



KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

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Hello

Hope you all had a good summer and are now braced for the colder months!

We are quite surprised that we still have some kittens in care, waiting for loving homes, they are in pairs as they have bonded. This just shows the importance of neutering! Kitten season should really be over now but we are still hearing about pregnant cats coming into rescues. Please, please contact our Neutering Officer for advice/help on 01442 251536.

Please share a thought for the strays that need our help this coming winter. We desperately need fosterers to give a temporary home to cats in need. We have managed to buy some robust shelters this year to help with these poor strays, they can easily fit in a garden to give shelter from the harsh weather. Cats can become strays for many reasons, left behind when someone moves home, owner has died, a no longer wanted pet, or got old, allergy related, these are just some of the reasons.

If you can give a temporary home to a cat in need please contact Debbie 01442 217480 or mail debs.catsprotection1@outlook.com. We can provide all you need to foster a cat in our care. If you would like to support us please check out our website www.cats.org.uk/dacorum and facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HemelCPCats>.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Blaine and Hazel have been featured here on previous occasions but they are still waiting for their forever home. Since they have been sharing the same fostering accommodation and have got used to each other they could be homed together



3 year old Hazel came to CP as a stray with kittens and she was a lovely mum. Now she needs a loving and safe home for herself. She loves to relax and keep you company or just watch the world go by. She seems to enjoy the smooth music channel on the radio!

A long term stray at about 7 years old, Blaine is placid and quite happy to go with the flow. All he wants is quiet company and a lap to curl up on. He could be happy indoors for a while but once he has got used to his new home he may like to venture out into a secure garden when you are around.



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!

Who would have thought 12 years on I'm still doing this!!

Total, as of writing is, £2577.93 with 2 months to go this year. This is already more than last years' total.

A Droppy and Brown dress was our best sale at nearly £50, with some men's handmade shoes a close second and other golf attire (ladies) and dresses selling well this year.

On the subject of golf, I was Lady Captain at my golf club (Little Hay) this year and as such nominated our branch as my charity. The Ladies Section did me proud by supporting me with raffles and we've have raised £512.40. I am delighted and thank them all.

Thank you everyone who donates, helps to find items and deliver them and also for all packing material - every little helps!

If you are having a tidy up and clear out before Christmas, 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.

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Bank Court Collection

We had a super day at Bank Court in Hemel in September. The grand total banked was the best ever, a spectacular result of £1331.45 so thank you to everyone who helped either on the day or behind the scenes, setting up tables, fetching and carrying goods etc, As always, the stall was a great attraction and a lot of items were sold and information about CP given out. The collectors on bucket duty raised over £100 so that was well worth doing too. Most buyers were generous and some just gave us lovely donations without even buying anything. There are too many helpers to mention all by name but I would like to mention Di in particular, she has done so much for this event over the years, collecting, cleaning and storing items all year round, as well as making lovely things to sell. Di will no longer be able to organise, collect, clean and store items for any stalls but will continue to knit and if she's free, help on the day. It is fun once the stall is up and running and busy, and things are selling but it is a long day, made more difficult because vehicle access to the area is not easy.

I have been organising this event for more than ten years and it feels like that's enough. Sallie is keen to continue with it but we are all getting older and find that recovery takes longer.

Janet

We need more volunteers (and some younger than us!) to help continue this event and to help with others, as well as bringing in ideas for new events – how about you? Please don't wait to be asked - if you can help in any way call 03453 711851

Cats Protection held a 'Mature Moggies Week' from 13-17 November, to celebrate older cats and to coincide with a new survey* that reveals common misunderstandings potential owners have surrounding cats and age.

