

# 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.

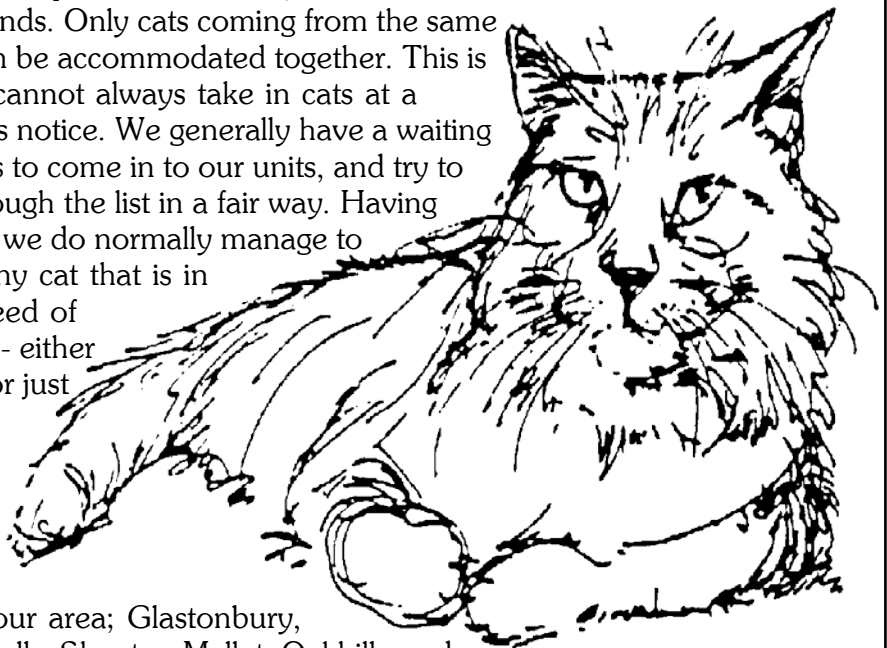
Our fosterers are spread through our area; Glastonbury, Street, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Oakhill, and all surrounding areas.

As well as rehoming cats we are heavily involved in the trapping and neutering of feral cats - an arduous and time-consuming task.

We also encourage pet owners to have their cats neutered or spayed and in some circumstances can give help with the cost of this.

Before cats are rehomed, all prospective homes are checked by one of our team of home checkers.

During the kitten season - which can start in April and continue into the



autumn - our fosterers are sometimes called upon to hand rear young kittens. It's a rewarding job, but very demanding - our Welfare Officer can bear witness to this!

As well as looking after the cats and searching out new homes for them, most of our fosterers are involved in fundraising. We have two Fairs each year in Wells Town Hall (spring and autumn) and organise a Christmas Raffle each year. We also hold stalls at local events during the summer months.

We currently have around 220 members who each receive a quarterly 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 keep 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 people 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

## 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  
Pauline West on **01749 840293** or Gill Canning on **01749 850660**



or visit our website;  
[www.stray-cat.co.uk](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Please send me my Membership Certificate, the next 4 issues of Mews, and;

( Tick box)

- 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

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: