2024, we rehomed 82 cats, and 86 cats came into care. We have a long waiting list for cats needing to come into care, and we have found that this seems to be the case for all the local cat charities with whom we have formed mutual working relationships. There are many reasons why we are asked to take in cats, from sad circumstances such as bereavements or illness of owners/owners going into long-term care; economic reasons such as evictions or owners no longer able to afford the care of cats; social services cases; and strays handed into the vets. As always, 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.

We have continued to develop our fundraising streams. We now have a monthly online newsletter which is sent to our supporters, who wish to subscribe, for a small monthly donation. One of our volunteers has a display cabinet for Axholme Cat Rescue at a local antiques centre. She puts good quality small items from household donations into the cabinet for sale. All proceeds are given to the rescue. One of our volunteers did a long distance walk in the summer in aid of our charity. Donations came in through a JustGiving page. This was very well supported. We were also contacted by a local furniture store who asked us to attend an event where we were presented with a cheque. They support three local charities each year, and we were nominated as one of those charities. We were extremely grateful for the support and to the people who nominated us. We continue with our pen sponsorships, donation boxes in local shops, takeaways and pubs, theme nights, bingo nights (no monetary prizes), local summer shows, car boot sales, coffee morning at the local Church, and the sale of calendars.

As a charity, we receive support from Pet Plan, Whiskas Adoption Mission and the Pets at Home VIP club. This helps with food costs and items such as toys, beds and blankets. The Charity is still a member of the ADCH and continues to contribute and adhere to their standards. We were invited to attend the annual ADCH conference with a free ticket provided by the Adoption Mission. Two volunteers attended and enjoyed networking with other charities and benefiting from attendance at informative workshops from experts in the field.

We had the pen flooring replaced in 2023, but then realised that the roof needed repairs. The leaking roof was having a detrimental effect on the new flooring, and we had saved some money to have repairs done to the roof in 2024. At the beginning of 2024, we had number of high need cases of cats and kittens. Some needed operations and costly ongoing care and the funds we had saved for the roof were spent on vet fees. The most significant case was a cat called Martin who was signed over to us. During the vet health check, and from the previous vet's records, it was found that Martin had a Grade 4/5 heart murmur which needed further investigation. He needed an ultrasound scan at a cost of an estimated £650 to diagnose the cause of the murmur which did not include any follow-up medication.

In March 2024, Martin had his scan and was diagnosed with hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy and he began daily medication.

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The specialist vet said he would need another scan in October to see if the medication was working. We decided to keep him at the rescue to give him his medication and to monitor him until his next scan. He had his second scan on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and, although his left ventricle is still thicker than it should be, we are pleased to say the heart scan showed a decrease in the thickness of the left ventricle wall. He will remain on medication for the rest of his life and will need to return for follow up heart scans/appointments. The specialist has asked to see him again in nine months and then in 18 month intervals.

We held a specific bingo night to raise funds for Martin and this was very well attended. We also bid for two grants to help support the vet costs and the roof repairs. We were delighted our applications were accepted and we received grants from the Nature Watch Foundation and ADCH HSI UK. This covered the specialist vet invoices and paid for the new roof and associated repairs.

We initially hoped that Martin would be able to be adopted if the heart scan showed no issues, but as he has to be on medication for the rest of his life and will need to follow up vet appointments, we have decided to place him in a long term foster home. This means that we will continue to cover the cost of ongoing veterinary care and medication. At the moment we only have short term foster carers. We currently have two home fosterers, and are pleased to announce that we have recruited a third starting in January 2025. We have an agreement for short term foster carers, but we are now working on writing a policy and agreement for long term fostering. This is a new area for us but will be helpful for Martin and for any other cats that have long term health issues. We are also considering how we will fund the veterinary care for Martin and any other similar cases in the future. We will continue with grant applications, sponsorship and have specific fundraising events for a particular cat in need.

We continue to 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. We continue to work with a variety of sites. In this period we have trapped, neutered and returned 58 feral cats.

In 2024 Axholme Cat Rescue welcomed our first student who is completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award, and we hope more students will follow. The DofE is a national programme for 14-24 year old that offers an opportunity to discover new interests and talents whilst having fun with friends. One of the sections that needs to be completed for the bronze and silver award is volunteering – giving time to help people, the community or society, the environment or animals. The DofE is a recognised mark of achievement and a tool to develop essential skills for life and work. We are excited to be involved in empowering young people and supporting them in learning new skills, overcoming obstacles, building confidence and resilience.

The owner of a local pet crematorium, All Pets at Peace, has generously donated a tree for Axholme Cat Rescue in the lovely and tranquil remembrance garden there. This provides a peaceful and serene spot for reflection and remembrance for all those who have passed through our care. Any cats that have been adopted from us and are cremated at All Pets at Peace can have their ashes laid to rest under the Axholme Cat Rescue Remembrance tree. There is a plaque underneath with our name and a quote from Charles Dickens which we feel is particularly fitting: 'What greater gift than the love of a cat'.

