



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 02/01/2024 Period end date

Charity name: CLIMATE ACTION TAUNTON

Charity registration number: 1198336

Objectives and Activities

	SORP referenc e	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment. We will do this by engaging with local communities and encouraging behavioural change and positive actions.
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	a. Create and run a climate and community hub in Taunton b. Create a local context that truly reflects the scale of the climate and ecological challenge and the urgency to act c. Empower individuals and communities in Taunton and the surrounding area d. Build partnerships and collaborate with like-minded organisations. e. Engage constructively with Somerset's local authorities
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All of our activities during 2023 have been focused on our charitable purpose as set out in our constitution.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP referenc e	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We have made no grants during this period. At present we have no policies related to grant making
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no policy on this and have not undertaken any relevant activities.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We accept contributions made by volunteers, this includes both financial as well as their time and expertise.
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	We have engaged with the public in a variety of ways including: • Pop-up stalls • Exhibitions • Workshops • Climate Cafe's • Follow through contacts • Action Hub - a shared space in a local zero waste shop • Climate Talks by authors with recent publications. • Film shows • Work with local college students Through these events we have had contact with over 750 individuals over nearly 350 hours. The conversation have been about supporting and sharing actions being taken in response to the climate and ecological emergencies, as well as signposting to relevant information and/or organisations. We have been able to hold in-depth conversations through workshops and individuals approaching our stall at the Taunton Independent Market and at our Action Hub at Paul Street. Our outreach activities included: January - Complete setting up the Action Hub at Paul Street. February - Facilitated workshop with the Taunton Vale Rotary on their climate action plan. March - Joint presentation with Somerset Wildlife Trust to Blackbrook business park. Started the joint work with Taunton Transition Town to make people aware of the election to the new Taunton Town Council in May.

		April - The film 'The Oil Machine' was shown at the Bridgwater Arts Centre. Yeovil Earth - had a stall and made good connections with other like minded individuals and group in the area. Taunton Minster 'Gaya Exhibition' including leading a discussion group. Joint events with Transition Town Taunton to promote participation in the Town Council election. May - Joint event with Taunton Clothes Swap including showing the film 'fashion reimaged'. Follow up next steps meeting with Taunton Town Council. June - Taunton Quakers - The Oil Machine film show and follow up discussion. Met with student ambassadors at Bridgwater & Taunton College to develop their course brief on climate action. Joint actions with Taunton Big Green Week, Rights Community and GoCreate Taunton. Stall at Stoke St.Gregory Envirofair 23. July - supported the event hosted by Community Land Trust September - we showed three films in partnership with the Brewhouse in Taunton. And also held a workshop to share peoples thoughts and possible future actions. October - began our ward based public engagement programme in partnership with Taunton Town Council at Greenway Rec, French Weir Park and Comeytrowe Church. The Oil Machine film show at Quantock ECo and follow up workshop, where we agreed to develop a programme to help raise the environmental and ecological issues during the election year 2024. Raised the issue of climate change at the local meeting of Institution of Civil Engineers with nearly 40 members in attendance. Supported the work of the Curry Rival Parish Council in the work they have done to explore home heating options. November - we held our two sponsored events with Taunton Literary Festival with nearly 70 people coming along to listen to two inspirational speakers. We also held an energy advice training event delivered by the Centre for Sustainable energy to 15
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		people. This provided a sound basis for having informed conversations with the public seeking help and advice. We commenced our collaborative work with Bridgwater and Taunton College Arts and Design Students on the 'future worlds exhibition' to be shown in January 2024. December - we started our 'energy matters' programme funded by National Grid's Community Matters Fund. The programme is based at Priorswood Community Centre and covers the Taunton Area. Details of our outreach activities can be found here. The initial engagement is helping us to evolve the 2024 programme including: Focused on a campaign to highlight climate, ecology and social justice matters during 2024 in the context of the general election. Energy Matters actions to support individuals and communities. Plan to build on the energy matters programme funded by National Grid which will end in March 2024, including the promotion of the 'redress voucher' scheme to qualifying individuals. Bring forward community garden projects with Somerset Community Gardening. Whilst we were unsuccessful for funding for two projects from the Hubbub funding Programme we plan to seek grant funding from other programmes. Continue to sustain the Action Hub at Paul Street and seek funding to continue our programme of actions beyond 2024.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income 2023 income consisted of: Grant income of - £5, 610 Donation - £17 Events - £390 Carry over from 2022 - £9, 330 Providing a Total fund of: £15, 347 Expenditure 2023 expenditure was £6,176 and consisted of: Capital Expenditure - £80 Rent on premises - £4, 773 (including stalls) Promotions - £23 Travel & com £110 Insurance £96 Outreach Materials £1,094 Details of both expenditure and income can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n3Kp3xH2LSQH7BhVBtCi4V1dWMpCKVHNr9zBc7u5oLo/edit?usp=sharing
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have no requirement to hold any reserves to mitigate against significant financial risks or liabilities at present. The balance of £9,158 has been brought forward to the reporting period 2024.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We do not foresee any significant expenditure arising from the 2023 year for which we may need to hold reserves. In addition CAT takes on minimum financial risks thus no need for reserves.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No such funds exist
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We were able to recruit an additional two trustees in 2023 and so now have five trustees. In addition there is a core team of volunteers who help deliver our engagement programme.

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	Grants and donations We have in 2023 had £5, 610 in grants. £390 was generated from the film shows held at the Brewhouse. .
		Not applicable

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:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	We are formed as a charitable organisation. Please see our constitution. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NRO41WCZs_k17nPGfz4wWrBz7gh3xUGiQ/view?usp=share_link
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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 are appointed by the Trust on the basis of their interest and commitment to the environmental and climate change goals as expressed in our constitution.

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	We have adopted a safeguarding and operational policy which guides our work.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We have FIVE trustees who work collaboratively and we anticipate this to increase to 5 in 2023. At present the role of treasures is filled by Karuna Tharmananthar and no other roles have been established. In addition we have a small team of core volunteers with whom we work closely. We also work closely with other environmental and green groups, such as Taunton Transition Town and Somerset Wildlife Trust, GoCreate Taunton and Somerset Community Gardening. We are also part of the national network of Climate Emergency Centres.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Climate Action Taunton
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	
Charity's principal address	1 Birch Grove Taunton TA1 1EE

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	Fran Hicks	Trustee	2022	
2	Carolyn Dare	Trustee	2022	
3	Karuna Tharmananthar	Trustee & Treasurer	2022	
6	Nick O'Donnel	Trustee	February 2023	
7	Vicki Jensen	Trustee	February 2023	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Karuna Tharmananthar

Full name(s)

Karuna Tharmananthar

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee and Treasurer

Date

1 July 2024