

# DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1198452

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-03-30

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN THE DT1 AND DT2 POSTCODE AREAS BY PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND / OR CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.

**Activities:** Gathering information about poverty locally and nationally and disseminating this to the public in and around Dorchester. Setting up projects and/or campaigning about specific poverty issues. Running a Fund to make grants to people who live in the DT1 and DT2 area who are in a financial crisis, are referred by a recognised agency and to whom a small amount of money would make a difference.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Dorset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£69,271	£56,725	-	-
2024-03-31	£115,534	£27,637	-	-
2023-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Wendy Elizabeth Hilton</b>	Chair	2022-04-01
Jean Croot		2022-04-01
Kathleen Barbara Joslin		2022-04-01
Peter James See		2022-04-01
Simon Kenneth Booth		2022-04-01
Susan Caroline Hosford		2024-11-01

**DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198452

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for Year: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

*Thanks go to everyone who has contributed to and supported the work of Dorchester Poverty Action (DPA).*

### ***Trustees of DPA during 2024 – 2025***

***Wendy Hilton (Chair), Dr Margaret Barker, Simon Booth  
Kath Joslin, Peter See (Treasurer), Susie Hosford and Jean Croot.***

DPA is a community charity and was set up by Churches Together in Dorchester in 1990, registered as a charitable trust with the Charity Commission in 1994. Its aim was, and remains, to serve those with inadequate income in the DT1 and DT2 area. On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, DPA converted to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (No. 1198452), following a successful application to the Charity Commission.

### **Trustees**

Dr Margaret Barker, who had been Chair of Dorchester Poverty Action for many years, and a Trustee from its inception, retired in October 2024, and agreed to join the Advisory Group to ensure her valuable knowledge will still be accessible to the Charity. Susie Hosford was appointed as a new Trustee in October 2024.

### **Summary of the past year's work**

- There remain many local families and individuals who are struggling financially, aggravated by the continuing rising costs of food, fuel and essential household bills. DPA have continued to provide an important lifeline for these people and certainly the DPA grants are always greatly appreciated by both recipients and professionals working with them. However, it seems the reduction and turn-over of staff plus changes to the structures of statutory organisations are a cause for the slight reduction in referrals for grants and items. Trustees and the Advisory Group have publicised the work of DPA whenever an opportunity has arisen to address this.
- The number of grants given in 2024/25 (a total of 183, compared to 191 in 2023/24) had returned to pre-Covid levels, and was around 8% lower than 2023/24.
- The number of grants requested for fuel during the Winter months was noticeably lower during the Winter of 2024/25. Many such requests in previous years came from Social and Health Services, and it may well be that the changes these organisations have experienced, and the reduction in numbers of staff have resulted in this factor. It was also a mild Winter. The Trustees are monitoring this and also sending out publicity re DPA along with the Easter 2025 Co-Op food vouchers, plus having talked to a group of Social Prescribers and to Age UK.
- The Trustees completed the work to convert DPA to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which will enable DPA to gain benefits previously enjoyed by companies, without the burden of dual regulation by both the Charities Commission and Companies House. This involved opening a new bank account and significant other work particularly for the Treasurer and Chair.
- Applying for Gift Aid on personal donations, plus transferring part of the bank account to an interest-bearing account, has assisted DPA to maximise its income.
- The Advisory Group has been very helpful with various tasks, including the distribution of supermarket vouchers (crucial in providing emergency help to people), maintaining and improving the website and Facebook sites, and assisting with fund-raising events, plus the

annual Coffee Morning. The Advisory Group provides useful links to local churches, food banks and other voluntary organisations.

- As more people have had to rely on food banks, the need for a fridge or fridge/freezer has become important to enable people to avoid wasting fresh food given. DPA works closely with Dorset Reclaim to provide white goods at a reasonable price but it became necessary to increase such grants to £315 to cover these prices. It was also agreed at the end of the financial year to increase the general maximum grant to £300, in recognition of increasing general costs
- Due to the previous work of DPA Trustees and the Advisory Group almost all local schools now have school uniform swap facilities. This has shown results and the amount given out in grants for school uniforms was reduced to £1,770, mainly for footwear and warm coats.
- Grants for flooring continues to be requested and given to families with babies, toddlers or people with certain disabilities where flooring is required for health and safety reasons. Sadly the policy of local housing agencies is for the previous tenants to have to remove all carpets/flooring, and hence the new tenants have to provide flooring as well as the usual expenses required when moving. Although this has been previously noted in DPA Annual Reports, due to the financial hardship this causes to most new tenants, it is worth recording this again.
- DPA have continued to work with the local Food Bank to support Christians Against Poverty who several times a year run their Money Management Course to provide a £20 voucher to each person completing the Course.
- Fund raising appeals at the beginning of Winter and at Christmas 2024 (Give a Stranger a Gift) were successful and DPA was extremely pleased and grateful for individuals' donations.
- Through written applications to certain organisations, plus publicising the work of DPA, funds have been raised by the Trustees and Advisory Group.
- The DPA Policies and Procedures were reviewed, updated and agreed by the Trustees in July 2024.
- The Trustees continue to function efficiently, meeting at least quarterly, followed by a meeting including the Advisory Group to ensure everyone is kept informed of all work.

