

DEVON WEAVERS WORKSHOP

England & Wales · Charity number 1108423

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-03-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. To advance the education of all members of the public in the subjects of hand-weaving and hand-spinning by providing and assisting in the provisions of facilities, teaching and equipment for these crafts. 2. To establish and maintain a weaving workshop in South Devon which will have public access for exhibitions, teaching and craft day venues. 3. To develop and encourage the use of modern, innovative technology such as the use of computers and alternative materials and equipment in the production and design of textiles and related hand-crafted items.

Activities: Weaving workshop for members, instruction in weaving and related subjects from Beginners to Advanced. Exhibitions, and Sales of members work. Demonstrating weaving to adults and children at Contemporary Craft Fair, and other Exhibitions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE DEVON.
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£44,754	£45,709	-	-
2024-10-31	£35,040	£39,716	-	-
2023-10-31	£59,263	£38,609	-	-
2022-10-31	£59,460	£29,638	-	-
2021-10-31	£28,166	£21,652	-	-
2020-10-31	£20,244	£17,482	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Margaret Marion Cushen	Chair	2018-11-24
COLLEEN YVONNE POPE		
Jacqueline Marie Thomas		2021-11-20
Janet Thomas		2014-11-20
Jennifer Jane Rolfe		2014-11-20
Jill Davies		2014-11-24
KAY BALMFORTH		
Paula Williams Mrs		2022-11-30
Sareela Salter		2014-11-20
Trina Furre		2024-11-23
Valerie Bird		2024-11-23

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Chair's report to Devon Weavers Workshop Annual General Meeting 25th April 2026

I'd like to welcome everyone who has made the effort to attend this AGM. I'm always surprised by how many people do come each year, I think the shared lunch is the draw!

This will be my last AGM as chairperson, having served for 6 years and with a new 6 year lease agreed with the landlord.

When we proposed taking on the lease for unit 9 as well as unit 8, the landlords agreed to vary our lease to make that commitment for 3 years. This was to give us time to evaluate whether the extra financial liability was sustainable for us long term. We set the objective to break even this year, which we have not quite achieved, as Jackie will explain in her report. However, the trend is very much in the right direction (even if due to a generous donation) and we have only used a very small portion of our reserves, to balance our income and expenditure.

The new lease is for 6 years with a break clause at year 3. The rent will increase over the 6 years so we will need to be careful in our spending and ensuring that our income generation continues to improve.

The workshop depends on the active participation of everyone, within each person's capacity. Signing up to clean the workshop once a year, helping for half a day with a beginner's course, at the children's tent at Bovey craft fair, or at Birdwood House and of course, taking the odd course to improve your skills- all these things help the workshop increase the public's awareness of the craft and ensure the smooth running of the workshop for members.

This year we helped over 200, mainly but not exclusively children, create a bookmark during the 3 days of the Bovey Craft Fair. We started 20 new weavers on their weaving journey with our beginner's courses, many of whom I am happy to say, have joined us as associates and are using the workshop facilities. We have helped the spinners improve their skills through the carding course. We hope to continue offering a variety of opportunities for members to spin, dye weave and make- with the support of members days/ courses. If there is something you would like to learn, or could offer to teach, please talk to one of the committee.

I'd like to thank the trustees and members who have supported me in the role of Chair, especially Ann Bullied who was our secretary for many years. I would also like to thank Jane Unwin who is stepping down as a trustee. Jane supported Jill Davies with advanced courses then managed the organisation of advanced courses and took on responsibility for beginner's courses. Her contribution has been much appreciated.

I must not forget to thank Val Bird for offering to become a trustee and having seen how the trustees group works, is willing to step into the role of chairperson.

Succession planning has been a drum I've been beating for a number of years! We need a few more people willing to be charity trustees who might in time, allow others to step back, as the new trustees take on roles in that group.

