



MEDIA RELEASE

Stourbridge and District Cats Protection

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Deputy Mayor to open new local cat charity shop in Lye

The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection is opening its first ever charity shop this Saturday at 218 High Street, Lye, Stourbridge.

The opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting will take place at 2:30pm when the Deputy Mayor of Dudley Metropolitan Borough, Councillor Malcolm Knowles will be on hand to perform the ceremony. He will be accompanied by his wife, the Deputy Mayoress. Councillor Knowles is himself a Stourbridge Councillor, covering the Wollaston and Stourbridge West ward.

Rob Hall, Public Relations Officer for the Stourbridge and District Branch, said:

“This shop is the result of many months hard work by our volunteers and we’re really pleased that the Deputy Mayor is able to open it for us.

”It costs us more than £10,000 each year to look after the cats and kittens that come into our care and we hope that this shop will go a long way to helping us raise this money.

”We really hope that local people will support that shop, and therefore local cats and kittens, not only by buying things from us but also by donating good quality second-hand items and even helping out in the shop for a few hours each week!”

The shop will sell good quality second-hand items including clothes, books, videos, bric-a-brac, china, glass, jewellery, tapes and CDs. There will also be a wide-range of official Cats Protection merchandise on offer including Christmas goods (such as cards and wrapping paper), and items for cats and their owners alike!

Anyone interested who has items to donate can contact the shop directly on 01384 422208. Anyone who would like to help out in the shop should contact the charity’s helpline on 0845 644 2103.

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1. For more information please contact Rob, PR Officer, on 07092 364572.
2. Stourbridge Branch of Cats Protection covers postcodes **DY1 – DY13**, which encompasses Wollaston, Norton, Pedmore, Lye, Kinver, Kingswinford, Hagley, Brierley Hill, Tipton, Dudley, Sedgley, Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley.
3. There will be an opportunity for photographs on the day. Please contact Rob Hall on 07092 364572 to arrange this. Digital images can also be supplied – please contact Rob for details.