

# DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1188567

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-03-16

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR POVERTY IN DORCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY MEANS OF FOOD PROVISION, INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

**Activities:** To support families with children on pupil premium (free school meals) with food parcels during the Summer and Christmas school holidays

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Dorset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£42,869	£39,732	-	-
2024-02-29	£58,750	£35,323	-	-
2023-02-28	£22,753	£32,792	-	-
2022-02-28	£25,921	£21,442	-	-
2021-02-28	£33,646	£23,195	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Karen Weir</b>	Chair	2020-03-01
Alan Peter Duncalf		2025-11-10
Catherine Bone		2025-11-10
Danielle Colley		2020-03-01
Helen Jessica Weir		2025-11-10
John Bruce Weir		2020-03-01
Kathleen Barbara Joslin		2020-03-01
Sally Ann Huntington		2000-03-01

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1188567

#### REGISTERED ADDRESS

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#### ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

#### OBJECTIVES

Dorchester Family Support (DFS) was formed to support families with children on pupil premium (free schools meals) with food parcels during the Summer and Christmas School Holidays. DFS registered as a charity in March 2020.

#### ACTIVITIES DURING 2024-25

In Summer 2024 we distributed food for each of five weeks to around 230 families representing around 400 children. We provide enough food to feed a family of 4 (larger families receive two packs) one meal for 5 days of the week. Families can select from a wide range of food to suit their needs. At Christmas 2024 we distributed a Christmas hamper of treats and food staples to around 240 families.

#### RESERVE POLICY

Our reserves at March 2024 at £41645 were higher than expected which will enable us to be more generous in Summer 2025. The size of the reserves is influenced by the timing and size of grants being unpredictable.

#### INVESTMENT

As income is expected to be spent fairly quickly the money is held with a bank account at CAF and no further investments exist or are planned.

#### INSURANCE

Insurance cover has been arranged with Ansvar Insurance and includes Public Liability.

#### RISK ASSESSMENTS

These are carried out prior to each event involving the distributing of parcels.

#### INCOME

Principally from grant making organisations, churches and public donations. Total income of £42868

#### EXPENDITURE

Principally on the provision of food. The total spent on helping families was nearly £39371

#### POLICIES

Policies have been produced covering Safeguarding, Child Protection, Volunteer Code of Conduct, Complaints, Data Protection, Data Retention, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Trustee Code of Conduct, Whistleblowing, Volunteers and Financial Management.

#### TRUSTEES

Karen Weir (Chairman), Kath Joslin, Sally Huntington, Dani Colley, John Weir (Treasurer)

August 2025

Sheet1

**Dorchester Family Support Accounts 01/03/2024-29/02/2025**

**Income & Expenditure**

	24/25	23/24
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Donations – Corporate	23,418.36	38,120.96
Donations – Individual	17,926.76	20,566.46
Gift Aid	1,343.82	.00
Polo Shirts	94.02	
Interest Received	86.00	62.52
	<u>42,868.96</u>	<u>58,749.94</u>

**Expenditure**

Food	36,149.81	33,543.18
Cash Donations to families	200.00	
Vouchers/Gifts	2,217.86	637.98
Governance	210.00	146.00
Miscellaneous	420.42	592.69
Insurance	473.68	353.27
Bank fees	60.00	50.00
	<u>39,731.77</u>	<u>35,323.12</u>

Surplus/Deficit	<u>3,137.19</u>	<u>23,426.82</u>
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**Balance Sheet**

	24/25	23/24
	£	£
Bank balance b/f	38,508.64	15,081.82
Surplus/Deficit	<u>3,137.19</u>	<u>23,426.82</u>
Bank balance c/f	<u>41,645.83</u>	<u>38,508.64</u>

Notes to the accounts:

1. The large surplus is the result of unexpected corporate and individual d
2. Governance includes fees for DBS (£145), DCA (£30), ICO (£35)
3. Miscellaneous includes £324.82 for promotional items

JOHN WEIR  
TREASURER

Sheet1

MARCH 2025  
ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES ON

ACCOUNTS EXAMINED BY C H WEIR ON

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT (CHARITY NO 1188569)  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

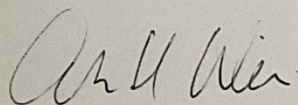
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Dorchester family Support as required by section 130 of the Act.
2. The accounts do not accord with these 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.