Margaret Cushen

DWW chair 2026

TAX & ACCOUNTS

Mrs J Thomas
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Our ref: 00116.1/CJR

Date: 30 March 2026

Dear Jackie

DEVON WEAVERS WORKSHOP

I enclose 2 copies of the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2025, together with my signed Independent Examiner's Report. Please sign and return to me, one copy for my file.

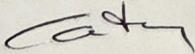
I have reallocated some items of expenditure in the accounts, which I believe to be in line with earlier years' analysis.

I have the following points to bring to your attention

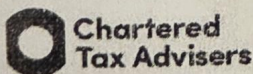
1. I have shown the sales of weavers' stock at shows as gross sales, and the payments to sellers are also shown as a gross figure.
2. Insurance includes payments to the Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers for the year ending 31 December 2024 and a payment for the year ending 31 December 2025. No provision is included in the accounts to recognise the prepaid amounts.
3. The accounts show that there was a deficit of £956 reducing the Fund balance to £75,828.

If you have any queries on the above, please contact me, and in the meantime I enclose my fee note for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely



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Director



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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Devon Weavers Workshop

On accounts for the year ended

31/10/25

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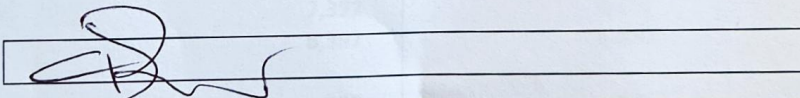
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Signed:



Name:

Catherine J Rayner

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if any):

Chartered Tax Adviser

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DEVON WEAVERS WORKSHOP

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Receipts & Payments Account For the Year Ending 31 October 2025

INCOME		2025	2024
Subscriptions	full	8,671 full	8,303
	assoc	2,750 assoc	2,907
Course fees	adv	9,434	14,250
	beg	8,050	5,250
Fees outstanding from 2023			1,200
		17,484	20,700
Printing		8,785	7,503
Sales/misc			
Journal		5,085	436
Donations & Legacy		1,978	2,272
Deposit account interest		44,754	42,120
	total		
EXPENDITURE			
Purchases		934	-
Rent & service charges		21,354	21,450
Electricity		1,779	2,754
Internet		677	523
Running costs	1 ess	96 ess	269
	2 oth	3,149 oth	3,707
		1,898	867
Insurance/Affiliation			
Journal/mags/books		265	161
Exhibi/fairs		1,318	1,017
Admin (treasurer))			186
Course expenses		7,392	8,027
Payments to sellers		6,397	5,509
Paypal & Card charges			
Accountancy		450	450
		45,709	44,921
	total		
		-956	-2,800
Deficit transferred to General Fund			

Notes.

Bank account (Lloyds Business a/c)	£9,192.82	01/11/2024
	£6,259.24	31/10/2025
	<u>-£2,933.58</u>	
Net transactions	£15,601.94	01/11/2024
Bank Account (Lloyds Business Saving)	£0.00	
transfer from Current	£134.58	
Interest	£15,736.52	31/10/2025

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Update for Members.

2024 has been an exciting year with lots of changes to the membership. Welcome to all you new weavers. We look forward to seeing more of your lovely work. We have been settling into our extended unit and moving the furniture around so that we can comfortably run our courses without tripping over one another.

On 31st October 2023 the balance of our current account was £10,261.28 and on 31st October 2024 it was £9,192.92, so it has reduced by £1068.36. Our Lloyds savings account has decreased from £60,321.10 to £15,601.94 because I transferred £40,000 into a longer term savings account with a higher interest rate of 5% which has earned £1991.37 interest, and £5000 to the current account.

