CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/ members of Charity Name: STOUR VALLEY CAT RESCUE

On accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2025 | **Charity no (if any)** 514904

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: A M Pettigrew **Date:** 22.10.2026

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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).

STOUR VALLEY CAT RESCUE
CHARITY NUMBER 514904

Chairman's Report

2025 was yet another difficult year for the rescue with the increasing number of cats coming into our care and also veterinary costs increasing considerably. This increase was not only due to the number of cats coming into the rescue but also for assisting people with the costs of vet fees for neutering their cats which they were not able to afford.

We carried out further and much needed renovations to the property and along with the increased costs of food and utilities associated with the day to day running of the rescue, this all put further pressure on our finances.

Fortunately we had a good year in terms of fundraising and receipts of generous donations from our many valued supporters and also those adopting cats which have been in our care.

Treasurer's Report

Although the rescue received some very generous donations and legacies in 2024, unfortunately this was not the case for 2025. The result of this was that the income from those sources in 2025 was almost half of that received in 2024. The overall income for 2025 was approximately two-thirds of that received in the previous year.

The expenditure increased slightly in 2025. However the 2024 accounts included the cost of new buildings and work carried out generally to maintain the property. These large amounts were not replicated in 2025 but were more than offset by an increase in veterinary bills of approximately 56% and an increase in the cost of food/litter etc of approximately 32%.

The overall funds showed a reduction of approximately 20% in available funds from the previous year.

It is impossible to budget very far ahead because, although the rescue receives income from generous monthly donations and from regular fundraising events, it is heavily reliant on legacy income which is, of course, impossible to predict.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

SECTION A

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Fundraising	14,901.95	13,209.31
Donations and Legacies	60,152.01	119,939.82
Payments for cats homed	8,498.50	3,209.00
Miscellaneous	220.81	126.68
Sponsorship	340.00	100.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaims	2,056.79	1,681.04
VAT Refunds	12,288.44	12,833.54
Bank Account Interest	1,838.57	1,884.06
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**100,297.07**	**152,983.45**
PAYMENTS		
Fostering	24,954.38	18,882.52
Veterinary Fees	93,228.45	59,750.84
Advertisements	1,718.54	1,197.30
Hire of Halls	915.00	690.00
Miscellaneous	4,296.24	7,345.00
Heating, lighting, maintenance, buildings etc	17,430.48	48,401.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**142,543.09**	**136,266.66**
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	**-42,246.02**	**16,716.79**
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END	**202,110.65**	**185,393.86**
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	**£159,864.63**	**£202,110.65**

SECTION B

CASH FUNDS

Santander	3,278.21	3,082.67
West Bromwich Building Society	85,303.19	84,601.32
Barclays Community Account	1,296.09	7,958.78
Barclays Business Premium Account	67,929.17	105,892.47
Cash in hand	2057.97	575.41
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	**£159,864.63**	**£202,110.65**

MAUREEN ANN JENNINGS – TRUSTEE 22/10/26

MARGARET ANN BIRD – TRUSTEE M A Bird 22/10/26

MAURICE EDWARD BISBEY – TRUSTEE 22/10/26

SUSAN JAYNE MATTHEWS – TRUSTEE S Matthews 22/10/26