



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023 31 March 2024

Charity name: **Dorchester Youth & Community Centre**

Charity registration number: **1168701**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our objective is to provide encouragement and motivation for young people resident in Dorchester and its surrounding areas. We will do this through the provision of recreational and leisure time activities designed to enrich their life activities designed to enrich their life experience, develop their skills, capacities and capabilities, to enable them to develop as mature and responsible individuals.
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	We run youth clubs on 5 nights per week and for a SEND group on alternate Saturdays. We are year 4 into a 'Reaching Communities' Lottery funded outreach project aimed those not in education, employment or training.
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 read the notes on Public Benefit and remain satisfied that we take full account of the guidance. We believe that DYCC continues to deliver public benefit through reducing the likelihood of young person's offending, reduction in substance abuse, supporting community cohesion improving young person's well-being enhanced educational outcomes and support to families.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We continue to encourage volunteer participation to develop young people (Senior member helpers) and as an opportunity of additional help ensuring the smooth running of the club and with some building maintenance activities (Adult volunteers). This all adds significantly to the social value.
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	The club continues to provide a safe, inclusive and welcoming fun space for young people to meet, socialise with their peers and join in activities. Mixing is encouraged through the activities provided for social development. The supporting environment allows young people to express themselves and receive support to foster better mental health and well-being. It is believed that young persons have improved their self confidence and self-esteem and sense of accomplishment through their attendance. Through the Reaching Communities Lottery funded 'Networks' project the club continues to effectively target youth work to children Not in Education, Employment or Training often tackling disengagement, family issues and the lack of academic and social skills to progress to secure employment or worthwhile training. The club has continued to provide very well received and respected targeted outreach youth work at the nearby Gypsy and Traveller camp that has resulted in some very positive outcome for young people at the camp who are often difficult to reach and bring back in to mainstream education.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The DYCC has continued to find new and innovative activities and maintain financial stability in testing times.
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We are very grateful to Dorchester Town Council that it has continued its regular significant unrestricted funding, and grants continue to be sourced through all available funders, generous donors continue to come forward. Funding ongoing overheads to run an old building remains a challenge. A long term tenant of our upstairs office space moved out of however we were able to quite quickly find a new tenant on slightly better terms on a 3 year lease. Spare hall space continues to be hired out to commercial outlets providing services to the wider community as well as providing a vital income stream.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position remains good in respect of the level of reserves. Some significant unavoidable levels of repair and modernisation have put expenditure levels above the normal but have been managed well. The grant s team have remained successful in partly offsetting some repair projects.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity continues to consider it prudent to set aside reserves to cover unexpected events and building defects as well as a level to cover redundancy and other legal and financial obligations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
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	There is no great concern about the charity remaining a going concern but it remains ever challenging to get grants to support revenue spend and particularly administrative overheads. The charity is one of many local groups looking for a treasurer trustee.

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	Dorchester Town Council remains the largest regular funder with £20,200 provided (unrestricted). Remaining funds are generated through lettings, our office tenant and membership fees small grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	All investments are in cash saving account bonds providing good rate of return. Bonds are reviewed by a Financial Working Group of Trustees prior to them maturing to consider the best returns and the likelihood of needing the investments in the near to long term. With regard to social investment The United Trust Bank has a focus on environmental and social banking it is committed to equality and diversity in its hiring and gives employees the opportunity to invest in charities. The Hampshire Trust Bank does not have a direct policy but is committed to responsible business practice including and section related to modern slavery and corporate responsibility.
A description of the principal	Para 1.46	Maintaining an old building partly listed and losing some regular grant funders.

risks facing the charity		
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	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	Trustees appointment follows our constitution and set out at para 12.

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	Trustees are made aware of changes and essential reading to ensure they carry out their role.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has a close relationship with the Dorset Youth, the Town Council and Dorset Council to ensure best use of resource and activity relates to identified need.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Many members are also elected representatives of Dorchester Town and Dorset Council and many are also members of the various local Rotaries.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dorchester You and Community Centre
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1168701
Charity's principal address	Kings Road Dorchester Dorset DT1 9NJ

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	Richard Biggs	Chair		
2	Richard Brind	Vice Chair		
3	Stella Jones	Safeguarding Lead		
4	Lesley Fry BEM	Funding Lead		
5	Peter Farrington	Health and Safety Lead		
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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	
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)

Richard Biggs

Full name(s)

RICHARD MARTIN BIGGS

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

03/10/2020

Dorchester Youth and Community Centre					
No.		BUDGET 2023-2024	Actual to date at 31.03.24	SUBTOTALS	TOTALS
	UNRESTRICTED INCOME				
	Dorchester Town Council	21,200	21,200.00		
	Lettings main hall and barn (stage)	7,500	6,375.00		
	Training room lettings				
	Home-Start Rent/Chele Care Rent	6,250	5,562.49		
	Home-Start Services Contribution/Chele Care Utilities	3,000	1,950.00		
	Bank Interest	500			
	HMRC				
	Members attendance fees	10,000	7,188.50		
	Shop sales	5,000	3,404.35		
	Beerex	3,400	3,401.08		
	Rotary	1,488	1,488.00		
	Car Boot Fund (WDDC) - Project 1 (18/19)				
	WDDC Innovation fund				
	DYCC Car Park Income	1,000	326.00		
	100 CLUB				
	Anon - Significant Donation	15,000	15,000.00		
	OPEN DAY - 05.10.19				
	OPEN DAY & SUMMER EVENTS 2021				
	Year 10 +				
	COVID GRANTS				
	DONATIONS - OTHER		1,791.15		
	Project 2 - Networks		400.00		
	Project 13 - Bridge Trust	4,320	1,850.00		
	Project 14 - Centre Redecoration				
	Project 16 - Shoebox Appeal 2021				
	Project 18 - Piddlehinton Education/Link		500.00		
	Project 20 - Toilets	19,864	19,864.00		
	Project 21 - Shoebox 2022				
	Project 22 - Silent Disco - Fund Raiser				
	Project 23 - Steven - Unrestricted contribution				
	Project 24 - Music - Unrestricted contribution				
	Project 25 - Reaching Communities - Unrestricted	4,850	5,430.00		
	Project 26 - Easter HAF 2023 - Unrestricted contribution	160	300.00		
	Project 27 - Summer HAF 2023 - Unrestricted contribution	480	477.90		
	Project 28 - Friday Wellbeing		625.00		
	Project 30 - Easter HAF 2024		256.00		
	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	104,012		£97,389.47	
	RESTRICTED INCOME				
	Project 2 - NETWORKS Jun 19 - Mar 22 - NEETS	2,040	3,680.00		
	Project 3 - Poundbury Outreach - 2019				
	Project 4 - WDDC - CBF - Cookery Project - Sep 19				
	Project 5 - LANTERN - Dec 2019				
	Project 6 - Zoom & Online Networks 19-21				
	Project 7 - Poundbury Outreach - 2020/2021				
	Project 8 - Dorchester Centre Outreach - 21/22				
	Project 9 - Stratton Outreach - 2020-2023	1,200	1,444.40		
	Project 10 - Low Carbon - New centre lights 2020				
	Project 11 - Online (Dec 2020 onwards)				
	Project 12 - Shoebox Appeal 2020				
	Project 13 - Piddlehinton Outreach (Bridge)	9,030	10,600.00		
	Project 15 - (HAF) Summer Sessions 2021				
	Project 17 - Groundworks NEETS (Dec 2021)				
	Project 18 - DC Piddlehinton Education		12,080.00		
	Project 19 - Youth Club Food & Drink - Healthy Eat				
	Project 23 - Steven 2023				
	Project 24 - Music 2023				
	Project 25 - Reaching Communities	42,352	41,772.00		
	Project 26 - Easter HAF 2023	1,475	1,475.00		
	Project 27 - Summer HAF 2023	1,390	1,686.60		
	Project 28 - Friday Wellbeing		1,787.00		
	Project 29 - Ingredients & Utensils		500.00		
	Project 30 - Easter HAF 2024		880.00		
	TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME	57,487		£75,905.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	161,498.50	173,294.47		£173,294.47
	EXPENDITURE				
	Staff				
	Youth Work Manager	12,500	6,418.32		
	Part time Youth Workers in Charge	7,500	5,742.46		
	Part time Youth Workers	13,270	9,354.96		
	Administration	6,000	5,075.23		
	Cleaner				
	PAYE (Tax/Employer NIC)	3,500	4,429.34		
	Pension	1,100	2,888.52		
15	Training	500	517.50		
27	Travel	480	154.80		
14	Recruitment & DBS	1,000	306.95		
	TOTAL STAFFING COSTS	45,850		£34,888.08	
	Premises				
23	Electricity	3,000	2,477.90		
24	Gas	4,450	3,914.14		
26	Business Rates 80% reduction				
25	Water	500	469.63		
8	Contract Cleaning	11,000	6,907.20		
9	Waste disposal	700	658.56		
28	Building maintenance	1,000	0.00		

