



CHILTERN BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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FOR THE LATEST HOMING INFORMATION,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
<https://www.cats.org.uk/chiltern>

[https://www.cats.org.uk/
chiltern/adopt-a-cat](https://www.cats.org.uk/chiltern/adopt-a-cat)

Hi Everyone!

As we are not sure what the Winter has instore for us regarding Covid-19 restrictions please use the link to find out the latest information.

Homing Officer

Kit stepped down as Homing Officer earlier in the year. We would like to say thanks to Kit for finding good homes for our cats and kittens during a particularly difficult time over the last year or so. We wish him all the best for the future.

We are very lucky to say that Kathryn Graves, who is also our Branch Secretary, has taken over the Homing Officer's role. Kathryn has already been busy finding our cats and kittens good homes. Kathryn has a

wealth of experience with homing cats as she has been a member of the Homing Team for many years.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been eased, we have some exciting fundraising events planned (fingers crossed that they do go ahead).

See the following pages for Fundraising ideas and events including our Christmas Hampurr raffle and 2022 Chiltern Branch Calendar to help us support needy cats and kittens in the Chiltern area.

Cherie Ellis
Editor

Fundraising - Upcoming Events & Ways to Support Us

Help Cats Protection Chiltern Branch raise money to care for cats and kittens who need our support.

Chiltern Cats Protection Branch's 🐾 Christmas Hampurr 🐾 Raffle



Each raffle ticket costs just £1 available online at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chiltern-branch-cats-protection4>

Or from:

Evelyn at fundraising@chiltern.cats.org.uk

The draw will take place on 18th December.

Join Us for:
Chiltern Cats Protection Branch's
Online Christmas Quiz
Wednesday 15th December
at
7:30pm

There will be six rounds of ten questions all about.... Christmas! There is no prize; the idea is that we have fun and raise money to support Cats Protection. We are suggesting a donation of £5 per person. To book your place just visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chiltern-branch-cats-protection5>

Or email Evelyn at fundraising@chiltern.cats.org.uk
You will then be emailed a Zoom link.



Fundraising - 2022 Branch Calendar



Our 2022 Chiltern Branch calendar is now available featuring lots of gorgeous ex-foster cats in their new homes.

Copies are £6.00 each or £8.00 with postage.

Please contact:

Anna at anna.hales@ntlworld.com

if you would like to buy one. They make excellent Christmas presents!

This Calendar is dedicated to Clare Higgins who passed away earlier this year. Clare was a valued member of the Branch who not only produced our Branch Calendar but was an active member of the Fundraising Team. We all miss her greatly.

Many thanks to Anna for producing the Calendar!

Fundraising - Online

If you shop online, please sign up to either:

Easyfundraising

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

or

Give as you Live

<https://workwithus.giveasyoulive.com/charities/choose?q=chiltern+cats+protection>

If you like a flutter you can buy a ticket for the Buckinghamshire Lottery and support us and other local good causes. We have had a number of winners including a supporter who scooped a prize of £2,000 last year. Here is the link to our page:

<https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/support/chiltern-cats-protection>



Fundraising


Donations

We are always grateful for donations, however small as they all add up and enable us to help the ever growing number of cats and kittens needing loving homes.

- Please visit our website:

www.cats.org.uk/chiltern/support-us

for lots of ideas on how you can support us.

Or just select the  button in the top right-hand corner of our home page and follow the instructions.

