



KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection
Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

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www.cats.org.uk/dacorum

Hello, hope you are all enjoying the summer holidays

We held our recruitment event on the 3rd June 2017, not a huge turnout but we did get a couple of new recruits to help in fundraising for our branch. A huge thank you to all who attended and supported us. We still desperately need Fosterers and Fundraisers. We are also looking for a Fundraising Team Leader who can lead a team on media fundraising and outside events. Please contact me if you would like to know more. 01442 217480.

We have been inundated with kittens this summer, some with their mum and sadly some without, depending on their age, these kittens need to be hand reared, as you can imagine it is an awful lot of work and very similar to having a baby, with hourly feeds, toilet training etc. At the present time we have a mum with 8 kittens! There was 9 but sadly one died. This is a huge litter and fortunately they have their mum to look after them, she is approximately 10 month old herself. At first they were being given top up milk to help mum feed them all. Now she is safely in our care and eating well she is doing a wonderful job taking care of them herself.



Sadly this has been the case several times over the summer, mum gets dumped because she is pregnant. There is no excuse! Please neuter your cats, kittens can be neutered from 16 weeks of age and mum cats can be neutered once the kittens are 8 weeks old and weaned. If you need advice/help on neutering please contact our Neutering Officer on 01442 251536.

Debbie

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL CP VOLUNTEERS.

Are you a volunteer for our Branch? In whatever way, even occasionally, this message applies to us ALL!

All volunteers for CP have to be registered onto the CP volunteer information system (VIS). This is not only for insurance purposes but for the new law being introduced in May 2018. This new law is General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This change is about how CP stores personal information. If you have not seen and signed the volunteers form please let Debbie know.

Please respond to this important request if you have not already done so. Debbie has the form.

The CP Data Ready Project

CP is working on this in preparation for the new law and registering all of our volunteers is part of this. For CP this includes the information held by any of us about current, past and potential volunteers, supporters, donors, adopters, people who relinquish cats, people who contact us for any sort of advice, local branch members and of course staff... everyone on whom we hold any sort of personal data.

Further communications will be issued in the coming months.

Ebay



Please could you help to keep the sales up by turning out your cupboards, garages and attics to find anything suitable to sell on Ebay towards our constant need for funds. Thankyou!

Since our last newsletter I have, with your help, raised £785.84 on Ebay. For some reason June and July have always been bad months but in August things seem to be picking up again. This brings my total to £35k over the years. I'm delighted with this figure but of course I'd love it to be more!!

If everyone had a good look round their house I'm sure there must be a few items that you no longer need that might be good sellers - why not donate them? Instead of taking things to your local charity shop let CP have a go first! You all know the format - anything that is new or nearly new and clean and, of course, in good working order. Better still why not give selling on Ebay a go your self - just remember to add a percentage of the sale to CP (Hemel and Berkhamsted branch) There is a box on the form you complete to do this.

As always, thank you to everyone who donates items/packing materials - I couldn't do it without you.

Caroline x

Contact Caroline at caroline@wwsl.co.uk (for ebay please mark your email with subject 'CP eBay item for sale') or call 01442 230874. Her user ID on ebay is 99kittykats if you're interested in buying.

Help Cats Protection Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Branch raise money by using easyfundraising.org.uk every time you shop online.

[Cats Protection Hemel Hempstead/Berkhamsted Branch Fundraising Ideas/easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.cats.org.uk/dacorum)

In early August we said goodbye to Suze Gomme, one of our steadfast volunteers for many years, from fostering to fundraising, former editor of this newsletter and a past Treasurer, ably assisted by her husband Martin who often used his DIY skills for CP as well as being Question Master for quizzes. They have escaped our paws and gone to live in Kent. Thank you to both of you for all that you have done over the years for cats in our area. Suze and Martin, we wish you all the best in your new home and hope you will keep in touch.

We are looking for a very special home for these beautiful, affectionate girls and an absolute joy to take care of.



Sassy (mum), is approximately a year old, she has had the most awful start in life and constantly looks for reassurance. Minnie (her daughter), is the only surviving kitten of the litter. She is 12 weeks old and full of beans. A natural at trying to knock you over by galloping between your feet, which is a huge game to her.

Both girls are extremely bonded to each and must be homed together. As they are siamese cross they can be a little vocal especially at food times. We are looking for their ideal home which is someone who is around quite a lot and can give these girls the attention they deserve and reassurance to Sassy as she can get a little upset with change. They would benefit from a secure garden once they have settled in.

We have more handsome cats and kittens who would love to meet new owners. All they want is somebody to love them. If you are willing to offer any of our lovely cats a forever home and want to know more call 03453 711851. There may be others in foster care who are not shown on the website so please do register your interest.
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Could you be a CP Volunteer?

There are so many different ways you can help!

Cat Care Some of our cats/kittens in care are in outside pens.

