



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

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			
4	Ms L Windsor			
5	Mr D Neal			
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12				
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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 Somerset Council. Exhibits are open to the public.

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)

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 the purposes and activities of the older and now closed 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 were closed and the funds transferred to the CIO. The CIO also now claims Gift Aid instead of the Trust. In early 2025 the original trust was closed completely.

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)

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 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.

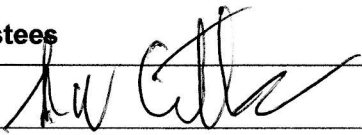
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
Ross Neil Aitken	
Chairman	
10 th / 5 th / 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE COKER ROPE AND SAIL CIO

1172029

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	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	HMRC Gift Aid Pending	1,819	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (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	10/06/25	