

THE COKER ROPE & SAIL CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1172029

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-14

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

Contact

Address 6 Church Street
West Coker
Yeovil
BA22 9BD

Phone 01935862938

Website <http://www.westcoker.net/home-page/ropewalk/>

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE DAWE'S TWINE WORKS IN WEST COKER, SOMERSET, AND BY THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF THE TWINE WORKS AS A MUSEUM FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTEXT OF THE TWINE WORKS.

Activities: The charity exists to conserve, restore and manage the Dawe's Twineworks heritage factory in West Coker, Somerset, and to record and celebrate the twine, rope and sailcloth industries which flourished in the area because the local soils were excellent for growing flax and hemp. The old buildings and machinery restoration is almost complete. We are building a visitor centre.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£13,684	£8,695	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,645	£11,074	-	-
2023-03-31	£9,302	£7,656	-	-
2022-03-31	£12,541	£8,541	-	-
2021-03-31	£42,392	£4,723	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROSS NEIL AITKEN	Chair	2017-03-14
ANGUS MCPHEE		2018-07-31
Clive Douglas Seaton		2025-06-16
DAVID MARK NEAL		2023-10-09
Laura Windsor		2023-10-01
Martin Blackmore		2017-03-14
Professor Terence Stevens		2025-04-10

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	April	2024	To	31	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Coker Rope and Sail CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1172029

Charity's principal address

6 Church Street
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 Somerset
 Postcode BA22 9BD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Engineer: - J C Barker

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The CIO has been mindful of its public benefit responsibilities throughout the year. The activities undertaken are described in Section D.

The Trustees have not gained any benefit, financial or in kind, from the CIO during the year.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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After the easing of Covid restrictions, 2022 saw the resumption of 'normal' opening, including many group visits by U3As, Probus, local history societies and car clubs. These continue. A series of talks was well received and has been run again for the third year. As restoration of the Victorian works began about 16 years ago, we now find areas where repairs have to be redone, and there is ongoing maintenance of the machinery and buildings.

A main priority is to secure the project's future. When the CIO was created during the main restoration period, only 3 trustees were appointed so that we had a small and effective set of decision makers. We have now appointed two more trustees to reduce vulnerability.

We played a major part in OSR Projects' 2023 Od Arts festivals. We have had some success recruit more volunteers from this large wider - and younger - audience.

Our income - which is now almost entirely donations - continues to meet all our outgoings, despite the large increase in electricity costs. The decisions we made 6 years ago for the new visitor centre - a heat pump and underfloor heating, plus LED lighting and good insulation everywhere have been proved correct. We are awaiting planning permission to install 15 solar panels on the south facing roof of you visitor centre. With these, we can restrict heating to the middle of the day.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO's activities, Visitor Centre operation, factory maintenance and grounds upkeep, are mainly funded by cash donations, together with small grants and the proceeds of book sales.

Reserves are at a sensible level to support the ongoing work

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Gift Aid of £1,744 for FY23-24 was reclaimed from HMRC Charities during the year.

£7,304 has been raised from donations, together with £32 from book sales.

A Grant £3,000 was received from the Hedley Trust to help pay for the printing a book on the history of canvas making in the Cokers. There was also an anonymous donation of £160 from a member of CAF.

Total income was just over £12,600 and Expenditure was £8,696,

Section F

Other optional information

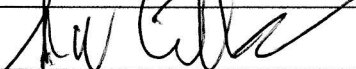
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ross Neil Aitken

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

10th / 5th / 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-24		31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,918	-	-	7,918	7,304
Grant Payments	3,000	-	-	3,000	425
Repayments - HMRC Gift Aid	1,744	-	-	1,744	1,891
Book Sales	-	-	-	-	32
Repayments - OSR Od Festival Printing	-	-	-	-	56
Awards	-	-	-	-	500
Interest- Lloyds Bank	1,023	-	-	1,023	438
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,684	-	-	13,684	10,646
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,684	-	-	13,684	10,646
A3 Payments					
Admin	906	-	-	906	892
Professional Fees	35	-	-	35	35
Visitor Centre Café Costs	1,962	-	-	1,962	2,033
Activities	3,000	-	-	3,000	500
Utilities	2,115	-	-	2,115	2,504
Dawes Site Maintenance	292	-	-	292	5,110
Twineworks Maintenance	386	-	-	386	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,695	-	-	8,695	11,074
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,695	-	-	8,695	11,074
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,989	-	-	4,989	428
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,273	-	-	54,273	-
Cash funds this year end	59,262	-	-	59,262	428

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurer's Account	7,702	-	-
	Commercial Instant Access	20,837	-	-
	Fived Term Deposit	30,722	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,261	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	HMRC Gift Aid Pending	1,819	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ross Neil AITKEN	10/5/25	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Gift Aid of £1,890 for FY22-23 was reclaimed from HMRC Charities during the year.

£7,304 has been raised from donations, together with £32 from book sales.

Grants totalling £425 were received. £225 from West Coker Parish Council and 3200 from West Coker Social Fund. There was also an anonymous donation of £200 from a member of CAF.

Total income was £10,207 but Expenditure was £11,074, The loss of £807, caused by unexpected costs to rebuild a collapsed listed wall, was covered by reserves.

Section F Other optional information

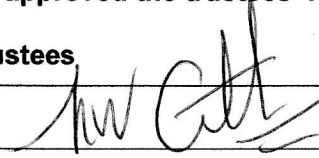
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Section G Declaration

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)

Ross Neil Aitken	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman	
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Date

25-5-24	
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	7,304	-	-	7,304	8,387
Grant Payments	425	-	-	425	690
Repayments - HMRC Gift Aid	1,891	-	-	1,891	-
Book Sales	32	-	-	32	135
Repayments - OSR Od Festival Printing	56	-	-	56	-
Awards	500	-	-	500	-
Interest - Businiss Instant Access A/C	438	-	-	438	90
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,645	-	-	10,645	9,302
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,645	-	-	10,645	9,302
A3 Payments					
Admin	892	-	-	892	866
Professional Fees	35	-	-	35	-
Visitor Centre Café Costs	2,033	-	-	2,033	2,249
Activities	500	-	-	500	2,449
Utilities	2,504	-	-	2,504	1,083
Dawes Site Maintenance	5,110	-	-	5,110	1,010
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,074	-	-	11,074	7,657
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,074	-	-	11,074	7,657
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 429	-	-	- 429	1,645
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,702	-	-	54,702	-
Cash funds this year end	54,273	-	-	54,273	1,645

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasure's Account	3,737	-	-
	Business Inst Access	30,537	-	-
	Fixed Term Deposit	20,000	-	-
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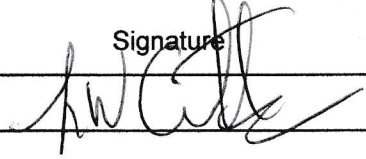
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B2 Other monetary assets	HMRC Gift Aid pending	1,744	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name Ross Neil AITKEN	Date of approval 25-5-24
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The CIO holds all the leases - the main factory site, the visitor centre site, and the strip of land to the north owned by the neighbouring Windsor family. All three leases are registered. The accounts of the older Trust have now been closed and the funds transferred to the CIO. The CIO also now claims Gift Aid instead of the Trust.

Our Heritage Lottery funded restoration project completed on March 30th, 2020 -just as the Covid lockdown began. After a period of complete lockdown closure, Dawe's became a place where local groups such as the WI, bell-ringers and a Royal Navy Military Wives Choir came to meet outside as soon as restrictions were eased.

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As restoration of the Victorian works began about 15 years ago, we now find areas where repairs have to be redone, and there is ongoing maintenance of the machinery etc.

A highlight was our winning the Association for Industrial Archaeology's '2022 Community Engagement Award'. This brought us £1,000 which we are using to address our top priority which is succession for the future.

All our trustees and most volunteers are over 70.

We are participating in the 2023 'Od Arts Festival', a local event based on the River Od which flows through East and West Coker and which brings a large, very different and generally younger audience. We have our own 'artist in residence' and the organisers are supporting us in our recruitment campaign.

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Gift Aid was not reclaimed from HMRC Charities during FY22-23

£8,386 has been raised from donations, together with £135.36 from book sales

Grants totalling £690 were received. £40 from SSDC and £650 from West Coker Parish Council

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Ross Aitken

Full name(s)

Ross Neil Aitken

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

27/03/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Coker Rope and Sail CIO No (if any)
1172029

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	8,387	-	-	8,387	7,073
Grant Payments	690	-	-	690	3,917
Repayments - HMRC Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,343
Book Sales	135	-	-	135	205
Interest - Business Instant Access A/C	90	-	-	90	4
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,302	-	-	9,302	12,542
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,302	-	-	9,302	12,542
A3 Payments					
Admin	866	-	-	866	780
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	325
Visitor Centre Café Costs	2,249	-	-	2,249	2,016
Activities	2,449	-	-	2,449	700
Utilities	1,083	-	-	1,083	823
Dawes Site Maintenance	1,010	-	-	1,010	3,813
Restitution of Incorrect Payments	-	-	-	-	84
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,656	-	-	7,656	8,541
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,656	-	-	7,656	8,541
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,646	-	-	1,646	4,001
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	53,056	-	-	53,056	-
Cash funds this year end	54,702	-	-	54,702	4,001