Signed



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**DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT**

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1188567

REGISTERED ADDRESS

Dorford Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1RR

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

### **OBJECTIVES**

Dorchester Family Support (DFS) was formed to support families with children on pupil premium (free schools meals) with food parcels during the Summer and Christmas School Holidays. DFS registered as a charity in March 2020.

### **ACTIVITIES DURING 2023-24**

In Summer 2023 we distributed food to 232 families. We provide enough food to feed a family of 4 (larger families receive 2 packs) one main meal for 5 days of the week. Families can select from a wide range of food to suit their needs. At Christmas 2023 we distributed a Christmas hamper of treats and food staples to 247 families.

### **RESERVE POLICY**

Our reserves at March 2024 are higher than we would normally expect due to several large grants being awarded in the summer of 2023 which were too late to use for our summer distribution. At least £15,000 of these will not be repeated in 2024 and therefore we expect our reserves in March 25 to be less.

### **INVESTMENT**

As our reserves are higher than normal we are exploring moving the surplus into a deposit account with CAF bank.

### **INSURANCE**

Insurance cover has been arranged with Ansvar Insurance and includes Public Liability.

### **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

These are carried out prior to each event involving the distributing of parcels.

### **INCOME**

Principally from grant making organisations such as Awards for All, The Valentine Trust, The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Trust, churches and public donations. Total income just under £23000.

### **EXPENDITURE**

Principally on the provision of food. We helped more families this year and our total spend in 23-24 was £35,323.12.

### **POLICIES**

Policies have been produced covering Safeguarding, Child Protection, Volunteer Code of Conduct, Complaints, Data Protection, Data Retention, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Trustee Code of Conduct, Whistleblowing, Volunteer, Financial Management and Social Media.

### **TRUSTEES**

Karen Weir (Chairman), Kath Joslin, Sally Huntington, Dani Colley, John Weir (Treasurer)

March 2024

Sheet1

**Dorchester Family Support Accounts 01/03/2023 - 29/02/24**

**Income & Expenditure**

	23/24	22/23
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Donations – Corporate	38,120.96	9,015.93
Donations – Individual	20,566.46	12,620.87
Gift Aid		1,098.07
Interest Received	62.52	18.13
	<u>58,749.94</u>	<u>22,753.00</u>

**Expenditure**

Food	33,543.18	28,538.76
Cash Donations to families		315.00
Vouchers/Gifts	637.98	2,950.00
Governance	146.00	181.00
Miscellaneous	592.69	378.50
Insurance	353.27	353.27
Bank fees	50.00	75.00
	<u>35,323.12</u>	<u>32,791.53</u>

Surplus/Deficit	<u>23,426.82</u>	<u>-10,038.53</u>
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**Balance Sheet**

	23/24	22/23
	£	£
Bank balance b/f	15,081.82	25,120.35
Surplus/Deficit	23,426.82	-10,038.53
Bank balance c/f	<u>38,508.64</u>	<u>15,081.82</u>

Notes to the accounts:

1. The large surplus is the result of several large grants being awarded to
2. Governance includes fees for DBS (£56), NCVO (£55) ICO (£35)
3. Miscellaneous includes Client car parking (£17.50) and Website (£336)
4. Gift Aid for 23/24 not yet claimed

JOHN WEIR  
TREASURER  
MARCH 2024

Sheet1

ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES ON

ACCOUNTS EXAMINED BY C H WEIR ON 20 March 24

Sheet1

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT (CHARITY NO 1188569)  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2024

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Dorchester family Support as required by section 130 of the Act.
2. The accounts do not accord with these records.

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Signed

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1188567  
REGISTERED ADDRESS

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

### OBJECTIVES

Dorchester Family Support (DFS) was formed to support families with children on pupil premium (free schools meals) with food parcels during the Summer and Christmas School Holidays. DFS registered as a charity in March 2020.

### ACTIVITIES DURING 2022-23

In Summer 2022 we distributed parcels for each of four weeks to around 200 families representing 400 children.

At Christmas 2022 we distributed around 300 parcels together with a book token.

### RESERVE POLICY

Our reserves at March 2022 at £25000 were higher than expected which enabled us to be more generous in Summer 2022. Our reserves at March 2023 of £15000 are at a more appropriate level of about 50% of expenditure.

### INVESTMENT

As income is expected to be spent fairly quickly the money is held with a bank account at CAF and no further investments exist or are planned.

### INSURANCE

Insurance cover has been arranged with Ansvar Insurance and includes Public Liability.

### RISK ASSESSMENTS

These are carried out prior to each event involving the distributing of parcels.

### INCOME

Principally from grant making organisations, churches and public donations. Total income just under £23000.

### EXPENDITURE

Principally on the provision of food. The total spent on helping families was nearly £32000.

### POLICIES

Policies have been produced covering Safeguarding, Child Protection, Volunteer Code of Conduct, Complaints, Data Protection, Data Retention, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Trustee Code of Conduct, Whistleblowing, Volunteer, Financial Management.

### TRUSTEES

Karen Weir (Chairman), Kath Joslin, Sally Huntington, Dani Colley, John Weir (Treasurer)

March 2023

Sheet1

**Dorchester Family Support Accounts 01/03/2022 – 28/02/2023**

**Income & Expenditure**

	22/23	21/22
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Donations – Corporate	9,015.93	18,200.00
Donations – Individual	12,620.87	7,083.80
Gift Aid	1,098.07	637.86
Interest Received	18.13	.00
	<u>22,753.00</u>	<u>25,921.66</u>

**Expenditure**

Food	28,538.76	15,469.93
Cash Donations to families	315.00	5,040.00
Vouchers/Gifts	2,950.00	.00
Governance	181.00	246.00
Miscellaneous	378.50	318.48
Insurance	353.27	338.27
Bank fees	75.00	29.90
	<u>32,791.53</u>	<u>21,442.58</u>

Surplus/Deficit	<u><u>-10,038.53</u></u>	<u><u>4,479.08</u></u>
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**Balance Sheet**

	22/23	21/22
	£	£
Bank balance b/f	25,120.35	20,641.27
Surplus/Deficit	<u>-10,038.53</u>	<u>4,479.08</u>
Bank balance c/f	<u><u>15,081.82</u></u>	<u><u>25,120.35</u></u>

Notes to the accounts:

1. The deficit was planned due to substantial surplus in 21/22
2. Governance includes fees for DBS (£91), NCVO (£55) ICO (£35)
3. Miscellaneous includes DCA fee (£25) Client car parking (£17.50) and Website (£336)

JOHN WEIR  
TREASURER  
MARCH 2023

ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES ON  
ACCOUNTS EXAMINED 11 MARCH 2023

**DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT**

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DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1188567  
REGISTERED ADDRESS  
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## ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

### OBJECTIVES

Dorchester Family Support (DFS) was formed to support families with children on pupil premium (free schools meals) with food parcels during the Summer and Christmas School Holidays. DFS registered as a charity in March 2020.

### ACTIVITIES DURING 2021-2022

In Summer 2021 we distributed parcels for each of four weeks to around 200 families representing 400 children.

At Christmas 2021 we distributed around 200 parcels together with a cash gift.

### RESERVE POLICY

In general terms reserves will be limited to six months income. It is difficult to control the reserves as grant applications are made before the exact expenditure is known and the expenditure is in two main blocks each year. In addition the demand each year has increased significantly. Reserves currently exceed six months income but this is significantly a result of around £6000 received in 2021-22 but earmarked for 2022-3

### INVESTMENT

As income is expected to be spent fairly quickly the money is held with a bank account at CAF and no further investments exist or are planned.

