THE CAT'S WHISKERS



CONTENTS

- 3 Welcome
- 4 Village Life
- 6 Online Shop
- 8 Molly and Me
- 10 Bali Visits Sponsor Shropshire Cat Rescue
- 13 Kid's Corner
- 14 How to Sponsor Shropshire Cat Rescue
- 18 Getting Ready for Fireworks
- 26 Paws for Ukraine
- 29 Our 2023 Calendar
- 31 Who's Who at Shropshire Cat Rescue

Copy deadline for next edition: 11th November 2022











Printed and published by www.spottypenguin.com 0800 001 6055

Disclaimer: The information contained within The Cat's Whiskers we believe to be correct at the time of going to press. No responsibility can be accepted for any errors or omissions. The features in this publication are intended as guidelines only. The businesses and products advertised in this publication are in no way endorsed by the Charity.

HELLO TO AUTUMN 2022

They say time flies, and this Summer has been no exception, there has been much activity at our shelter what with Open Days, Ukrainian Family visits, Paws for Ukraine, work experience students, all the comings and goings of the cats and kittens and of course coping with the two heatwaves. Whilst trying to open back up after the long and never ending Covid pandemic, there have been many changes; many people are naturally still very cautious over visiting despite it being largely open air, with the growing concerns over the cost of living crisis producing a steady flow of "we can't afford to feed ourselves never mind the cat" stories gathering in the wings and our guinea pig population of eight has now jumped to seventeen!

Additional work means more pressure on the volunteers and our purse strings; I would like to say a special thank you to Susie Phillips and her

mum Anji Smith for their admirable achievements with sorting out pretty much the whole Paws for Ukraine campaign (twice) to help the much needed animals in Ukraine whilst still helping at the shelter. Our fundraising team has been very busy too and a special thank you goes to Carol Beeles and her team for giving up not only their time but also Carol's home which has been and continues to be used for storage.

Marion Micklewright

Chairman and Shelter Manager



VILLAGE LIFE

by Karen Wainwright, Volunteer

At the time of writing we have held three open days this summer which the villagers have enjoyed due to the extra attention. Now we have two ways to enter the Village following the replacement fencing that was installed earlier in the year. This has enabled us to operate



an "in & out" door system which helps to keep everyone safe during these ongoing difficult times with Covid-19.

We have had just one new resident in the retirement village who is called Felix. She arrived at the end of July 2022 and is 17 years of age. She has had a number of her teeth removed. Felix arrived at the shelter because her owner moved away due to work relocation. I have found her to be friendly and affectionate she talks quite a lot. Felix's purr is very loud.

Currently we have 18 residents in the village and in the main they get on very well.

During the current warm spell the moggies seem to be able to find somewhere that is reasonably cool. A few love to stretch out and lie in full sun which is amazing since they have such thick fur coats.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE CAT'S WHISKERS

Published quarterly - March, June, September and December

In June 2017 Shropshire Cat Rescue relaunched its quarterly magazine as a brand new, full-colour glossy magazine. It is full of interesting and informative articles about cat care and the work the Shelter does.

With a quarterly distribution of 1000 copies, your advertisement can be seen in homes, Vets and more all around Shropshire. It is available online through our website and Facebook page, which has an audience of around 50,000 cat lovers.

BUSINESSES – WHY NOT PROMOTE YOUR GOODS AND SERVICES TO THESE CAT LOVERS WITH AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THIS EXCITING NEW PUBLICATION? THE MAGAZINE IS A CONTEMPORARY, SQUARE FORMAT MEASURING 148X148MM.

Banner Strip - £35 per edition - £105 for the year

Half Page (vertical or horizontal) - £55 per edition - £165 for the year

Full Page - £80 per edition - £240 for the year

Prestigious Back Cover Position - £120 per edition - £360 for the year

Contact us NOW to be part of this exciting magazine! Telephone Marion Micklewright on: 01743 872857. Email:info@shropshirecatrescue.org.uk

ONLINE SHOP

Freddie is all set with a new magnet range in his honour to get the online shop orders out. So go take a peep at our online shop and see what gifts and goodies you can purchase. Remember it is never to early to purchase gifts for Christmas or Birthdays for the cat lovers in your life.

