



## CHILTERN BRANCH NEWSLETTER



**COVID-19**  
**FOR THE LATEST HOMING INFORMATION,**  
**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
<https://www.cats.org.uk/chiltern>

Hello! We hope you are all well and keeping safe!

What strange times we are living in but hopefully, as restrictions are easing, we will get back to some semblance of normal.

We have cats and kittens that are in our care at the moment, that are looking for caring homes. Please visit our website <https://www.cats.org.uk/chiltern/adopt-a-cat>

How we home our cats and kittens is managed by the guidelines we receive from Cats Protection Head Office which can change according to the latest Government guidelines. Please see the Covid-19 message at the top of this page for more information.

### **Coordinator**

Sue Macdonald, who has been with the Branch for over 12 years, felt that she needed a break from coordinating. Last year Andy Lane kindly took over the role while Sue took a welcome rest. Sue is now back at the helm and we would all like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Andy for stepping in and steering the ship while Sue was away.

### **Homing Officer**

After 10 years as Homing Officer, I decided to step down in November 2019. I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for your support and advice over the years as it hasn't all been plain sailing finding homes for our cats and kittens. I would especially like to thank all our home visitors

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whom I have accompanied and those who have carried out home visits on their own; not forgetting our fabulous fosterers. Thank you all for making my time as Homing Officer such a rewarding experience.

I have also enjoyed meeting all our adopters, some of whom have become good friends.

We have estimated that we have homed around 600 cats and kittens over the last 10 years. What a brilliant Branch. I am so proud to be part of such a great team!

I will still be a member of the Branch Committee, helping out with home visits, fundraising, general help and editing the Newsletter.

#### **Kit Downes - Welcome!**

We are very fortunate as Kit Downes has taken over as Homing

Officer and has already been busy finding homes for our cats and kittens. I am sure that, in his capable hands, the Branch will continue to find caring homes for the cats and kittens in the Chiltern area.

#### **Fosterer farewell**

Due to family commitments, Jo has decided to give up fostering. Many thanks to Jo for her time fostering for the branch. We wish Jo all the best for the future.

#### **Telephoning us**

Our phone number is the same 0345 260 2396 but your call will be answered by a dedicated team who will ask you what your enquiry is and they will then pass your details and message onto the Branch volunteer who is best placed to answer your query.

*Cherie Ellis*  
**Editor**





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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!



## New Supporters' membership scheme!

First of all we would like to apologise for not publishing the Newsletter for the past few years. This was due to illness and family bereavements. You automatically become eligible to receive our Newsletter when you adopt a cat or kitten from us or make donations. If you have adopted from us you should receive this Newsletter. When you do adopt please let the home visitor know if you do not want to receive our Newsletter or contact:  
[website@chiltern.cats.org.uk](mailto:website@chiltern.cats.org.uk).

We have decided not to continue with our local branch membership. Instead we would like to encourage supporters to become members of the National Cats Protection charity.

We will continue to send out our local Newsletter. If you opt to receive it by email it will help to save on printing costs.

Please let us know which type of format you would like to receive our Newsletters in for the future.

As a member of the **National Cats Protection** charity, for the annual fee of £60 or £5/month, you will receive:

- A subscription to the quarterly magazine, ***The Cat***.
- Unlimited access to:  
Vetfone TM - a phone service where registered veterinary nurses can advise you on any questions about your cat/s 24/7, 365 days a year
- A copy of the Annual Review each year
- Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting

To find out more contact us at:  
[enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk)  
or visit:

<https://www.cats.org.uk/membchilternbranch>

## Fundraising

We have decided not to do any branch face-to-face fundraising for the time being so, if you ever 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>


## 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](http://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

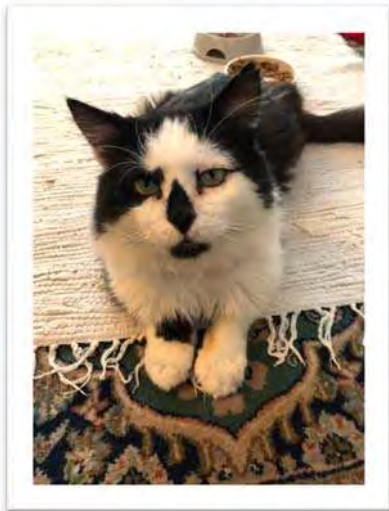
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## Cats' Tales - Lockdown Cats

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

### Casper aka Eugene now called Angus



**I'm still a bit shy . . .**

Angus was a stray who was very wary and frightened of people. A lady did take him in but he just didn't settle so he came into our care with fosterer, Ruth.



With Ruth's care and patience he became a friendly and trusting cat and was soon available for adoption. He has now found a caring home.



**Cuddles please!**





### **Poseidon and Artemis**

Poseidon (diabetic) and Artemis were rehomed through our direct homing scheme, just as lockdown had begun. Before lockdown, Artemis gave us all a scare as he went missing! After nearly 2 weeks of searching Arty was found behind the bath panels!



Poseidon and Artemis have moved with their new owner

from a flat to a cottage in Suffolk. They have settled in well apparently and they are

enjoying

more space.

Because Poseidon has lost more weight his diabetes seems to have been reversed which is great news!