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CIO Treasurer's Account	4,604	-	-
	Business Instant Access A?C	50,099	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	54,703	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	HMRC Gift Aid Payment pending	1,891	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Ross Neil Aitken</i>	Ross Neil AITKEN	27/05/2023

THE COKER ROPE & SAIL CIO

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	April	2021	To	31	March	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Coker Rope and Sail CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1172029

Charity's principal address

6 Church Street
 West Coker
 Somerset
 Postcode BA22 9BD

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	Mr R N Aitken	Chairman		
2	Mr A McPhee			
3	Mr M Blackmore			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Treasurer: - D M Crothers
Engineer: - J C Barker

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. Trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of the public by assisting in the preservation and restoration of Dawes Twine Works, West Coker, Somerset. This is achieved by recreating the working environment through restoration of machinery and explanatory exhibits. We collect, collate, research, and store material relating to the growing of flax and hemp and how this was used in the rope, sail and netting industry of West, East and North Coker. The research and exhibits focus on the industry in the South Somerset and Dorset area, and also how it affected the global trade and markets. This work is carried out under the auspices of West Coker Parish Council, and South Somerset District Council. Exhibits are open to the public.

Within the restrictions imposed by Covid 19, the CIO has been as mindful of its public benefit responsibilities as it could be throughout the year. The activities undertaken are described in Section D.

The Trustees have not gained any benefit, financial or in kind, from the CIO during the year.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Coker Rope & Sail CIO was registered on March 14th, 2017, to take over many of the purposes and activities of the older Coker & Sail Trust (Charity no. 1120031), the primary aim being to protect trustees from potentially large personal liabilities. Our trustees are local people who are closely involved with the project.

The CIO holds all the leases – the main factory site, the visitor centre site, and the strip of land to the north owned by the neighbouring Windsor family. All three leases are registered. The accounts of the older Trust have now been closed and the funds transferred to the CIO. The CIO also now claims Gift Aid instead of the Trust.

Our financial security during the Covid 19 pandemic was assisted by 'Hospitality and Leisure Grants' from South Somerset District Council. These covered our ongoing unavoidable expenses.

Our Heritage Lottery funded restoration project completed on March 30th, 2020 – just as the Covid lockdown began. But after a period of complete closure, we decided that, as most of our works is either outside, or opens directly to the outside, we could open to the public at times when public houses were allowed to serve customers outside. As a result, Dawe's became a place where local groups such as the WI, bell-ringers and a Royal Navy Military Wives Choir came to meet outside as soon as restrictions were eased.

2022 has seen a resumption of 'normal' opening, including many group visits by U3As, Probus, local history societies and car clubs.

As restoration of the Victorian works began about 15 years ago, we now are finding areas where repairs have to be redone.

Feedback from visitors continues to be excellent and donations from our visitors are covering our outgoings

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO's activities, Visitor Centre operation, factory maintenance and grounds upkeep are funded by cash donations and again this year have been aided by Covid Recovery grants from SSDC
Reserves are at a sensible level to support the ongoing work

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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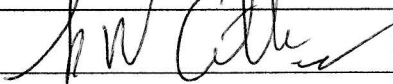
Gift Aid of £1,342.66 has been reclaimed from HMRC Charities for FY20-21
£7,072 has been raised from donations
Covid Recovery grants of £3,917 were received from SSDC

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Ross Neil Aitken
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman
Date	25/ June/ 2022



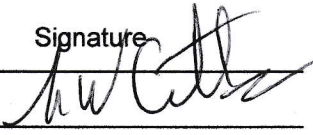
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-21	To	Period end date 31-Mar-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	7,073	-	-	7,073	2,353
Grant Payments	3,917	-	-	3,917	38,501
Repayments HMRC - Gift Aid	1,343	-	-	1,343	1,306
Book Sales	205	-	-	205	230
Interest - Business Instant Access A/C	4	-	-	4	2
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,541	-	-	12,541	42,392
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,541	-	-	12,541	42,392
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Admin	780	-	-	780	1,146
Professional Fees	325	-	-	325	25
Visitor Centre Fittings	-	-	-	-	329
Visitor Centre Café Costs	2,016	-	-	2,016	583
Activities Preps & Materials	700	-	-	700	1,893
Utilities	823	-	-	823	747
Dawes Site Maintenance	3,813	-	-	3,813	-
Restitution of incorrect payments	84	-	-	84	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,541	-	-	8,541	4,723
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,541	-	-	8,541	4,723
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,000	-	-	4,000	37,669
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,056	-	-	49,056	8,782
Cash funds this year end	53,056	-	-	53,056	46,451

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CIO Treasurer's Account	13,047	-	-
	Business Instant Access A/C	40,009	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,056	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
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		Ross Neil Aitken	25-Jun-22	

THE COKER ROPE & SAIL CIO

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The CIO holds all three site leases – the main factory site, the visitor centre site, and the strip of land to the north owned by the neighbouring Windsor family.

