

LANGPORT AREA CIO
UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORT

For the period ending
31 MARCH 2021

Charity Number 1186199

Company number CE019483

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LANGPORT AREA CIO
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The board of trustees

Ms Cara Naden (Chair)
Mr Alexander Gordon McKerrow
Mr James Wynne
Mr Philip Edge (Appointed 28 Jan 2020) (Treasurer)
Mr Steve Dury (Appointed 19 July 2021)
Claire Faun (Resigned 11 January 2021)
Robert Crumb (Resigned 1 February 2021)
Michele Crumb (Resigned 1 February 2021)
Patsy Mounter (Resigned 13 April 2021)
Audrey Yandle (Resigned 19 July 2021)

Charity registration number **1186199**

Company Number **CE019483**

Charity Name **Langport Area CIO**
Also known as 'Landmark Langport'

Principal office Langport Town Hall
Town Hall
Bow Street
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LANGPORT AREA CIO
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2021 as set out on pages 6 to 8. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Langport Area CIO was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 8 November 2019 and is governed by its document dated 26 April 2019. The registered company number is CE019483. It is also a registered charity with the registered charity number of 1186199. The CIO commenced activity on 1 November 2020 following the transfer of assets and funds from Langport Town Trust (Charity number 242979).

Reference and administrative details including the principle office address and details of trustees who served the charity during the period and up to the date of signing are shown on page 1 of the accounts.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Governing document. Formal trustee training is provided on an ad hoc basis as required. All strategic decisions are taken by the trustees.

The current trustees are aware that the governing document requires a minimum of 6 trustees. Following the period end the number fell below the minimum requirement and currently stands at 5. The CIO has been advertising for new trustees with details of the role and responsibilities. This is still ongoing at the date of signing and expressions of interest are encouraged by those who have read the role description.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main charitable object of the charity is to further or benefit the residents of Langport and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide heritage and other facilities for use by the community in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of number of community centres and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of the centres for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

When planning the activities for the period, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for the advancement of education, arts and heritage. The trustees believe the activities set out above and further described below under 'achievements and performance' clearly demonstrate the charity's commitment to providing an identifiable public benefit and that access to this benefit is not restricted in any way

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Langport Area CIO Chair Report 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

It gives me great pleasure to report on the first period of activities of Langport Area CIO also known as Landmark Langport. The charity was created with the main purpose in mind of furthering the benefit for the residents of Langport and the neighbourhood, by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide heritage and other facilities for use by the community.

Langport Landmark is governed by a Board of Trustees who manage and maintain the three community buildings of Langport; namely the Hanging Chapel, an ancient monument rented to the Portcullis Lodge, the Town Hall which is rented to the Town Council with other office spaces for SMEs and two rooms for meetings and community events, an undercroft as a market space, the Bagehot Garden behind the Town Hall linking to the common and the Ridgway Hall, home of the Youth Club as well as also rented to a wide variety of community and activity groups.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This first period has been a real challenge through Covid-19 lockdown restrictions which meant that all our community facilities had to remain closed to the public for a considerable length of time. However, as restrictions eased, we were able to support users and hirers back into the buildings although we still faced challenges with respect to social distancing and following the rules set by central Government. I would like to thank all our tenants, hirers and users for their patience as we reopened community assets. We progressed the new CIO by recruiting an administrator and cleaner along with contracting a gardener for maintaining and enhancing the Bagehot garden. The Landmark Langport office was set up in the Town Hall and is now well established.

FUTURE PLANS

Our immediate aims for the coming year are to seek funding to upgrade the heating system to improve the thermal comfort of the Ridgway Hall for users and to maximise use of the solar system and reduce carbon emissions, to progress the recruitment of trustees to support the board particularly with skills to develop the website and to increase engagement with stakeholders to progress the purposes of the CIO.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow trustees including those that stood down during the year for all their help setting up the new CIO and through the transition period. All members of the board have worked tremendously hard and giving up considerable amounts of their time all on a volunteer basis and I am extremely grateful. They have made great achievements during an unprecedented year.

Cara Naden Chair, Langport Area CIO

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RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have initiated a wide-ranging review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, covering all identified, relevant areas including financial risk and risks associated with personnel. Risks have been identified, assessed and safeguards have been put in place to eliminate or mitigate such risks as far as is reasonably possible.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

There were no restricted funds received or held in the period.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity's policy for determining the level of reserves is to ensure funds are retained to be able to deal with any major repair work or any other unforeseen expenses arising in the next year, together with all day to day running expenses.

Signed by order of the trustees:

Ms Cara Naden

Approved by the trustees on

22 November 2021

LANGPORT AREA CIO
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LANGPORT AREA CIO
PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Langport Area CIO for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S M Bachrach, Chartered Accountant
Independent Examiner
Chalmers and Co
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Dated: **26 November 2021**

LANGPORT AREA CIO
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Transfer from Langport Town Trust	25,000	-	25,000
Hanging Chapel Rent	625	-	625
Undercroft Hire	650	-	650
	<hr/> 26,775	<hr/> -	<hr/> 26,775
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Insurance	5,045	-	5,045
Wages of administrator	1,266	-	1,266
Town Clock Service	222	-	222
Town Hall - Utilities	166	-	166
Town Hall – Maintenance	96	-	96
Town Garden	48	-	48
	<hr/> 6,843	<hr/> -	<hr/> 6,843
NET OF PAYMENTS	<u>19,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,932</u>
Bank and cash funds brought forward	<hr/> -	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Bank and cash funds carried forward	<u>19,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,932</u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these financial statements.

LANGPORT AREA CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £
CASH FUNDS	
Bank current account	19,932
	<u>19,932</u>
 PROPERTY ASSETS (at insurance value)	
Hanging Chapel and Medieval Gateway	2,589,600
Town Hall and Garden	2,352,480
Ridgway Hall	<u>678,292</u>
 OTHER ASSETS (at insurance value)	
Town Hall, Garden and Ridgway Hall Fixtures and Fittings	<u>15,000</u>

We confirm that the above Statement of Assets is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

Ms Cara Naden

Mr Philip Edge

Date **22 November 2021**

LANGPORT AREA CIO
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and in accordance with the trust deed and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

General accumulated unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and may be applied in achieving any of the objectives of the charity as decided by the trustees.

Restricted funds

These relate to incoming resources which have been received subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor and binding on the Trustees and may only be applied in accordance with the restrictions placed on the donation.

Income is treated as unrestricted unless a restriction is placed upon it by the donor or by the terms of the fundraising venture undertaken by the charity.

2. STAFF COSTS

The charity had 1 employee during the period who was paid less than £60,000.

3. REMUNERATION

No remuneration has been paid to the charity's trustees in the period.

4. TRUSTEES EXPENSES

No trustee's expenses have been reimbursed in the period.

5. CONNECTED CHARITIES

On 1 November 2020 Langport Town Trust (Charity number 242979) transferred the Property and other assets as mentioned on page 6, together with funds from their bank account totalling £25,000 to Langport Area CIO.

6. GUARANTEES

No guarantees have been given by the Charity.

7. DEBTS

There are no debts outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which are owed by the charity and which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity.

LANGPORT AREA CIO
TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

We confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts on pages 6 to 7 have been prepared from the books and records of the Charity. All other relevant information has been made available for their preparation.

We also confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts are an accurate record of the Charity's activities in the period.

Ms Cara Naden

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Dated: **22 November 2021**

Mr Philip Edge

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Dated: **22 November 2021**