

British Pub Signs featuring Cats

Gallery 3 (2005/2021)

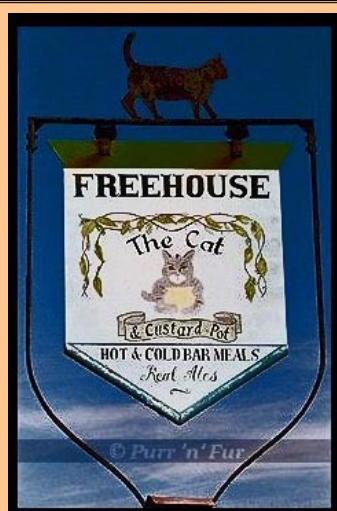
(page checked April 2026)



This clever, contemporary interpretation of the traditional **Cat & Fiddle** name (2005-06) is to be found at what looks to be quite a small pub in the centre of the Merseyside town of Bootle. The pub is situated at the foot of one of two large, high-rise office blocks.

Still operational in April 2026.

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2005 sign ↑

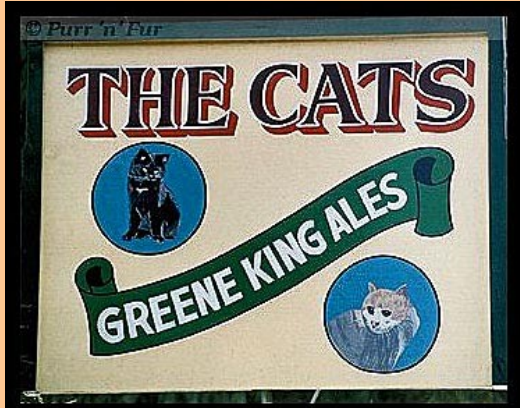


2015 signs ↑ ↓

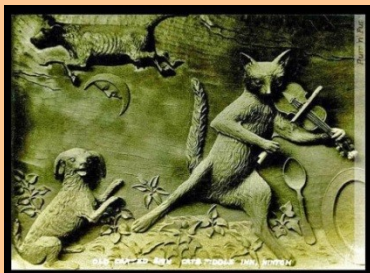


The **Cat & Custard Pot** (2005-06) Surprisingly, perhaps, this is one of two pubs with that unusual name. Although close to the busy port of Folkestone on England's south coast, the village of Paddlesworth, where this small pub is to be found, is very peaceful and rural. The pub's [own site](#) (archived copy) has a link to more information on the name. However, another pub of the same

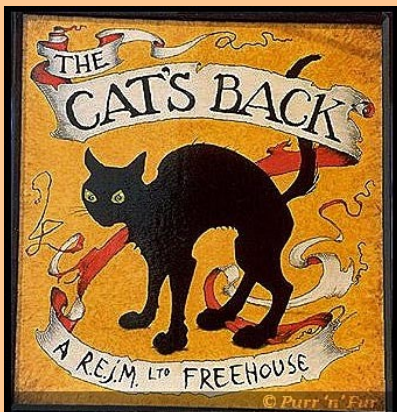
name in Gloucestershire (see *Gallery 2*) has a different theory about theirs. **Still operational in April 2026; sign looks the same.** [Facebook](#)



The Cats (2005-06) is an archetypal country pub tucked away off the beaten track in the tiny village of Woodham Walter in the county of Essex, near the town of Danbury. It's said to be so called because cats are good lickers — and there are good liquors inside the pub! There is a large model cat to greet visitors at the front, and see also the 'cat' perched on the roof. It looks a delightful place and is in a beautiful setting. **Still operational in April 2026; doesn't seem to have any current online presence.**



Cat & Fiddle (2007-08) The village of Hinton Admiral is close to Christchurch, a town on the south coast of Hampshire. As can be seen from the picture (*above left*) the two sides of the sign show the traditional nursery rhyme and a literal 'cat and fiddle', while the pub itself is a superb example of a thatched building. There is, or was, a nice relief panel over the door (image from an old postcard, *left*). **Still operational in April 2026.** [History \(archived\)](#) | [Instagram](#)

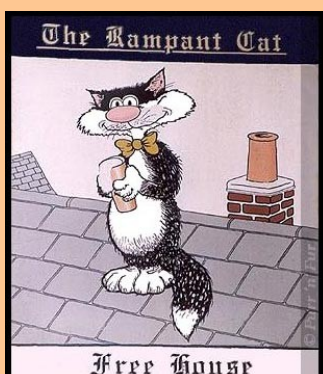


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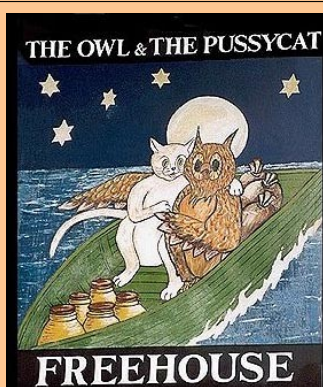


1999 sign ↑

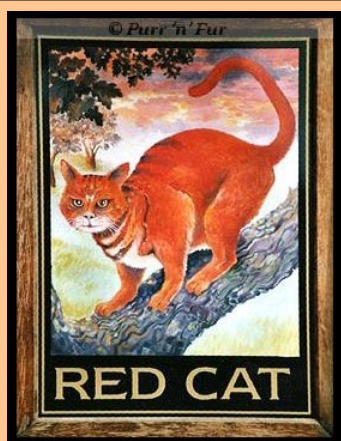
The **Cat's Back** (2005-06, *above*) is a small 'back-street' pub close to the river Thames in the south London district of Wandsworth. With an unusual name and an unusual sign, it was said to result from an occasion when the landlord's cat returned home after an absence of several months! **Still operational in April 2026.** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)



