



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 Jan 2022 To 31 Dec 2022

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"><li>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.</li><li>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</li></ol>
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><b>Community Volunteering</b></p> <p>Developing our community volunteer sessions was a key focus of 2022. We now welcome a wide range of new visitors, young and old, from various parts of our community. Volunteering takes place across two sessions each week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Community Growing Our weekly Sunday volunteer sessions continue to teach local people skills in sustainable urban growing. We have introduced regular, free workshops to these volunteer sessions to enhance educational value for volunteers.</li><li>2. Mindful Gardening A three-month pilot of our Mindful Gardening sessions from September – December proved successful. These sessions are designed to improve physical and mental health and wellbeing and combat loneliness and isolation by allowing local people to learn new skills in a welcoming and inclusive space. These will continue for 2023.</li></ol>

		<p><b>Community Food Programme</b> This year we launched our Community Food Programme - growing local, sustainable, organic food with the community, for the community. The food we grow is now donated to local community groups and social enterprises where the produce supports community initiatives. Excess produce is shared with volunteers.</p> <p><b>Education with local schools</b> Our Paradise Learning programme has continued to grow and we now welcome six local schools. Over 2,000 children visited in 2022 to take part in sessions designed to connect children with nature through curriculum-led workshops. Our Head of Education has visited these schools to deliver assemblies focused on biodiversity and provides on-site staff training providing teachers with practical advice on connecting children with nature. We also continued our Forest School programme for one of our local schools, welcoming two EYFS classes during the summer term.</p> <p><b>Wildlife Regeneration</b> We have continued to think carefully about the balance between the needs of the site with the needs of our visitors. We welcomed the charity Pond Life to the garden to support us in enhancing our wildlife pond for biodiversity. As well as this we have introduced significant planting across the site to increase forage for pollinators across the year, added valuable new hedging plants and trees, created new log piles and developed our wildflower meadows. The majority of this work has taken place with our volunteers, who learn new skills in habitat creation as they work with us on these projects.</p> <p><b>Community Festivals</b> Our community festivals, two in 2022, attracted over 250 local people. They are designed to raise our profile in the community, connect attendees with nature and provide opportunities for local people to learn skills in gardening with nature and for biodiversity.</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	
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><b>Community Volunteering</b> More than 100 volunteers worked with us across 2022. We have a consistent flow of new volunteers each week and a growing group of regular volunteers. Our volunteer programme now includes sessions specifically aimed at those experiencing loneliness, isolation, anxiety, or depression.</p> <p><b>Education with local schools</b> Six local primary schools participated in the Paradise Learning programme in 2022. Over 2000 primary aged children attended for these workshops. 60 children attended our Forest School sessions.</p> <p><b>Community Food Programme</b> We made weekly donations of organic, sustainably grown produce to local community groups and social enterprises in the summer and autumn of 2022.</p>

**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 courses to cover the costs of operating them and maintaining the field site for the wider community.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cash reserves are held for expected legal fees connected with a planned site tenancy agreement and a contingency fund to ensure contractors can still be paid in the event of a cash flow crunch.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash balance at the end of the year was £30,123.33.
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 courses.

### 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 ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , 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, London SW18 3QH, UK

## 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	Trustee	Until 2nd December 2022	
2	Scott Thompson	Chair	From 2nd December 2022	
3	Jonathan Sertin	Chair	Until 2nd December 2022	
4	Joanne Osborne	Trustee		
5	Brendan Conway	Trustee	Until 21st June 2022	
6	Rosie Scott	Trustee	Until 20th May 2022	
7	Paul Lickman	Treasurer		
8	Claire Powell	Trustee	From 20th May 2022	
9	John Deakins	Trustee	From October 2022	
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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	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

### 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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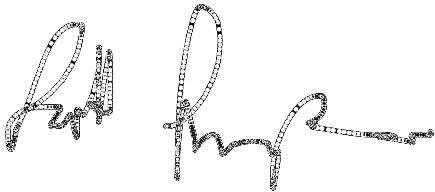
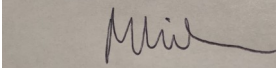


## Declarations

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)

Scott Thompson	Paul Lickman
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023
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The Paradise Co-Operative  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

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  
University of East Anglia  
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10 August 2023

**The Paradise Co-operative Receipts and Payments Accounts  
For the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	2022 General Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Holiday clubs	1,149	-	1,149	6,879
LFF Rent	-	-	-	4,152
Priority Schools	17,625	1,300	18,925	-
Courses	3,383	-	3,383	-
Donations- Site hire	-	-	-	150
Donation Trustees	-	-	-	2,236
Donations Schools 2020/2021	-	-	-	240
Donations Schools 2021/2022	-	-	-	1,575
Grant	9,325	38,608	47,933	13,323
Woodworking	-	-	-	840
 Total Incoming Resources	 31,482	 39,908	 71,390	 29,395
<b>Direct Charitable Expenses</b>				
Admin	-	-	-	335
Accountancy	551	-	551	551
Courses	2,400		2,400	
Garden	-	37,335	37,335	6,055
Infrastructure		-	-	2,619
Insurance	-	-	-	579
Plants	-	-	-	180
Running costs	2,048	-	2,048	139
Salaries	3,151		3,151	9,999
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	25
Schools 2020/21	-	-	-	3,043
Schools 2021/2022	21,620	-	21,620	1,157
 Total Charitable Expenditure	 29,770	 37,335	 67,106	 24,682
 <b>Net Income/(Outgoing) Resources for the year</b>	 <b>1,712</b>	 <b>2,572</b>	 <b>4,284</b>	 <b>4,713</b>
 Balances brought forward as 1st January	 8,208	 17,632	 25,840	 21,127
 <b>Balances brought forward 31st December</b>	 <b>9,919</b>	 <b>20,204</b>	 <b>30,123</b>	 <b>25,840</b>

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For the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Current Account	30,123	25,840
Bank Deposit Account		
Cash in Hand	-	
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Creditors and accruals	-	-
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