

The Colchester & District Cat Rescue and Homing Society

Financial Accounts to 31 December 2023







CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE COLCHESTER & DISTRICT CAT RESCUE
AND HOMING SOCIETY

275238

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.01.2023

To

31.12.2023

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	112,458
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))

	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		
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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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)

Charity Shop and Prettygate Post Office: 100 The Commons, Prettygate, Colchester CO3 4NW tel 01206 576085 (open 9 – 5pm Mon to Sat, closed on Bank Holidays)

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.

Activities and objectives

The Charity's main aim is to rescue and rehome cats and kittens in the Colchester area. However, there are so many in need now that we cannot cope with the number of requests that we get. We fully vet check all new arrivals to give them the best future; we neuter, vaccinate and microchip all the cats.

We can look after up to 50 cats and kittens, and we have a non euthanasia policy, never putting a healthy cat to sleep. Any cats that we have been unable to rehome, due to ongoing medical, infirmity or behavioural problems, continue to live out their lives at the Sanctuary for as long as they need a home. We have about 10 of these cats at any time, they have large spacious cat runs in our quiet meadow to enjoy the outdoors, and heated accommodation and veterinary treatment whenever needed.

Review of finances

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 since March 2020, as the Charity's income virtually dried up overnight, as our former Charity Shop was required to close immediately due to the Government's Covid restrictions.

We moved our Charity Shop out of the town centre to the Prettygate shopping parade in Colchester. It opened in April 2021 after the final lockdown, and has proved to be very successful. It is much more spacious, being three times the size, for the same rent as in the town. The premises had recently housed Prettygate Post Office, which we applied to reinstate. We reopened Prettygate Post Office within the shop in August 2021, giving us an additional income stream, and proving to be very popular with the local residents. We are very well supported there, and get a lot more donations as we now have a wider catchment area.

As well as all the usual Post Office services (ie. draw out/pay in cash to most High St bank accounts, pay in cheques, local banking of takings for other nearby businesses, buying Euros or pre-ordering other currencies, mobile phone/gas/electric meter top-ups) we provide Royal Mail and Parcelforce customer returns and collections. Since April 2023 our Post Office also offers DPD and Amazon customer returns and collections.

The new shop came with a large flat above it, which has been rented out from the start to bring in more income. Our late founder's house "Lyndhurst" also continues to be let out, providing valuable income and overnight presence at the entrance of our site.

Any legacy we receive is very welcome, as these continue to secure the future of the Sanctuary, and we hope that people will think of leaving us a legacy in their will. However, by their very nature legacies are often unexpected and cannot be relied upon. We hope that if we receive future legacies we will be able to increase the number of cats that we can help. Thank you to all our supporters.