Freddie has recently started to be helped by Gizzmo with the online shop orders although he does tend to get it a bit wrong and steals the cat nip toys when our backs are turned.

So, let us help keep Freddie and Gizzmo busy after their help during Paws for Ukraine they need more online shop orders to help fill their day with paper sitting and box checking activities.



Freddie helping to transport orders.



Freddie, packing supervisor.



Freddie inspecting delivery of new stock







A few of the new Freddie magnet range



Brassey Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 7FA Tel:01743 362556



Happy to support Shropshire Cat Rescue

MOLLY AND ME

by Clare Herzig, Volunteer





Hi my name is Clare and I volunteer at Shropshire Cat Rescue. I started volunteering last September. When I started helping I was having a few issues with my mental health.

I suffer with anxiety and depression and Molly, who lives in the village, has totally changed my life since I started volunteering. Molly is 21 years old and always senses when I'm having a bad day. She follows me around giving me love and cuddles. Every week she sits on the bench waiting for me to get her breakfast. While I am cleaning in the village she is always close by watching me and waiting until I have finished. She knows that's when I get a brush out and she will get attention.

She gives me head rubs and melts my worries away. I don't feel Molly is just a cat in my life, she is the best therapy I could ever have. Molly will always have a special place in my heart, in many ways she has saved me.



There are a number of ways you can support **Shropshire Cat Rescue**. Did you know we have an **Amazon** page where you can donate to our wish list? Or you can give via our **Just Giving** page or simply send a **cheque**.
Thank you for your support.



BOARDING KENNELS & CATTERY

We know that cats love nothing more than to explore, that's why our luxury heated chalets offer ample space for your cat to wander around during the day. Our outside chalets have fully insulated and heated back cabins.

For more information on our services, for prices or to make a booking call us today:

> 01743 790160 www.lowermillkennels.co.uk



BALI VISITS SCR



We were delighted to welcome Aron Hughes from Sun and Sage animal rescue in Bali who along with his wife Connie and mother Bronwen spent about two hours visiting us and finding out everything about Shropshire Cat Rescue. Aron rescues Bali street animals whilst promoting veganism and kindness to all animals



Aron loved all of our animals at the shelter and spent time hugging them and talking to them - we couldn't get him away! He had some very sad stories about animal suffering and neglect in Bali, it isn't the greatest place in the world for animals and often they are left on the street to suffer. Aron started Sun and Sage to try and help as many animals as he could in the country. It was great to connect with someone who feels so passionate about animal welfare and taking care of them when they need us most.













Marion, Karen, Elaine. Pat and Alan and Anne all enjoyed talking with him and learning more about the vital work that he carries out. Over some light refreshments of juice and home-made brownies and vegan cookies, stories of love for animals were shared and it is amazing to think that even though we live on opposite sides of the world there is a common bond uniting us in our love of cats and other furry friends.

We were proud to share the work that we do at Shropshire Cat Rescue and tell him about our amazing volunteers, our fundraising teams, our marketing activies and our plans to help many more cats and kittens who need our help. They were very impressed with the charity and everything that we do together and we promised to continue to support each other across the world in our shared quest to help as many animals as possible who need our help.

Sun and Sage Rescues -

www.sunandsagerescues.com





Your Pet's Health is our Top Priority!

- Free Health Checks for all new pets
- Pet Health Club for all new pets providing your pet with the preventative treatments they need to live a happy and healthy life including

FREE VACCINATIONS

01734 360614

#wecareasmuchasyoudo

copthorne-vets.co.uk





English Care is a family based company dedicated to providing professional care in friendly and relaxed homes based in Shrewsbury and Much Wenlock.

BOWBROOK HOUSE • LADY FORESTER FORESTERS COURT

Nursing, residential, dementia care, respite and day care.

