

Thames Valley Animal Welfare
Registered Charity No 900616

Accounts for the year to 31 March 2021

I. Receipts and Payments Account

| | 2020-21 | | 2019-20 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Income Receipts | | | |
| Donations, Payroll Giving, Standing Orders, Charities Trust, give as you Live, Friends, Sales, Sale of Stock, Paypal, Gerry's Website, Recycling, Collecting Tins, Re-payments | 81,725.80 | | 79,769.19 |
| Legacies | 2,050.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Interest | 562.60 | | 797.59 |
| HMRC Gift Aid repayments | 11,710.24 | | 12,112.25 |
| Other | 1,766.61 | | 1,335.74 |
| Total receipts | <u>97,815.25</u> | | <u>95,014.77</u> |
| Direct Charitable Expenditure | | | |
| Advertising | 0.00 | | 566.17 |
| Equipment | 12,355.03 | | 5,721.78 |
| Fosterhome and carer expenses | 10,509.75 | | 13,811.36 |
| Veterinary costs, Vet Grants, Neutering Scheme, Post Homing, Golden Oldie Scheme | 79,676.44 | | 93,347.95 |
| | <u>102,541.22</u> | | <u>113,447.26</u> |
| Other Expenditure | | | |
| Fundraising event costs | 10.00 | | 108.00 |
| Stationery/postage/printing/telephone/Newsletter | 3,248.71 | | 3,815.44 |
| Professional fees (PO Box/Bank Charges) | 507.30 | | 1,570.96 |
| Stock for Re-sale | 942.26 | | 623.23 |
| Public liability insurance | 327.40 | | 460.64 |
| Other (re-imbursement of income) | 194.70 | | |
| Total payments | <u>5,230.37</u> | 107,771.59 | <u>6,578.27</u> |
| Net receipts for the year | | -9,956.34 | -25,010.76 |
| Actual Cash & bank balances at 31 March | | 222,217.00 | 231,860.44 |
| Net Cash & bank balances at 31 March | | 212,260.66 | 206,849.68 |

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

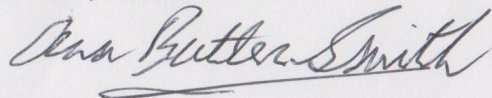
| | 2020-21 | 2019-20 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Monetary Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash equivalents at 31.03.21 | 212,260.66 | 206,849.68 |
| Total | 212,260.66 | 206,849.68 |

Non Monetary Assets

- 15 Lindee Lu cathouses
- 2 QualityTimberCat houses
- 14 Traps
- 2 Remo Traps
- 14 Large Kitten Pens
- 26 Scanners
- 10 Microchip Application Guns
- 2 Laptop Computers
- 1 Panasonic Telephone

| | 2020-21 £ | 2019-20 £ |
|---|---|---|
| <u>Direct charitable expenditure</u> | | |
| Specific costs incurred | | |
| Allowance for post homing treatment | 4,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Allowance for Golden Oldie Scheme | 25,000.00 | 17,000.00 |
| Allowance for Neutering Scheme | 10,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Allowance for Vet Grants | 6,000.00 | |
| Total liabilities | <u>45,000.00</u> 45,000.00 | <u>23,500.00</u> 23,500.00 |

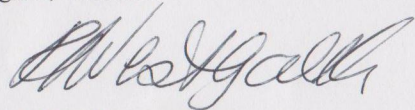
Ann Butler-Smith, Chairman



Date

12.04.21

Hilary Westgarth, Treasurer



Date

12.04.21

For and on behalf of the trustees

Thames Valley Animal Welfare

Registered Charity No. 900616



Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2021

Aims and Organisation

Thames Valley Animal Welfare (TVAW) is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 900616). The postal address is TVA W, P O Box 3139, Reading, RG1 9FQ. The e-mail address is tvawcats2018@gmail.com or tvawcats30@gmail.com and the website address is www.tvaw.org.uk.

The Charity operates under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and is administered by a Management Committee of Trustees, comprising at 31.3.2021.

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Chairman | Mrs A Butler-Smith |
| Vice-Chairman | Mrs J MacGregor |
| Secretary | Mrs M Fogarty |
| Treasurer | Miss H Westgarth |
| Other members | Mrs P Parfitt, Mrs Y Room, Mrs C Laker, Miss S Aubrey, Mrs K Brewer and Mrs J Phelan. |

The object of the charity is to rescue abandoned, unwanted, ill-treated, and neglected cats. Veterinary treatment is provided when necessary and all cats are spayed or neutered and microchipped before rehoming. The cats are cared for in individual foster homes until they are ready for rehoming. TVA W aims to find loving permanent homes with responsible people for all animals in its care and undertakes never to destroy any cat unless advised to do so by a veterinary surgeon on the grounds of ill-health. The work of the charity is undertaken entirely by volunteers working from their own homes.

