



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Jan 2021

To 31 Dec 2021

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>We expanded into Greenwood working events and held drop-in sessions lead by two enthusiasts from our community. These brought in new people with interests other than food growing.</p> <p>We continued to support Duke of Edinburgh through running a small-scale volunteering scheme over the autumn and winter of 2020/1 and built up the scale of that for the 2021/2 seasons. The latter was also involved parents and with a lack of local opportunities was well attended with around a dozen DofE volunteers each weekend.</p> <p>Education with local schools</p> <p>Our Paradise Learning programme provides curriculum based, outdoor learning opportunities to local schools.</p>

		<p>Unfortunately, it continued to be impacted by lockdowns, Tiers, and school COVID policies for a large part of the spring and summer term. Our existing Head of Education moved on to a new role and was replaced in time for the start of the 2021/22 academic year. We began the autumn term with five local schools taking up a total of six memberships. The Paradise Learning programme welcomed approximately 600 children between September and December. Teachers taking part in the schools programme are able to observe and take part in high-quality, outdoor learning experiences. This supports teachers professional development and empowers them to take learning outside of the classroom.</p> <p>Forest School Forest School at Paradise Cooperative continued throughout 2021, led by our experienced Forest School practitioner. Different classes (EYFS and KS1) visited, with children attending in blocks of 6 weeks. In total 180 children were able to attend across the year for Forest School sessions.</p> <p>Wildlife Regeneration Due to reduced numbers of visitors to the site across the year, Dobbins Field was given the chance to rest. Certain areas, which had in previous years been overused, were allowed to regrow and 'rewild'. As the site began to be used more often from September 2021, we thought carefully about how to balance the needs of the site with the needs of our visitors. To this end, we developed education spaces and protected certain areas of the field by adding low fences and clearer pathways. We will continue to carefully assess the impact of site use on biodiversity and make adaptations where needed to allow both local wildlife and our local community to flourish.</p> <p>Workshops <i>Green wood working was the subject of a variety of workshops in 2021 from external experts. This was supported by open volunteer sessions twice a week where those that attended the workshops tried to pass on their</i></p>
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		<i>knowledge..</i>
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	
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 <i>A series of greenwood working workshops were held in 2021 including pole lathe and spoon carving. We also had members attend external courses and bring back their skills on- site to the community.</i></p> <p>Education with local schools 5 local primary schools participated in the Paradise Learning programme in 2021. Across the autumn term, approximately 600 pupils attended. As well as this, at least 50 teachers/school support staff attended the site.</p> <p>Forest School</p>

		Approximately 180 pupils and 20 teachers/support staff visited for Forest School sessions.
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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		

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A conflicts of interest register has been introduced for all trustees in 2020/21
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	Chair		
4	Joanne Osborne			
5	Rosemary Scott			
6	Andrew Allen			
7	Ian Ody	Treasurer	Until Dec 2021	
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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)

	
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Full name(s)

Jonathan Sertin	Scott Thompson
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

21/08/2022

The Paradise Co-Operative
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021

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.



Peter Ellington FAIA
Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited
The Enterprise Centre
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19 July 2022

**The Paradise Co-operative Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the Year Ending 31st December 2021**

	2021 General £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Paradise Wild - Holiday clubs	6,879		6,879	7,840
LFF Rent	4,152	-	4,152	4,840
Other Donations	-	-	-	
Donations- Site hire	150	-	150	
Donation Trustees		2,236	2,236	1,628
Donations Schools 2019/2020	-		-	3,300
Donations Schools 2020/2021	240		240	2,710
Donations Schools 2021/2022	1,575		1,575	-
Grant		13,323	13,323	
Woodworking	840	-	840	1,620
Workshops		-	-	181
 Total Incoming Resources	 13,836	 15,559	 29,395	 22,119
 Direct Charitable Expenses				
Admin	335	-	335	1,224
Accountancy	551	-	551	-
Garden	-	6,055	6,055	26
Infrastructure	2,619	-	2,619	2,944
Insurance	579	-	579	-
Plants	180	-	180	
Running costs	139	-	139	1,182
Salaries	9,999	-	9,999	12,713

Wild Child			-	5,032
Miscellaneous	25	-	25	
Schools 2018/19			-	500
Schools 2019/20			-	6,177
Schools 2020/21	3,043		3,043	360
Schools 2021/2022	1,157		1,157	
Woodworking		-	-	1,163
Workshops		-	-	530
Total Charitable Expenditure	18,628	6,055	24,683	31,851
Net Income/(Outgoing) Resources for the year	(4,792)	9,503	4,712	(9,732)
Balances brought forward as 1st January	13,001	8,129	21,130	30,862
Balances brought forward 31st December	8,208	17,632	25,841	21,130

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

Assets retained for the charity's own use	2021	2020
Generator		320
Pig Infrastructure	N/A	378
Small Trailer		720
Stihl Chainsaw		648
Polytunnels		2,520
Yurt & woodburner		4,500

Outdoor Craft Shelter		430
Wodworking Tools		200

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Current Assets

Bank Current Account	25,840	21,052
Bank Deposit Account		
Cash in Hand	-	
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Current Liabilities

Creditors and accruals	-	-
Deposits	-	-
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