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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**OPEN DAY AT WINDYWAY**  
**SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST, 12.00—4.00**

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**WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO ORGANISE AN EVENT TO FILL THIS GAP?**

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS HALL, DUKE ST, MACCLESFIELD SK11 6UR**  
**SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 10.30—1.30**

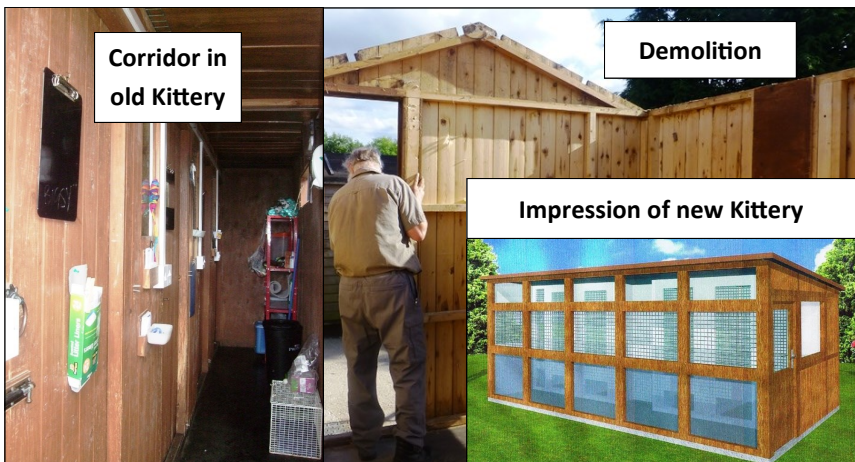
**SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER**



Reg. Charity no: 1108111

Supporting  
 Animal Rescue  
 at Windyway,  
 Buxton Old Rd,  
 Macclesfield.

**Hello and welcome to our Summer Newsletter.**  
 Inside we have the usual mix of news—some animal profiles, a few happy endings and also reports on some of the events we have had as well as updates on the animals we have featured in previous newsletters.  
 We'll begin with news of our latest building project—a new Kittery:  
**KITTERY PROJECT**  
 The Kittery at Windyway was first adapted from two loose boxes around 20 years ago and in that time has housed hundreds of mum cats and kittens. It has been having repairs over the past few years and recently Wendy, the family and staff have decided it is time to replace it with a new building. The new Kittery will be purpose built in UPVC which should be longer lasting and easier to keep clean—bearing in mind how many cats bring various parasites and bugs with them when they first arrive at the sanctuary. We are very excited about the new building which will be arriving in November. Meanwhile we have been busy demolishing and clearing the site. The next job will be to prepare a new base. We plan to have tiled floors with under floor heating as well as separate bedrooms which can be used by older kittens or in the winter when adult cats are using the accommodation. There is going to be a separate appeal for funds to assist Windyway with the initial outlay so watch the website and facebook pages for details of how to donate.



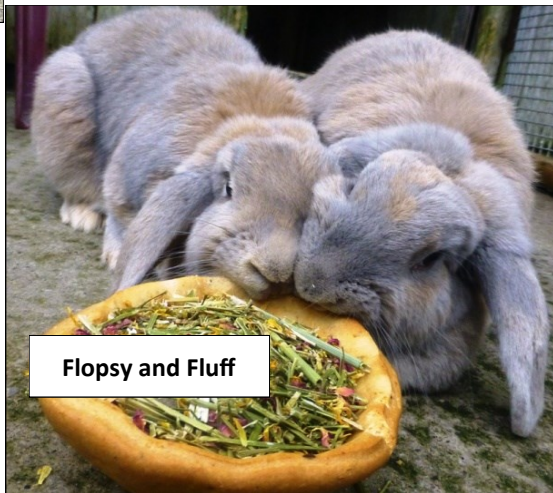
# INTRODUCING.....



Suzie

**Suzie** is a lovely 11 year old, young at heart, crossbreed girl. She probably has some whippet and some terrier in her and definitely has the terrier chase instinct so couldn't live with cats or small furrries. She is, however, great with other dogs—she has lived with another dog previously and has shared a kennel here very happily. Suzie is spayed and vaccinated and has been pronounced fit and well by the vet. She is full of energy and needs a home where she will be able to have a good run in a safe enclosed garden as her recall isn't her strongest point! We would like her to go to someone who can bring out the best in her and work on her manners—we're sure that whoever puts in the effort will be rewarded with several more years of fun from this little whirlwind!

**Flopsy and Fluff** are two gentle buns who were handed in to Windyway by their owner who was working away from home so didn't have time to look after them. We were told they were brothers—they turned out to be sisters! We have had them spayed and vaccinated—one of them had a large mass in her uterus so this saved her life. They are both quite friendly and don't mind being handled. As the photo shows they are a devoted pair and must stay together in a home with plenty of space for them to stretch their legs.



