



# ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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

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### **Urgent appeal for bric-a-brac and jumble to raise funds**

**A local feline welfare charity is urgently appealing for people to donate their unwanted bric-a-brac and jumble to raise much-needed funds to help care for needy cats and kittens in the DY1-DY13 areas.**

The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection is funded entirely by donations and money raised locally through fundraising events such as jumble sales, fayres and fetes.

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

“We normally have quite a steady stream of items being donated to us but at the moment we’ve got absolutely nothing – it’s most unusual.

“It’s a great opportunity for people to have a ‘spring clean’ and donate good quality jumble, bric-a-brac and other unwanted items to us. We can even come and collect items if people are unable to get them to us.

”The money we raise goes directly to help cats and kittens in the local area. For example, £15 will feed a rescued cat for a month, £25 will provide a heated cat bed to help keep puss warm and £80 will cover all of the veterinary care that a cat should need, including neutering, vaccinations and micro-chipping.”

Cats Protection is the UK's oldest and largest feline welfare charity; the Stourbridge and District Branch was formed in 1981. The aims of Cats Protection are:

- To rescue stray and unwanted cats and kittens, rehabilitate and re-home them.
- To encourage the neutering of all cats and kittens not required for breeding.
- To inform the public on the care of cats and kittens.

**Anyone with items to donate, should contact Gaynor, Fundraising Officer, on 01384 872151.**

The next fundraising event is a 'Jumble and Tabletop Sale' at the Oakfield Centre, Brettel Lane, Brierley Hill on Saturday 5th March at 2:00pm.

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**For more information please contact Rob, PR Officer, on 07092 364572.**

#### **Notes for Editors**

- The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection covers postcodes DY1 – DY13, which encompasses Stourbridge, Kinver, Kingswinford, Hagley, Brierley Hill, Tipton, Dudley, Sedgley, Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley and the Wyre Forest area.