

THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 275238

Details

Other names COLCHESTER CAT RESCUE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1978-03-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Website www.colchestercatrescue.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE A SANCTUARY OR SANCTUARIES FOR THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CATS AND KITTENS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS MALTREATMENT POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR OTHER SIMILAR CAUSE.

Activities: The Charity rehomes cats/kittens in the Colchester area. Each cat has a vet check up, neutering, vaccinating, microchipping. We have a number of cats available for rehoming. Some cats are also looked after at the Sanctuary for the rest of their lives, cats are only put to sleep on veterinary advice. We are entirely dependent on our fundraising, and run a small Charity Shop to help provide income

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£312,118	£252,421	-	-
2023-12-31	£189,465	£248,970	-	-
2022-12-31	£361,613	£228,950	-	-
2021-12-31	£690,223	£189,276	£842,762	8
2020-12-31	£148,084	£178,854	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MRS A CARRINGTON	Chair	2000-09-01
Alison Milne		2019-08-31
Linda Coleman		2020-04-01

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Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2024





The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society

Trustees Report

Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

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Public benefit

The Trustees have given careful consideration to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public

- To provide a sanctuary or sanctuaries for the care and protection of cats and kittens in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or other similar cause.

Achievement and performance

Financial review

- The Trustees' policy is to ensure that the Charity has sufficient reserves to cover the running costs of the Sanctuary for twelve months. This was particularly important due to the Covid-19 pandemic from March 2020, as the Charity's income virtually dried up overnight - our former Charity Shop was required to close immediately due to the Government's Covid restrictions.
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Structure governance and management

The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society was established by a declaration of trust dated 06 February 1978 and registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 275238) on 13 March 1978.

The Trustees who served during the year up to the date of the signature of the financial statements were:

Amanda Carrington	Chair
Linda Coleman	
Alison Milne	

The charity has three Trustees. Additional Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity Trustees, the charity Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Approved by the trustees

Amanda Carrington
Chair
Date: 31/10/2025

The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society

Trustees Responsibilities

Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society
Independent Examiners Report
Year Ended 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Colchester Cat Rescue ('the charity') for the period ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the summary of income and expenditure and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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Independent Examiners Report
Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.
- I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Simon Pinion FCA FCCA
Independent examiner
Scrutton Bland LLP
820 The Crescent, Colchester Business Park, Colchester, CO4 9YQ
Date: 31/10/2025

The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society

Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	31-Dec-23
Income from				
Donations and legacies	152,510	-	152,510	36,394
Shop income	100,106	-	100,106	107,312
Rents received	25,242	-	25,242	15,800
Post Office commission	27,507	-	27,507	23,366
Insurance commission	5,766	-	5,766	5,932
Interest received	987	-	987	661
Total income	312,118	-	312,118	189,465
Expenditure on				
Rates & water	2,305	-	2,305	1,690
Insurance	2,292	-	2,292	5,202
Light & heat	12,661	-	12,661	14,031
Telephone	1,724	-	1,724	2,131
Printing, postage & fundraising costs	5,407	-	5,407	8,423
Cleaning & waste disposal	11,575	-	11,575	11,277
Vet expenses	25,343	-	25,343	26,200
Food & litter	9,294	-	9,294	10,441
Wages, social security & pension	141,368	-	141,368	136,185
Rent	26,000	-	26,000	26,000
Travel	3,203	-	3,203	2,707
Repairs & renewals	5,169	-	5,169	5,711
Accountancy & professional fees	3,782	-	3,782	282
Bank charges	318	-	318	282
Card machine fees	931	-	931	868
Depreciation	3,499	-	3,499	1,250
(Profit)/loss on disposal of assets	(2,450)	-	(2,450)	-
Total expenditure	252,421	-	252,421	252,680
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	59,697	-	59,697	(63,215)
Funds b/fwd	917,179	-	917,179	980,394
Funds transferred	-	-	-	-
Funds c/fwd	976,877	-	976,877	917,179

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Balance Sheet

Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
Fixed Asset		
Land and Buildings	157,300	157,300
Plant and Machinery	16,540	11,495
Total Fixed Asset	173,840	168,795
Cash at bank and in hand		
Shop account	39,087	110,271
Sanctuary account	123,787	400
Instant access account	89,211	88,224
Lloyds account	552,795	551,949
Total Cash at bank and in hand	804,879	750,844
Current Assets		
Stock	-	-
Total Current Assets	-	-
Net current assets	804,879	750,844
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities	1,842	2,460
Total Current Liabilities	1,842	2,460
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,842	2,460
Net current assets (liabilities)	803,037	748,384
Total assets less current liabilities	976,877	917,179
Total net assets (liabilities)	976,877	917,179
Charity funds		
Unrestricted funds	976,877	917,179
Total Charity funds	976,877	917,179