Our budgeted income and expenditure are as follows:

Budgeted Income: £48,252 Actual income: £35,040

Budgeted Expenses: £43,140 Actual expenses: £39,716

Budgeted Net Profit: £5,112 Actual Net loss: (£4,699)

It has been a difficult year financially, mainly because the courses have been slow to fill. We have never seen this before in our 18 year history. In the past we have easily filled all the courses and had

a reserve list. This year we have been struggling to fill them and that has had a huge impact on our finances. Our course income is £15,249 below what we budgeted for this financial year, however the corresponding course expenses were down too by £1932.71. I believe that this is due to the current economic climate rather than the quality of our courses. We have had fantastic tutors who have given us very stimulating courses. Many other organisations and weaving course providers are also having difficulties with filling their courses, or people booking at the last minute. To try and combat this and keep our finances secure and predictable, we are offering an early bird discount of 5% off any course bookings made more than 6 months prior to the course start date. We have also increased our advertising budget to bring in more bookings from non-members. Unfortunately, one course had to be cancelled completely due to the tutor being unavailable.

Kay, Sareela and Gail have helped hugely by offering member led courses to boost our income. These are much cheaper than the external ones, because we don't have to pay the tutor's fees, their travel and accommodation. We have had one on Deflected Doubleweave which made a profit of £713 and the Weave a Gift one which has just finished will make £600 (before expenses).

I would like to point out that the majority of our income comes from course sales. Membership fees nowhere near cover our costs, so please do support your group by attending the courses and encouraging others to come too. If you have any ideas for new courses or would like to teach one yourself, please do talk to Paula Williams our new advanced course organiser who will only be too pleased to discuss it with you.

During this year we have welcomed some new tutors - James Donald and Sharon Kearley were particularly well received. James taught "Sashiko" and Sharon Kearley did two courses - "Twills" and "Texture and Structure". Angie Parker taught "Krokbragd" in November '23 and January '24 although her courses were all sold out before the start of this financial year. Margo Selby was as popular as ever and taught us "Colour Theory and Weave". Laura Thomas taught us some interesting variations of "Doubleweave on a Pointed Draft". The courses which filled completely, made profits in the region of £2000, but those that didn't still made a smaller profit of £800 to £1000. We will reluctantly cancel any course if it is predicted to make a loss. Overall the net income this financial year from advanced courses was £4778.09. As ever some income and expenses will be accounted for in the previous and subsequent financial years.

3 beginners courses were also taught by Colleen Pope and Margaret Cushen with lots of willing helpers, for which we are very grateful. Thank you to Gail Bryant for organising these courses. They earn us a good proportion of our income. Numbers were down on these too. We only had 2 attendees in February, 5 in June and 2 in September, however we gained several new members from them. Our net income in this financial year was £3,044.66 for the beginners courses.

Much of the income from our "Let's get Technical" spinning course which Jackie and Chris ran came in the previous financial year, but we did get a further £375.45 this year. Thank you to Chris and Jackie for your hard work running these. At the time of writing Christina Chisholm is yet to run her "Spinning for a Purpose and Consistency course", but by the time I read this to you, she will have delivered it! It has taken £1564.25 in income so far this financial year, with at least 1 more booking and Christina's expenses to come next year.

There were two sales – one at Birdwood house and the other at the Contemporary Craft fair. They are great ways of advertising what we do, recruiting new members for the workshop and course attendees. We take a commission on all sales made by members at the exhibitions to cover our stand expenses. Most of the sales more or less break even. Birdwood 2024 is the 3rd to 7th

December this year. Many thanks to Kay and Sareela for their hard work in organising these sales and together with their helpers putting on such a fantastic display. Thanks to all the members who supported them by selling their lovely woven and spun items. It would be great to see lots of members submitting their work for sale.

As expected our rent has not increased this year and will remain at £21,354 per annum including VAT and the service charge until the 20th January 2026 when our lease is due for renewal. At this point we are hoping to be bringing in enough income to cover the increased rent and other expenses.

Electricity is still a significant expense for us, so please do use the heaters sparingly. We spent £2,850.20 last financial year.

South Hams District Council have continued to support us and have kindly given us a discretionary discount so that our business rates remain at £0.

We did have some issues with the printer using huge amounts of ink. We spent £345.52 on ink, but hardly any on paper, so we think that the ink has been drying up in the nozzles and the cartridges were being discarded before they were empty. We have recently purchased a new printer, so we are hoping that it will be a big improvement. Please don't forget to put your money in the elephant piggy bank if you use the printer.

