



## Trustees' annual report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	06	2023		31	03	2024

### Reference and administration details

Charity name	Cats Rescue Gloucestershire & Swindon		
Other names charity is known by	Cats Rescue		
Registered charity number (if any)	1203344		
Charity's principal address	19 Discovery Road		
	Abbeymead		
	Glos		
	Postcode	GL4 5GY	

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Donna Perry	Chair	From June 2023 to present	Donna Perry
2	Wendy Harris	Secretary	From June 2023 to present	
3	Sally Thomas	Treasurer	From June 2023 to present	
4	Jez Watkins	Trustee	From June 2023 to present	
5	Leah Batchelor	Trustee	From June 2023 to present	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>

**Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)**

<b>Type of advisor</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## **Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in June

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees
- ☐ The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works
- ☐ Relationship with any related parties
- ☐ Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them

Review of Fostering policy and roll out of training by Chair, also review of adoption policy after agreement of all trustees.

The Chair, supported by the trustees, manage and oversee the day to day running of the charity. The chair and trustees seek ideas and views from the charities volunteers in deciding activities and fund raising ideas.

The charity has good working relationships with a number of other charities, animal sanctuaries as well as Vets practices in the areas covered.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits. The trustees meet (either virtually or face to face) quarterly to discuss plans and risks and work together to agree actions.

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

We are primarily concerned with the care and re-homing of cats that are abandoned, mistreated or lost, along with the control of feral cat populations. Our aim is to help any cat in need. We believe that by working with other rescues, vets, charities and the general public, we can rescue many cats from unnecessary suffering, saving more lives. Our goal is to ensure that as many cats as possible are not left alone on the street.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

Our activities include trapping, facilitating neutering, veterinary care and treatment; Fostering and working with other rescues and animal sanctuaries as well as identifying other appropriate re-homing options. Often stray or feral cats can be a nuisance to the public so our service

Most of our work takes place in Gloucester, Swindon and the surrounding area.

We are the first responders and the experts that the public can turn to when they are feeling worried and helpless about the cat that they have found or have been feeding.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

Contribution made by  
Volunteers

We are very grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent fostering trapping, stray or feral cats. Doing vet runs, collecting donations, listening to and offering advice to the general public.

Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

Our donations/fund raising relies heavily on public awareness and we have increased our followers on Facebook from 4000 followers in July 23 to 14,000 followers in Sept 24.

**Instagram** increased from 20 followers and 53 post to Jan 23 and from July 23 to Sept 24 1637 posts and 416 followers.

**TikTok** increased from 15k likes and 1779 followers in July 23 to 1959 followers and 31.6k likes in Sept 24.

**Foster Room/Garden Room** - We secured funding for a garden room (part of our business plan) to enable us to increase/maximise the number of foster spaces. Prior to this addition we had to rely on fosterers giving up a room in their homes.

**Open Day** – The charity held its very first open day/fund raiser in Sept 24 where members of the public could meet the volunteer team, Trustees, fosterers and also the Chair of the Charity. They were also able to meet some of the rescued cats and see the new Garden Room. Volunteers were able to talk about opportunities to foster and volunteer to support the charity. We also had a raffle and sold donated goods and it was a huge success.

**Training** – Training has been completed for all Fosterers, to ensure everyone is working to the required expectations and quality.

#### **Update to Foster room doors**

We use the garage at Discovery Road as a foster room, often this is used as a 'triage' and feral/stray cats that are trapped are often initially housed in crates and monitored there. The garage door was replaced with insulated side by side doors so that we can allow supporters to see the cats without having to go through the private house, this has made a huge difference as it enabled the charity to have its very first open day. It has also helped in keeping the garage warm.

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Cash at bank as of 31/03/2024 was £23,469.05 in unrestricted funds (First year as a charity was June 2023 to March 2024)

Not applicable

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details:**

**(Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).

The main income of the charity is donations from the public, as our follower and supporters increase (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok) our donations should also increase. On top of this in our second year we aim to look for sponsorship and grants. We have a fund raising site that sells donated items which supports our income and also encourages donations of food and other essential equipment for the animal welfare.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

The main costs incurred are Vet costs for rescued animals, specialist food also equipment (traps, carriers) and the purchase of a 'garden room' to enable us to increase the number of cats we can rescue due to increased space.

Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The service we provide to the public and other organisations saves the lives of animals. Our aim is to continue in our mission, with better facilities and more funding.

We have shown that we can make a real difference. The public have told us that our organisation is unique and unrivalled, in providing the essential help needed to support vulnerable cats. We have created a great sense of cat community via our social media, sending a positive message globally.

## Other optional information

We have still to claim back Gift Aid and VAT which we will action before end of 2024/2025 year.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *Sally Thomas*

Full name(s) Sally Thomas

Position (eg secretary, chair,

Treasurer / Trustee

Date 10/11/2024



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of

On accounts for the year ended

Year from June 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

T E Ferris

**Date:** 3/11/2024

**Signed:**

**Name:** Mrs Tina Ferris

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

Ferris Accounting Services

**Address:** Lilymead Farm, Dolemoor Lane, Congresbury, North Somerset BS49 5ED

**Disclosure  
section**

Only complete if the examiner

needs to highlight material problems.



Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



**Section A Receipts and payments**

Charity Name	Charity Name	No (if any)
Unrestricted	Cats Rescue Gloucester	1203344 99xx9

**Receipts and payments accounts**

for the period	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2023	To	31st March 2024
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**Restricted**

funds funds  
to the nearest to the nearest £ £

**A1 Receipts**

Donations	43638.41	-
Trade Income	8447.43	-
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		-
		-
		-
<b>Sub total</b>	52	£52085.84

**A2 Asset and investment**

**£ 52,085.84**

**Total receipts**

### A3 Payments

<b>Vet Costs</b>	<b>22327.29</b>
<b>Sundries</b>	<b>7347.36</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>1021.79</b>
<b>Expenses Claimed</b>	<b>497.10</b>
<b><i>Sub total</i></b>	<b>31193.54</b>


## Endowment

**Total**

**Last year funds    funds to**

**to the nearest £**

the  
nearest £

to the nearest  
£

	N/A



Category	White Bar (%)	Cyan Bar (%)	Pink Bar (%)
Other	10	0	10
Not a good fit	20	0	0
Good fit	30	30	30
Very good fit	20	30	20
Excellent fit	20	40	20

A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.

**Total payments**

31193.54				
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Net of receipts/(payments)

A5 Transfers Between Funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

N/A

N/A

to nearest £<sup>2</sup>

20892.30

-

-

Cash at Bank

23,469.05

funds

Cash

-

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Other monetary assets

N/A

B3 Investment assets

N/A			-
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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			

N/A			

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			

Signed (on behalf of all the trustees)	Sally Thomas 10/11/2024
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