



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

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**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	<u>23,426.82</u>	<u>-10,038.53</u>
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

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ACCOUNTS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES ON

ACCOUNTS EXAMINED BY C H WEIR ON 20 March 24

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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.

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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