The Xero bookkeeping package is working well and we are able to get reports on our financial well-being quite easily now.

Membership has stayed static numbers wise, but the individuals making up those numbers have changed frequently. Some have changed to full and others reduced to associate. We now have 32 full members (4 more), 42 associates (4 fewer) and 3 honorary members. Welcome to all who have joined us this year. We do hope that you will enjoy weaving with us and do get involved in helping run the workshop.

This financial year has been a challenge, but we have been extremely busy. As we are a non profit, self-financing group, funded only by subscriptions, income from courses and grants won on start up (over 10 years ago now – which provided equipment) we use any profits to further develop the workshop for members and the wider community. Our Associate membership enables an affordable introduction for new weavers and spinners.

Margaret Cushen (Chair) on behalf of the Trustees.

Profit and Loss

Devon Weavers Workshop
For the year ended 31 October 2024

Prepared by Jackie Thomas

Profit and Loss

Devon Weavers Workshop For the year ended 31 October 2024

	2024	2023
Turnover		
Advanced course income	12,675	18,676
Associate Membership fees	2,907	2,613
Beginners courses	4,900	6,908
Full/Trustee Membership fees	8,303	7,291
Interest Income	2,272	356
Member's stock	(15)	15
Other Revenue and donations	536	16,147
Sales/Misc	1,887	1,066
Spinners advanced course	1,575	690
Spinners beginners course	-	530
Total Turnover	35,040	54,292
Gross Profit	35,040	54,292
Administrative Costs		
Admin	186	105
Advertising & Marketing	871	266
Audit & Accountancy fees	777	705
Bank Fees	395	503
Course Expenses	8,027	5,820
Discretionary costs	2,581	3,078
Electricity	2,850	1,712
Essential running costs	269	325
Exhibition/Fair	895	1,106
Insurance	867	1,491
Rent & Service Charge	21,354	16,261
Storage	-	508
Subscriptions Journal Mags/Books	121	558
Telephone & Internet	523	545
Total Administrative Costs	39,716	32,982
Operating Profit	(4,676)	21,310
Other Income		
Sales holding account	(22)	-
Total Other Income	(22)	-
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(4,699)	21,310
Profit after Taxation	(4,699)	21,310

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On accounts for the year ended

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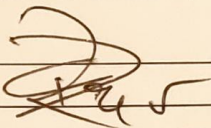
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England & Wales - Charity number 1108423

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period From 1 st November 2022 to 31st October 2023

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The Workshop itself is the driving force. It provides open access to its members, a space for weavers to work and experiment on the looms and equipment the group owns; to learn on courses, from each other and from the extensive reference and lending library; to meet and support fellow weavers on projects and other aspects of their creative lives. The Spinners group meet fortnightly in the Workshop. They get together to socialise, compare projects, and teach each other new techniques. They have also been helping each other to complete Foundation Certificate in Spinning from the Association of Weaver's Spinners and Dyers.

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In this period we received an additional generous bequest from a past member which is shown in the accounts Paula Williams (secretary) on behalf of the Trustees

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Receipts & Payments Account For the Year Ending 31 October 2023

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Subscriptions	full	7,291 full	6,785
	assoc	2,613 assoc	1,559
Course fees	adv	19,366	6,000
	beg	7,438	4,925
Less fees outstanding		-1,191	0
Less refunds		0	-630
		<u>25,613</u>	<u>10,295</u>
Printing			5
Sales/misc		8,659	7,022
Journal			80
Donations		14,731	33,708
Deposit account interest		356	<u>6</u>
	Total	<u>59,263</u>	<u>59,460</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Rent & service charges		16,261	9,162
Electricity		1,712	1,281
Internet		545	440
Running costs	essential	935	1,292
	other	3,464	2,130
Insurance/Affiliation		1,491	805
Journal/mags/books		558	453
Exhibi/fairs		1,106	1,498
Admin (treasurer))		105	70
Course expenses		5,820	6,441
Payments to sellers		6,162	5,493
Paypal & Card charges			123
Accountancy		450	450
	Total	<u>38,609</u>	<u>29,638</u>
Surplus transferred to General Fund		<u>20,654</u>	<u>29,822</u>

