

#### Site

HMP Risley

#### Name of project / initiative

Feline Feral Friends

#### Overview

To help address problems with rodents in the prison, in partnership with the local Cats Protection League, we started housing feral cats in the grounds. The population has now grown to 33 cats in all. This eco-friendly project, introduced in 2017, is a humane way of controlling the vermin in the grounds and thus provide a decent environment for those who live and work here. It also gives prisoners a boost to their well-being and an opportunity to have access to animals, which is important to many of them. The cats are looked after by some of the staff, on a voluntary basis, and provide supplementary food as required.

#### Longevity

2017

#### Benefits

See "overview"

#### Uniqueness

We think we're the only prison doing this, on this scale – "we're the original and the best"!

#### Applicability

Anywhere could do it

#### Requirements

Links to local cat protection

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