### **Financial Help Given**

- During 2024/25, £40,917 was given out in grants helping a total of 147 individuals/families.
- £14,000 was spent on Co-Op food vouchers (£10 each) given to 16 agencies to help people and families in dire and urgent need.
- A further amount of just over £1,000 was given out by Citizens Advice to be used as emergency funds in small amounts.
- As mentioned above, a small amount was used to provide £20 vouchers for those completing the Christians Against Poverty Money Management Courses.
- £2,400 was given out in fuel grants (usually £100 per grant).
- £1,770 was given out in school uniform grants (a maximum of £100 per student).
- Administrative expenses were £800 (which includes Insurance, bank fees, membership of Dorset Community Action and printing). This is just under 1.5% of total expenditure.

### **Examples of what the DPA Grants were for**

- Urgent basic furniture, baby items and white goods for families rehoused having escaped domestic violence, or being rehoused after a period of homelessness
- Fridges/freezers and cookers to families using food banks

- Floor covering for families or individuals being newly housed in housing association properties where there is a baby/toddler or person with a relevant disability
- Winter fuel costs, especially heating oil in villages with no mains gas supply
- Warm coats and shoes for school children
- Costs arising because of serious physical/mental ill health of a family member
- Assistance to clear rent, council tax or fuel arrears.
- Vehicle repairs to enable main earner to get to work or get a family member to appointments
- Travel costs to visit a sick and vulnerable family member in hospital
- Nursery equipment or equipment for a person with a disability
- Deep clean of property for disabled person

### **Income**

- From individuals with many kind and generous friends donating by standing order: £13,788 in 2024/25.
- DPA is always very grateful and impressed by all the individual donations: £17,526 in 2024/25
- Gift Aid on donations from people who kindly completed Gift Aid forms, provided (at no extra cost to the person) a total of £13,126, some being backdated to previous years.
- From agencies providing grants and donations to enable the work of DPA. Given in no specific order, these include: the Town Council, Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charity, Roberts Trust, Valentine Trust, Lions, Round Table, Bunbury Trust, Martinstown Supper Club, the Occasional Singers concert, the New Hardy Players, Mayor's Charity, the Batten Trust, the Grocers Charity, Dorchester and the Frampton Film Club.
- From local churches in Dorchester and the surrounding villages offering spaces for fund raising events, or fund raising through various ways: £4,918.
- From other community organisations' events and from our own fund-raising events: £3,666

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees reviewed the sources of income and categories of expenditure against the Aims and Objectives of the Charity. It considered that the expenditure reflected the Aims and Objectives and was to the benefit of the public.

### **Accounts**

As the activity of Dorchester Poverty Action (Unincorporated Association 1041397) transferred to Dorchester Poverty Action CIO (1198452) during the 2023/24 financial year, two sets of accounts were submitted to The Charities Commission, both having been independently examined and verified. The Unincorporated Association has had no activity in 2024/25, but remains open for possible transactions such as Gift Aid claims.

### **Thanks**

We thank our Volunteer Book Keeper, Irene Stanko who works closely with our Treasurer; we are grateful for her work and efficiency.

We thank our Independent Examiner (Alec Bailey) for his meticulous examination of our accounts. We thank those involved in grant applications, both received and given. We also thank those involved in referrals and grant applications and the efficient and fast processing of these, which can make such a difference to those we work for.

We thank Jon Sloper at Alacrify (a local website and IT company) for the back-up and support given.

## **Reserves Policy**

With no long term commitments, DPA does not target a specific level of reserves. The DPA is fortunate to receive a number of generous regular donations during the year. The Trustees aim to keep around a year's expenditure in an appropriate bank account.

