



RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch

Registered Charity No. 259020

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Welcome to the Bedfordshire South Branch of the RSPCA. We are an independent charity which carries out vital animal welfare work throughout the local area, from Luton, Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard through to Ampthill, Toddington and Flitwick.

We do not receive government funding and as Beds South RSPCA is a separately registered branch of the RSPCA we are responsible for raising funds locally. We also rely on the efforts of our volunteers and the generosity of local people to continue with our work.

One example of this vital work is the Branch's fostering scheme, which was revived in November 2004 in an effort to assist the Inspectors with the temporary boarding of animals. Our team of dedicated volunteers throughout the local area look after cats and kittens, rabbits, and guinea pigs as family pets on behalf of the Branch until we can find them a new home. We hope that through the pages of our new website you can learn more about the work that we do, about the animals that we care for, and how you too can contribute to animal welfare.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Become an RSPCA Beds South Branch volunteer and help abused, neglected and abandoned animals in our area. All volunteer roles - even those not directly involving animals have a significant impact on animal welfare - support the vital work we do. We urgently need some help and support on our stall at Dunstable Market (Middle Row) on Saturday 8th June and Saturday 13th August 2019.



If you are available between 08:00 -15:00 hrs, have a friendly disposition and a passion for animal welfare, please contact Branch Manager Alison @ info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk for more info.

Help us help Milly, Minnie, Brownie and Jemima and her kittens.



Did you know...

Before we rehome our animals we make sure they are micro-chipped, spayed/neutered and fully vaccinated as well as having up-to-date flea and worming treatments. This is all included in the one-off adoption fee.

The cost to the RSPCA is £117 to ensure your kitty is healthy and £112 to check cottontails



(which includes vaccination against Myxi/VHD and VHD2).

Contact Alison on 07510 390872 and @ info@rspca-bedfordshiresouth.org.uk

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ANIMAL UPDATE!



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'Oh, Mum, this is a rubbish place for us to be born!' RSPCA collected young mum and kittens born among a pile of rubbish in Luton

The RSPCA collected a mum and her five kittens on Mother's Day, after she gave birth to the litter among a pile of rubbish in a underground area near to a hotel in Adelaide Street, Luton.

Thankfully, a member of the public had heard a faint sound of meowing near to the area, and when they went to investigate they discovered the mum and her kittens - which had clearly only just been born. RSPCA animal collection officer (ACO) Grace Mead, attended the location on the morning of Mother's Day to collect them, and they were taken to RSPCA Blackberry Farm, where they are now being cared for by staff at the centre. ACO Mead said: "We think mum, who has since been called Mamma Mia, had chosen the spot because it was hidden and out of the way, so she probably felt this was a safe place to give birth.



"Mum had nestled herself in between the rubbish and plastic, and had given birth to five little kittens. "Mum was just the sweetest thing, and very friendly. It is likely she was owned, but sadly she was not microchipped. "I put up posters in the area and have posted her details on Pets Located, in the hope that

her owner will get in touch." Anyone who has an information as to who might own the cat is urged to call the RSPCA inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018.



Please don't forget to visit our shop—donations always welcome and gratefully received!

Amphill Shop at 117 Dunstable Street, Amphill, Beds, MK45 2NG



We urgently need bric-a-brac!

40 Days—40 Items

Instead of giving up something for Lent this year, why not try the 40 days—40 Items challenge?

Each day of Lent, remove one item from your house which you don't need, use or wear and place it in a bag. At the end of Lent donate these items to our Amphill shop! Happy Easter!



In Luton—as a group we seem to have been involved in a few multi cat house jobs recently where we have helped in rehoming large numbers! Cats from which, going to Southridge, Blackberry Farm and Beds South Branch. From one address in Luton we have so far removed 15 cats and kittens (pictured right) where living conditions have been far from ideal and cats are left to continuously breed.

LASTLY, A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VALUED AND LOYAL SUPPORTERS—WE COULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ANIMALS IN NEED WITHOUT YOUR CONTINUED KINDNESS, CONTRIBUTIONS & CARE.

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