



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/01/2024 Period start date To 01/01/2025 Period end date

Charity name: CLIMATE ACTION TAUNTON

Charity registration number: 1198336

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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 2024 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 reference	
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. • Work with local college students • 2024 Election Hustings Through these events we had contact over 600 individuals over nearly 450 hours. The conversation has 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 as well as at other events we have hosted and supported. Our outreach activities included: January- April Our first exhibition in collaboration with Bridgwater and Taunton College students was held at the Brewhouse, Taunton, in January-February 2024. We developed a brief for the students to consider a future where climate solutions existed. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A_pvRo-exRdsI5Sp6NfAaPO2cacf4h1j/view?usp=sharing

		We continued our work with GoCreate Taunton and RightsCommunity Action on raising awareness about climate change and the resulting impact on people and the planet. This work continued throughout the year producing a number of impactful art projects across the town. https://gocreate.org.uk/index.php/climate-art/ Our first programme to support people to keep warm and safe during the winter of 2023/24. Thanks to funding from the National Grid we worked with community support groups in the Priorswood area, including Priorswood Community Centre, Taunton Foodbank and the village agent network run by the Community Council, to help over 30 households with practical help to keep warm and safe. March saw the return of the Taunton Independent Market for 2024, we shared our stall with Centre for Sustainable Energy to provide energy advice and help. We worked with other green groups in the constituency of Taunton and Wellington to highlight environmental and climate issues in the run up to the 2024 general election, under the heading of Our Planet Our Parliament Our Choice. Continued our Vegan Potluck group. May-September Concluded the Energy Matters 2024 programme and continued to engage the community on energy and environmental matters. Also held two workshops at Richard Huish College attended by students studying Environmental Science and Politics. Focused on the 'Our Planet Our Parliament and Our Choice' Programme culminating in a hustings on the 26 June with over 100 members of the public and all the prospective parliamentary candidates. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1siJ0Yj_VTrkR2P8ZMjCh2ylZA6pS36-Gsmi30mqxbPM/edit Three talks in partnership with Taunton Literary Festival were organised with a view to raising awareness. Speakers were Bill McGurie, Vikki Herd and Tom Heap. Continued our public engagement through the Action Hub and also the market stall. In addition we partnered with StudioSarr to engage the community on the redevelopment of the Debenhams Store as a community led project. https://www.apartmentstore.org Our work with GoCreate Taunton culminated in the
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		opening of the Climate Mural at the Taunton Public https://gocreate.org.uk/index.php/climate-art/ October - December Taunton Literary Festival included Roger Morgan-Grenville and Tom Heap sponsored by Climate Action. Taunton.https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/24586862.taunton-literary-festival-2024-feature-34-events/ Continued our work with other community groups to initiate a community led development for the old Debenhams Store. https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/24858726.taunton-debenhams-climate-charity-explores-new-options/
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income 2024 income consisted of: Grant income of - £7,125 Donation - £450 Other - £180 Carry over from 2023 - £9,159 Providing a Total fund of: £16,913 Expenditure 2024 expenditure was £12,428 and consisted of: Capital Expenditure - Rent on premises - £5,552 (including stalls) Promotions - £352 Travel & com £108 Insurance £96 Outreach Materials £45 Details of both expenditure and income can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lpI9jse3EWUkkZkbh6jGgrRZ-Ez2M4Ac4bSbY73xmM8/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 £4,832 has been brought forward to the reporting period 2nd January 2025 to 1 January 2026.
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 2024 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. We are in the process of recruiting a further trustee which we plan to confirm in 2025. 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)		Grants and donations We received a sum of £7,125 in grants and
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	Para 1.47	£450 in donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
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/1NRO41WCZsk17nPGfz4wWrBz7gh3xUGiQ/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 6 in 2025. 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'Donnell	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

17 March 2025