Throughout the year the trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that its activities meet the public benefit requirement. Although we record our performance in terms of the number of cats helped, behind each case is an owner, relative, neighbour or member of the public who needs help, either with an owned cat or a stray.

Review of the year to 31 March 2021

The Coronavirus Pandemic has made this year extremely challenging – trying to take in and rehome cats whilst always remaining within the government's guidelines. We operate a waiting list for places in foster homes, with priority being given to the pregnant cats, kittens and sick or injured cats. We have had a high proportion of stray cats on the waiting list again this year, with very few owned cats being handed into foster care. Our waiting list was high over the summer months, however, the rest of the year we have been in a fortunate position to be able to take in most cats very quickly.

There has been a significant increase in people applying to adopt cats, resulting in some disappointed people.

We have noticed an increase in people who want to foster indoors rather than take on a cathouse in the garden. The indoor foster homes offer many benefits including no financial outlay for the charity, more flexibility for the fosterer and of course it is much nicer for the cats to live in a home environment, especially the elderly cats. However, we do still need cathouses, to accommodate our stray and feral cats.

We offer vouchers for free neutering to people taking on kittens from us. These are very well received, although not used by everyone.

Foster homes

We started the year with 15 outdoor foster homes and 20 cathouses, 5 indoor foster homes and 4 kittens socialisers.

We have again seen quite a few changes within our fosterers. We are grateful to Chris Matthews, Julie Etheridge, Lizzie Walters, Carlie Langille and Gill Sawyer for all their hard work and dedication over their years of fostering for us. Lizzie is still involved with the charity.

During the year we have welcomed Samantha Lockyer and Michelle Grant, who have taken on a cathouse each, Rose Taylor as an indoor foster home and Samantha Vincent who joined as a kitten socialiser.

We appreciated Caroline Airey's help socialising kittens again over the summer months.

We finished the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 16 cathouses, 5 indoor foster homes and 4 kitten socialisers.

We continue to be incredibly grateful to all our fosterers, who work extremely hard caring from cute kittens to ferocious ferals. We would also like to thank all our transport volunteers who travel far and wide collecting and trapping cats.

Statistics

| | 2020/2021 | 2019/2020 | 2018/2019 | 2017/2018 | 2016/2017 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adult cats rehomed | 154 | 161 | 174 | 192 | 236 |
| Kittens rehomed | 143 | 123 | 146 | 141 | 150 |
| Returned to owner (b) | 14 | 3 | 9 | 30 | 9 |
| Put to sleep/Died (d) | 7 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 7 |
| Neutering scheme – low cost | 38 | 76 | 151 | 118 | 11 |
| Neutering scheme - free | 14 | 28 | 0 | 108 | 0 |
| Golden Oldie Scheme cats which received vet treatment | 30 | 31 | 25 | 45 | 26 |
| Other cats helped (c) | 47 | 46 | 49 | 52 | 34 |
| | 447 | 475 | 565 | 694 | 473 |

Notes

(a) Kittens aged up to 6 months

(b) These figures do not include the cats who are matched by our lost and found register and do not therefore come into our care.

(c) These are cats which have been helped by TVAW in some way, usually by the provision of veterinary treatment when owners have been unable to afford it and have not come into a TVAW foster home.

(d) One was an elderly cat with cat flu, 1 semi feral cat with FIV and cat flu, 2 cats with renal failure, 1 with a tumour, 1 cat with multiple issues and 1 deformed kitten. The decision to euthanase was taken, in conjunction with the veterinary surgeon, to end their suffering.

Golden Oldie Scheme

Rehoming elderly cats is never easy, but it is sometimes helpful if they are offered for adoption under the "Golden Oldie Scheme". Often these cats have come into our care with ongoing health problems, such as hyperthyroidism, and therefore prospective owners would be unable to take out pet insurance. People are encouraged to offer them a home if TVAW is responsible for future veterinary care. More cats are now being rehomed under the scheme and some cats which were rehomed under the scheme several years ago have now required expensive ongoing treatment for age-related health problems such as heart problems. Several generous owners do not take advantage of the scheme and opt to pay for their cat's treatment themselves, which is very helpful as the cost this year is in excess of £21,000.