## **Partnerships**

DPA's work benefits greatly from partnerships with local organisations:

- DPA's work with **Citizens' Advice** benefits both agencies, as well as the many local people who are helped through their work
- **Dorset Reclaim, Dorchester Carpets, Domestic Appliances Centre and similar local stores.** Payments are made direct to these stores if they are able to supply items needed by the families or individuals.
- **Dorchester Family Support** for their work to support over 230 families with children, in the school holidays, who are eligible for free school meals.
- **Dorchester Town Council** keeps in contact with DPA through their community officer (Emma Scott), who is a great support to all community agencies.
- **Parish Magazines and local radio** throughout the DT1 and DT2 area who willingly publish articles and appeals for help.
- **Food and Practical Relief** offered by local churches, including the Dorchester Food Bank (Dorford Baptist Church), Food Share (Dorchester Community Church), and the Carers' Support (Storehouse Church).

**Approved by the Trustees on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees**



**Peter See**  
**Treasurer**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Dorchester Poverty Action CIO

On accounts for the year  
ended

31-03-2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1198452

Set out on pages

Annual Account 2024-25

1+2

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Date:

13-05-2025

Name:

Alec Bailey

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

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Dorchester

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# Dorchester Poverty Action CIO Annual Account 2024-25

Registered Charity Number 1198452

Brought forward (1/04/2024)

CAF Cash	57,428.80	
Shawbrook 60 day	30,468.50	
		<b>87,897.30</b>

Income		<b>69,271.48</b>
Outgoings		<b>56,724.89</b>

Carried forward (31/03/2025)

CAF Cash	21,429.77	
CAF Gold	79,014.12	
		<b>100,443.89</b>

**Income**

STRIPE		13,126.62
Stewardship/CAF		330.00
Individual one-off		17,526.35
Individual regular		13,788.04
Groups		14,769.37
Churches		4,917.86
Fundraising		3,666.02
Interest		
CAF Cash	70.12	
Shawbrook	62.98	
CAF Gold	1014.12	
Total interest		1,147.22

**Total Income** **69,271.48**

**Outgoing**

DPA general grants		36,747.00
Fuel grants		2,400.00
School uniform		1,770.00
Co-op vouchers		14,000.00
CAB		1,107.00
Admin		208.64
Bank charges		65.00
Insurance		427.25

**Total outgoings** **56,724.89**

**Notes**

1. The Shawbrook 60-day notice account was closed on 12/07/2024 and the CAF Gold Instant Access deposit account opened on 22/07/2024.
2. Historic restrictions and designations of certain funds were considered to have been discharged by expenditure prior to 1/04/2025 and are no longer reported.

**DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198452

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# Accounts

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# Dorchester Poverty Action CIO Registered No. 1198452

## Trustees' Annual Report for Year: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

*Thanks go to everyone who has contributed to and supported the work of Dorchester Poverty Action (DPA).*

*Trustees of DPA during 2023 – 2024: Wendy Hilton (Chair), Margaret Barker, Simon Booth Kath Joslin, Peter See, and Jean Croot.*

DPA is a community charity and was set up by Churches Together in Dorchester in 1990, registered as a charitable trust with the Charity Commission in 1994. Its aim was, and remains, to serve those with inadequate income in the DT1 and DT2 area. In the previous year (2022/23), DPA successfully applied to the Charity Commission to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (No. 1198452). This became official on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### Summary of the past year's work

- This year has been another financially challenging year for everyone: families and individuals and professionals. With continuing high costs of food, fuel and other essentials, many people who previously coped financially, found themselves in financial crisis. DPA grants were greatly appreciated by both recipients and professionals working with them. While the amount given out in grants decreased by 5% from the previous year (which was 47% higher than 2021-22), the number of grants had not changed significantly; the total number was 191, compared with 208 in 2022-23.
- The Trustees completed the work to convert DPA to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This involved opening a new bank account and significant other work particularly for the Treasurer, Chair and Vice Chair.
- The Advisory Group has been very helpful with various tasks, including the distribution of supermarket vouchers (crucial in providing emergency help to people), maintaining and improving the website and social media sites, and assisting with fund-raising events, plus the annual Cream Tea and Coffee Morning.
- As more people have had to rely on food banks, the need for a fridge or fridge/freezer has become necessary to enable people to avoid wasting fresh food given. DPA works closely with Dorset Reclaim to provide white goods at a reasonable price and currently the increase of such grants to £300 has covered these prices.
- Through the previous work of DPA Trustees and the Advisory Group almost all local schools now have school uniform swap facilities. DPA grants of up to £100 per student are still required for shoes and certain items and DPA are grateful for donations received from various agencies specifically for this purpose.
- A significant number of grant requests have been for flooring for families with very young children who have recently been allocated accommodation by local housing agencies. Sadly the policy of these housing agencies is for the previous tenants to have to remove all carpets, and hence the new tenants have to provide flooring to ensure the safety of babies, toddlers or people with certain disabilities. This cost on top of other moving costs is hard to find for those on limited income.
- Having identified the usefulness of the Money Management Course run by Christians Against Poverty, DPA have again worked with the local Food Bank to give a £20 voucher to those completing the course.
- With gas, electricity and oil prices remaining very high causing financial crisis for households on low wages and/or benefits, Fuel Grants of £100 were crucial to many who were faced with the choice of "heating or eating". The minimum cost of an oil delivery to