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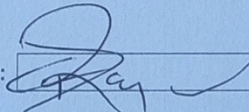
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subscriptions		full	6,785		6,670
		assoc	1,559		1,160
Course fees	adv		6,000	16,795	
	beg		4,925	525	
Less refunds			-630	-2,361	14,959
Printing			5		19
Sales/misc			7,022		3,012
Journal			80		32
Donations			33,708		0
Deposit account interest			6		0
		total	59,460		25,852
EXPENDITURE					
Rent & service charges			9,162		6,872
Electricity			1,281		626
Internet			440		407
Running costs	1 ess		1,292		696
	2 oth		2,130		355
Insurance/Affiliation			805		765
Journal/mags/books			453		276
Exhibi/fairs			1,498		155
Admin (treasurer))			70		42
Course expenses			6,441		6,690
Payments to sellers			5,493		2,407
Paypal & Card charges			123		47
Accountancy			450		450
		total	29,638		19,789
Surplus transferred to General Fund			29,822		6,064

Notes.

Bank account (Lloyds Business a/c)	£17,467.85	01/11/2021
	£13,645.90	31/10/2022
Net transactions	-£3,821.95	
Bank Account (Lloyds Business Saving)	£11,639.57	01/11/2021
Donation	33,638.26	
Interest	6.42	
	£45,284.25	31/10/2022

Independent Examiner's Report

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members of

Charity Name
Devon Weavers Workshop

On accounts for the year ended

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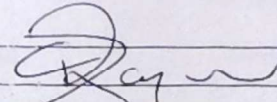
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DEVON WEAVERS WORKSHOP

England & Wales - Charity number 1108423

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021

Charity name: Devon Weavers Workshop

Charity registration number: 1108423

Objectives and Activities

	SORP ref	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Our Charitable Objects as set out in the Constitution are:</p> <p>(a) To advance the education of all members of the public in the subject of hand-weaving and hand-spinning by providing and assisting in the provisions of facilities, teaching and equipment for these crafts.</p> <p>(b) To establish and maintain a weaving workshop in South Devon which will have public access for exhibitions, teaching and craft day venues.</p> <p>(c) To develop and encourage the use of modern, innovative technology such as the use of computers and alternative materials and equipment in the production and design of textiles and related hand-crafted items.</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	<p>Devon Weavers Workshop is a registered charity run on a self-help, voluntary basis by its 60 members, who mostly come from the rural parts of South Devon. It is a unique model which has evolved and blossomed since it first began in January 2005 thanks to the enthusiasm, friendship, good humour and sheer hard work of those involved.</p> <p>The Workshop itself is the driving force. It provides open access to its members, a space for weavers to work and experiment on the looms and equipment the group owns; to learn on courses, from each other and from the extensive reference and lending library; to meet and support fellow weavers on projects and other aspects of their creative lives.</p> <p>The Spinners group meet fortnightly in the Workshop. They get together to socialise, compare projects, and teach each other new techniques. They have also been helping each other to complete Foundation Certificate in Spinning from the Association of Weaver's Spinners and Dyers. Currently, 3 members are working their way through the course, and already several members have passed with distinction.</p> <p>Looms and spinning equipment are taken to local events and venues where the public are encouraged to 'have-a-go'. Octogenarians to three-year-olds have enjoyed their first weaving</p>