We sometimes need cat cuddlers, this involves talking/working with the more shy and timid cats and helping to keep their temporary home clean. Debbie 01442217480

- Transporting cats to and from vets etc
- Conducting pre-adoption home visits (training is given)

Fostering (Cat Carers) to temporarily house cats while waiting to be homed – All vet bills are paid for and we supply everything you need. The role gives great satisfaction and quite simply, we cannot operate without Fosterers! Debbie 01442217480

Fund raisers - If you can help with any of the following please contact Sallie on 01442 256545

1. To help at stalls and jumbles
2. To help with street collections
3. To help transport goods to events
4. To grow plants to sell at events
5. Donate unwanted items that are in good condition, bric- a - brac, unwanted gifts, cat related goods etc. Bubble wrap, wrapping paper.

The list goes on and on!

If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Just call 0345 371 1851.

WHAT'S ON IN 2017



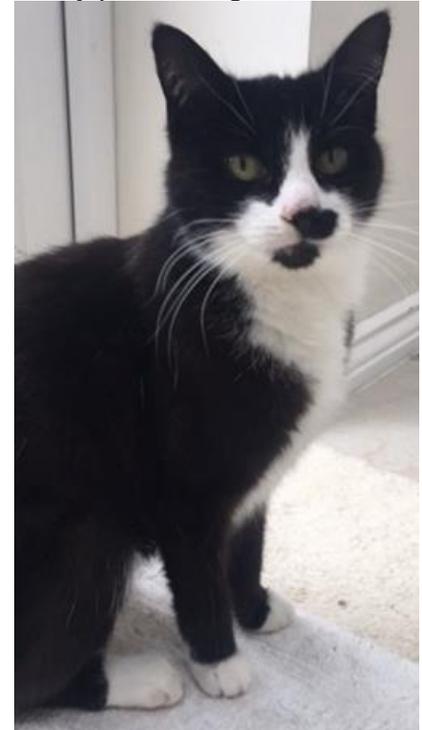
Sometimes event dates have to be changed but at the time of writing these dates are scheduled in and we may add more events later. Our website will be updated as and when we have further information.

September 23rd Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall

Sallie is running bric a brac and jewellery stall and needs help with collecting donations so if you can spare an hour or two please contact Sallie 01442 256545. Set up is about 9am and finish about 3pm. Do come along and have a chat and see what bargains we have in store for you.

Twix is tabby and white and Bella is black and white. Sadly, their owner has passed away and they need a new forever home, together.

Brother and sister, they are 10 years young and in good health. They love company with a lap to sit on and lots of cuddles and would make excellent companions. Their ideal home would be with an older family or single person, with access to a secure garden away from main roads. They are neutered, their vaccinations and flea/worm treatment are up to date but they would need to be chipped on adoption. *If you feel these two lovely cats would complete your family please ring CP soonest.*



If anyone is interested in helping at this event we are always looking for people with cars to bring and take things back to our storage. Help on the day is always welcome too.

September 30th Saturday: Stall and Collection, Bank Court, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead

Please contact Janet 01923 400520 if you can help or mail j.taylor0402@ntlworld.com. There will be a stall selling bric a brac, knitted items and other pretty hand made things, calendars and Christmas Cards (sorry to mention the C word already!) cat related items and other goodies, and there will be a street collection so collectors are needed if you can spare an hour or two. Please don't wait to be asked!

October 15th Sunday: Conker Festival on Box Moor, Hemel Hempstead. Sallie will be running a stall at this annual festival, lots of activities, charity stalls and refreshments

October 21st Saturday: Jumble Sale at Potten End Village Hall

Doors open 11.30, close about 1.30pm. Entrance 50p. Raffle and refreshments. Come early or you will miss out. After bagging your bargains sit down and rest your feet and elbows while you enjoy a lovely cuppa, a bacon roll or other refreshments.

November 25th Saturday: Jumble Sale at Potten End Village Hall

Our last jumble sale of 2017. Doors open 11.30, close about 1.30pm. Entrance 50p.

November 25th Saturday: Charity Christmas Stall at the Court House, Berkhamsted

9.00am.- 1.00pm.
Sales of Christmas cards and stocking fillers will be held on 3 Saturdays in November, Saturday 11th, 18th and 25th. Save the Children, R.N.L.I., DENS, Karibuni Children, The Hospice are taking part. Janet will be running the stall for CP on 25th only.

Future editions of kit-e-mail news:

Contact j.taylor0402@ntlworld.com to be added to the mailing list. If you want to receive it by post call Janet on 01923 400520. We need a contribution of stamps towards post and printing (6x2nd class). We do our best to get the newsletter out at regular intervals but sometimes it is late, for which we apologise. We try to have spare copies available at events if possible.

THE MAIN BRANCH CONTACT NUMBER TO USE FOR CAT REHOMING ENQUIRIES OR GENERAL ENQUIRIES IS 0345 3711851

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND WE WILL RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (Thanks to Chris who takes the messages and deals with them or passes them on to the appropriate person)

You can also see information about our branch at www.cats.org.uk/dacorum www.facebook.com/HemelCPcats Twitter @HemelCPcats

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We make every effort to ensure event dates and times are correct but there may be last minute changes or cancellations for reasons beyond our control such as bad weather or other circumstances. If in doubt please phone the event contact. You can also check our website www.cats.org.uk/dacorum