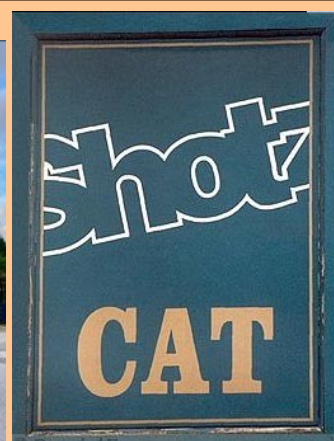
To add to the 'Romping Cat' — here's the **Rampant Cat** (2005-06), although he doesn't look too threatening! This country pub is to be found in the Berkshire village of Broad Layings, to the west of London in the region of Newbury. **Still operational in April 2026; sign probably changed .** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#).



The **Owl & Pussycat** (2005-06, *above*) This town pub with the delightful sign is in the Shoreditch district of east London. It's housed in a rather splendid building — a bit distorted by the wide-angle photograph (it's a narrow street) — and has become something of a popular venue for people from the City. **Operational in April 2026.** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#)



2006 sign ↑

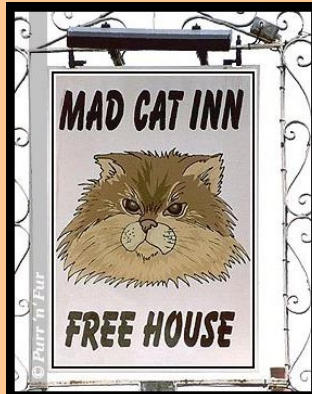


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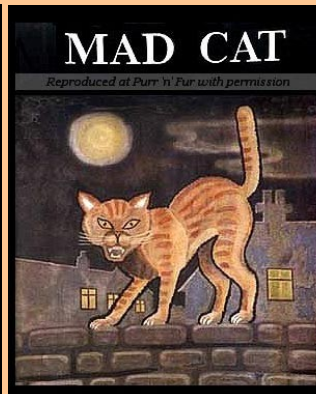
Previously known as the 'Shotz Cat', during 2006 this pub was refurbished and was renamed as the **Red Cat**, with a great new sign (*above left*). It's situated in Greasby, a village on the Wirral on the western outskirts of the city of Birkenhead (across the river Mersey from Liverpool).

Refurbished (again) 2019, still operational April 2026.

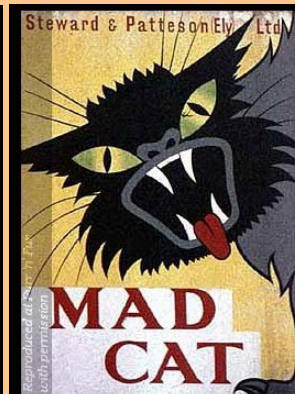
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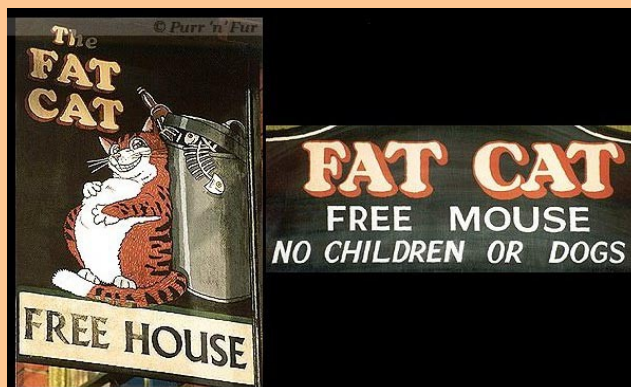
1990s sign ↑



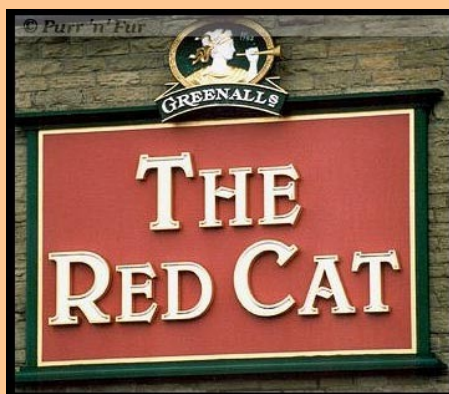
1980s sign ↑



Mad Cat The only pub found with this name is in the village of Pidley, in Cambridgeshire. Asked the origin of the name, the landlady said that many years ago it was known as the 'White Lion'. However, when a new sign was commissioned the animal depicted didn't look much like a lion, and someone remarked that it looked more like a mad cat! The name stuck and so today it remains the Mad Cat. **Still operational in April 2026.** [Facebook](#)



This amusing and original sign is to be found outside the **Fat Cat** in the East Anglian town of Ipswich, in the county of Suffolk. Note also the other sign declaring 'Free Mouse!' **Still operational in April 2026.** [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)



The **Red Cat** (2005-06) is in the unusually named village of Crank in Lancashire, to the north of the town of St Helens. There was no pictorial sign as such when I visited.

Restored and renovated under new management in late 2022; still operational in April 2026.

[St Helens Star](#) (Feb. 2025) | [Facebook](#).

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