

WELLS
GLASTONBURY
CATS
PROTECTION
SUPPORT TEAM

CATS PROTECTION GLASTONBURY & WELLS BRANCH

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Every year our group helps hundreds of cats and kittens to a better life.

We do not have a central cattery. Homeless cats are fostered in the homes of our volunteers or in outdoor cat reception units. These units are purpose built, spacious and comfortable for the cats. They have an electrical supply and heating for cold nights.

However spacious the units, we cannot mix cats from different backgrounds. Only cats coming from the same home can be accommodated together. This is why we cannot always take in cats at a moment's notice. We generally have a waiting list of cats to come in to our units, and try to work through the list in a fair way. Having said that, we do normally manage to take in any cat that is in urgent need of attention - either medical or just TLC.

Our fosterers are spread through our area; Glastonbury, Street, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Oakhill, and all surrounding areas.

As well as rehoming cats we are heavily involved in the trapping and neutering of feral cats - an arduous and time-consuming task but one that is very necessary. We aim to ensure that feral cats are healthy and restrict the size of feral colonies to manageable proportions.

We also run Neutering Campaigns designed to encourage cat owners to have their cats neutered. The amount we ask owners to pay is generally around £15 per cat including free microchipping. When we aren't actively running a campaign, we still offer vouchers for £25 for males and £40 for females. Both offers are available to people on low income support or benefit.

Before cats are rehomed, all prospective homes are checked by



one of our team of home checkers.

As well as looking after the cats and searching out new homes for them, most of our fosterers are involved in fundraising. We have a Christmas Fair each year in Wells Town Hall. We also hold stalls at local events during the summer months, and opened a Charity Shop in Street on November 30th 2016.

We currently have around 200 members who each receive a 4 monthly newsletter - Mews.

All of our helpers are VOLUNTEERS. We do it because we love cats and want to give them a better life. Most of our helpers have to juggle a full time job and/or family commitments with the cat welfare tasks. At times the work is hard, demanding and thankless. At other times it's the most rewarding work in the world. We rely heavily on our members to back us up with fundraising or giving homes to our cats. We couldn't do it without them.

If YOU love cats and want to help the homeless and needy cats in YOUR area; please join our group. Yearly membership is only £6. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and send it to Cats Protection at the address given.

We also run a sponsorship scheme where cat lovers can pay a regular sum towards the upkeep of one of our long stay cats. These are, for instance, the unfortunate cats who have suffered at the hands of humans and need plenty of tender loving care before they are rehomed, or the old or ugly ones that everyone overlooks - especially when there are kittens to be had.

The following list offers suggestions on just *some* of the ways you could help. We know everyone is busy these days, but just a few hours of your time even a couple of times a year would make a big difference to us.

FUNDRAISING

We need volunteers to;

- ✪ Help at fundraising functions
- ✪ Make things to sell on our stalls; e.g. Cakes, Jams, Toys, Knitted Items, plants etc.,
- ✪ Collect and store bric-a-brac for us to sell
- ✪ Organise fundraising events like coffee mornings, raffles, etc.
- ✪ Sell raffle tickets
- ✪ Help in our Street Charity Shop

CAT CARE

We are always looking for;

- ✪ Cat Carers
- ✪ Home checkers
- ✪ People to transport cats in an emergency

If you would like more details of how to help - please phone
Emma Aitken **01458 850823** or Gill Canning on **01749 850660**



Or visit our website;
www.stray-cat.co.uk





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

When completed, please return to;

Gilli Salmons, Rose Cottage, Babcary, Somerton, TA11 7ED.

Please enrol me as a member of the **Glastonbury & Wells Branch** of Cats Protection.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I enclose a cheque/Postal Order for £6 made payable to Glastonbury and Wells Branch of Cats Protection.

I also enclose a donation of £..... to help the cats.

(Tick box)

Please send me the next 3 issues of Mews by post email (*sending by email saves us post and packing*), and;

- A Gift Aid Form – By signing up to gift aid your donations and membership fees are increased by 28 pence for each £1 given.
- I have completed the STANDING ORDER FORM so that I can make regular donations or pay future subscriptions automatically**
- Send details of how I can sponsor a long-stay cat
- I can provide bric-a-brac/handicraft items to sell on CP stalls
- I am willing to help on stalls
- I am willing to sell Raffle Tickets
- I am willing to hold a coffee morning or similar event for the CP
- I would like to be a home checker for my area
- I could help with transporting cats
- I would like to be a fosterer for the CP
- I would like to help in the Charity Shop at Street.

Signed Date



GLASTONBURY & WELLS BRANCH

Please return to:
Gilli Salmons
Rose Cottage,
Babcary,
Somerton,
TA11 7ED

YOUR Name

Address

..... Post Code

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Please insert the full name and address of your bank here:

.....Bank Plc. Sort Code - -

Address

..... Post Code.....

PLEASE PAY

SORT CODE -
FOR THE ACCOUNT OF
ACCOUNT NUMBER -

BARCLAYS BANK
2 CARFAX, HORSHAM,
W. SUSSEX RH12 1DN
20 42 58
GLASTONBURY & WELLS GROUP of Cats Protection
40189596

(numbers) (words) (month)

THE SUM OF £ () ON 1st , (Year),

AND THE SAME SUM ANNUALLY/QUARTERLY/MONTHLY THEREAFTER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NAME of ACCOUNT TO BE DEBITED:

ACCOUNT NUMBER :

SIGNED DATE

THIS STANDING ORDER REPLACES ANY PREVIOUS STANDING ORDER IN FAVOUR OF
GLASTONBURY AND WELLS BRANCH OF CATS PROTECTION

OFFICE USE ONLY

IMPORTANT NOTICE to BANK- Please Quote Ref. Number: