

COFFIN CLUB DERBY

England & Wales · Charity number 1186505

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-11-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ABOUT ISSUES RELATING TO DEATH AND END OF LIFE CELEBRATION PLANNING IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE

Activities: To support those to prepare for a funeral, the death of a loved one and to combat 'funeral poverty'

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derby City
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31		£0	£0	-
2024-03-31		£0	£0	-
2023-03-31		£621	£447	-
2022-03-31		£0	£0	-
2021-03-31		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Leni Robson Miss	Chair	2019-11-04
Dr Daniel Cogswell		2019-11-04
Gavin Meredith		2019-11-04

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Trustees' Annual Report for Coffin Club Derby

For the period April 2024 to March 2025

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Trustees (2024–25):

- Leni Robson – Chair and founder, leading outward-facing activities and community engagement.
- Professor Daniel Cogswell – Secretary and Director of Logistics, responsible for operational coordination and support.
- Gavin Meredith – Treasurer, responsible for oversight of funds and financial stewardship.

Structure, Governance, and Management:

Coffin Club Derby is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) established to support individuals in preparing for funerals, coping with the death of loved ones, and combating 'funeral poverty.' The charity is governed by its constitution, with trustees responsible for strategic oversight and decision-making.

Objectives and Activities:

- Educate the community about end-of-life planning and funeral options.
- Provide support and resources to individuals facing bereavement.
- Address and alleviate funeral poverty by offering affordable alternatives.

Achievements and Performance:

From April 2024 to March 2025, Coffin Club Derby supported 13 individuals with funeral planning, including one living funeral. We appeared on ITV in April 2024 in a documentary titled "The Cost of Funerals," which raised national awareness and brought increased engagement. Most support was delivered via Zoom or telephone. No funding was raised, no expenses were incurred, and trustees worked on a voluntary basis.

Plans for Future Periods:

Coffin Club Derby will enter a hiatus in 2025/26 due to trustee commitments to the Baton

of Hope. 1:1 support will continue, and attendance at community events will be maintained. We will review future plans and continue to seek sustainable ways forward.

Public Benefit Statement:

The trustees confirm compliance with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011, having regard to public benefit guidance.

Annual Accounts Summary for Coffin Club Derby (2024/25)

Income:

Donations: £0

Workshop Fees: £0

Grants: £0

Fundraising Events: £0

Other Income: £0

Total Income: £0

Expenditure:

Venue Hire: £0

Workshop Materials: £0

Administrative Costs: £0

Marketing and Promotion: £0

Other Expenditures: £0

Total Expenditure: £0

Summary:

Total Income: £0

Total Expenditure: £0

Surplus/Deficit: £0

Assets and Liabilities:

Bank Balance (Start of Period): 174.50

Bank Balance (End of Period): £174.50

Other Assets: £0

Liabilities: £0

Prepared by: Selena Robson

Role: Chair

Date: 15 January 2025

Approved by the trustees on 18 January 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 Period start date To 31 March 2023
Period end date

Charity name: Coffin Club Derby

Charity registration number: 1186505

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education for the public benefit about issues relating to death and end of life celebration planning in such ways as the trustees may from time to time determine
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Productions, education sessions, and talks around end of life and death.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
		Several events took place this year, including more 1:1 meetings with businesses raising awareness of alternative provisions of funerals including venues.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

Coffin Club Derby have been asked to arrange an event to be featured on a national ITV programme in April 2024. Further details will be in next years annual report.

At the moment the organisation is an information provider, and the difficult juxtaposition as Coffin Club UK moves away from the core purpose continues to be of concern.

Coffin Club Derby now has a website and after initial support on the social media aspect has had some setbacks.

Our Chair continues to be invited to talks and continues to promote Coffin Club.

It was agreed to look into developing into Bereavement and Death Cafes.

No funds have been spent or raised in the last year. The work of the trustees ensures that events can be put on for free, with donations of venues, drinks and food.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Financial position sits at £175 in the bank account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	To ensure continuation of charity
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£174.75
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Due to support of the community the charity continues to be able to continue.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing Document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees agreed to continue at the beginning of each financial year. New Trustees are appointed on agreement of all three trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Coffin Club Derby
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1186505
Charity's principal address	34 Ridgway Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE23 1GB

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	Selena Robson	Chair	2019 -	
2	Daniel Cogswell	Secretary	2019-	
3	Gavin Meredith	Treasurer	2019	
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Selena Robson	
Full name(s)	Selena Robson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	08/04/2024	

Coffin Club Derby Accounts for 2023/2024

Date	Name	Income	Outgoings
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Total Income		£	174.75
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Total Outgoing			
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Total		£	174.75
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
		This year the main event was a performance of Out of the Box, commissioned in Derby. This raised money for the organisation. Sessions were planned but cancelled due to lack of interest, or Covid effecting speakers. Engagement revealed that the name Coffin Club can be off putting and there are ongoing discussions as to whether the name will change, but we will stay part of Coffin Club UK.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

We watch Coffin Club UK with interest but note we wish to remain focused on end of life education and support as they move more towards Celebrant training.

Our Chair continues to be invited to talks and continues to promote Coffin Club.

It was agreed that the following year we will focus on structure, identifying support for social media, and reviewing the charity goals and aims.

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Full name(s)	Selena Robson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	08/04/2023	

Coffin Club Derby Accounts for 2022/23

Date	Name	Income	Outgoings
22/11/2022	Murrays Funeral Director	£ 500.00	Sponsorship for out of the box
30/11/2022	Ticketsource	£ 121.50	Tickets for Out of the box
11/12/2022	Full Circle Production		£ 446.75 Payment to Full Circle productions for Out of the Box
Total Income		£ 621.50	
Total Outgoing		£ 446.75	
Total		£ 174.75	

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Annual Report
Coffin Club Derby
April 2021- March 2022

Previous Annual Report

This was agreed as a true and accurate record.

Chairs Report

The ongoing situation with regards to Covid 19 means that yet again, plans for Coffin Club Derby were put on hold.

The Covid 19 Pandemic doesn't just affect the sessions due to the need to keep attendees safe, but the pressure on our Trustees day to day life.

It was agreed that a fundraising session would be arranged. Again due to the pandemic this was delayed but will take place in November 2022 and full details will be in the next report.

I continue to be featured on local radio, discussing Coffin Club Derby.

We are currently using the Coffin Club UK website as our landing page, but there are issues in updating this. It is understood that there will be improvements to this to make the affiliates area much more user friendly and at this time the expense of our own website is not viable.

The Trustees continued to meet on a quarterly basis but given that attendees to the club include those who are terminally ill we have to consider this. A virtual event was considered but so

much of the Coffin Club Derby appeal is to do with company and support it was not felt that this would offer the required support.

Charity status has been invaluable when talking to people about Coffin Club Derby and is a valuable tool when applying for grants but we do need to utilise this more.

Treasurers report

As per the requirement of the Charity Commission a bank account has been set up with Starling Bank Account. This is a business bank account but there are no fees. This was created on 14th January 2022. There was no income prior to this.

There have been no outgoings or income during this period. It was agreed that all Trustees will actively look for grants to apply for in the next financial year, to ensure that the actual events can be free. Donations will be requested.

Due to the lack of finance there is little to report from the last year.

Annual Accounts
Coffin Club Derby
April 2021- March 2022

Incoming	£0
Outgoings	£0

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Period end date

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	For the period detailed in these annual reports there have been no activities due to the COVID crisis. Due to the nature of our charity, the people who would attend are vulnerable and high risk.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees have had regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Committee on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements and Performance

	Due to the pandemic no Coffin Club Derby events took place. The Trustees met formally 4 times during the year to review the situation and changes were led by the government guidance.
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The organisation has not taken or spent any monies during the period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	N/A
Amount of reserves held	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	No monies have been raised due to the COVID pandemic
Details of fund materially in deficit	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	There are no concerns about the charity continuing as speakers continue to give their time for free, and we have sourced a free venue. Attendees will continue to be charged a nominal amount to cover refreshments where they can afford this.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Due to the COVID pandemic all fundraising activities were put on hold. Coffin Club principally raises money from attendees at the events. The first event following registration as a charity was scheduled for May 2020.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Unincorporated Association with 3 Trustees at this time.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	The Trustees are 3 like minded individuals at this time. Due to the COVID pandemic and the lack of activity no further recruitment was completed however the intention is to hold an AGM when it is reasonably safe to do so and actively recruit for Trustees to help the charity grow

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The charity is part of the Coffin Club UK network and regular meets with other Coffin Clubs around the country to work through any issues
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

The COVID pandemic put a halt on all work being done by Coffin Club Derby. 3 events were planned during lockdown, which the Trustees agreed were not viable or safe. The safety of attendees and speakers were always paramount. All 3 of the trustees were key workers during the covid pandemic, with the chair working within the funeral industry.

However, this is not to say that work has not been ongoing. The Chair has made valuable connections within the community and has secured a free venue for future coffin clubs. Interest is growing within the funeral industry and relationships have been maintained.

Coffin Club Derby will go ahead in from March 2022 in the new venue and will be reported in the annual report for 2021/22. Planning for this has begun. No money was taken or spent since the charity was formed.


In 2022 grants will be applied for and the constitution will be reviewed to include Coffin Club providing Grief support and Death café's

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Selena Carol Robson (Leni)	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

06/01/2022

Accounts for the period

Incoming	£0
Outgoing	£0