### INSURANCE

Insurance cover has been arranged with Ansvar Insurance and includes Public Liability.

### RISK ASSESSMENTS

These are carried out prior to each event involving the distributing of parcels.

### INCOME

Principally from grant making organisations, churches and public donations.

### EXPENDITURE

Principally on the provision of food

### POLICIES

Policies have been produced covering Safeguarding, Child Protection, Volunteer Code of Conduct, Complaints, Data Protection, Data Retention, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Trustee Code of Conduct, Whistleblowing, Volunteer, Financial Management.

### TRUSTEES

Karen Weir (Chairman), Kath Joslin, Sally Huntington, Dani Colley, John Weir (Treasurer)

March 2022

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT  
ACCOUNTS 1 March 2021-28 February 2022

LAST YEAR

INCOME

CORPORATE	18200.00	25871.97
PERSONAL	7083.80	7775.00
GIFT AID	637.86	0.00
TOTAL	25921.66	33646.97

EXPENDITURE

FOOD.	15469.93	16725.59
CASH DONATIONS	5040.00	4000.00
GOVERNANCE	246.00	394.50
MISC	318.48	2075.00
INSURANCE	338.27	0.00
BANK FEES	29.90	0.00
TOTAL.	21442.58	23195.09

SURPLUS	4479.08	10451.88
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BALANCE SHEET

BROUGHT FORWARD	20641.27	10189.39
SURPLUS	4479.08	10451.88
CARRIED FORWARD.	25120.35	20641.27

NOTES

1. DONATION REQUESTED FROM COOPER DEAN TRUST WAS £1000. £5000 WAS GRANTED BUT £4000 TO BE FOR FUTURE YEARS
2. GRANT RECEIVED IN 21-22 FROM TESCO BUT ALLOCATED FOR 22-23
3. PAYMENT FROM DORSET COUNCIL WAS FOR GOODS SUPPLIED TO THEM
4. AS A RESULT OF 1. TO 3. TRUE BALANCE IS £19120.35
5. MISC LAST YEAR INCLUDED INSURANCE AND BANK FEES

JOHN WEIR  
TREASURER  
MARCH 2022

ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES ON

ACCOUNTS EXAMINATION APPROVED 29 MARCH 2022



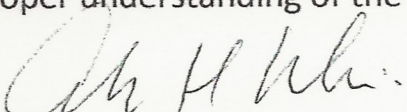
DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT ( CHARITY NO 1188567)  
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Date 29 March 20 22

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Date 9. March. 2021.

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT  
ACCOUNTS 1 March 2020 – 28 February 2021

		LAST YEAR
INCOME		
CORPORATE	25871.97	9100.00
PERSONAL	7775.00	4224.02
OTHER	0.00	
FASHION SHOW		1400.00
TOTAL	33646.97	14724.02
EXPENDITURE		
FOOD	20725.59	7162.11
GOVERNANCE	394.50	
MISC	2075.00	93.50
SUPERDRUG		1800.00
KIWI		800.00
TOTAL	23195.09	9855.61
SURPLUS	10451.88	4868.41

BALANCE SHEET

BROUGHT FORWARD	10189.39	5320.98
SURPLUS	10451.88	4868.41
CARRIED FORWARD.	20641.27	10189.39

NOTES

DFS REGISTERED AS A CHARITY IN MARCH 2020 BUT DUE TO COVID DFS CONTINUED TO SHARE A BANK ACCOUNT WITH DORCHESTER FOOD BANK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2020

PRIOR TO CHARITY REGISTRATION DFS OPERATED ON A YEAR END OF 30 SEPTEMBER. SEPARATE ACCOUNTS WERE PRODUCED.

THE PREVIOUS YEAR FIGURES ABOVE ARE AN EXTRACT FROM EARLIER FIGURES.

ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES ON 3 MARCH 2021

DORCHESTER FAMILY SUPPORT ( CHARITY NO 1188567)  
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