



# ***MEDIA RELEASE***

## ***Stourbridge and District Cats Protection***

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### **Cat lovers sought during Volunteers' Week**

**A cat welfare charity is appealing for potential volunteers to come forward and help local felines during Volunteers' Week.**

The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection, the UK's leading feline welfare charity, is hoping that local cat lovers will help support the Branch by filling one of following 'purr-fect' volunteer jobs!

- **Fundraisers** to help out with a wide variety of fundraising events.
- **Helpline Operators** to help staff the Branch public helpline for a few hours each week.
- **Shop Volunteers** to help out in the Branch's charity shop in Lye for a few hours each week.
- **Homing Officer** to help co-ordinating placing cats with new owners.
- **Home Visitors** to visit prospective homes to ensure that the right cat is placed in the right home

**According to Rob Hall, PR Officer for Stourbridge and District Branch, volunteering for Cats Protection can be good fun – and very rewarding.**

"We have people from all walks of life, and from a wide age range, volunteering for us. We work hard to match people's skills, interests and time availability to the jobs on offer which can work very well."

Anyone who is interested in helping out or who wants to find out more should contact Stourbridge and District Cats Protection on ☎ 07092 301745 or by e-mailing [help@stourbridgecats.org.uk](mailto:help@stourbridgecats.org.uk). Alternatively, come along and speak to existing volunteers outside Early Learning Centre, Merry Hill between 9:00am and 9:00pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Volunteering for the UK's largest and oldest feline welfare organisation provides a range of practical benefits:

- All necessary equipment and resources are provided for by the Branch.
- A wealth of advice, support and information is on hand to assist with every aspect of running a Branch.

Cats Protection's main aims are to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome felines in need and to encourage the neutering of all cats not required for breeding. Every year, the charity helps 170,000 cats, re-homing 60,000 of them through its nationwide network of 29 Shelters and 260 voluntary-run Branches.

Volunteers' Week is a national celebration of volunteers and volunteering which takes place from 1 – 7 June of each year. The Week aims to promote innovative ways to thank, recruit and involve volunteers and raises the profile of the work of the UK's 22 million volunteers. Now in its 20th year, Volunteers' Week is a major event in the UK's volunteering calendar.

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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 Stourbridge, Lye, Kinver, Kingswinford, Hagley, Brierley Hill, Tipton, Dudley, Sedgley, Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley.