

BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1194940

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-24

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS ARE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FROM COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITIES IN THE WEST MIDLANDS REGION: 1. TO PROMOTE CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP BY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO RESPECT AND CARE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP 2. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION INCLUDING PHYSICAL TRAINING IN THE SUBJECTS OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES 3. TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS; 4. TO PROMOTE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY BY:A. THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, GENDER, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR RELIGION; B. ADVANCING EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY; C. PROMOTING ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITIES; D. PROVIDING ADVICE AND SUPPORT, REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY E. CULTIVATING A SENTIMENT IN FAVOUR OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY. 5. TO PROMOTE THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR BY:A. PROVIDING GRANTS TO REGISTERED CHARITIES; AND B. PROVIDING ADVICE, INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS 'THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR' MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 'CHARITIES' ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES. 'VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS' ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

Activities: Promoting civic responsibility and good citizenship .Advancing the skills, capacities and capabilities of young people to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.Promoting equality and diversity by the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation and religion.Advancing education and raising awareness of equality.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-01		£10	£780	-
2024-08-01		£11	£65	-
2023-08-01		£338	£55	-
2022-08-01		£5,000	£37	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Reginald STOKES-SMITH	Chair	2021-06-18
Daw Karen		2021-06-24
Elly Tobin		2022-12-12
LOUISE CATHERINE MARIAN TONER		2021-06-24
Sarah Rebecca Andrews		2025-06-24

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 2nd August 2024 to 1 August 2025

Charity name: Birmingham Commonwealth Society

Charity registration number: 1194940

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The charity aims to:</p> <p>Promote civic responsibility and good citizenship</p> <p>Advance education</p> <p>Advance in life and help young people develop their skills, capacities and capabilities and participate in society as mature and responsible individuals</p> <p>Promote equality and diversity, the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion All for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively from Commonwealth communities in the West Midlands region.</p>
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	<p>During the period the trustees have continued to focus upon establishing its infrastructure including the need for more trustees with the relevant skill, which particular purpose it should focus upon initially, the additional money and people resources required and the establishment of a website and logo.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	<p>Since its formation it has put further policies in place and looked at fund raising. However, the latter is challenging. It has met with a number of organisations with a view to engaging with them on mutually beneficial initiatives.</p> <p>During the period it has created and launched a website +engaged with a school and their students in the creation of a BCS logo which is now included on the website.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The charity has made progress in achieving its internal control/structure/required skills arrangements which it feels it needs to do before it can pursue its charitable objectives. It now also have a website.</p>
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<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>It is not felt possible to raise funds until it has a history of past achievements to show what it is doing and people resource constraints prevent this at present.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>No investment performance objectives were felt relevant at this stage of the charity's evolution.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charities funding has remained as was save for: a £5 pcm deduction by its bank + a small amount of interest earned on its bank balance + having incurred £780 on the creation of a website.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not currently have a policy for holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None at present
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity has yet to create a budget.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution as per Charity Commission template.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	A society
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	Trustee selection is based upon the required skills, knowledge and experience but also having regard to diversity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Birmingham Commonwealth Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194940
Charity's principal address	Wick Episcopi, Upper Wick, Rushwick, Worcestershire, WR2 5SY.

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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	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional) **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**
Type of **Name** **Address adviser**

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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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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) Full name(s) Position (eg Secretary,	K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith
	K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith
	Chair	Chair, etc)

Date

01/04/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Birmingham Commonwealth Society	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 2-Aug-24	To	Period end date 1st August 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	10	-	-	10	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10	-	-	10	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10	-	-	10	-
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	-
Website	720	-	-	720	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	780	-	-	780	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	780	-	-	780	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 770	-	-	- 770	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 770	-	-	- 770	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		4,468	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,468	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith	1-Apr-26

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From 2nd August 2023 to 1 August 2024

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Charity registration number: **1194940**

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Additional information (optional)

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Birmingham Commonwealth Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194940
Charity's principal address	Wick Episcopi, Upper Wick, Rushwick, Worcestershire, WR2 5SY.

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)
	Keith Stokes-Smith	Chairman	Since charity formed	Birmingham Commonwealth Society
	Louise Toner		Since Charity Formed	As above
	Karen Daw		Since charity Formed	As above
	Elly Tobin		Since charity was formed	As above
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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	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional information)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of	Name	Address adviser

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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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)	K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith
	Full name(s)	K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Birmingham Commonwealth Association	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 02-Aug-23	To	Period end date 1st August 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	11	-	-	11	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11	-	-	11	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11	-	-	11	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	65	-	-	65	55
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	65	-	-	65	55
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65	-	-	65	55
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 54	-	-	- 54	- 55
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 54	-	-	- 54	- 55

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	5,238	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,238	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith		09/10/2024

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England & Wales - Charity number 1194940

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Birmingham Commonwealth Society	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 2nd August 2022	To	Period end date 1st August 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Int	9	-	-	9	
Donation	375	-	-	375	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	384	-	-	384	5,000
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	384	-	-	384	5,000
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	55	-	-	55	37
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55	-	-	55	37
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55	-	-	55	37
Net of receipts/(payments)	329	-	-	329	4,963
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	329	-	-	329	4,963

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance	5,292	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,292	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Keith Stokes-Smith	10-May-24	



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 18 June 2021 to 1 August 2022

Charity name: Birmingham Commonwealth Society

Charity registration number: 1194940

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity aims to: Promote civic responsibility and good citizenship Advance education Advance in life and help young people develop their skills, capacities and capabilities and participate in society as mature and responsible individuals Promote equality and diversity, the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion All for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively from Commonwealth communities in the West Midlands region.
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	During the period the trustees have focused upon establishing its infrastructure including the need for more trustees with the relevant skill, which particular purpose it should focus upon initially, the additional money and people resources required, opening a bank account etc. It has received a £5000 donation from WickesAid, a charity Mr Stokes-Smith is also a trustee of.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	Since its formation not long back it has put its resources, policies, corporate and other structures in place and looked at fund raising.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity has made progress in achieving its internal control/structure/required skills arrangements which it feels it needs to do before it can pursue its charitable objectives.
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<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity did secure a £5000 grant from WickesAid. This was not budgeted.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not currently have a policy for holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None at present
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity has yet to create a budget.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
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Additional information (optional)

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

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Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Birmingham Commonwealth Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194940
Charity's principal address	Wick Episcopi, Upper Wick, Rushwick, Worcestershire, WR2 5SY.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		

Date

BIRMINGHAM COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1194940

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 18 June 2021 to 1 August 2022

Charity name: Birmingham Commonwealth Society

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity aims to: Promote civic responsibility and good citizenship Advance education Advance in life and help young people develop their skills, capacities and capabilities and participate in society as mature and responsible individuals Promote equality and diversity, the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion All for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively from Commonwealth communities in the West Midlands region.
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	During the period the trustees have focused upon establishing its infrastructure including the need for more trustees with the relevant skill, which particular purpose it should focus upon initially, the additional money and people resources required, opening a bank account etc. It has received a £5000 donation from WickesAid, a charity Mr Stokes-Smith is also a trustee of.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	Since its formation not long back it has put its resources, policies, corporate and other structures in place and looked at fund raising.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birmingham Commonwealth Society

1194940

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 18-Jun-21	To	Period end date 01-Aug-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
A3 Payments					
Bank fees	37	-	-	37	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	37	-	-	37	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37	-	-	37	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,963	-	-	4,963	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,963	-	-	4,963	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		4,963	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,963	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval