



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Jan 2020

To

31 Dec 2020

Charity name: The Paradise Co-operative

Charity registration number: 1159176

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity has two combined objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To promote and provide for the benefit of the community, facilities for education and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the quality of life of the public at large.2. To advance the education of the public at large in agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry protection and improvement of the natural environment, through best environmental practice including the use of no chemicals and minimal use of machinery
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>Community</p> <p>Paradise Cooperative had a very promising start to the year, but then had all activities shut down during the first national lockdown. We have not returned to an "open gate" situation since March, but have managed to run some small events within Government Covid-secure guidelines.</p> <p>In January and February 2020 we set up a new gardening planning group. The objective was to include a wider section of the local community in deciding what we grow. We did manage to get some planting done before the lockdown, but once the government rules were issued our trustees made a decision to keep the site closed for the duration of the lockdown. During the summer, once the lockdown ended, we were able to run socially distanced gardening sessions with small numbers of pre-confirmed participants. This allowed us to keep a safe working environment, and to keep basic contact details of attendees should a track and trace situation arise. Thankfully it did not. In early Autumn, but before the introduction of the 3 Tier system</p>

		<p>in October, we harvested the small crop of vegetables and shared them out between our volunteers.</p> <p>Education with local schools Our Education programme, which provides a curriculum of outdoor learning to several local schools, was also severely impacted by lockdowns, Tiers, and school Covid policies. However, we did welcome schools back in Autumn term, under stringent Covid safety measures, and despite all the challenges and restrictions, we hosted almost 800 children in 2020.</p> <p>After school club Our Paradise Wild after school club remains extremely popular with local children (and parents), delivering a range of activities designed to connect children to nature and their local community, while building core strengths in confidence and resilience. Again, we had to cancel activities during the first national lockdown, but as soon as restrictions were relaxed the club resumed its work. As well as running after school events, Paradise Wild ran both Summer and Autumn half-term 3 day camp events.</p> <p>New site search We have continued looking for new sites for development along the same lines as our existing location at Dobbins Field. Discussions have advanced on one particular location, but Covid has slowed the process considerably.</p> <p>Wildlife Regeneration One of the unexpected positives to emerge from Covid closure was an energetic resurgence of nature. Our site has been heavily used by the community, possibly overly so, and with footfall removed, both flora and fauna flourished. Our Director of Operations documented this rewilding over the course of the year, which we shared extensively on social media in the hopes of lifting our volunteers' spirits. The rewilding of the field also led to a reassessment of how we utilize the site while protecting its wildness, and new policies are in development for 2021.</p> <p>Wildlife Pond Following on from the pond re-establishment in 2019, the great rewilding of 2020 has seen a huge increase in the biodiversity utilizing the pond. We even found a buzzard feather on it. Again, a</p>
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		<p>reevaluation of how we can incorporate the pond and its biodiversity within our charitable aims is ongoing, and new policies are being developed. Our desire is to use the pond and surrounding habitat as a key educational focus across all of our activities in 2021 and beyond.</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>As the pandemic progressed during the year, it has become clear how important it is to people's mental health to get outdoors. We have a great outdoor site, and during the Autumn we have run a series of Covid-secure outdoor workshops as a pilot scheme. We also constructed infrastructure that allows us to erect a temporary canopy, thus allowing us to offer outdoor workshops and courses during more inclement weather. (More information in Achievements and Performance)</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have read 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	<p>Workshops We developed a series of courses around working with nature. This included traditional basket weaving with natural materials (willow, rush, bramble, etc) and green woodworking with hand tools. We have built benches, stools, axe blocks, and other infrastructure required to run these courses, and we have developed a relationship with Wimbledon Common to ensure a steady supply of raw materials. The great explosion of handcrafting and hand tool production during Covid restrictions has led to an upsurge in interest in traditional and heritage skills and crafts. We believe our outdoor space can provide a safe and nurturing environment for people to learn, while spending more time outdoors. We have also planted rush into our wildlife pond, ensuring basket weaving materials come Autumn 2021.</p> <p>Education with local schools 7 local schools participated in the Paradise schools initiative in 2020. 800 pupils attended.</p> <p>After school club Paradise Wild (formerly Wild Child) ran 10 afterschool club sessions in spring term with 13 kids, and 7 sessions in the autumn term with 16 different kids.</p> <p>Holiday Clubs Paradise Wild ran a half term club in February, with 25 different kids over 4 days. There were two holiday session in August, with 3 days per week. 12 kids attended each week. In the October half term there was another holiday club, of 3 days with 14 kids.</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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity continues to work towards a sustainable operating model through charging for education course to cover the costs of operating them and maintaining the field site for the wider community. School lock-downs have made that very challenging.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cash reserves are held for planned projects, planned maintenance and to buffer for timing differences in income and expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash balance at the end of the year was £21,052
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Charity remains dependant on a single field site held under an agreement with the Ministry of Justice and on being able to generate income from school education course. At the time of writing, the pandemic makes delivering education courses extremely difficult. If this continues well in 2021 the charity faces an uncertain future and may have to dramatically reconsider what it offers to manage costs.