		<p>and spinning experience this way and some have subsequently been inspired to sign-up for our beginner's weaving course or join the spinners group.</p> <p>When the Spinners demonstrate at shows we usually have an exhibit that educates the public about the sustainability of wool, information on the wool trade, we often undertake challenges, such as the sheep to shoulder challenge where we had a sheep sheared, spun the wool and knitted a jumper in just over 6 hours.</p> <p>Within the Workshop we encourage an atmosphere which stimulates creativity and the freedom to experiment and develop, including the use of new technology and yarns. Experienced weavers and spinners are on hand to advise and support new weavers and spinners, and the Workshop regularly organises beginners, intermediate and advanced weaving courses, with internationally recognised tutors coming from all over the world to teach on the premises (see our website).</p> <p>Our aim is to promote the art of hand-weaving and hand-spinning by exhibiting our work and teaching and inspiring others. We are a non-profit making, largely self-financing group, funded only by subscriptions, income from courses and grants won on start-up, which provided some equipment. Most small profits achieved are ploughed back into the Workshop via the purchase of small items of equipment and books. Our two-tier subscription system makes us affordable for those who are learning but are unable to use the Workshop on a regular basis. Costs are kept to a minimum because members give their services free of charge. We do not employ staff. Our door is open to visitors any time our members are present.</p> <p>Mainly thanks to a National Lottery Award in 2005, the Workshop owns 10 eight shaft Louët looms, complete with stands and benches. These have levers for hand-operation and are perfect on which to teach beginners to weave and are also used extensively for sample weaving during our other courses. These looms are also used in the children's tent at the Contemporary Craft Festival. We usually get a really good response and send back to the children (at our own expense) some 200 samples annually.</p> <p>Our second National Lottery Award in 2008 helped provide us with a computer-driven, 16 shaft Louët Megado loom which has enabled many of our more advanced weavers to use their textile software skills to great advantage and produce some beautifully complex textiles. We also received funding from the Laura Ashley Foundation to assist with the purchase of a mechanical dobbie loom.</p> <p>Some of our looms are so heavily used that we will need to embark on a gradual replacement (selling off old looms to help with the cost) programme in the future.</p>
Statement confirming whether the	Para 1.18	The trustees aim to ensure that we are attending a range of fairs and exhibitions and offering suitable courses for people with a variety of interests and abilities.

trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		<p>We are mindful of the needs of our beneficiaries when choosing how to allocate our funds. At the forefront of our considerations are how we can improve the weaving and spinning experience for our members. Also, how we can promote the skills of hand-weaving and hand-spinning to a larger audience and advance the innovative work in both areas.</p> <p>We keep the Workshop open with our members' support; but you do not need to be a member to learn to weave or spin, nor to visit us and discuss any issues you may have about these activities.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP ref	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Our volunteers are essential to our activities for example, they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaching of beginners 2. Steward at exhibitions and fairs 3. Mentor newer weavers and spinners, students etc 4. Generally, offer support to other members at times of stress etc.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP ref	
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	<p>2020/2021 has been a strange year for DWW. We now have 60 members, many of whom are older and for whom weaving and spinning are an important learning and communal activity.</p> <p>We are pleased that despite the Covid 19 pandemic and when allowed, people have been able to access the Workshop in a safe manner. Once we were allowed to open, we limited the numbers using the space through a booking system and introduced a rigorous cleaning regime for everyone who went there.</p> <p>The Spinners group has managed to keep going through the Covid crisis, by meeting either outside, or at Harberton Parish Hall. We have followed the rules by initiating a booking system and we had zoom meetings when we were unable to meet. Many of our group live in more isolated and rural areas and perhaps fall into the high risk category and so being able to socialise in a safe way has often been a lifeline to our members.</p>