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Notes to the accounts Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"

2 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	Not depreciated
Plant and machinery	25% straight line

3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.01.2023	To	31.12.2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts & Donations	36,394	-	-	36,394	201,014
Shop Income	107,312	-	-	107,312	112,488
Rents Received	15,800	-	-	15,800	16,350
Government grants	-	-	-	-	7,105
Post Office Commission	23,366	-	-	23,366	19,830
Insurance Commissions	5,932	-	-	5,932	5,900
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	188,804	-	-	188,804	362,657
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	661	-	-	661	176
Sub total	661	-	-	661	176
Total receipts	189,465	-	-	189,465	362,833
A3 Payments					
Rates & Water	1,690	-	-	1,690	1,592
Insurance	5,202	-	-	5,202	3,493
Light & Heat	14,031	-	-	14,031	12,579
Telephone	2,131	-	-	2,131	1,625
Printing, post and fundraising costs	8,423	-	-	8,423	3,982
Cleaning & Waste	11,277	-	-	11,277	10,901
Vet Expenses	26,200	-	-	26,200	22,398
Food & Litter	10,441	-	-	10,441	8,408
Wages, social security and pension	133,725	-	-	133,725	118,825
Rent	26,000	-	-	26,000	26,000
Travel	2,707	-	-	2,707	756
Repairs & Renewals	5,711	-	-	5,711	8,605
Accountancy and professional fees	282	-	-	282	7,783
Bank charges	282	-	-	282	-
Card Machine Fees	868	-	-	868	2,003
Sub total	248,970	-	-	248,970	228,950
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van Deposit	8,995	-	-	8,995	-
Sub total	8,995	-	-	8,995	-
Total payments	257,965	-	-	257,965	228,950
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 68,499	-	-	- 68,499	133,883
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 68,499	-	-	68,499	133,883

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Shop account	110,271	-	-
	Metro Instant access	88,224	-	-
	Metro Sanctuary account	400	-	-
	Metro account	-	-	-
	Lloyds account	551,949	-	-
	Total cash funds		750,844	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Cat Sanctuary Ardeigh	unrestricted	20,573	-
	New building base Ardeigh	unrestricted	11,727	-
	Cottage Lyndhurst	unrestricted	125,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditors	unrestricted		
	PAYE	unrestricted		
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MANDY CARRINGTON	
	ALISON MILNE	
	LINDA COLEMAN	15/10/2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Colchester Cat Rescue Charity Registration number 275238

The Sanctuary: Lyndhurst, Bromley Rd, Colchester CO7 7SF tel 01206 864284 (open 10 - 12pm seven days a week including most Bank Holidays – rehoming by appointment only)

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History and purpose

We have now been going for over 45 years as a Registered Charity, formed by a Deed of Trust in 1978. Well over 16000 cats have been treated and rehomed in this time in the Colchester area, helping stray and abandoned cats as well as owners who can no longer look after their cats. This is due in the most part to our founder, the late Sheila Parsonson who was awarded the MBE by The Queen for services to animal welfare in 2002. We are a small independent charity, not connected with any other rescue.

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Review of finances

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01.01.22	To	31.12.2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts & Donations	201,014	-	-	201,014	513,760
Shop Income	112,458	-	-	112,458	79,188
Rents Received	16,350	-	-	16,350	18,370
Government grants	7,105	-	-	7,105	60,251
Post Office Commission	19,830	-	-	19,830	8,337
Insurance Commissions	5,900	-	-	5,900	3,930
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	362,657	-	-	362,657	683,836
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	176	-	-	176	6,387
Sub total	176	-	-	176	6,387
Total receipts	362,833	-	-	362,833	690,223
A3 Payments					
Rates & Water	1,592	-	-	1,592	1,298
Insurance	3,493	-	-	3,493	4,409
Light & Heat	12,579	-	-	12,579	8,089
Telephone	1,625	-	-	1,625	1,113
Printing, post and fundraising costs	3,982	-	-	3,982	2,318
Cleaning & Waste	10,901	-	-	10,901	10,537
Vet Expenses	22,398	-	-	22,398	16,686
Food & Litter	8,408	-	-	8,408	5,594
Wages, social security and pension	118,825	-	-	118,825	97,513
Rent	26,000	-	-	26,000	25,208
Travel	756	-	-	756	412
Repairs & Renewals	8,605	-	-	8,605	8,696
Accountancy and professional fees	7,783	-	-	7,783	932
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	6
Card Machine Fees	2,003	-	-	2,003	1,465
Sub total	228,950	-	-	228,950	184,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van Deposit	-	-	-	-	5,000
Sub total	-	-	-	-	5,000
Total payments	228,950	-	-	228,950	189,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	133,883	-	-	133,883	500,947
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	133,883	-	-	133,883	500,947