Retirement apartments offering independent living

Comfortable accommodation period homes

Friendly & highly skilled staff

Pleasant gardens

Home cooked food offering plenty of choice

Award wining company recognised both locally and nationally

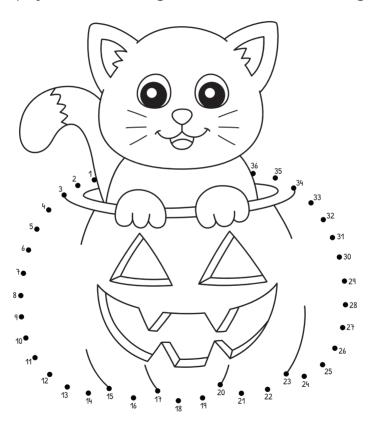
Comprehensive activity schedule

01743 247071 01952 727203

www.englishcare.co.uk

Kid's Corner

We hope you have fun doing this dot to dot then colouring it in.



How to sponsor Shropshire Cat Rescue

SPONSOR A CAT

£20

There are so many different kittens and cats who really benefit from your support; from young mothers to elderly cats who need extra medical support. See our website to find out more.

SPONSOR THE NURSERY

£30

The Nursery has 7 units and 2 incubators. It is closely monitored by the dedicated volunteers as young kittens can get into trouble very quickly. Immediate veterinary attention is available to the mother and the kittens should they require it.

SPONSOR THE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

£60

The Retirement Village was created using donations, sponsorship and the hard work from volunteers. It compromises 6 chalets and a summerhouse to house our permanent residents.

SPONSOR THE SHELTER

£100

The Shelter was established in Bayston Hill, Shropshire in 1998. Currently home to residents and villagers, our full capacity is around 122 cats and kittens. In addition there is a Hospital, Nursery, Retirement Village, office, laundry room, feeding room, shop and café for visitors.

Some of our cats who need a sponsor.



Pickle was admitted into the Shelter in 2014, rehomed and then re-admitted in 2016 at the age of 10. She is tabby and white and lives contently in the Retirement Village.



Titch was born in 2000 and lives at the Shelter. She is blind but that doesn't deter from her loving nature.



Annwyn came to live at the Shelter in Spring 2017 as a very young mother to one kitten. She is a tortoiseshell who lives life to the full!



Morris is just over 2 years old and has been one of our free rangers since December 2019. He's a tabby and white cat, and loving son to Vera, another one of our free rangers.

_

В

Your sponsorship or your gift

Sponsor a cat A B C D please circle your choice	£20		Your sponsorship begins on the first of the month following receipt of payment and lasts for 12 months.
The Nursery	£30	£30	You will receive a Sponsorship Certificate, plus an information sheet
The Moggies Retirement Village	£60	about your chosen sponsorship package, one or more photographs and an annual update to keep you in touch.	
The Shelter	£100		In addition to the above you will also receive 4 editions of The Cat's Whiskers Magazine
TOTAL PAYABLE		£	

Please return this form with either a cheque, made payable to: **Shropshire Cat Rescue, Windy Ridge, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0AU**, or a BACS payment to Shropshire Cat Rescue. Account number: 12504025 Sort Code: 555005. Reference: **SPONSORSHIP**. More information about our sponsorship packages can be found online at **www.shropshirecatrescue.org.uk**

giftaid it - boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate!

I am a UK Taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid the cost of my sponsorship	Please tick
package.	
I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the	
current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is	
my responsibility to pay any difference.	

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the Shropshire Cat Rescue from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

Your details

Title:	Address:
First Name(s):	
Surname:	
Tel:	
Email:	Postcode:

Is this a Gift?

If you are purchasing a sponsorship package as a gift, please provide the recipient's details below. Your gift will be sent directly to them with a gift card bearing your name. To ensure your gift arrives on time, please order your gift package at least 2 weeks before the special day.

Date gift should arrive:	Occasion: Birthday/Anniversary/Christmas			
Who is gift from (to appear on card):	Other occasion:			
Name of recipient:				
Address:				

GETTING READY FOR FIREWORK SEASON

by Susie Phillips



It is that time of year when fireworks begin to be let off, unfortunately they are not just lighting up our skies and creating noise for one night or weekend a year and can start 2 – 3 weeks before Bonfire Night, so planning to help your cats cope during this time needs to be started earlier

and earlier and continue for a longer period.

So how can we help cats cope with fireworks?