Flopsy and Fluff

## **Black Cats**

We find that black cats are frequently overlooked. Apparently some people think they are bad luck, others think they are common or difficult to photograph! - we think they are just as lovely as other cats but we do usually have more blacks than any other colour - Here are three of the black cats currently waiting for new homes at Windyway:

Firstly, **Coco**, a five year old tom who first arrived at the sanctuary over a year ago. It soon became apparent that he didn't get on with other cats. He was rehomed but got returned when he started causing problems with the neighbour's cat. He is a very friendly boy who loves attention and is very playful. His ideal home would be a stables or farm where he could be the only cat and have all the attention to himself.



Brian and Scamp with Adam Partridge

handed a cheque by Brian Fisher, who had, together with his dog, Scamp, done a coast to coast walk and raised the fantastic sum of £1,100.00 for us. We were so lucky with the weather, people were able to sit out and enjoy a cup of tea and the scrummy cakes from the refreshment stall and listen to the brilliant music of Alexis McLean, Sam's Kitchen, Silverback and Continuing Blissfully, to whom we owe a big thank you and to Helen Walford for organising this for us. There were also stalls, different from our usual ones, selling vintage and retro goods and crafts, a Doggy Treasure Hunt and a Raffle. We raised a grand total of £1,528.25.

Many individuals and companies have taken part in sponsored walks, swims, runs, and held various fundraising events for us, and Pets at Home, Jollyes, Tesco at Congleton and Morrisons at Buxton and Chapel, and all their customers, have ongoing food collections for us. There has also been an increase of people having collection boxes for us and we would like to say thank you to each and every one of you.

Our shop on Chestergate and our Centre on Crompton Road are both doing well. Crompton Road is now open on a Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am until 2.00pm as well as Saturdays 10.00am until 1.00pm and the last Sunday of the month.

**Finally, to our team of hardworking volunteers and all our loyal supporters we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.**

## **A tribute to Misty—Windyway Ambassador for many years who passed away recently..**

The 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014 was a very sad day for me, as I had to have my precious little girl, Misty, put to sleep. I adopted her from Windyway on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004. I know I am biased, but if there ever was a perfect little dog, it was her. She loved everybody and everything and was beautiful both inside and out. Her favourite thing was either sitting on people's feet or leaning against them, which she did if ever she met anyone new. She was also well known for nudging people's pockets if she knew there was a biscuit in them. She accompanied me on all the outdoor fundraising events, collections and whenever I gave a talk to Schools, Brownies, Clubs, etc. and absolutely loved it, and gained the title "Windyway's Ambassador". I was so proud to be her Mummy.

She was my soul mate and best friend and even though I can no longer see or touch her, I know she will always be by my side, like she always was. Don summed it up in four words when he said to me "You were a team". Pat Barnard.



Misty Barnard, 2000—2014

# FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Report by Pat Barnard, Fundraising Secretary

For the first time ever on 14th December, we held Carols at Windyway, which was well attended, despite the weather, and led by Adam Partridge, and the Carols were accompanied by Hilary Cobb on violin and Pam Dooley on accordion. There was also a tree of remembrance for our beloved pets who are no longer with us.



So far in 2105 we are having a really good fundraising year. The Spring Fair was a huge success, making a brilliant total of £1800.00. In April we held fundraisers for two days at Pets at Home as part of their Spring Raffle event and received a cheque from them for £561.00. In May a Quiz Night was held for us at the Royal British Legion, Poynton, organised by Brian Williams, Linda Pratt and Simon Inkpen, together with the help of some ladies who did a raffle. This raised the brilliant sum of £472.14. We took part in the Langley Fete in June and raised £104.00 and the weather improved as the day went on and the sun shone for us in the afternoon. The Canine Club on Sandy Lane invited us to have a stall at their Open Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. They held a raffle and a Dog Show and generously donated all the proceeds from them to us and also the donations for refreshments. They handed us £268.40 and together with the £94 we made on our stall, a grand total of £362.40 was raised. The same day we also attended Wilmslow Show. We had not been to this show before and were amazed at the enormity of it. We made £43.00, but now we know the extent of the show, we shall have a bigger stall next year, as we have already received an invitation for 2016. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July we had a stall at Jollyes, Congleton's Pet Store Birthday Bash, where we raised £143.57, plus £15.90, which Jollyes made on face painting on the day, which they donated to us. Thankfully the weather stayed fine, but it was quite windy in the morning, and at one stage, we took the lid off the tickets for the Children's Tombola when a gust of wind came and blew the tickets out of the box. We had our exercise for the day when we had to go running round the pavements catching the tickets – thankfully, with the help of some kind people, we managed to retrieve them all. The Trust is 10 years old this year, and to celebrate this we held a Garden Party at Windyway on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The Party was opened by Adam Partridge, our Patron, and he was



