



KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection
Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

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www.cats.org.uk/dacorum

Hello

And a warm welcome to our Summer Newsletter where we start with an announcement of change. In June our Branch Co-ordinator, Vanessa (Ness) Peters decided to leave and, with agreement from CP, our Homing and Welfare Officer, Debbie, subsequently agreed to take on the role of Branch Co-ordinator.

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our Ness. Ness has been our Branch Co-ordinator for many years, and we would like to thank her for all her help, support, advice and hard work over those years. We would like to wish her all the very best.

These reins have been handed to myself. I have been with CP for 4 and a half years as a fosterer then to include Homing and Welfare Officer and now to include the new role of Co-ordinator.

The year got off to a very slow start with homing of our cats. We decided to try something new and held a Homing show in Adeyfield Community Centre in Hemel Hempstead on the 24th July. It was a very good turnout with lots of our volunteers on hand to help and give advice on cat welfare. Caroline also hosted her stall with lots of goodies. We managed to home 2 single cats and a pair, we also homed another three on the back of the homing show. We also launched our new poster for recruitment of much needed volunteers.

We are arranging a fundraising meeting on 1st September for volunteers to share ways of helping to get some much needed funds for our branch. If anyone has any ideas we would love to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to call if you would like more information or can offer to help.

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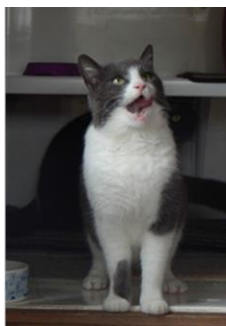
Hazel came into CP as a stray with kittens, found in a shed. She was a lovely mum and looked after them until they were rehomed. It is now her time to find her forever home where she can feel safe and secure.



Hazel is wary and watchful but can be content to keep you company. She likes to look out and see the world go by. She grumbles a bit but her fosterer takes this as talking! There is a lovely girl in there waiting to come out; she just needs to find that confidence with herself and people. She loves a good play when on her own and can be heard bouncing around after the toys in her fosterer's room! She will need someone who is happy to just 'let her be' and wait for her to come around in her own time – which she will do. She has had a lot of changes in her short life. Her fosterer advises that she will need to stay in longer than the recommended settling in period to make sure she is used to her new owners/home before attempting to introduce her to the wide world.

If you are that very special person who wants to help Hazel be the lovely, fun cat she can be and can give her all the time she needs to come around, then pick up that phone and give CP a ring.

Wade and **Ozzy** are not related, but they have become such good friends and company for each other that they really need a home together. They are both around 5 years old and have both been neutered, vaccinated, blood tested etc and Microchipped.



Wade is a very confident, outgoing cat and he loves nothing more than lots of fuss and to play with his mouse toy. Ozzy will need a little more time and patience. He is very playful once he gets to know you and loves to pounce on Wade to get him to play. He also loves his feather on a rod toy and loves lots of fuss.



He always rubs himself round your legs when, in his opinion, it is time for dinner, and both boys are very talkative. The boys are looking for a quiet home and should be ok for a home with older children. Ozzy will need to be allowed to hide until he feels safe in his new home and gets to know you. The boys will need a garden to explore once they have had 4 - 6 weeks to settle in. They need a home with no dogs, but will be ok with other cats.

Wade and Ozzy have just been reserved at the time of writing so they may be about to get their new forever home but 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 www.cats.org.uk/dacorum

Fundraising - Invitation to Volunteers

We are holding a fundraising meeting on the 1st September at 6pm at Ali's in Hemel Hempstead. Attending the meeting is Jo McPherson, Jo is our Regional Fund Raising Manager and she would like to discuss ways to bring in some much needed funds to our Branch. We would really like as many volunteers to attend as possible, even to throw your own ideas in the mix.

All volunteers are welcome – please let Debbie know if you wish to attend. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to be involved do let her know.

We have 2 posters available, one to recruit volunteers and one to recruit fosterers. If you can help by displaying these locally in the Dacorum area that would be appreciated. The posters are attached to the email with this newsletter for those who receive it by email

Di always needs **knitting wool** – she makes things herself and supplies other people who are knitting for CP so she would welcome some nice wool to knit up. Also nice clean bits of fabric suitable for making pet beds - fur fabric and tartan patterns are particular favourites and always sell out first. contact diwhittaker001@ntlworld.com

Thank you to all volunteers who have helped at events, and to all those who have given donations or bought items from us, your support is much appreciated and all the money we raise is used locally by our branch. If you are a tax payer and if you are willing to complete a gift aid form that makes your donation even more valuable as we can reclaim 25p in tax from the Inland Revenue for every £1 you donate.

**Contact Ali for a gift aid form
01442 251536**

Kitty Cat Care, Mobile Cattery
If you are thinking of making plans for summer holidays but need somebody to look after your feline friends while you are away, **Kitty Cat Care** can help.

You can have peace of mind and your cat(s) can stay stress free and safe in their own home, a familiar environment being cared for by experienced loving carers. Any special needs and diets are catered for on request and for every booking made our Branch receives a donation.

