



Charity number 1153666

We help stray and feral cats/ kittens in the Fakenham area by obtaining Veterinary treatment where needed including neutering, before returning/finding them, suitable homes or placements.

C.A.T.S. NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2024, No.13

CATS' CORNER UPDATE

Last year there was a flood of abandoned and unwanted cats plus an alarming boom in kitten numbers. Unfortunately 2024 has been no better. There are still too many un-neutered cats around and **not enough homes to take in more pets.**



These four gorgeous rescue kittens were re-homed in July with two families. Rosie & Teddy and Squidly & Sanka now have a wonderful future ahead of them.



Tania



Kylie (black & white), Jilly, & Edna (tortie)

It is painful to report that we still haven't found homes for long-term residents **Tania**, **Jilly**, **Kylie** and **Edna**. Jilly (black with a small white patch on her chest) is nearly two now whilst the other three are about three years old. The girls are free to roam outdoors but they still don't have the luxury of living in a house or with a special family to care for them forever.

We also need homes for kittens: two orphaned sisters **Olive** and **Tina** who were trapped with two siblings by the **Douglas Sanctuary for Cats** (to whom we owe a great deal of thanks) after their feral mum was killed in a road traffic accident; and **Fynn**, a little boy who wandered into someone's home, presumably dumped. The pictures (below) were taken in early August.

Please get in touch with Doreen on 01328 878517 if you can help. There are other kittens available too.



Olive



Tina



Fynn

A BIG THANK YOU

We have a special thank you to make this year to the sixth formers of **Fakenham Academy** who raised enough money, by throwing wet sponges at their teachers (with their consent!), to buy us all the cat goodies on the table. Thank you so much.



Rachel and John Harryngton deserve a special mention and thanks for inviting us to run a plant sale stall at their Hindringham garden open day weekend held in June where we raised over £900, despite the atrocious wet weather.



In April, thanks to **Morrisons** in Fakenham, we rattled collection boxes, raised £552, and collected lots of cat food from their customers and did the same again in August. We held our Spring Fayre at **Hempton Memorial Hall** that raised £1,600 and took part in four car boot sales organised by the Hempton hall team that raised about £1,500. The **public** and our **volunteers** continue in their generosity by fundraising for us: donating items that we can sell, providing cat food and cat litter or running their own stalls at events (special thanks to **Val Smith** for her heroic efforts). And there have been some very generous cash donations too. We couldn't do it without you.

We are delighted and grateful to announce that we have been selected to take part in this year's **Fakenham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival** once again. The theme for our tree will be based around ***The Tale of Tom Kitten*** by Beatrix Potter.



Thank you for your kind support

DATES TO NOTE IN 2024 Please support.

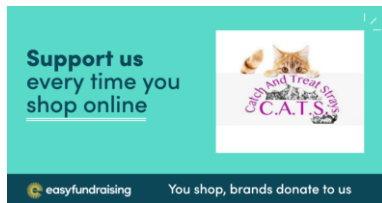
C.A.T.S. Fabric sale: Hempton Memorial Hall on Sat 5 October, 10am–1.00pm.

C.A.T.S. Xmas Fayre: Hempton Memorial Hall on Sat 9 November, 10am–2pm.

Fakenham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival runs from 28 Nov. to 5 December. Theme of our tree: Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Tom Kitten*

Please use **Easy fundraising** that has over 7,000 big-name retailers who donate when you shop, **with no cost to you**. So far £1117 has been raised since C.A.T.S. joined the scheme.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>





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HEMPTON MEMORIAL HALL
The Green, NR21 7LG

Saturday 5 October 2024
10.00am – 1.00pm

FABRIC SALE

Quality Cottons & Fabrics

Blinds, Curtains & curtain poles
(Ex-display/New/Re-cycled)
bring your measurements
also
Haberdashery—including Buttons, Threads etc.
plus
Teas, Coffee and Cakes



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Hempton Memorial Hall
The Green, Hempton, Fakenham, NR21 7LG

Saturday 9th November 2024
10am – 2pm

Bric-a-Brac
Christmas Gifts & Decorations
Homemade Preserves/Jams/Cakes
Jigsaws/Games/Books/Cards

Tombola, Raffle

Homemade Soup & Roll
Tea ~ Coffee ~ Cakes

AN APPEAL

Catch And Treat Strays is a very small registered charity that was set up to help feral and homeless cats in the Fakenham area. As much as we would love to help every cat in distress or that is homeless, we can't. And most of all we cannot help cat owners who cannot afford veterinary bills. We do not have the facilities or the resources to do so and this is not the reason that the charity was established over 10 years ago. We are not the RSPCA or Cats Protection who have staff and major incomes to play with. Every penny we raise is hard-earned and doesn't go far. When a volunteer has given up another day of their life to run a stall and the proceeds don't even cover the costs of one trip to the vet for a cat, we still carry on.

Please try to do your own fundraising to pay for cat bills if this is a problem and please do as much as you can to help strays—there just isn't space in the rescue centres to help.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CAT IS NEUTERED AND MICRO-CHIPPED

How many times is the cry repeated 'get your cat neutered' yet the problem of unwanted kittens grows every year. If you are looking for a furry friend to join your family, please do not buy a cat or kitten from a cat breeder—please visit the rescue centres where you will find the perfect companion. Kittens are always best re-homed in pairs.



It was a legal requirement to micro-chip your cat by 10 June 2024. Failure to do so incurs a fine of £500. Kittens up to 20 weeks are exempt. And don't forget to keep microchip details updated. It is heartbreaking to lose a cat. It is tragic if it is found with a microchip and the owner cannot be traced because the contact information is no longer correct.



WANTED

Foster Homes. We occasionally have cats and kittens that need a temporary home rather than wait in a pen until they are adopted. Requirements: a quiet spare room or space where a cat can get used to normal life in the home like the TV, phone and the dreaded vacuum cleaner. Foster homes also free up pens required for urgent new arrivals.

We also need **Volunteers** to help with fundraising or who are willing to go out trapping. From time to time we are desperate for odd job people to help look after the cat pens: repairs, cleaning and painting.

Donations of unwanted goods or presents are always needed that we can sell at our fundraising events. Any donations of plants, fruits and vegetables are most welcome as well as your own homemade produce and crafts. Donations of cat food or cat litter from Morrisons and GJL in Fakenham can be left in their dedicated baskets.

CATS LOST OR FOUND

If you have lost or found a cat in the Fakenham area, we can put up a notice on our Facebook page. Please provide as many details as possible and a picture, if possible.

CONTACTS

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Any donation is most welcome.

**Please make cheques payable to Catch
And Treat Strays (C.A.T.S).**

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**Account name: Catch And Treat Strays
(C.A.T.S)**

Sort Code: 52 41 29

Account No: 44586914



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**Thank you for all your support. Every penny counts and
goes towards helping homeless cats and kittens.**