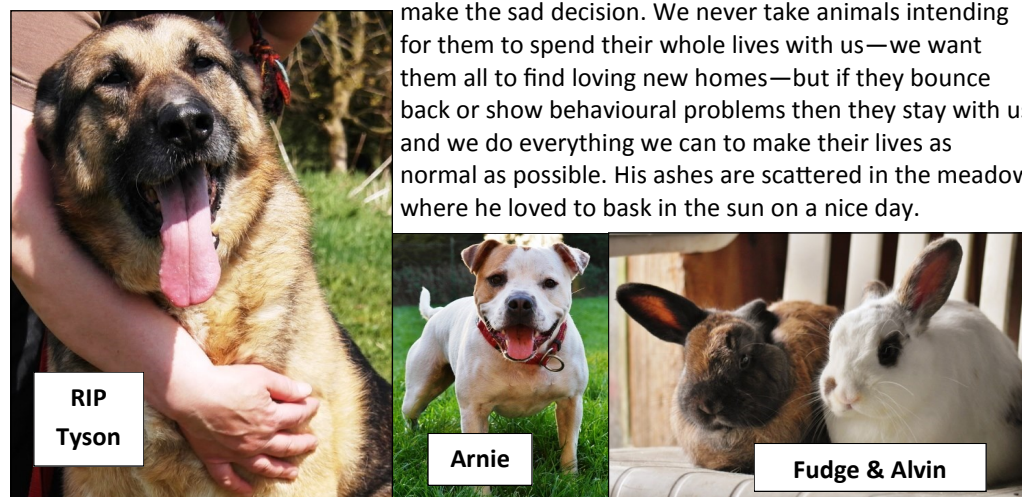
**Dilly** is an older female who arrived as a stray several months ago. She can be a bit feisty until she has you trained to her way. She loves food and playing. She will not suit a family with small children, but would be okay with older children who would not mither her. Finally **Lucky**, she has been returned recently as her owner passed away. She is an older girl with a calm temperament. Although she has lived with other cats, she does prefer to be the only cat. She would like a quiet household to spend her senior years in.

## UPDATES ON PREVIOUSLY FEATURED ANIMALS

**Connie and Raisin** our FeLV positive cats are both still with us—they now live together and get on really well. It is such a shame that they may have to continue living their lives in a pen—especially when they may only have short life expectancy—how lovely it would be if someone were to come forward to adopt them. They cannot mix with other cats and must be closely monitored health wise. More information on Feline Leukaemia Virus can be found on the following webpage; <http://www.catchat.org/leukaemia.html>.

**Gordo** the Great Dane was successfully rehomed via a breed specific rescue society.

**Ziah** found a new home in time for Christmas but **Arnie** is still waiting here as are **Alvin and Fudge** the bunny brothers. Unfortunately our beautiful German Shepherd, **Tyson** never found his retirement home and had to be put to sleep when his condition deteriorated. We did all we could to make him comfortable but he couldn't go on in the end and we had to



make the sad decision. We never take animals intending for them to spend their whole lives with us—we want them all to find loving new homes—but if they bounce back or show behavioural problems then they stay with us and we do everything we can to make their lives as normal as possible. His ashes are scattered in the meadow where he loved to bask in the sun on a nice day.

# HAPPY ENDINGS...

## Archie's story

Passing Windyway on the way home from work every day I had seen a little white dog being exercised and decided to see if it was a Jack Russell. Having just lost our beloved Sasha, also a rescue pup from Windyway, we were looking for a young dog.

Billy was in a bit of a poor state. He was recovering from having his tail amputated and his ears reshaped (due to previous injuries) and looked a pitiful sight. He wasn't what we were looking for but knew straight away that it was meant to be.

The first thing we did was change his name to Archie. He was highly strung and didn't respond very much when we called him. We took him for some training lessons but found it very frustrating. He seemed to be very wound up around barking dogs. After a while we realised that he had hearing problems and could not hear the direction the sound was coming from, hence when he heard barking he didn't know where the other dog was.. He has now settled down to be such a loveable little chappie. He has camped in Cornwall several times and also the Scottish Highlands. He has also been to the top of Snowdon twice and enjoyed a cruise on a small boat—a natural sea dog! He has a daily walk off the lead at 6 am on one of the local trail paths. To him it is one and a half hours of freedom and pleasure. Archie has enriched our lives and we look forward to many happy years together. On behalf of Archie thank you to all at Windyway for your hard work and dedication.