		<p>Subscriptions in FY 2020/21 did not cover the essential outgoings (rent, utilities, insurance and internet). So we continue to rely on income generated from courses run by external weaving tutors and by our own members. However, it is important to stress that we do not aim to make profit. In 2020/21 we generated a profit of just over £5,600, which is unusually high. This is because we had to delay courses because of Covid and so we 'held onto' their fees for a longer period before paying out expenses.</p> <p>In 2021 we managed to hold advanced courses (professional paid weaving tutors often from all over the world) having not done so in 2020. Laura Thomas ran two online sessions for us in the spring. They were fully subscribed and went well. Margo Selby ran one course, her second was postponed until November due to Covid. Jason Collingwood ran two back-to-back courses. These were all to a reduced number of students to ensure a safe environment and hence a reduced income.</p> <p>Beginner weaving courses as such were not held but plans are in place to start teaching again on a 2 to 2 basis run by volunteers from the workshop. There has been much interest over the period and people have waited patiently for us to start this tuition again.</p> <p>Much support is free and ongoing as members help others and share their knowledge.</p> <p>The trustees have met regularly on zoom, keeping our financial position and the Covid situation under review. Our successful Blackjack group (using random cards to determine weave structures) moved online too. It encourages members to be inventive with design.</p>
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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

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Our income for the financial year ending 31st October 2021 was £28,165.86 and our expenditure over the same period totalled £21,652.06.</p> <p>Our surplus over the period was £6,513.80, but that included the fees from one of the courses which had still to be held.</p> <p>Rent/service charge: We pay £763.50 rent per month plus £63.50 service charge (including VAT). Our landlords kindly reduced our rent by 50% for 5 months. This saved us £2,290.50 in rental payments during the year. Our next rent review is due in January/February 2023.</p> <p>Running costs: Our running costs include Microsoft Office, electricity etc. The cost of electricity is down because the Workshop has been closed or we have had reduced opening. Other running costs include our weaving and other consumables and Covid supplies. We have changed our internet supplier to BT which has given us a small annual saving in cost.</p> <p>Any other expenditure is largely on equipment maintenance (running costs), books, yarns (sales), course expenses (external tutor fees) and advertising to ensure we can provide opportunities for our members and the wider public to learn about our craft.</p> <p>Exhibition/Fairs: Our payments for stands have been carried over, and so our costs have been lower than normal. We have paid for Birdwood this year, but sales will feature in the next financial year's income.</p> <p>Courses: Our income from courses has been high, Laura Thomas ran two online sessions; Jason Collingwood took two rug weaving courses and Margo Selby has taken one and her second course was delayed until the next financial year. Beginners' courses have been on hold for much of the year.</p> <p>Income from membership: We have received very strong support from members, this has ensured that our income has remained stable. We currently have 24 full members and 34 associates and a couple of honorary members. Subscriptions are mostly paid monthly by BACS.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>We hold reserves in our business bank account for unforeseen expenditure that may occur. For example, the replacement or maintenance of looms and equipment; payment of rent (and other regular outgoings) should income fall or should the lease on our Workshop end unexpectedly or rent/service</p>

		charges rise. We aim to hold approximately £10,000 in reserve.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the 31 st October 2021 we had £11,639.57 in reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	Principal source of funding is via membership fees and profit (small) from the courses we arrange. We have been very grateful to South Hams District Council for support through the national Covid scheme. This helped us keep going during the height of the lockdowns. We are always on the lookout for grant funding opportunities but until last year none have been available recently. We do not have investments.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Our principal financial risk is that our membership and course income fall below our expenditure. We are committed to paying rent and service charges, electricity etc for the Workshop. It is a balance to keep our course fees as low as we can and yet cover our expenses and make a bit of 'profit' to fund our public exhibitions etc. We have public liability insurance to cover any incidents in the Workshop. With the amount of equipment in the Workshop we are very careful about health and safety and have a member who, although not a trustee, advises us on any potential issues.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution agreed in 2005, updated in 2015 and amended in 2021.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association.

