



## Sandbach Animal Rescue Society

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## **Trustee's Annual Report 2022**

### **Introduction**

Sandbach Animal Rescue Society, hereafter referred to as SARS, was founded in 1981, and registered with the Charities Commission No. 512966) the following year. From a small beginning, in temporary accommodation, SARS now operates from its own recently expanded and upgraded property in Sandbach.

The society is run entirely by volunteers and relies purely on fundraising and donations to cover its costs which include day to day running expenses of the cattery, fostering, veterinary fees, advertising and printing.

### **Trustees Report**

2022 has been a year of change and recovery.

Once again, the SARS fundraising activity during the last 12 months has been incredible, the efforts from our volunteer fundraisers have been outstanding, their sterling work is what keeps SARS going. The trustees would like to pay tribute to these incredible efforts and thanks each and everyone for their amazing support and dedication.

During 2022, most of the fundraising was carried out within the local community, activities and events such as coffee mornings and local fetes, expanding the boundaries outside of our previous borders.

Fundraising from events and good sold this year compared to last have risen by a massive £17,024.00

SARS is also well supported by the local veterinary practice and local supermarkets and pet stores that allow donation bins. Local pet stores donate unwanted food which is used within the cattery or

distributed to other local charities.

The rewritten the constitution (Nov 2021) – that brought it more in line with the modern era, providing a simplified, specific and clear set of objectives and tightening rules around expenditure and key decision making. This has really made the operation of the charity simpler and more effective.

SARS continued to provide a safe home to stray and unwanted cats alongside supporting the local community for pet owners moving into care or accommodation that would not allow pets. The cattery continues to be fully occupied with a waiting list used to prioritise admissions. The charity also supports members who foster cats and /or kittens in their own homes. the services provided by continue to be crucial especially during the current cost of living crisis, when more cats are either being (reluctantly) surrendered or abandoned.

We look forward to a bright future in 2023 and beyond as SARS continues to go from strength to strength.

### **Chairmans Report**

#### Chairmans Report 2022

The year to 31 st December 2022 has been yet another very successful year for Sandbach Animal Rescue which puts us in a very stable position both financially and in terms of ideas to further boost our income and work for 2023.

From the figures set out we can see that 2022 was the year of the kitten!!

89 of the 110 admissions we had last year were either kittens born in our care or those that arrived as the result of unneutered cats within the community.

2022 also was a huge increase in work for us as a charity due to the loss of other cat rescues within the area including Cats Protection in Crewe but also the huge demand placed on other local rescues.

There is no doubt that the impact of people getting kittens during lock down and failing to neuter them meant an unprecedented number of kittens born, no doubt this cycle will continue.

Fortunately, with the fantastic (yet extremely tiring) amount of fundraising that was done

throughout 2022 we were able to pay for the costs that having these kittens produced, as an example

89 kittens neutered - £4,895

89 kittens vaccinated -£4,183

89 kittens health checked - £3,405

89 Kittens microchipped - £890

Total - £13,373 !!

2022 also saw us looking to address some of the important issues regarding the longevity of the work we do at the rescue, especially with the increased numbers we are seeing, and the unprecedented number of houses being built in the town. This alongside the cost-of-living increases that we are all experiencing means that more support is being requested on a more regular basis.

We moved the monthly coffee morning from St Marys Church Hall to The Town Hall due to the escalating costs and tired facilities at St Marys. Not only has this had a positive impact, placing us in a more central position in the town centre, but has also had a positive impact of the amount of funds that we have raised and has bought new regular faces to the event.

We also completed our first very successful Cat Café event in 2022 with 2 more planned for 2023.

This gave us the opportunity to open our rescue doors to the public in a slightly different way and share what is a community rescue.

2022 was the year we completed a record amount of fundraising which has allowed us to reflect on and prioritise the fundraising we booked for 2023. We did attend a huge number of events, some

which were more successful than others. It is hoped the fundraising we complete in 2023 is more productive and less labour intense.

This then allowed ignited our first thoughts around the exciting challenge of looking for a charity shop in Sandbach of which we were successful in achieving.

So what are our challenges for 2023 ?

☒ This is the year we need to invest in our SARS Team, our volunteers and how we encourage them to be more engaged with our charity without them the charity simply can't exist. With the help of our newly appointed volunteer coordinator, we have managed in the first few months of this year to extend our team to over 100 members, we now need to drill down a little more to see what our volunteers can offer us and what we need to do to meet their needs and make their volunteering time a more enjoyable experience.

☒ Concentrate our efforts on our shop which for SARS has been a huge investment and think of new ways to support our main income stream.

☒ Prepare ourselves for another busy year of rescue especially as the cost of living continues to affect most of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their time and effort in 2022 and look forward to another positive and prominent year within our local community.



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	14,651	-	-	14,651	18,008
Adoptions	12,091	-	-	12,091	7,206
Collection Boxes	1,572	-	-	1,572	671
Bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Raising - Events/Sales	26,052	-	-	26,052	11,199
Fund Raising - Other	871	-	-	871	817
Grants	-	-	-	-	3,099
Interest Received	11	-	-	11	-
VAT on receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Compensation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,247</b>	<b>41,000</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Motor Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scottish Widows	-	-	-	-	-
VAT refunds re: PY	-	-	-	-	9,408
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,408</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,247</b>	<b>50,408</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Accountant Fees	1,350	-	-	1,350	600
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Cat Boarding	-	-	-	-	-
Cat Food	4,216	-	-	4,216	3,467
Cat Litter & Essentials	831	-	-	831	1,344
Cattery Expenses	369	-	-	369	-
Deed Events Cost	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-	781
Fostering Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Expenses	-	-	-	-	822
Hall Hire etc.	796	-	-	796	-
Insurance/Membership	1,139	-	-	1,139	2,033
IT Software and Consumables	53	-	-	53	-
Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	1,868	-	-	1,868	1,932
Mobile Phone & Broadband	724	-	-	724	1,095
Motor Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Postage	7	-	-	7	66
Property Costs - Repairs & Maintenance	841	-	-	841	36,203
Stationery	24	-	-	24	-
Subscriptions	561	-	-	561	-
Sundries	52	-	-	52	115
Supplier Invoices not paid yet	-	-	-	-	260
Utility Costs	2,183	-	-	2,183	2,187
VAT on payments	-	-	-	-	-
Vet Fees	19,265	-	-	19,265	19,329
Waste Costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>34,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,277</b>	<b>70,234</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
<b>Fixed Asset Purchases</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>34,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,277</b>	<b>70,234</b>

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	20,970	-	-	20,970	- 19,826
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	14,775	-	-	14,775	34,601
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	35,745	-	-	35,745	14,775

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	202409 10787728 - Current Ac	24,126	-	-
	202409 73934829 - Bonus Ac	11,619	-	-
	202409 90664391 - Savings Ac	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35,745</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	VAT refund - Outstanding	9,392	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

**Sandbach Animal Rescue Society**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**2022**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**512966**

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**24/10/2023**

**Name:**

**Anita Marie Maddock**

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

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Top Cat Accountancy Ltd

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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