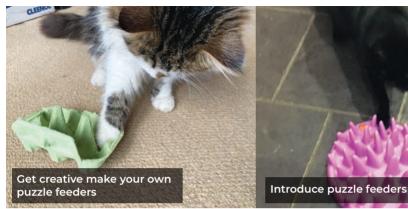
Start preparing early - the beginning to middle of October will really help.

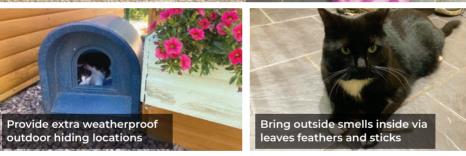
Continue reading for more guidance.

What can you do?

- Introduce extra hiding and safe places - you do not need to spend money you can use empty cardboard boxes, drape blankets over chairs or leave wardrobe doors slightly open. If you do not leave their carrier out already and it has a removable door take it off place a blanket inside and place a blanket over the top. If your cat heads upwards for their safe place start thinking of ways you can introduce other places they may feel safe in e.g. place a box or covered carrier on top of draws or bookcases (please ensure the new hiding place is secure and doesn't wobble when the cat jumps up).
- Introduce plug -ins or use sprays that aid calming whether a pheromone based one like Feliway Classic or a herbal version like Pet Remedy. Place the plug ins in locations they are known to hide and use as their safe place for resting. Use sprays on bedding (please test before applying to surfaces you are concerned about to ensure doesn't damage them). Remember that Feliway needs to

- be sprayed on a item 20 minutes before introducing it to your cat as the smell of the liquid used to carry the pheromone scent overpowers it initially and cats are not keen on the smell.
- Place small amounts of food in the new safe place locations you have created so they search them out and then also do this on the day's fireworks are being let off, try to do it beforehand so that you do not disturb them once the fireworks start.
- Do not disturb or seek your cat out if they have hidden, just act normal and leave them to it.
 Some cats will seek you out for comfort but don't go to them let them come to you.
- White noise can help cats and could help drown out the sound of the fireworks, avoid playing nature sounds as the sounds of birds could cause them frustration when they can not see or find them. Examples of white noise could be a water fountain or sound of waves. There are downloads and CDs you can









Tips to help those not used to completely indoor life or one with restrictions this include cats who have free access to a catio as this sudden restriction of that area can cause stress. Some cats struggle more than others, the following tips are useful for all cats and can be used year-round for any indoor or restricted access cat.

- Introduce puzzled feeders there are various ones available on the market or you could create your own using empty toilet rolls and boxes. Check out our blog Puzzle Feeders Helping Cats in Different Ways for more information. https:// www.shropshirecatrescue.org. uk/post/puzzle-feeders-helpingcats-in-different-ways
- Introduce scent boxes these are boxes that you can use to bring in outdoor smells into the home collect fallen items within your garden including feathers, sticks, leaves (autumn is the perfect time to collect fallen leaves). Let them explore and smell the items you bring in, of course feathers, sticks and leaves may then be played with

- too. You can walk around your garden and areas you know they spend outside and let them smell your shoes when you come back in.
- Bring items from outside inside from a catio e.g. if they have a scratch posts in there bring it in so they still have access.
- Introduce extra play sessions

 avoid doing this during the fireworks but maybe after the cat flap is initially locked.
 However old a cat is play is still important for them and being inside more means they loose the chance to pounce and play with objects outside. Very often you see cats pouncing on leaves or launching to try and catch a fly.

Speak with your cats veterinary practice as they can advise on calming supplements that you can give to your cat and ensure that they are suitable for your cat. Some supplements may need to be given a few weeks before hand to be fully effective where others can be given on the day. Your vet will guide you to what is available and suitable for your cat.

Helping cats who live completely outdoors

Restricting outdoor access is not possible for these cats but they can still be helped.

- Provide weatherproof hides/ kennels close to areas they tend to be found resting.
- If an undercover area like a barn or shed can be left open or made accessible for the cat's place boxes to act as hides and provide food and water within the location but spread out.
- Spraying Feliway classic or Pet Remedy on blankets placed in the area or in hides can really help.

