



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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

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### **First feline fundraiser of 2006...**

**The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection, the national feline welfare charity, is urging people to shake off the winter blues and come along to its Grand January Sale on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the event, which starts at 2:00pm at the Oakfield Centre (formerly Hawbush Community Centre), Brettell Lane, Stourbridge. Admission is only 20p per person.

There will be something for all members of the family – books, bric-a-brac, toys, jewellery, white elephant, jumble and lots more! Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about the work of Cats Protection locally.

#### **Rob Hall, PR Officer for Stourbridge Branch, said:**

“We are a local charity run entirely by volunteers. All of the money that we need to look after the needy cats and kittens in our care has to be raised in the local community.

“Our Grand January Sale is our first fundraising event of 2006 – people will be able to pick up lots of bargains; it’s also an opportunity to get rid of some of those unwanted Christmas gifts whilst supporting a local charity at the same time!”

Anyone with anything to donate should ring Gaynor, Fundraising Officer, on 01384 872151 before Saturday.

Stourbridge and District Cats Protection is part of the charity’s nationwide network of 29 Centres and 260 voluntary-run Branches that together rehome 60,000 cats each year.

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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.
- Cats Protection is the UK’s oldest and largest feline welfare charity. Founded as the Cats Protection League in 1927, **the charity adopted the name Cats Protection in 1998. We ask that you use the name Cats Protection when referring to the charity in all published material.**
- 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.