



MEDIA RELEASE

Stourbridge and District Cats Protection

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Appeal for helpers – meeting this Saturday!

A cat welfare charity is appealing for potential volunteers to come along to a meeting this Saturday (28th February) to find out more about the opportunities that are available.

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.

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.”

The meeting is being held this Saturday (28th February) between 2:00pm and 3:00pm at St James's Church Hall, Belfry Drive (off Bridgnorth Road) in Wollaston.

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.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the work of Stourbridge and District Cats Protection and how they can help, should contact the charity on ☎ 07092 301745 or by e-mailing help@stourbridgecats.org.uk.

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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.