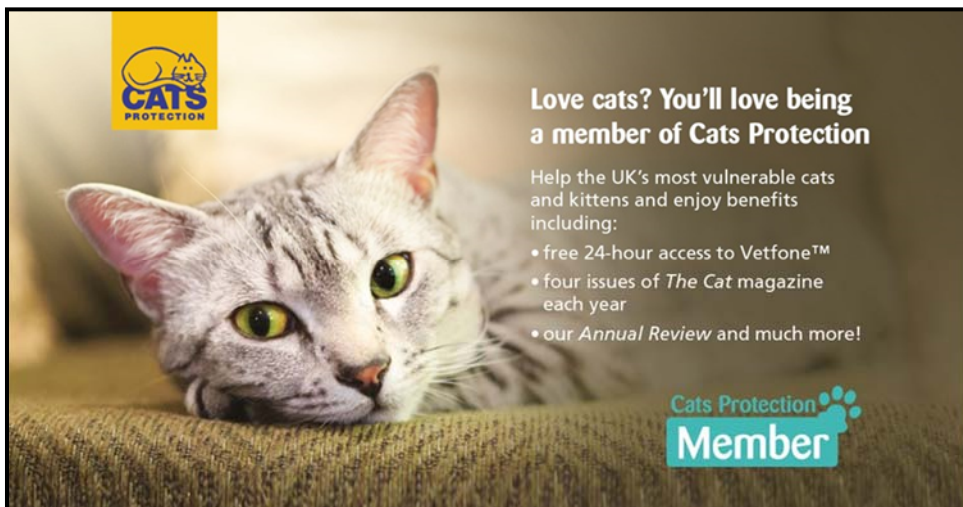
- Set up a Direct Debit, Standing Order or send us a cheque. Our address is on the back page.


Our bank details are:

Barclays Bank

Account Name: Cats Protection Chiltern Branch

Sort code: 20-42-66 A/c no. 10736384.






Love cats? You'll love being a member of Cats Protection

Help the UK's most vulnerable cats and kittens and enjoy benefits including:

- free 24-hour access to Vetfone™
- four issues of *The Cat* magazine each year
- our *Annual Review* and much more!



Fundraising

Out and about – at last!

We attended the Community and Emergency Services Day at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre on 26th September and had a really good day. The sun shone and we made £327.40. The toy tombola was very popular and all of Carole's toys were homed. Thank you to Carole, Cherie, Den, Janice, Neil, Roz and Sue for all their help on the day and helping us get ready.



Nine Mile Challenge

Our lovely volunteer Emma completed the Nine Mile Challenge in memory of our very deeply missed friend and colleague Clare.

Well done Emma!

If you fancy taking part next year visit:

<https://www.cats.org.uk/9miles>

Cats' Tales from our New Fosterers!

Here is a selection of stories about cats and kittens that we have homed using virtual home visits to observe social distancing.

Sue and Rob Gill

Having waited almost a year for our pen to be installed, in the event it was only just over 24 hours from the electrician completing the wiring to our first client arriving!

We were introduced to the world of fostering gently, with a very sweet and petite older lady, who we named Primo.

Primo had been abandoned when her owners moved house, and was handed over to CP by a neighbour who had seen her wandering about outside for a couple of weeks.



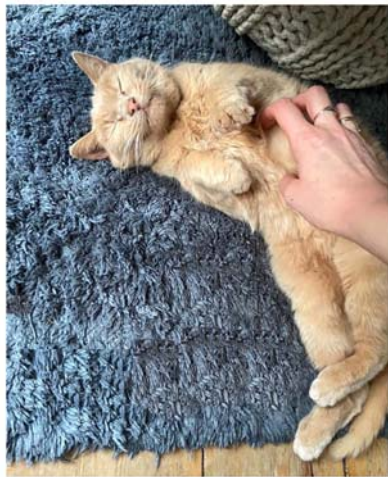
Sue and Rob's Pen

She settled in well, and was generally in good health for her age although her smile benefitted from some dental work!

She was with me just 44 days before finding a lovely new home, and both she and her new owners, are very happy.

Here's a photo of Primo, now called Nellie, in her new home. Her adopters are besotted with her!

Sue and Rob Gill



Primo

Dom Holton

I started with fostering Maisie, a black DSH who was very chilled and affectionate. She was adopted in August.

My next mission was a little more troublesome!