Previous years were dominated by the Lottery Heritage Funded restoration of the Victorian Twineworks. We submitted our 25th and final report and claim on schedule on March 30th, 2020. having completed all the essential and virtually all the desired elements of the project.

The onset of the pandemic brought cancellation, or at least postponement, of visits booked by groups and external talks (which usually lead to visits) by our Chairman, Ross Aitken.

We were unable to host Open Days until late June when restrictions were eased and we had requests from local clubs (WI, bellringers etc) to visit our outside space to meet. Many of these people, being older, had been 'shielding' or in self isolation for some months and it was good to see our community space used and valued. We were able to serve tea, coffee, cake etc.

Later, we could resume open days and tours, given that all our old building rooms have an outside door. We allowed one 'bubble' into each room. We were not able to open the visitor centre to people, but we did serve refreshments from it, and we did move objects and explanations outside, and we did run machinery having set up a second working treatment run.

Working within the rules, we successfully hosted a wedding reception for a local couple who managed to marry between lockdowns.

Everything ended in late September with the second lockdown, and we remained closed until April 2021.

In spring 2020 it was suggested that we apply for a 'hospitality and leisure' grant from SSDC to help cover our complete loss of income and our ongoing expenses (heating, insurance, waste treatment, fire alarms etc). Our application was successful, and we have had two further supplements. To qualify for the grants, we had to be on the local business rates register – an issue never addressed following the SSDC compulsory purchase in 2005. Fortunately, we were given not only the 80% rates discount due to charities, but also the remaining discretionary 20%.

During lockdown our historian, Richard Sims, has been working on a monograph covering the use of Coker Canvas for the America's Cup yachts, and we were lent and copied an 18th century sailcloth stamp found locally.

Looking forward to staged re-opening from April to June 2021 as allowed by the government's timetable, we employed professional landscapers to cut back and tidy almost a whole year's growth of grass, bushes, weeds and trees. The site is now very neat and is manageable by our volunteers. A volunteer 'workday' saw all the old buildings swept, cleaned and tidied – ready for the April open day.

Our group visit diary is beginning to fill again, and so we hope for a better year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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CRST (Reg Charity No 1120031) was awarded a grant of £404,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund in September 2016. This was transferred to the CRS CIO

In total we claimed £403,973 against the limit of £404,000. The last payment of £19,070 was received by the CRS CIO this year.

We successfully reclaimed £1,305.74 in Gift Aid for FY 19-20 and FY 20-21 from HMRC.

£2,353 has been raised from donations.

We have received £19,431 in grants from SSDC.

Section F

Other optional information

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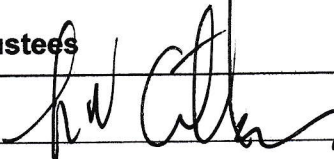
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ross Neil Aitken

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

01. May. 21



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name The Coker Rope and Sail CIO	No (if any) 1172029
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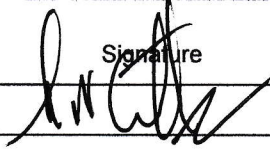
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,353	-	-	2,353	5,937
Grant Payments	38,501	-	-	38,501	57,026
Transfer from CRST	-	-	-	-	4,260
Repayments HMRC VAT & Gift Aid	1,306	-	-	1,306	10,428
Book Sales	230	-	-	230	-
Interest - Business Instant Access A/C	2	-	-	2	1
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,392	-	-	42,392	77,652
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,392	-	-	42,392	77,652
A3 Payments					
Admin	1,146	-	-	1,146	2,952
Professional Fees	25	-	-	25	4,245
Visitor Centre Fittings	329	-	-	329	61,449
Visitor Centre Café Costs	583	-	-	583	1,339
Activities Preps & Materials	1,893	-	-	1,893	5,063
Utilities	747	-	-	747	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,723	-	-	4,723	75,048
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,723	-	-	4,723	75,048
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,669	-	-	37,669	2,604
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,386	-	-	11,386	8,782
Cash funds this year end	49,055	-	-	49,055	11,386

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CIO Treasurer's Account	9,052	-	-
	Business Instant Access A/C	40,004	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,056	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Auditors Fees	Unrestricted	275	01 July 2021
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ross Neil Aitken	01-May-21	