### **Felix**

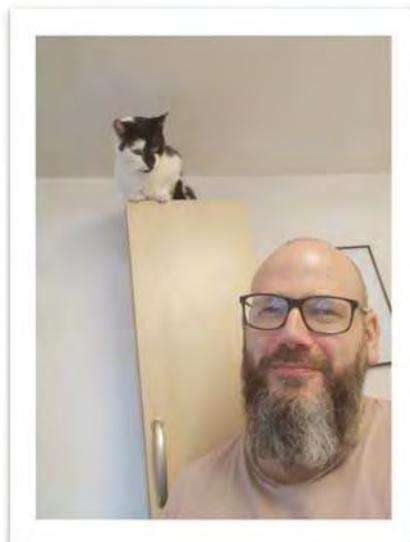
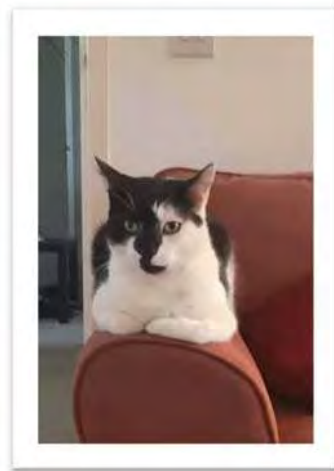
He came to us as a stray but was soon adopted. He loves boxes and is a very playful boy.

**Rocky**

Here is Rocky who enjoys eating, sleeping, playtime and jumping on things so he can look down on me. He's a great lad, perfect company and we're getting along great.

Thanks ever so much!

*Andy*



Love the lockdown beard  
Dad!



## Handsome Pud

**So if you are interested in offering a home to a special needs cat please get in touch either by email at: [enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk). We would like to feature these cats and their adopters on our website page 'Hero Adoption Success Stories'. Of course if you still want to adopt a special needs cats and don't want to be included on our website or social media we still would like to hear from you!**

## Cats As Therapy

We are often looking for a home for a cat with disabilities or medical issues but sometimes it can be the other way around.

### **Rosie**

Rosie was adopted a year ago by a lady with MS, who was looking for a lap cat who would like a quiet home.

When she saw Rosie on our website, it was love at first sight!

We delivered Rosie to the lady and straight away Rosie made herself comfortable on the bed. We continue to receive updates and Rosie has quickly become an important member of the family.



### **Barbara (now Bob)**



Last year, we were contacted by a gentleman who was looking for a cat for his wife who is housebound. So it would have to be a very special cat that would be happy to stay close and be a companion.

Well Barbara, (who is now called Bob after the girl in Black Adder), has turned out to be that special cat. Bob sits on her lap for most of the day and sleeps with her at night, which

is exactly what she wanted. While the lady is getting ready in the morning, Bob waits next to the chair in the living room, until the lady goes in there. Then Bob climbs onto her lap. This has developed into a bit of a routine, so it has worked out so well for both cat and humans.

## Welfare, Ferals & Strays

### Is it a stray?

If you see or have been feeding a potential stray cat, please contact our Welfare Team sooner rather than later to prevent any unnecessary suffering. If you think it is unwell or injured we can then help to get the cat to a vet and start treatment earlier if required.

When you contact us we can help to see if it is really a stray or just lost, by scanning it for a microchip or if it is friendly enough, by putting one of our special paper collars on the cat with contact details. If it is owned then the owner can call us when the cat goes home.

Some cats are reported via Facebook which are usually passed onto the Welfare Team but it is best if you ring us and report the cat, which saves a lot of time and is less stressful for the cat.

People frequently report 'ferals' in their gardens which are usually very frightened strays. These are often cats that have been left out on their own for too long. If they are unneutered they can become a problem because they are hungry and territorial, often fighting local cats and causing trauma. We had a couple of strays come into our care before lockdown. After being given time and care, they soon became friendly, vocal chaps and were ready for adoption as domestic cats again.

Two cats earlier this year, one a pedigree and one a domestic cat, had been identified as missing for 2 and 5 years respectively. We have no idea where they had been during this time but the pedigree was reunited with his family and the male cat, missing for 5 years, has stayed on the farm where he turned up hungry and very scruffy. He has a lovely home now but at the age of 11 years we don't know if he had been living rough for the past 5 years or could he have been stolen as his owner thought?

We also had some very poorly kittens last year that were being fed by people but without thinking about the kittens' future. Without human contact in the early weeks of their lives, they may grow up as ferals. So many kittens are born in gardens and left to go wild with the potential to start breeding, at a very young age. Because they are not used to human contact these kittens will probably have to live in an outdoor environment as a farm or stable cat instead of a domestic home. so please contact us to see if we can help.

*Carole Emmott*  
**Welfare, Ferals & Strays Officer**

| CONTACT US, FOLLOW US!   |   |               |                                  |
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| Type of call   | Contact   | Number        | Email                            |
| General Public number, (Homing enquiries, welfare, supported cats) |   | 0345 260 2396 | enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Fundraising  | Evelyn Daley  | 0345 260 2396 | fundraising@chiltern.cats.org.uk |
| Neutering  | Elaine Willingham   | 07555 154470  | neutering@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Coordinator  | Sue Macdonald   | 07885 589804  | enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Treasurer, Finance & Donations                                     | Janice Emburey  | 0345 260 2396 | enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Branch Secretary   | Kathryn Graves  | 0345 260 2396 | enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Ferals/Strays  | Carole Emmott   | 0345 260 2396 | welfare@chiltern.cats.org.uk     |
| Publicity, PR and advertising                                      |   | 0345 260 2396 | enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Volunteering & Newsletter  | Cherie Ellis  | 0345 260 2396 | enquiries@chiltern.cats.org.uk   |
| Lost and Found   | Please register the cat on <a href="http://www.animalsearchuk.co.uk">www.animalsearchuk.co.uk</a> |               |                                  |

**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  
Claydon House Business Centre,  
1 Edison Road,  
Aylesbury,  
HP19 8TE

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