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	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Appointment by existing trustees

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	The Paradise Co-operative
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1159176
Charity's principal address	5 Tranmere Road, SW18 3QH

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	Scott Thompson			
2	Brendan Conway			
3	Jonathan Sertin			
4	Joanne Osborne			
5	Rosemary Scott			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

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

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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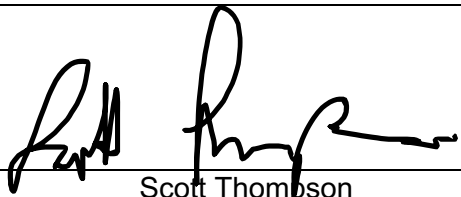
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Jonathan Sertin	Scott Thompson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	10/01/2021	

**The Paradise Co-operative Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the Year Ending 31st December 2020**

	2020 General Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Paradise Wild - Holiday clubs	-	7,840	7,840	9,590
LFF Rent	4,840	-	4,840	9,420
Other Donations	-	-	-	2,070
Donations- Site hire	-	-	-	360
Donation Trustees	1,628	-	1,628	1,386
Donations Schools 2018/2019	-	-	-	3,620
Donations Schools 2019/2020	-	3,300	3,300	15,086
Donations Schools 2020/2021	-	2,710	2,710	-
WAF 2019	-	-	-	1,560
Woodworking	1,620	-	1,620	-
Workshops	181	-	181	-
Total Incoming Resources	8,269	13,850	22,119	43,091
Direct Charitable Expenses				
Car Hire	-	-	-	139
Admin	1,224	-	1,224	33
Garden	26	-	26	243
Infrastructure	2,944	-	2,944	2,564
Plants	-	-	-	156
Pond	-	-	-	3,727
Running costs	1,182	-	1,182	1,130
Salaries	12,713	-	12,713	6,739
Yurt	-	-	-	127
Wild Child	-	5,032	5,032	8,425
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	42
Pensions	-	-	-	25
Schools 2018/19	-	500	500	2,698
Schools 2019/20	-	6,177	6,177	6,598
Schools 2020/21	-	360	360	-
WAF 2019	-	-	-	1,383
Site hire	-	-	-	198
Woodworking	1,163	-	1,163	-
Workshops	530	-	530	-
Total Charitable Expenditure	19,782	12,070	31,851	34,228
Net Income/(Outgoing) Resources for the year	(11,513)	1,781	(9,732)	8,863
Balances brought forward as 1st January	24,515	6,349	30,863	22,000
Balances brought forward 31st December	13,001	8,129	21,130	30,863

The Paradise Co-operative Statements of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ending 31st December 2020

Assets retained for the charity's own use	2020	2019
Generator	320	356
Pig Infrastructure	378	420
Small Trailer	720	800
Stihl Chainsaw	648	720
Polytunnels	2,520	2,800
Yurt & woodburner	4,500	5,000
Outdoor Craft Shelter	430	0
Woodworking Tools	200	0
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	9,716	10,096
 Current Assets		
Bank Current Account	21,052	30,785
Bank Deposit Account		-
Cash in Hand	-	78
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	21,052	30,863
 Current Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	-	-
Deposits	-	-
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	-	-
 Net Current Assets	 21,052	 30,863
 Cash Funds		
Unrestricted funds	13,001	6,349
Restricted funds	8,129	24,515
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	21,130	30,863

The Paradise Co-Operative CIO

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

For the period ended 31st December 2020

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, with the seeking of explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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