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Shop account	82,402	-	-
	Metro Instant access	2,563	-	-
	Metro Sanctuary account	498,426	-	-
	Metro account	85,000	-	-
	Lloyds account	14,909	-	-
	Total cash funds	683,300	-	-

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

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Land & Cat Sanctuary Ardleigh	unrestricted	20,573	-
New building base Ardleigh	unrestricted	11,727	-
Cottage Lyndhurst	unrestricted	125,000	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Creditors	unrestricted		
PAYE	unrestricted		
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01.01.22	To	31.12.2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts & Donations	201,014	-	-	201,014	513,760
Shop Income	112,458	-	-	112,458	79,188
Rents Received	16,350	-	-	16,350	18,370
Government grants	7,105	-	-	7,105	60,251
Post Office Commission	19,830	-	-	19,830	8,337
Insurance Commissions	5,900	-	-	5,900	3,930
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	362,657	-	-	362,657	683,836
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	176	-	-	176	6,387
Sub total	176	-	-	176	6,387
Total receipts	362,833	-	-	362,833	690,223
A3 Payments					
Rates & Water	1,592	-	-	1,592	1,298
Insurance	3,493	-	-	3,493	4,409
Light & Heat	12,579	-	-	12,579	8,089
Telephone	1,625	-	-	1,625	1,113
Printing, post and fundraising costs	3,982	-	-	3,982	2,318
Cleaning & Waste	10,901	-	-	10,901	10,537
Vet Expenses	22,398	-	-	22,398	16,686
Food & Litter	8,408	-	-	8,408	5,594
Wages, social security and pension	118,825	-	-	118,825	97,513
Rent	26,000	-	-	26,000	25,208
Travel	756	-	-	756	412
Repairs & Renewals	8,605	-	-	8,605	8,696
Accountancy and professional fees	7,783	-	-	7,783	932
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	6
Card Machine Fees	2,003	-	-	2,003	1,465
Sub total	228,950	-	-	228,950	184,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van Deposit	-	-	-	-	5,000
Sub total	-	-	-	-	5,000
Total payments	228,950	-	-	228,950	189,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	133,883	-	-	133,883	500,947
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	133,883	-	-	133,883	500,947

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Shop account	82,402	-	-
	Metro Instant access	2,563	-	-
	Metro Sanctuary account	498,426	-	-
	Metro account	85,000	-	-
	Lloyds account	14,909	-	-
	Total cash funds	683,300	-	-

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

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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Land & Cat Sanctuary Ardleigh	unrestricted	20,573	-
New building base Ardleigh	unrestricted	11,727	-
Cottage Lyndhurst	unrestricted	125,000	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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For the period from	01.01.21	To	31.12.2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts & Donations	513,760	-	-	513,760	70,494
Shop Income	79,188	-	-	79,188	32,054
Rents Received	18,370	-	-	18,370	9,130
Government grants	60,251	-	-	60,251	36,276
Post Office Commission	8,337	-	-	8,337	-
Insurance Commissions	3,930	-	-	3,930	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	683,836	-	-	683,836	147,954
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	6,387	-	-	6,387	130
Sub total	6,387	-	-	6,387	130
Total receipts	690,223	-	-	690,223	148,084
A3 Payments					
Rates & Water	1,298	-	-	1,298	1,407
Insurance	4,409	-	-	4,409	2,579
Light & Heat	8,089	-	-	8,089	6,002
Telephone	1,113	-	-	1,113	2,061
Printing, post and fundraising costs	2,318	-	-	2,318	486
Cleaning & Waste	10,537	-	-	10,537	9,025
Vet Expenses	16,686	-	-	16,686	21,292
Food & Litter	5,594	-	-	5,594	5,110
Wages, social security and pension	97,513	-	-	97,513	86,780
Rent	25,208	-	-	25,208	25,167
Travel	412	-	-	412	376
Repairs & Renewals	8,696	-	-	8,696	12,141
Accountancy and professional fees	932	-	-	932	5,407
Bank charges	6	-	-	6	-
Card Machine Fees	1,465	-	-	1,465	1,021
Sub total	184,276	-	-	184,276	178,854
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Van Deposit	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Sub total	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Total payments	189,276	-	-	189,276	178,854
Net of receipts/(payments)	500,947	-	-	500,947	- 30,770
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	500,947	-	-	500,947	- 30,770

