



Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Homelessness Action Collaborative

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Annual Report: 31st March 2025

REGISTERED OFFICE at End of Financial Year

c/o CITIZENS ADVICE, BCP Council Civic Centre
BOURNE AVENUE, BOURNEMOUTH
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Charity number 1182745

Report of the Trustees for the year to March 31st, 2025

Our Aims and objectives

The BCP Homelessness Action Collaborative (“the Collaborative”) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation formed on 2nd April 2019; it has the following object in its constitution:

“...to relieve hardship, need and distress among those in Dorset and surrounding areas who are homeless or threatened with homelessness”

Background:

The Collaborative was set up to bring together agencies, charities and businesses to find ways to “do more by doing it together” and thus reduce homelessness in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. It worked informally prior to and after its formal CIO formation, to encourage strong partnerships and provide excellent information to all those working with the vulnerably housed and rough sleepers in the area.

The Collaborative’s early influence in driving the homelessness partnership has borne fruit in the extraordinary level of partnership working that continues to deliver. For example, the regular monthly forums (chaired by the HAC chair) have seen increased attendance by 50-60 people from over 50 organisations every month making sure that partners know what is happening, and as importantly, what is fact and what is rumour. These partners are from statutory, charitable, educational, business, and faith sectors and many local councillors attend the Forum as a key way of keeping up to date.

Future of the charity

After discussion with the new leadership of the Homelessness partnership, it is clear that the roles of the Collaborative have now been taken by others in that partnership.

The trustees have therefore agreed that the charity has served its purpose and it will seek to transfer remaining activities and funds in 2005-6, and close the charity thereafter.

Financial Review

The Collaborative received a one-off donation from an individual of £1060 in the year

The costs shown in the accounts are largely from 3 sources:

- The continuing costs for the partnership’s website development
- The lease of the Contactless points
- Basic running costs including insurance and book-keeping

Note that the accounts show income from Change For Good (“contactless donations” – see restricted fund line at bottom of the page) and that income then being sent on (ie. a transfer cost) to the Dorset Community Foundation.

At the end of March 2025, the Collaborative had £3,398 in their accounts, with £762 in unrestricted funds.

Governance & internal Controls**Trustee team**

The trustees met 3 times in the year to discuss the future of the charity.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Company law and charity law require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the trustees on 1st December 2025.



Signed:

(Alistair Doxat-Purser, Chair of Trustees)

Dated: 1 / 12 / 25

Appendix 1: Trustees

The following are trustees of the CIO on 31st March 2025:

- Alistair Doxat-Purser, CEO, Faithworks Wessex (Chair)
- Zoe Bradley, Hope Housing trustee (Treasurer)
- Ian Jones, Head of Engagement, Bournemouth University
- Richard Marshall, Manager, Premium Event Productions Ltd
- Kate Parker, Manager, Shelter Dorset
- Emma Lee, Partnership Manager, CAN (Community Action Network)

Appendix 2: Annual Accounts to end March 2024

BCP Homelessness Action Collaborative

Receipts and payments			Year ended 31-Mar-25	Year ended 31-Mar-24	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		
Receipts:					
Contactless donations	0	72	72	120	
Other donations	156		156	121	
Grants	1060		1060	9500	
Event income	0		0	637	
Bank interest	8		8	16	
	<u>1224</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>1296</u>	<u>10394</u>	
Payments:					
Bank/contactless charges	64		64	72	
Contactless donations	0		0	243	
Promotional costs	0		0	319	
Fund raising event cost	0		0	4154	
Website and app development	0	231	231	6585	
Subscription	0		0	8	
Insurance	477		477	546	
Equipment lease, installation & service fees	0	1307	1307	1301	
Other expenses	240		240	0	
Accounts	419		419	472	
	<u>1200</u>	<u>1538</u>	<u>2738</u>	<u>13700</u>	
Excess of receipts over payments	<u>24</u>	<u>-1466</u>	<u>-1442</u>	<u>-3306</u>	
Transfers between funds					
Funds brought forward 31/3/24	<u>738</u>	<u>4102</u>	<u>4840</u>	<u>8146</u>	
Funds carried forward	<u>762</u>	<u>2636</u>	<u>3398</u>	<u>4840</u>	
	Opening Balance	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Closing Balance
Restricted funds:					
Contactless set up & equipment	1466	0	-1307	0	159
Contactless Donations	40	72	0	0	112
Communications	2596	0	-231	0	2365
	<u>4102</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>-1538</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2636</u>
Unrestricted funds:	4255	1224	-1200	-3517	762
Designated funds:					
Fundraising event	-3517	0	0	3517	0
	<u>738</u>	<u>1224</u>	<u>-1200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>762</u>

26th November 2025

BCP – Homelessness Action Colaborative
Charity ref: 1183745

Independent Examiner's Report for the Year to 31st March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

As the charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;

have not been met or; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date 26/11/25

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