Charity registration number: 275238

THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025




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THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

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.

Significant Activities

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.

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 12 months. We moved our Charity Shop from the town centre to the Prettygate area in Colchester in April 2021. We reopened Prettygate Post Office within the shop in August 2021, giving us an additional income stream, and are very well supported.

As well as all the usual Post Office services we provide Royal Mail, Parcelforce, DPD and Amazon returns.
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. The house roof needed to be replaced as the property is about 100 years old, and we took the opportunity to incorporate built in solar panels to provide renewal energy, as our site is in the country and has no services other than electricity, which had proved increasingly expensive.

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.

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 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.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Amanda Carrington - Chair
Linda Coleman - Trustee
Alison Milne - Trustee

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Amanda Carrington
Chair
29/10/2026

THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025, comprising the summary of income and expenditure and 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 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.

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.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Jack Blyth

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The Colchester and District Cat Rescue and Homing Society
Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	31-Dec-24
Income from				
Donations and legacies	406,022	-	406,022	152,510
Shop income	84,155	-	84,155	100,106
Rents received	16,146	-	16,146	25,242
Post Office commission	29,532	-	29,532	27,507
Insurance commission	5,125	-	5,125	5,766
Capital Grant - Solar Panels Installation	20,000		20,000	
Interest received	709	-	709	987
Total income	**561,690**	**-**	**561,690**	**312,118**
Expenditure on				
Rates & water	3,330	-	3,330	2,305
Insurance	4,000	-	4,000	2,292
Light & heat	13,649	-	13,649	12,661
Telephone	1,288	-	1,288	1,724
Printing, postage & fundraising costs	8,401	-	8,401	5,407
Cleaning & waste disposal	13,860	-	13,860	11,575
Vet expenses	32,961	-	32,961	25,343
Food & litter	9,447	-	9,447	9,294
Wages, social security & pension	159,782	-	159,782	141,368
Rent	26,000	-	26,000	26,000
Travel	2,240	-	2,240	3,203
Repairs & renewals	1,919	-	1,919	5,169
Accountancy & professional fees	2,184	-	2,184	3,782
Bank charges	-	-	-	318
Card machine fees	106	-	106	931
Depreciation	7,623	-	7,623	3,499
(Profit)/loss on disposal of assets	626	-	626	(2,450)
Total expenditure	**287,414**	**-**	**287,414**	**252,421**
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	**274,275**	**-**	**274,275**	**59,697**
Funds b/fwd	976,877	-	976,877	917,179
Funds transferred	-	-	-	-
Funds c/fwd	**1,251,152**	**-**	**1,251,152**	**976,877**

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Balance Sheet
Year Ended 31 December 2025

	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
Fixed Asset		
Land and Buildings	157,300	157,300
Plant and Machinery	34,508	16,540
Total Fixed Asset	**191,808**	**173,840**
Cash at bank and in hand		
Shop account	63,336	39,087
Sanctuary account	362,860	123,787
Instant access account	89,920	89,211
Lloyds account	552,717	552,795
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**1,068,833**	**804,879**
Current Assets		
Stock	-	-
Total Current Assets	**-**	**-**
Net current assets	**1,068,833**	**804,879**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	1,000	-
Other Creditors	5,100	-
Taxation & Social Security	3,389	1,842
Total Current Liabilities	**9,489**	**1,842**
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9,489**	**1,842**
Net current assets (liabilities)	**1,059,344**	**803,037**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,251,152**	**976,877**
Total net assets (liabilities)	**1,251,152**	**976,877**
Charity funds		
Unrestricted funds	1,251,152	976,877
Total Charity funds	**1,251,152**	**976,877**

THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. General Information

THE COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT CAT RESCUE AND HOMING SOCIETY is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 275238. The principal address is The Sanctuary, Lyndhurst, Bromley Road, Colchester, Essex, CO7 7SF.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	- Not Depreciated
Plant & Machinery	- 10% OR 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.