- If it is safe and electricity is accessible setting up something to play white noise could be beneficial.
- Avoid locking them in somewhere unless they are used to being locked in as otherwise they could experience more stress by being unable to escape to a location they feel is safe.

LEAVING A LEGACY

If you would like to remember Shropshire Cat Rescue, please write us into your Will and register it with your solicitor; that way you can rest assured that you are going to make a real difference to the lives of many cats. Ask your solicitor to record our charity name "Shropshire Cat Rescue" and number (No. 1071884) or contact the Shelter if more information is required.





Christmas Gift Sponsorship



Looking for something a little bit different and extra special for a gift this Christmas?

How about a 12-month sponsorship for Shropshire Cat Rescue.

Sponsoring is a wonderful way to support us to help us to continue to give the cats and kittens in our care all the creature comforts they deserve. They start from as little as £20 a year & the gift pack can be sent directly to the recipient with your personal message To find out more, please visit our website

ww.shropshirecatrescue.org.uk/sponsor-a-cat





Other ways to support us



Giveacar is a not-for-profit social enterprise that can turn your old car into cash for UK charity.



A free way to raise money for Shropshire Cat Rescue when you shop online! Shop at over 4,300 leading stores via their website and you'll raise free funds for us.

Thank you



Flexible car and van hire from £16 per day



- New vehicles
- No deposit
- No mileage cap
- · European van hire
- Open 7 days a week from 7am
- Delivery/collection available

Call 0333 555 3000

Book online at bayfieldvehiclehire.co.uk

Bayfield

Telford depot

Telford, TF7 4PL

telford@bayfieldgroup.co.uk Unit A2 Harcourt, Halesfield 13.

Shrewsbury depot

shrewsbury@bayfieldgroup.co.uk Hereford Rd, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, SY3 0ET

bayfieldvehiclehire.co.uk

Design Print Promotion For Businesses & Charities

- Roller & Vinyl Banners
- Stickers, Labels & Signs
- **Promotional T-Shirts & Bags**
- Business Stationery
- Workwear & Corporate Clothing TON
 Promotional Video



www.amdpromotions.co.uk Contact 07825133056

PROMOTIC

enquiries@amdpromotions.co.uk

PAWS FOR UKRAINE



Our second Paws for Ukraine lorry arrived safely on Monday 18 July, Bob from Shropshire Express made great time after initially struggling to get on a train at Folkestone to cross the channel. Bob was equally impressed with the team at Foundation ADA as Chris and Greg were who took our first lorry.

The team at Foundation ADA were massively grateful for the delivery and will keep us updated to where our donations go to help the animals of Ukraine.

We could not have achieved the mammoth task of sending the second or first lorry load of animal aid if it wasn't for the support of our supporters and volunteers.

A lot of charities, businesses and individuals helped us with both the lorries and we are so grateful for their support.

Charities:

Cuan House Wildlife Rescue, Grinshill Animal Rescue, Help Ukraine Telford, Kats Kradle, Rose Cottage Cat Rescue, Stray Cat West Midlands, Yorkshire Cat Rescue.

Vets:

Carmel Vets, Medivet Lawley, Severn Edge Vets Bridgnorth, Sandbeck Veterinary Centre, Taylor and Marshall, Your Vets Smethwick.

Residential collections:

The lovely residential collection points based in Bayston Hill, Newport, Oswestry, Shifnal, Wolverhampton and Yorkshire.

Businesses who supported and donated:

Beco, Catit, Ceva (Feliway and Adaptil), Dale Brothers, Doolittles,

Granite Storage, Happy Dog, Just For Pets, Kitties Staycation, Leucillin, PDM Produce, Pet Remedy, Pets n Potions, Safe4, Shropshire Express, Textile Express. We couldn't have done it without your help and support and we are really grateful that as a charity we have been able to support another providing care and supplies to help the animals of Ukraine