Low-cost neutering scheme

Between April 1st, 2020 and March 31st, 2021, 52 cats have been neutered or spayed under our Neutering Schemes. This shows an almost 50% drop in numbers from last year. Several owners had more than one cat castrated or spayed but only 14 cats benefitted from our Free Neutering Scheme (28 last year) and 38 (76 last year) from Low-Cost neutering. Again, these figures are down considerably on last year's numbers. Last year, we took decision to reduce the area we covered, to a 15-mile radius of Reading and this continues to impact on the number of clients who approach us for help with neutering. Many of the vets recommend us to clients, as do several of the larger charities – the RSPCA and Cats' Protection, particularly - who approach us for financial help and in the present climate of the Coronavirus epidemic, we anticipated that these requests would increase. This has not been the case and one or two applicants have never presented their vouchers! Very few other charities offer this help nowadays and everyone who we do help, is immensely grateful to us, proving how worthwhile this scheme is.

Lost and Found Register

During the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, 56 cats have been reported lost and 22 reported found, (last year 72 and 29 respectively). We recorded 19 lost cats happily reunited with their owners. The figures for found cats does not include the cats who have been reported found and taken into foster care. The numbers for this year are slightly down on the previous year, mostly due to a notable reduction in activity during the significant impact of the first and second periods Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns.

Most cats reported to us have come via our lost and found email, by private messaging to our Facebook page or by phone.

Facebook continues to be a valuable resource for lost & found, with two generous donations made in acknowledgement of TVAW providing help and support for cats found and reported to us through our page.

Friends of TVAW

The Friends of TVAW was introduced in 1993 as a way of keeping people who are interested in our work informed of our activities. This is achieved by the publication three times a year of our newsletter "Paws for Thought". We have more than 650 members and the newsletter is very well received. Subscriptions and donations from the Friends now form a substantial and very welcome proportion of our income.

TVAW's Website

We are very grateful to Pam Budd at Loud-n-Clear who updates our website for us on a regular basis.

Financial

Thames Valley Animal Welfare is entirely dependent upon donations and its own fundraising efforts to finance its work. It does not own any land or buildings or employ any staff. Its work is carried out entirely by volunteers.

Our main sources of income are donations, including Friends' subscriptions, and our own fundraising activities – mainly jumble sales and stalls at various local events plus the sale of our Christmas cards and calendars. We are grateful to Gerry Horrox, one of the fosterers, who continues to raise funds by selling donated items for TVAW on eBay and through donations made via his own website.

Reclaiming Gift Aid creates a lot of work in terms of record keeping but generated a most welcome income of £11,710.24

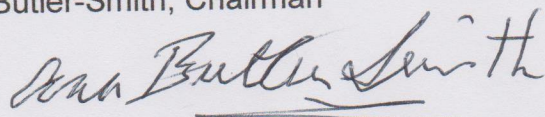
The fact that we still have healthy reserves due to the generosity of our supporters, has meant that we have been able continue to cover the increasingly expensive veterinary costs and maintain our commitments to our fosterers. However, with expenditure continuing to rise, we review our levels of expenditure monthly as this continues to be a source of concern.

Of particular concern, is the need to plan for the replacement of some of our older Lindee Lu cat houses. We have 15 Lindee Lu and 2 Quality Timber cathouses, some which are over 10 years old. Even with regular timber treatment and maintenance the manufacturers do not expect them to last much beyond 15 years. To replace the smallest of our cathouses at current prices would cost from £6,000 per unit.

Acknowledgements

Once again, very many people have helped TVAW financially with both large and small donations during the year and small legacies and donations in memory of relatives, friends or pets. Whilst it is not possible to list all of them individually in this report, we would like to thank them all for their continued support. Our fosterers have been very grateful for the cat food, litter and bedding which has been donated by many of our supporters during the year - this is a tangible way in which supporters can help us and fosterers find it very encouraging to receive such contributions.

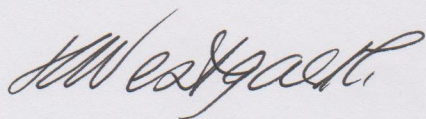
Ann Butler-Smith, Chairman



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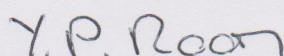
Hilary Westgarth, Treasurer



Date:

15.09.21

Yvonne Room, Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of the trustees



Date:

15.09.21

Independent examiners report to the trustees of Thames Valley Animal Welfare "TVAW"

Registered Charity no. 900616

I report on the accounts of TVA W for the year ended 31 March 2021

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 year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

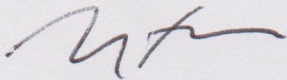
Basis of independent examiner's reports

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 next statement.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act have not been met OR
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Martin Tucker

Date: 26 July 2021