6 cats - Mum, Rosina, with her 5 kittens that were 5 weeks old.

It was an absolute joy looking after them, despite their craziness and all the attention they needed. You just cannot get mad at such tiny cute bundles of fluff.

Some help from mum cat, Rosina, would have been nice though; I definitely felt like a single father to 6!

It is great to bring more happiness into all the adopters' lives.

As for my experience, it has been lovely. Everyone in the Branch has been very kind and helpful to me.



Maisie

Dom Holton



Mum Rosina and her kittens

Mark & Ilga

The first guest to stay with us was handsome tabby, Merlin. It was no surprise that he was quickly adopted and has already settled in to his new home.



Merlin



Nugget

Sadly Nugget went to his first new home on the 11th October but it didn't work out for him and he came back to us on the 12th October. However, it was just a couple of days later he was adopted by Nina and her family. They were totally aware that he may bite but they were prepared for the challenge and he has settled in very well. He still bites sometimes but not as much and not as hard. He has learned to be a kitten again and loves to play with all his new toys and sleeps between Nina and her husband at night.

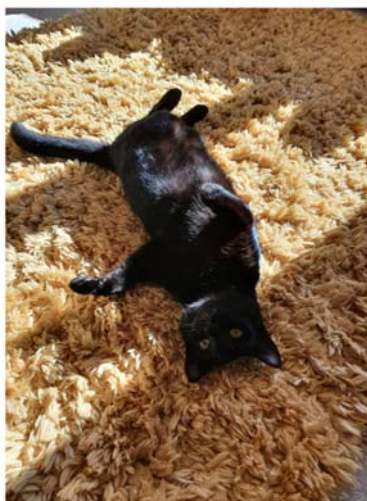
Mark and Ilga

Home-to-Home – H2H

(formerly known as Direct Homing)

Since we had the go-ahead from Head Office that we could resume our Home-to-Home adoption service, we have been kept rather busy. So far we have helped to re-home eight cats and sort out temporary fostering for a further four.

For those of you not familiar with this process, H2H is really beneficial for a small branch like ours, where pen space is at a premium. The cat does not come into our care but remains in their own environment with their owner whilst we put the word out that they are looking for a new loving home (with dotting slaves of course). Then we put anyone interested in touch with the owner and it is entirely the owner's decision as to whom adopts their cat. It works a bit like a dating service! Obviously, for very urgent or emergency situations H2H is not an option, but in cases where timescales are not super-tight it can work well and is less stressful and



Here is Lily who was recently adopted through H2H

disruptive for the cat. Social media platforms are key in this process. We have a H2H page on our website where cats' details are uploaded, and we post on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter too. Interestingly, there doesn't seem to be a magic formula as

to what type, age, colour of cat makes a good candidate for H2H. Younger, healthier cats are usually quicker to re-home but we have had success with some more 'Senior Kitizens' too. A background story and a cute photo always helps! As with any re-homing, H2H is a real team effort and many thanks to everyone involved.

Mia Sturges
Home to Home Team Leader

CONTACT US, FOLLOW US!

Type of call	Contact	Number	Email
General enquiries and adopting a cat or kitten.		0345 260 2396	enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk
Neutering	Elaine Willingham	07555 154470	neutering@chiltern.cats.org.uk
Ferals/Strays and Cat Welfare	Carole Emmott	0345 260 2396	welfare@chiltern.cats.org.uk
Newsletter	Cherie Ellis	0345 260 2396	enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk
Lost and Found	Please register the cat on www.animalsearchuk.co.uk		

WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF FOOD AND LITTER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE CANNOT ACCEPT DUVETS AND PILLOWS.

This is our postal address and a location where deliveries/donations can be left with the reception staff between 9am-5:30pm Monday-Friday.

Please note: this is NOT an adoption centre.

Chiltern Cats Protection
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1 Edison Road,
Aylesbury,
HP19 8TE



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