Of course, we cannot forget the feline help we had. The free ranger resident cats at the shelter enjoyed helping out with packing again. Freddie and Gizzmo were on hand to help check the Amazon Wish List deliveries and Pippin came to help pack items too. Grumpv who is a feral cat who lives at the storage units in Shifnal appeared whilst volunteers were packing and palleting up the donations the week before departure, our volunteer Susie who is a registered veterinary nurse noticed him limping and managed to build up some trust over a couple of days so she could get close and be able to take him to work the



day before loading. His claws had grown into his pads and caused an infection. He is an old boy and estimated to be around 15 years old; he is now on medication to help him with his Osteoarthritis and hopefully this will mean he can sharpen and keep his claws in tip top condition so they do not grow into his pads again. We took the opportunity to administer flea and worm treatment. Grumpy was the

model travel companion and was enjoying the extra food and being allowed to stay in the bottom of the carrier in the kennel at the vets to help him feel more secure. Grumpy was quickly back to his usual self and the infection has cleared up completely, he is moving better and is back to his old self he is staying on the medication and is a model patient happily taking it in his food daily. So not only the animals of Ukraine have been helped by Paws for Ukraine but so has an elderly feral cat in Shifnal.





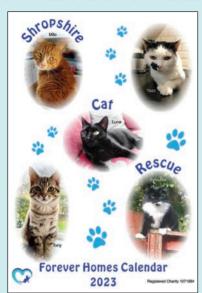








OUR 2023 CALENDAR



Shropshire Cat Rescue

2023 Forever Homes Calendar

featuring 30 cats with their stories 4 collages of another 45 cats all adopted from

Shropshire Cat Rescue

2 collages showing our work to send 2 consignments of animal aid to Ukraine

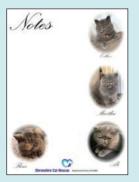
> 2022, 2023 & 2024 year at a glance calendars.

2 pages for your notes Includes a board backed envelope which will post as a Large Letter

Ideal Gift for Christmas and the New Year

£7.00 _{each} 2 for £12.00





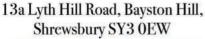


Available now from our shop

Daisy & Tilly's SHOP ON THE HILL

Artisan foods from near & far Fresh fruit & veg daily Fresh fish from Barkworths Fresh meats from Ensdon and Wenlock Edge Farms Plus lots of interesting (and delicious!) products: Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee to our own extensive range of herbs and spices Large selection of beers from 5 local brewers





















Who's Who at Shropshire Cat Rescue.

Shropshire Cat Rescue is a Registered Charity (number 1071884). The charity was established in 1998 and is proud to have Virginia McKenna and Jim Hawkins as Patrons.

You can contact the Shelter on **01743 872857** and the Shropshire Cat Rescue Shop (69 Mardol, Shrewsbury SY1 1PZ) on **01743 236222**. You can write to the Shelter Manager, Shropshire Cat Rescue, Windy Ridge, Lyth Hill Road, Bayston Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 0AU or email **info@shropshirecatrescue.org.uk**

Chairman	Marion Micklewright
Trustees	Dianne Beaumont
	Smith, Amy Callahan-Page, Tracy Cross
Shop Manager	Anna Kent
Legacies Officer	Peter Kampler
Marketing and Fundraising	Tracy Cross
Outreach	
Personnel Manager	Helen Smith
Shelter Manager	Marion Micklewright
Social Media Officer	Dianne Beaumont
Sponsorship	Sam Rushby
GiftAid Officer	Marg Lloyd @ShropsCatRescue
Volunteer Recruitment Officer	Katie Ho

Volunteer Recruitment Officer (Shop).....Elle Randles



"

FOR EVERY NEW CLIENT WE WILL MAKE A DONATION TO SHROPSHIRE CAT RESCUE."

CHRIS OAKES

FOUNDER AND INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

INDIVIDUALS

- · Final Salary Pension Advice
- · Pension Planning/Transfers
- · Inheritance Tax Planning
- Investment Advice
- Wills and Inheritance Tax

BUSINESSES

- Pension Scheme Guidance
- Succession Planning
- Business Protection
- Shareholder Agreements
- Corporate Investments

Call or email us to arrange a free, no-obligation consultation...

01743 816115 or info@croftandoakes.co.uk

www.croftandoakes.co.uk



Croft & Oakes Chartered Financial Planners Ltd is Authorised and Regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.
Financial Services Register Number 731020. Registered in England & Wales, Company Number 9879146