



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	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 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.
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	

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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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	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.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No investment performance objectives were felt relevant at this stage of the charity's evolution.
Other		

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.

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
Sarah Andrews		Since 24 June 2025	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)
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Type of

Name

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional)
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	No (if any)
Birmingham Commonwealth Society	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	2-Aug-24		1st August 2025

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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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
		K Stokes-Smith	K Stokes-Smith	1-Apr-26