



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2020 Period start date To 31 March 2021  
Period end date

Charity name: Cumberland Building Society Charitable Foundation

Charity registration number: 1072435

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the Charity are to promote such purposes as the trustees of the Charity shall from time to time determine, provided that each such purpose is exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales, and appears to the trustees of the Charity to be for the benefit of persons (including, without limitation, individuals and charitable corporations) or charitable unincorporated associations resident in or otherwise connected with Cumbria, Dumfriesshire, Lancashire and Northumberland and in particular such parts thereof as the trustees of the Charity from time to time determine to be those served by Cumberland Building Society (or any successor to its business).</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Charity has provided small grants to charities and/or charitable causes within it's operating area. Examples include A donation of £250 to Carlisle Covid-19 Community Action Group to help provide food parcels for families (circa 2000) in the local area who were severely impacted during school holidays because of the pandemic and would have been eligible for a free school meal during term time, and A donation of £200 to a local</li></ul>

		West Cumbrian Rotary Club to purchase outdoor bikes for Mayfield School and a specialist Autism school, both schools are based in West Cumbria, the donation was to help children build confidence and motor skills outdoors.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Charity has, through the giving of small grants directly to local grassroots organisations, enabled small projects which benefit local communities to achieve funding to further charitable purposes. Such small funding fills the niche between larger grants from national or regional charities, and self-fundraising which would be time-intensive for the beneficiaries of the Charity's grants. The Charity's grants have allowed the local grassroots organisations who have received the grants to continue to deliver their benefit to the community and wider society.
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity's financial position is strong. Accounts have been prepared showing income and expenditure.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Charity is wholly funded by Cumberland Building Society and exists to facilitate it's charitable giving and as a vehicle to assign windfall profits to on the event of de-mutualisation of the Society. The Charity has no ongoing obligations, overheads or commitments, and employs no staff. It is therefore not necessary or appropriate to hold reserves.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity</p> <p>Every charity trustee must be a natural person.</p> <p>No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO: if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of the constitution (i.e. is ineligible to be a trustee).</p> <p>No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.</p> <p>At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.</p> <p>Every charity trustee must be a director, officer or employee of Cumberland Building Society (or any successor to its business).</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

**Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Cumberland Building Society Charitable Foundation
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1072435
Charity's principal address	Cumberland House Cooper Way Parkhouse Carlisle CA3 0JF

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rebecca Towns	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Claire Deekes	Chairman	N/A	N/A
3	Lewis Benson	N/A	N/A	N/A
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None.		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None.		

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

**Additional information (optional)****Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C Deekes	
Full name(s)	CLAIRE DEEKES	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	25/1/2020	

**Cumberland Building Society Charitable Foundation**  
**(a charitable incorporated organisation)**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Registered Charity number 1072435

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Trust information

Charity number 1072435

Trustees  
Mr L Benson  
Ms R Towns  
Ms C Deekes

Registered office  
Cumberland House  
Cooper Way  
Parkhouse  
Carlisle  
CA3 0JF

Bankers  
Cumberland Building Society  
Cumberland House  
Cooper Way  
Parkhouse  
Carlisle  
CA3 0JF

## **Trustees' report**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The information on page 2 forms part of the Trustees' Report.

The accounts in the current year are prepared under FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

## **Structure, governance and management**

The Cumberland Building Society Charitable Foundation ('the Foundation') was incorporated on 12 November 1998 as a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. On 7 October 2019, the Foundation converted to a community interest organisation, and its existing trustees either resigned by virtue of their ineligibility to hold office under the Foundation's new constitution, or subsequently resigned after appointing replacement trustees. At 31 March 2021 there are three trustees, all of whom are employees of Cumberland Building Society.

The Trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 2.

## **Objectives and activities for the public benefit**

The objectives of the Foundation are to hold the capital and income on trust, to apply the income and/or capital for charitable purposes and to make donations to charitable causes for the benefit of persons living within the Society's operating region of Cumbria, Dumfriesshire, Lancashire (Preston and Lancaster area) and Northumberland (Haltwhistle area). The current policy of the Trustees is to make a relatively large number of small donations across the whole of the geographical areas above, with a view to reaching local community groups, where often small donations of funds can have significant impacts. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year ahead.

## **Achievements and future plans**

The Foundation aims to distribute all funds, depending on the number and suitability of requests received.

In line with its objectives above the Foundation has made 48 donations for public benefit with an average value of approximately £508. In the period the Foundation reviewed 231 requests for funding. Donations were made throughout the Foundation's geographical area and were monitored to make sure that all areas were appropriately covered.

Two examples of the many grants made for public benefit are:

- A donation of £250 was given to Carlisle Covid-19 Community Action Group to help provide food parcels for families (circa 2000) in the local area who were severely impacted during school holidays because of the pandemic and would have been eligible for a free school meal during term time.
- A donation of £200 was given to a local West Cumbrian Rotary Club to purchase outdoor bikes for Mayfield School and a specialist Autism school, both schools are based in West Cumbria, the donation was to help children build confidence and motor skills outdoors.

## **Financial Review**

The Foundation has received income of £23,875, made donations of £23,875 to charitable causes during the year in line with the Foundation's objectives and incurred no administrative expenses.

### Reserves policy

The Foundation is able to distribute all remaining funds after paying any administrative expenses incurred which have not been paid for by the Cumberland Building Society. The Trustees consider all reserves to be free reserves.

The Trustees believe that a Building Society deposit account is the most appropriate form of investment because in line with the reserves policy noted above monies are held for relatively short periods and grants are made as quickly as possible after the receipt of applications. Monies available for investment therefore need to be easily accessible, to be low risk and have low transaction costs all of which are met by a deposit account strategy.

### **Grant making policy**

The Foundation has an established grant making policy to achieve its objects as stated above for the public benefit. To make donations to charitable institutions and causes within the local area as specified above in such a manner that the Trustees in their absolute discretion see fit.


### **Risk management**

The Trustees have identified and considered the major risks to which the Foundation is exposed and reviewed the procedures in place to manage the risks.

### **Trustee appointment and removal**

The power for the appointment or removal of Trustees lies with the Board of Trustees and is set out in rules 10 and 12 of the Foundation's Constitution.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

  
..... 2021

Claire Deekes  
Chairman of the Trustees

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association and charity law, the Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Foundation and of the excess of expenditure over income for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" entails that the Trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Foundation will continue in business.

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Foundation, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Foundation at that time, and to enable the Trustees to ensure that, statements of accounts are prepared by them under the relevant law. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Foundation and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)**

For the year to 31 March

	Note	2021 £ Unrestricted Funds	2020 £ Unrestricted Funds
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>			
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Investment income	3	-	-
Donations received	4	23,875	23,412
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Total Incoming Resources		23,875	23,412
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<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>			
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>			
Grants and Donations	5	(23,875)	(23,412)
Administrative Expenses		-	-
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Total Charitable Expenditure		(23,875)	(23,412)
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Net (expenditure)/income for the year		-	-
Total funds at beginning of period		-	-
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Total funds at end of period		-	-
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There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year.

The results are wholly derived from the continuing operations of the Charity.

The statement of financial activities incorporates an income and expenditure account. All funds are unrestricted.

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Trustees' report and financial statements  
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	2021 £	2020 £
Balance Sheet as at 31 March		
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand	-	-
Cash held by CCF	-	-
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<u>Net assets</u>	-	-
	=====	=====
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Accumulated unrestricted funds	-	-
	=====	=====

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ..... 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:



Claire Deekes  
Chairman of the Trustees

25.1.2022

## Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

### 1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include certain items at fair value, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019)" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 1993.

The Charity meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it. Exemptions have been taken in relation to the presentation of a cash flow statement as the gross income is below the required threshold of £500k.

#### Donations

Donations are accounted for as they are received. Any related tax credits are accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### Charitable Expenditure

Charitable grants and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when Trustees convey their intention to pay a donation to a recipient.

#### Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds. These funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

#### Taxation

The Foundation is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

## 2. Critical Accounting Adjustments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond the accounting policies listed above.

3.	<u>Investment income</u>	2021	2020
		£	£
	Income earned on current account and notice account	-	-
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		-	-
		=====	=====
4.	<u>Donations received</u>	2021	2020
		£	£
	Donation from Cumberland Building Society	23,875	23,412
	Returned donations	-	-
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		23,875	28,220
		=====	=====
5.	<u>Charitable Expenditure</u>	2021	2020
		£	£
	Institutional Charitable Donations (48 donations 20120-21)	23,875	23,412
	Administrative Expenses	-	-
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		23,875	23,412
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There were 2 donations made over £1,000 in 2021 (2020: 3).

Donations were made across all the geographical areas as referred to in the Objectives and activities section of the Trustees' Report. The smallest donation was £5 and the largest £15,000. Donations made included those to small community groups encompassing, children's activities, and grants for the disabled as well as a variety of other activities.

6. Administrative Expenses

No administrative expenses were incurred in 2021. In 2020 £0 was incurred with Cumbria Community Foundation who were appointed to administer the grant applications and payments on behalf of the Foundation. Their expenses were paid directly by Cumberland Building Society and this has been treated as a donation in these financial statements. None of the Trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in either year.

The Charity does not employ any staff. Other administrative services such as accounts preparation and provision of meeting rooms for the Trustees are met by the Cumberland Building Society, but these gifts in kind are small and not valued, nor are the related expenditure recognised in these financial statements.

7. Related Party Transactions

Donations from Cumberland Building Society are disclosed in note 4 above. As referred to in note 5, the Society also provides administrative services to the company for which it receives no fee.