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	Trustees and officers are elected by the members at the AGM and hold office for a period of 5 years. They can be re-elected at the end of their term.
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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	New trustees are given a copy of the constitution and encouraged to read the Charity Commission publications about the role and responsibilities of trustees. They are supported by our other trustees of longer standing.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Workshop is run by the Committee which is formed by the Trustees. These include the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Devon Weavers Workshop is a member of the national Association of Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Devon Weavers Workshop
Other name the charity uses	DWW
Registered charity number	1108423
Charity's principal address	8 Coombe Park, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 7DY

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	Margaret Cushen	Chair		
2	Colleen Pope	Treasurer		
3	Kay Balmforth	Exhibitions and website		
4	Ann Holl	Workshop Bookings		
5	Jill Davies	Advanced Courses		
6	Jenny Rolfe	Beginners Courses		
7	Sareela Salter	Library		
8	Janet Thomas	Equipment		
9	Jane Unwin	Spinners Rep		
10	Anne Bulleid	Secretary		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not Applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Not applicable		

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

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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)	Margaret Cushen	Anne Bulleid
Full name(s)	Margaret Marion Cushen	Carol Anne Bulleid
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 19th April 2022

DEVON WEAVERS WORKSHOP

(Registered Charity - No 1108423)

Colleen Pope

Treasurer

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31.10.2021

INCOME		2020/21
subscriptions	full	£6,670.00
	associate	£1,160.00
course fees	advanced	£16,795.00
	beginners	£525.00
daily payment		£0.00
spinners		£0.00
printing		£19.01
sales/misc		£2,964.85
journal	*	£32.00
Xmas 2018		£0.00
Govt grant		£0.00
elec VAT refund		£0.00
	<u>total</u>	<u>£28,165.86</u>

EXPENDITURE

Rent with service charge		£6,871.53
Electricity		£626.28
Internet		£407.13
Running costs	1 essential	£695.79
	2 discretionar	£330.46
Insurance/Affiliation		£765.15
Journal/mags/books		£276.19
Exhibi/fairs		£154.80
Admin (treasurer))		£42.15
Course expenses/refunds		£9,075.98
Sales		£2,406.60
Xmas 2018		£0.00
	<u>total</u>	<u>£21,652.06</u>

surplus transferred to general fund

£6,513.80

* 1 payment outstanding of £16.00 carried forward

Notes.

Rent/Service charge.

We pay £763.50/month (£700 rent + £63.50 service inc VAT). Feb to July rent was reduced to 50% by the landlords. This saved us £2290.5 in rental payments. Rent review Jan/Feb 2023 (halfway through lease)

Running costs.

1. 'Essential' running costs: Includes Microsoft Office subs (£33.12), mobile phone (new contract £5/6 per month until Feb, then £10/12 until Aug 2023) , safety (£285 PAT and fire), website (£372)
2. 'Other' running costs: Includes expenditure on consumables such as tea,coffee, biscuits, covid supplies , advertising , misc such as key and supplies for sales events (bags, leaflets).
The workshop has been closed/ reduced operations for much of the year, so expenditure on running costs is lower than in previous years.

Electricity

£626 is down on previous years. Last invoice was August 2021. Aug-Oct electricity will be paid for in next FY.

Internet

Service now provided by BT with small saving in annual cost.

Exhibition/Fairs

No new payments required as c/f from 2020. Additional Bovey expenditure (£154.80) to cover purchase of passes and advert in publicity booklet.

Course Income/ Expenses/refunds

Higher than usual in 2021 due to running of 2 online courses (Laura Thomas), Jason Collingwood (2) and rescheduling of Margo Selby (2). Tutor fees £6690.
All participants fully refunded if switched or cancelled course.
Beginner courses on hold for much of year. £525 received for new beginner courses.

INCOME from Membership.

Strong support by members- has ensured our income has remained stable. Majority pay by BACs on a monthly basis. We have gained several new Associate members during the year. By end FY have 24 Full members, 34 paying Associates and several honorary members.

Sales INCOME and EXPENDITURE

Sales income and expenditure almost entirely from Bovey Tracy Craft Fair in September.

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2020/21 transactions	<u>£1.09</u>	

ASSETS

Valuation of all equipment for insurance purposes **£43,952.38**

LIABILITIES

None

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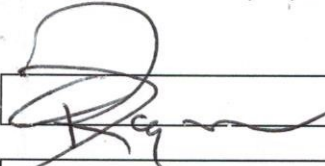
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