For information contact
Vanessa Chenery on 01442 879974
or email kittycatcare@live.co.uk

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 to help our dwindling funds. Thankyou!

Our Ebay supremo Caroline is desperate for some more goodies to sell. *I sold an older style knitting pattern with lots of baby patterns in it for £14.67!! That was rather good. Also I was given an LP of music by Prince and sold it at the time of his death, raising £39.49. Mostly it has been very quiet. I've not had many things to sell at all. I think people just think I can magic up items but sadly it doesn't work like that so the money I used to make for our cats has been severely depleted.*

Caroline is usually to be found at the jumble sales so you could pass bubblewrap and donated items to her there, or 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. Packing materials are always useful, assuming she can get items to sell - selfseal mailing bags (the plastic ones), bubble wrap, especially sellotape / parcel tape and sturdy boxes of all shapes and sizes.

Sallie Dove has also set up her own account and started selling things on eBay so you could do it too - more listings, more money, we hope!

Other Fundraising

Sallie has run some very successful stalls in Berkhamsted since March and is very grateful for the help given by Alex and Anna and others who have helped on the stall selling bric a brac etc or collected donations. She needs to needs to replenish her stock of **soft toys**, especially for the stall at the Conker Festival in October. If you have any toys to spare please contact Sallie or bring them in a bag marked with her name on it to the next jumble sale on 3rd September.

Also we need things to sell at the jumbles, clothes in particular but all items which are clean and not broken will bring in some much needed funds. We usually do well at jumble sales and we are happy to receive clothes, bric a brac, puzzles, toys, games, ornaments and other items but, please, they must be clean, unbroken, and usable, even for a jumble, or we can't sell it and that means our volunteers end up having to dispose of somebody else's rubbish – not nice! We also need volunteer drivers to take stuff to the jumbles and/or give lifts to volunteers who don't have a vehicle.

What Are The Most Practical Donations For Our Branch?

We rely heavily on donations from the public to help provide food, warmth, and healing to felines in our care until they can be adopted by loving families. We, like many Animal rescue organizations are often stretched thin financially. Practical donations are always welcome. Our website also allows you to make the most of your monetary donation. Please give whatever you can afford, every little bit helps. If you are a taxpayer, and you are willing to let us take advantage of Gift Aid, let us know and your gift can be worth even more.

Food

All animals need food to be healthy and happy, but for shelter animals, being well-fed is a vital first step toward finding their forever homes. Donations of cat or kitten food, wet or dry, are welcome, especially if you can afford to donate some of the best known varieties. In Spring and Summer kitten food is particularly needed.

Cat Litter and Beds

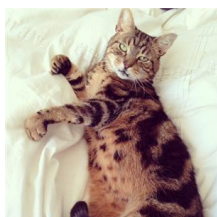
Our feline friends have unique hygienic needs, especially in their temporary homes. In short, lots of cats use lots of litter. Donations of litter, especially the wood pellet variety, are always appreciated. Hooded cat beds also provide a safe, private place to snuggle for a catnap. Cat toys can also help our feline friends have some fun!

Amazon wish list

To see specific items we need check out our Amazon wish list via the link on our webpage

Cats Protection works tirelessly to give cats a chance for a happily ever after. To find out how to lend a hand give us a call.

WHAT'S ON IN 2016



Sometimes event dates have to be changed but at the time of writing these dates are scheduled in and our website will be updated when we have further information.

September 3rd Saturday Jumble Sale at Potten End

Note this is a change of date since the Spring Newsletter.

Doors Open 11.30 until approx. 1-1.30pm only so you need to be early if you want to bag those bargains! At Potten End Village Hall, Potten End, Berkhamsted, HP4 2QG.

Refreshments available. Help with transport would be welcome, that might involve transferring goods from the lock up in Hemel to Potten End, or giving a lift to non-driver volunteers, please contact Sallie 01442 256545.

September 24th Saturday Bank Court Day, 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, hand-made things, cat related items and other goodies, and there will be a street collection so collectors are needed if you can spare just an hour or two.

October 16th Sunday, Conker Festival, Box Moor Hemel Hempstead

Sally is planning a stall at this annual fun filled family event on Black Birds Moor. As well as charity stalls there is music, refreshments, conker and other activities.

www.boxmoortrust.org.uk/index.php

October 29th Saturday Jumble Sale at Potten End

Doors Open 11.30 until approx. 1-1.30pm only so you need to be early if you want to bag those bargains! Potten End Village Hall, Potten End, Berkhamsted, HP4 2QG.

Refreshments available.

November 26th Saturday Christmas Fair, Adeyfield

10am 1pm at the Community Centre, Queens Square, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4EW

Please come along and support us. There will be several stalls - why not do a bit of early Christmas Shopping!

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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Hemel Fundraising
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Non committee contacts
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Caroline – 01442 230874
caroline@wwsl.co.uk (mark email subject line 'CP eBay item for sale')

Newsletter
Janet – 01923 400520

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