those relying on oil for heating was around £500 again extremely hard for people on limited income to find.

- Fund raising appeals at the beginning of Winter and at Christmas 2023 (Heating or Eating?) were very successful and DPA was extremely pleased and grateful for individuals' donations.
- Through written applications to some organisations, plus publicising the work of DPA, funds have been raised by the Trustees.
- The Trustees continue to function efficiently, meeting at least quarterly, followed by a meeting including the Advisory Group to ensure everyone is kept informed of all work.

## **Financial Help Given**

Dorchester Poverty Action 1041397 formally transferred its activities to Dorchester Poverty Action CIO 1198452 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. In the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

**£19,850** was spent directly assisting individuals and families (88 in this 6 month period) who were in urgent need of help, plus funds were made available to other community support agencies such as Citizens' Advice and Christians Against Poverty. This included:-

**£5,600** was spent buying £10 Co-op gift cards and distributing them to 16 agencies to support their clients in times of critical urgent need.

**£ 1,450** was given out in fuel grants (usually £100 per grant).

**£400** was given out in school uniform grants (usually £100 per student).

Administrative expenses were £337 (bank fees and printing, insurance and other annual costs were paid in the first half-year).

## **Examples of what the DPA Grants were for**

- urgent basic furniture and white goods for families rehoused to escape domestic violence
- household white goods and furniture to families or individuals
- floor covering for families or individuals being newly housed in housing association properties where there is a young child or person with a relevant disability
- winter fuel costs, especially heating oil in villages with no mains gas
- School uniform and winter shoes for children
- costs arising because of serious physical/mental ill health of a family member or individual
- assistance to clear small rent, council tax or fuel arrears.
- vehicle repairs to enable main earner to get to work or get a family member to appointments
- travel costs to visit a sick child in hospital
- nursery equipment
- deep clean of property for disabled person

## **Income**

- From individuals with many kind and generous friends donating by standing order, which is of great help. DPA was very grateful and impressed by all the individual donations received following the winter and Christmas appeals.
- From agencies providing grants and donations to enable the work of DPA. Given in no specific order, these include: the Town Council, Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charity, Roberts Trust, Valentine Trust, the Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club, Lions, Round Table, Bunbury Trust, the New Hardy Players, Mayor's Charity, the Batten Trust, the Grocers Charity, Dorchestra and the Frampton Film Club.
- From local churches in Dorchester and the surrounding villages offering spaces for fund raising events, or fund raise through various ways.

- From other community organisations' events.
- From our own fund-raising events.

## **Public Benefit**

The Trustees reviewed the sources of income and categories of expenditure against the Aims and Objectives of the Charity. It considered that the expenditure reflected the Aims and Objectives and was to the benefit of the public.

## **Accounts**

As the activity of Dorchester Poverty Action (Unincorporated Association 1041397) transferred to Dorchester Poverty Action CIO (1198452) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, statutory reports and accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 have been split across the two Registered Charities. Remaining funds have been transferred to the CIO and application will be made to the Charity Commission formally to close the DPA Unincorporated Association.

## **Thanks**

We thank our Volunteer Book Keepers; Claire our outgoing Volunteer Book Keeper, and Irene our incoming Volunteer Book Keeper who rapidly learnt the systems and work required.

We thank our Independent Examiner (Alec Bailey MA FCA) for his meticulous examination of our accounts and constructive advice. We thank those involved in grant applications, both received and given. We also thank those involved in referrals and grant applications and the efficient and fast processing of these, which can make such a difference to those we work for.

We thank Jon Sloper at Alacrify (a local website and IT company) for the back-up and support given; this charity and website (Help and Kindness) provides a useful tool to local organisations.