37	Fire Contract & Repairs	250	1,788.54		
38	Boiler Contract & Repairs	1,000	1,749.21		
39	Alarm Contract & Repairs	600	820.86		
40	Lift Contract & Repairs	400	168.00		
5	Maintenance repairs & materials	3,000	4,349.17		
22	Hygiene Contract	700	174.04		
30	Grounds maintenance and trees	500	130.00		
31	Buildings Insurance & Contents	5,000	3,815.64		
50	Project 14 - Centre Redecoration	0	0.00		
57	Project 20 - Toilets	14,372	15,824.00		
62	Roof	10,000	2,580.85		
18	Insurance - Other				
	TOTAL PREMISES COSTS	56,472		£45,827.74	
	Supplies/Inhouse Projects				
3	Youth Club activities/craft	1,000	146.03		
11	Phone Line Rental & Calls + Broadband	800	1,010.88		
10	Internet connection		0.00		
12	IT Licenses/Software and Equipment	800	538.98		
19	Medical	100	82.86		
4	Stationery, postage and print	400	344.92		
29	Furniture	1,000	0.00		
2	YC Food and drink	500	317.98		
1	Shop stock	4,000	2,461.86		
16	Gifts	150	0.00		
13	Payroll	800	660.00		
7	Cleaning materials/supplies	150	140.61		
17	Music and Licences(TV)	400	318.85		
20	Legal support (Tenancy)		750.00		
6	Survey Costs	100	0.00		
	100 CLUB	0			
	Misc - DO NOT PUT ANY ITEMS TO MISC.				
53	Project 16 - Shoebox Appeal 2021		0.00		
58	Project 21 - Shoebox 2022		0.00		
59	Project 22 - Silent Disco		0.00		
21	Subscriptions	50	0.00		
52	Bank Charges	150	90.87		
	TOTAL SUPPLIES COSTS	10,400		£6,863.84	
	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED COSTS	112,722			£87,579.66
	PROJECTS - RESTRICTED EXPENDITURE				
	Car Boot Fund - Project 1 (18/19)				
32	Project 2 - NETWORKS - June 2019 - Mar 22 NEETS	4,100	1,553.39		
33	Project 3 - Poundbury Outreach - Jul 19		0.00		
34	Project 4 - WDDC - CBF - Cookery Project - Sep 19		0.00		
35	Project 5 - LANTERN - Dec 2019		0.00		
36	OPEN DAY - 05.10.2019		0.00		
41	Project 6 - Zoom & 121 - 20/21/22		0.00		
42	Project 7 - Poundbury Outreach 2020/2021		0.00		
43	Project 8 - Dorchester Town Outreach 21/22/23	14,591	3,313.12		
44	Project 9 - Stratton Outreach 2020-2023	1,200	1,444.40		
45	Project 10 - Low Carbon - New Centre Lights		0.00		
46	Project 11 - Online (Dec 2020 onwards)		0.00		
47	Project 12 - Shoebox Appeal		0.00		
48	Project 13 - Piddlehinton Outreach	15,350	9,615.49		
49	OPEN DAY & SUMMER EVENTS 2021		0.00		
51	Project 15 - (HAF) Summer Sessions 2021		0.00		
54	Project 17 - NETWORKS (Dec 2021)	0	0.00		
55	Project 18 - DC Piddlehinton Education	4,642	9,624.78		
56	Project 19 - Youth Club Food & Drink	1,804	1,360.96		
60	Project 23 - Steven 2023	20,000	0.00		
61	Project 24 - Music 2023	4,480	4,480.00		
63	Project 25 - Reaching Communities	42,352	37,389.51		
64	Project 26 - Easter HAF 2023	1,635	862.33		
65	Project 27 - Summer HAF 2023	1,869	2,287.54		
66	Project 28 - Friday Wellbeing		1,831.16		
67	Project 29 - Ingredients & Utensils		0.00		
68	Project 30 - Easter HAF 2024		16.87		
	TOTAL RESTRICTED COSTS	112,023		£73,779.55	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	224,745	161,359.21		£161,359.21
	Unrestricted Income minus Unrestricted Expenditure	£9,810			
	Restricted Income minus Restricted Expenditure	£2,125			
		£11,935			
	Total Income minus total Expenditure - Check line	11,935			
	Project money ringfenced as at 31 Mar 24	52,065			
	Bank Balance at 31 Mar 24		£37,782.69		
	Interest Bearing Accounts at 31 Mar 24		£58,851.43		
	Cash held at 31 Mar 24		£1,839.44		
	Current funds held 31 Mar 24		£98,473.56		
	Current restricted project funds as at 31 Mar 24		£52,064.92		
	Available unrestricted funds as at 31 Mar 24		£46,408.64		
	Check figure		£98,473.56		

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

DORCHESTER YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1168701

Set out on pages

SECTIONS A & B - 2 Pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

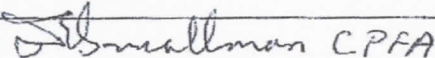
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

 CPFA

Date:

08 October 2024

Name:

DESMOND ERIC SMALLMAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

(if any):

Address:

17 Mansell Street

LONDON E1 8AN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

DORCHESTER YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE (DYCC)

Final Accounts 2023/24

Report of the Independent Examiner (D E Smallman)

1. The major object placed upon the Independent Examiner, is to report to the Charity Commissioners that DYCC is complying with the Financial Rules, that have been stipulated for charity organisations, as part of ensuring public trust, and confidence in charities.
2. My role is to complete an Annual Statement, which is then submitted to the CC by DYCC. The Statement for the 2023/24 is attached for DYCC to forward to the CC. There are NO issues that I consider need to be raised with the Charity Commissioners. However, I have made some comments below which I feel need to be given consideration by the DYCC Trustees in the current year.
3. In the Trustees excellent report, mention was made of the total income sum of £258,702.11, that was available in 2023/24. This sum included £85,407 of income received from previous years. It should be noted that the Charity Commissioners will require Charities to adopt Accrual Accounting procedures, rather than the current Receipts and Payments accounting basis, if the income received in one year exceeds £250,000. Since the actual income levels in 2023/24 did not exceed £250,000 I do not view that any action to change the Accounting Practices will be required. It is, however, something that the Trustees should be aware of, if the income levels start to reach the £250,000 level.
4. A far more important issue is the current absence of a DYCC TREASURER. This position is vital for DYCC, and an appointment should be made as quickly as possible.