## **Charity improvements**

The roof in the hygiene area had started to leak which caused a number of issues. This area is used to store food, and the boxes of cat/kitten biscuits became wet and had to be thrown away. At the end of 2023 we had new flooring in the pens and we did not want this to be adversely affected. We tried to repair the roof on an ad hoc basis but once it affected the electrics, we realised the roof needed to be completely replaced.

The work started in March and we are delighted to report that all the works have now been completed. The old, leaky roof in the hygiene area was completely removed and the wooden supports were replaced. Triple layered roofing was fitted and fully sealed with appropriate drainage. The cat run has now been roofed over to make it completely weatherproof. Some of the old wooden supports in the run had to be replaced and additional supports were added. The roof complies with ADCH guidelines and has shaded areas to protect the cats from strong UV light. We have also added a thermometer in the area so we can monitor the temperature.

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, such as Mayflower Sanctuary, and we support one another to provide the highest standards of care. We partnered with the Mayflower Sanctuary to enable three of our volunteers to undertake training and successfully qualify to insert microchips. As microchipping cats became law in June 2024, we felt this would be a useful addition to our skills.

## **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.

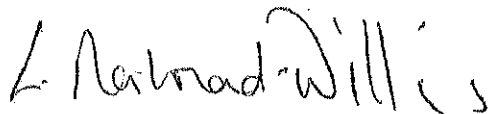
### **Independent Examiner**

Rebecca Triffitt MAAT 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



Dr L Nahmad-Williams  
Chair of Trustees

Date: 28.4.25

## **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 2024, 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.

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Date: 14/5/25

# **Receipts and Payments Account** **For the period ended 1 December 2024**

		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Note	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	1						
Grants	2	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
Donations	3	6,479	-	6,479	3,269	-	3,269
Charitable Activities	4	18,467	-	18,467	11,653	-	11,653
Other Income		430	-	430	37	-	37
		25,376	4,000	29,376	14,959	-	14,959
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
Food and Supplies		3,464	-	3,464	1,555	-	1,555
Vet Fees		12,356	-	12,356	9,039	-	9,039
Fundraising Expenses		4,145	-	4,145	2,622	-	2,622
Maintenance		2,290	4,000	6,290	1,134	-	1,134
Printing, postage & stationery		427	-	427	189	-	189
Training		454	-	454	30	-	30
Insurance		181	-	181	-	-	-
Licences		20	-	20	-	-	-
Equipment		350	-	350	-	-	-
Membership		208	-	208	-	-	-
Accounts		240	-	240	-	-	-
Bank Charges		18	-	18	-	-	-
		24,153	4,000	28,153	14,569	-	14,569
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>		<b>1,223</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>390</b>
Funds transferred from unincorporated association		-	-	-	3,476	-	3,476
<b>Cash and Bank Balances brought forward</b>		<b>3,866</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash and Bank Balances carried forward</b>		<b>5,089</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,866</b>

The notes on pages 13-14 form part of these financial statements

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities****As at 1 December 2024**

	Notes	2023 Total Funds £
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Current Account – Barclays		4,809
Current Account – Lloyds		230
Petty Cash		50
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>		<b>5,089</b>
Comprising:		
Unrestricted Funds		5,089
Restricted Funds	4	-
		<b>5,089</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 25.4.25 (date)  
and signed on its behalf by:

L. Nahmad-Williams

Dr L Nahmad-Williams, Chair

The notes on pages 13 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 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 second period of operation, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### 2 Grants

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Naturewatch Foundation	-	2,850	2,850	-	-	-
ADCH	-	1,150	1,150	-	-	-
	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-

#### 3 Donations

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Donations	6,479	-	6,479	3,269	-	3,269
	6,479	-	6,479	3,269	-	3,269

#### 4 Charitable Activities

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Adoption Fees	8,747	-	8,747	6,500	-	6,500
Fundraising Activities	9,720	-	9,720	5,153	-	5,153
	18,467	-	18,467	11,653	-	11,653

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**5 Restricted Funds**

	Balance as at 01/12/23 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers between funds £	Balance as at 01/12/24 £
Naturewatch Foundation	-	2,850	(2,850)	-	-
ADCH	-	1,150	(1,150)	-	-
	-	<b>4,000</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	-	-

A brief description of the restricted funds are shown below:

**Naturewatch Foundation**

Restricted funds received from Naturewatch Foundation, to use in replacing the flooring in the cat pens and the roof in the central hygiene centre.

**Association of Dogs & Cats Homes (ADCH)**

Restricted funds received from ADCH, to be used on the maintenance eg, flooring, washing machine and roof canopies.

**6 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.

**7 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.