



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	April	2020	To	31	March 2021

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)

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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.

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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 lockdowns, 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 accounts of the older Trust were closed, and the funds transferred to the CIO. The CIO also now claims Gift Aid instead of the Trust.

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

The CIO's activities, Visitor Centre operation, factory maintenance and grounds upkeep, are funded by cash donations and this year have been aided by Covid Support 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)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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

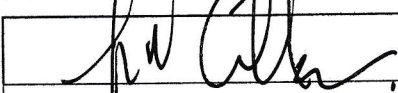
Section G

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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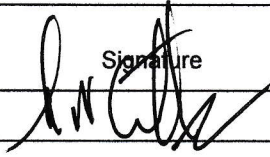
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-20		31-Mar-21

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	-	-
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		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	