## Soft Paws and Freddie



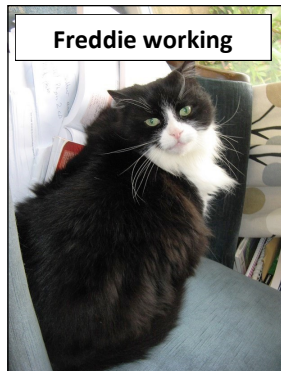
Lily  
relaxing

We adopted two cats from you two years ago. Came in to get one short-haired cat - went away with two long-haired cats! Just to let you know that both Freddie and Soft Paws (now renamed Lily) both settled in really well, though they aren't the greatest of friends. Freddie always wins the 'Whose box? Whose chair?' debate, but has been to the vets twice with bad scratches from Lily (who has teeth as well as claws, while Freddie just has claws).

I work from home, and Freddie (who is getting on a bit) likes to snooze close by and perhaps assist with some paperweight duties. He also follows me round the house or garden. Lily, although more of a scaredy cat with new people (hid from us for two days) or new things (sat on the doorstep for ages before exploring the garden) is very affectionate too. We love them both, and hope you enjoy these pictures. Best wishes, Gillian



Archie in Cornwall



Freddie working

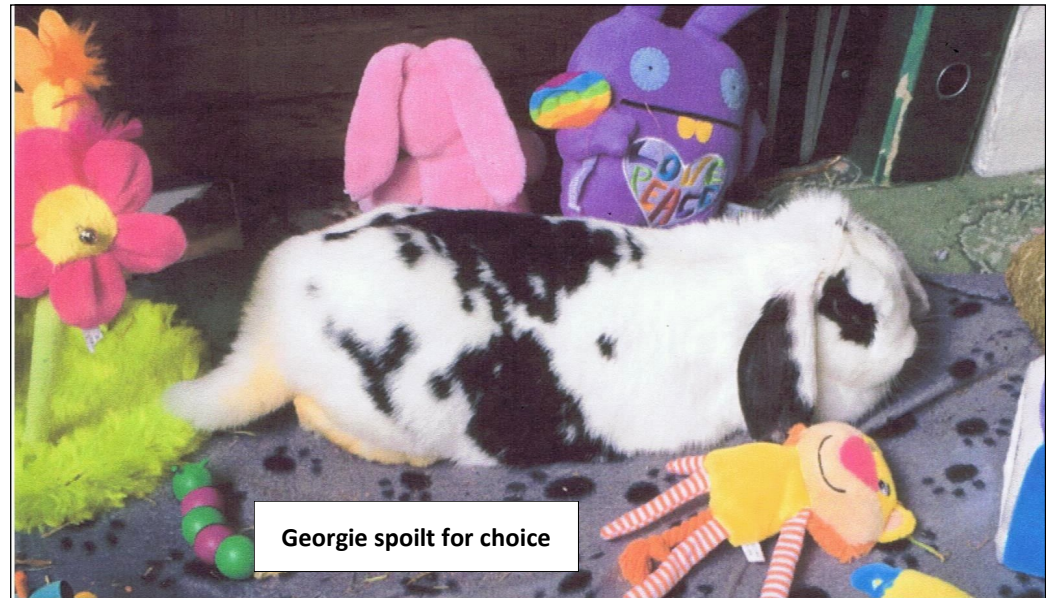
## Georgie's story

We adopted Georgie from Windyway on May 22nd 2015 and she has changed our lives. We had been to visit Windyway on the 21st and found Georgie and we were told she was recovering from a difficult spay. I fell in love with her immediately.

Georgie spent her first week very quiet and we noticed her legs were twisted and she was grinding her teeth so we took her to a rabbit specialist. She was diagnosed with arthritis and put on pain medication.

I spent the first few weeks getting to know Georgie slowly, she is a loving gentle bunny who loves nothing more than a good scratch on the head between her ears! She needs plenty of exercise to keep her front legs straight or her feet start to twist inwards. She loves soft toys to fling about and she loves chewing a good old fashioned cardboard box! Georgie has her own bedroom with a two tier hutch and a stereo to listen to music and a TV to watch any programmes she likes. She likes to watch the TV and will tell you what she likes and what she doesn't! she loves Coronation St and hates Eastenders but she also loves a good comedy or a nice cartoon. Georgie has the run of the house but if she ever does have to go in her hutch we put on her stereo and she loves East 17 or Neil Sedaka. You will quite often find her asleep to her favourite songs. Georgie has a fantastic personality, she gives beautiful kisses and when she wants a head rub you know about it—if she's not head butting you she's nibbling your ankles. Georgie has found her favourite snacks—she loves a carrot with a top—if it hasn't got a top, don't bother giving her it! She loves kale and spinach, cherries and grapes, raspberries, blueberries and strawberries. Cucumber is a favourite especially when it's pinched off you while you're not looking. Her favourite treat is dandelion naturals and dried bananas.

Me and Georgie like nothing better than a nice day sitting watching comedies while I scratch her head between her ears and she snoozes on my knee. The day Georgie hopped into my life made my life so much better and I would encourage more people to make a difference and adopt a bun.



Georgie spoilt for choice