



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	April	2022	To	31	March 2023	

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 (now Somerset Council). Exhibits are open to the public.

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)

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.

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 1st 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 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.

2022 saw the resumption of 'normal' opening, including many group visits by U3As, Probus, local history societies and car clubs. A series of talks was well received.

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.

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.

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)

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.

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

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	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-22		31-Mar-23

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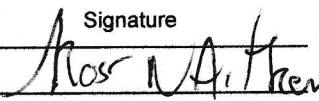
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	HMRC Gift Aid Payment pending	1,891	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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
	Ross Neil AITKEN	27/05/2023