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Shop account	55,297	-	-
	Metro Instant access	2,386	-	-
	Metro Sanctuary account	462,870	-	-
	Metro account	85,000	-	-
	Lloyds account	79,909	-	-
	Total cash funds	685,462	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Cat Sanctuary Ardleigh	unrestricted	20,573	-
	New building base Ardleigh	unrestricted	11,727	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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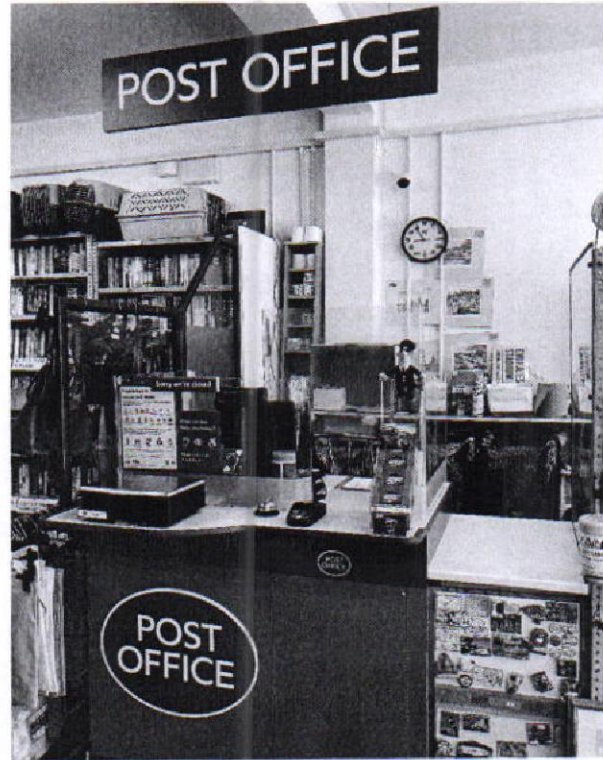
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For the period from	01.01.20	To	31.12.2020
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A1 Receipts					
Gifts & Donations	70,494	-	-	70,494	317,749
Shop Income	32,054	-	-	32,054	64,467
Rents Received	9,130	-	-	9,130	9,960
Government grants	36,276	-	-	36,276	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	147,954	-	-	147,954	392,176
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Interest received	130	-	-	130	41
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	130	-	-	130	41
Total receipts	148,084	-	-	148,084	392,217
A3 Payments					
Rates & Water	1,407	-	-	1,407	1,752
Insurance	2,579	-	-	2,579	2,553
Light & Heat	6,002	-	-	6,002	6,407
Telephone	2,061	-	-	2,061	1,551
Printing, post and fundraising costs	486	-	-	486	338
Cleaning & Waste	9,025	-	-	9,025	11,340
Vet Expenses	21,292	-	-	21,292	28,915
Food & Litter	5,110	-	-	5,110	7,638
Wages, social security and pension	86,780	-	-	86,780	87,787
Rent	25,167	-	-	25,167	13,648
Travel	376	-	-	376	
Repairs & Renewals	12,141	-	-	12,141	102,995
Accountancy and professional fees	5,407	-	-	5,407	835
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	23
Card Machine Fees	1,021	-	-	1,021	1,043
Sub total	178,854	-	-	178,854	266,825
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	178,854	-	-	178,854	266,825
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 30,770	-	-	- 30,770	125,392
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 30,770	-	-	- 30,770	125,392

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers account	3,255	-	-
	Treasurers shop account	17,441	-	-
	Metro account	85,000		
	Lloyds account	78,817	-	-
	Total cash funds		184,513	-

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Creditors	unrestricted		
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