- Character and medical history were the most important considerations for people when choosing a new cat (with 87% and 83% classing them as important respectively), followed by age (68%).
- Just 24% of respondents said they would be likely to consider an older cat, compared to 68% of respondents who would be likely to consider getting a kitten.
- Less than 4% of people knew that the equivalent human age for a one-year-old cat is 15 years old. The majority (69%) thought that it was five years old.
- Only 16% of people knew that the equivalent human age for a five-year-old cat is 36 years old. The most popular answer (38%) was 25 years old.
- The top reasons given for not considering an older cat were that it might not live long (72%), it would more likely to get ill (56%) and if it is unwell it will cost money (40%).
- Almost a fifth (19 %) of people who were unlikely to consider an older cat said that one of the reasons was that older cats are not very playful.
- **Owners of older cats cited the top three: they are calmer (58%), they don't want to leave the house as much (54%) and it feels like they are more of a family member (52%).**

If you are thinking of homing a cat please give a thought to the mature moggie. They tend to stay closer to home, so they are less likely to be involved in road traffic accidents and more likely to enjoy curling up on a warm lap, making them great companions. Their characters are fully formed so you know what sort of cat you're getting and they're less likely to scale the curtains or knock your ornaments off the shelf! That said, older cats can often still be quite playful when they choose to be and many enjoy a few short games each day.

All cats adopted from Cats Protection have been fully health-checked and come with a full medical history and four weeks' free pet insurance which will cover any new conditions that arise after adoption.

*See the CP website for more information about the survey <https://www.cats.org.uk/news/mature-moggies-make-marvellous-companions>

Having done time in cell block CAT PENS, Mr Scraps (see right) has reformed his ways, passed his parole board and is due for release. This former grumpy, hissy, spitty, moggie now loves human attention. He is chatty and can keep up in any discussion about the weather, state of his litter tray or when he may expect to be released back into polite society. This old reprobate has spent most of his life on the streets and his rehab was hard for him, as was his life without a home Give us a call if you think you might be able to offer Mr Scraps a furrever home.

Fundraising update from Sallie

To date I have banked a total of £5,925.17 and I have a further cheque for £120 to go into the bank. Our brilliant Fund Raisers have so far raised £2,396.55 from Jumbles and £1,648.51 from Market Stalls. (This does not include the Bank Court event).

This year we only managed 3 instead of 4 Jumble Sales (one was cancelled for reasons beyond our control) but will make an early start next year with our first Jumble on January 13th.

We also raised money from household collecting boxes, outside events and e bay items which I sold separately.

I would like to thank everyone for the hours of hard work they put in to the sales and for the goods they get for us to sell. In order to keep this amount of money flowing into the Branch I am desperately in need of Storage space, both house (for example a cupboard or spare bedroom) for knitted goods and clothing to keep them dry and in good condition and some garage or shed space for china for the market stalls. If anyone can help, please, please contact me. Thank you to everyone I hope to see you at Pats coffee morning on 2nd December

Sallie.



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.

November 25th Saturday: Jumble Sale Cancelled

Apologies to anyone expecting this jumble sale at Potten End – this was cancelled for reasons beyond our control.

November 25th Saturday: Charity Christmas Stall

The Court House, Church Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 2AX

9.00am.- 1.00pm.

Janet will be running a stall at this annual charity event and will be selling CP Calendars, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and other goodies.

December 2nd Saturday: Pat's Christmas Celebration

30 Berkeley Square, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7QS

Pat invites all CP members, friends and helpers to a festive get-together at her house 10-12.30pm approx. Refreshments, including mince pies, sausage rolls, Punch, raffle and cat chat – plus a stall selling CP cards and other goodies. Do pop in and you will be sure of a warm and festive welcome. Ho Ho Ho !

December 2nd Saturday: Charity Christmas Fair,

Adeyfield Community Centre, The Queen's Square, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4EW

From 1pm-4pm Chris is running a stall at the Christmas Fair run by Druglink. Sales of Christmas goodies, please come along and support us

January 13th 2018 Saturday: Jumble Sale

at Potten End Village Hall Potten End, HP4 2QG

Our first jumble of 2018. More dates will be given as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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