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- **Dorchester Town Council** keeps in contact with DPA through their community officer (Emma Scott), who is a great support to all community agencies.
- **Parish Magazines and local radio** throughout the DT1 and DT2 area who willingly publish articles and appeals for help.
- **Food and Practical Relief** offered by local churches, including the Dorchester Food Bank (Dorford Baptist Church), Food Share (Dorchester Community Church), and the Carers' Support (Storehouse Church).

**Approved by the Trustees on 12th February 2025**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the  
accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION CIO

On accounts for the year ended 30TH MARCH 2024 Charity no (if any) 1198452

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 MARCH 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. ~~Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 12-02-2024

Name: ANNEC BAILEY

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**Dorchester Poverty Action CIO**  
**Registered Charity 1198452**

**Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Brought forward from 2022/23 **£00.00**

**Transfer** from Dorchester Poverty Action Registered Charity 1041397,  
 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

CAF Cash account £26,848.87 *B*  
 Shawbrook 60 day notice account £30,255.54 *B*

**Total** **£57,104.41** *h*

**Income (1)** **£58,429.69** ✓

**Expenditure (2)** **£27,636.80** ✓

**Carried forward**

CAF Cash £57,428.80 *B*  
 Shawbrook 60 day notice account £30,468.50 *B*

**Total** carried forward to 2024/25 **£87,897.30** *h*

**1. Income**

	£	
STRIPE	12,264.94	✓
Stewardship	180.00	✓
Individual one-off	7,430.86	✓
Individual regular	6,988.02	✓
Groups	24,565.87	✓
Fundraising	322.00	✓
Interest	251.24	✓
Gift Aid	6,426.76	✓
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,429.69</b>	<i>h</i>

**2. Expenditure**

	£	
<u>Charitable activity</u>		
DPA Grants	19,610.00	✓
Fuel grants	1,450.00	✓
School uniform	400.00	✓
Co-op Vouchers	5,600.00	✓
Citizens' Advice	240.00	✓

Admin costs

Printing, postage, hall hire, etc	271.80	✓
Bank charges	65.00	✓
Insurance*	00.00	
Web hosting	00.00	<i>h</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,636.80</b>	

\*An insurance premium covering both the previous charity and this CIO was paid in the first half-year from 1041397

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the  
accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION CIO

On accounts for the year ended

30TH MARCH 2024

Charity no (if any)

1198452

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signed:

Date: 12-02-2024

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**Section B**

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**Dorchester Poverty Action CIO**  
**Registered Charity 1198452**

**Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Brought forward from 2022/23 **£00.00**

**Transfer** from Dorchester Poverty Action Registered Charity 1041397,  
 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

CAF Cash account £26,848.87 *B*  
 Shawbrook 60 day notice account £30,255.54 *B*

**Total** **£57,104.41** *h*

**Income (1)** **£58,429.69** ✓

**Expenditure (2)** **£27,636.80** ✓

**Carried forward**

CAF Cash £57,428.80 *B*  
 Shawbrook 60 day notice account £30,468.50 *B*

**Total** carried forward to 2024/25 **£87,897.30** *h*

**1. Income**

	£	
STRIPE	12,264.94	✓
Stewardship	180.00	✓
Individual one-off	7,430.86	✓
Individual regular	6,988.02	✓
Groups	24,565.87	✓
Fundraising	322.00	✓
Interest	251.24	✓
Gift Aid	6,426.76	✓
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,429.69</b>	<i>h</i>

**2. Expenditure**

	£	
<u>Charitable activity</u>		
DPA Grants	19,610.00	✓
Fuel grants	1,450.00	✓
School uniform	400.00	✓
Co-op Vouchers	5,600.00	✓
Citizens' Advice	240.00	✓

Admin costs

Printing, postage, hall hire, etc	271.80	✓
Bank charges	65.00	✓
Insurance*	00.00	
Web hosting	00.00	<i>h</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,636.80</b>	

\*An insurance premium covering both the previous charity and this CIO was paid in the first half-year from 1041397

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**DORCHESTER POVERTY ACTION**

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# Accounts

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Dorchester Poverty Action CIO  
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Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dorchester Poverty Action CIO was registered on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 as successor to Dorchester Poverty Action, an Unincorporated Association, 1041397. The Trustees wished to update the constitution and have the advantages of incorporation that are offered by adoption of the CIO constitution. Objectives and the Trustees were unchanged.

Delays in establishing a dedicated bank account meant that transferring activity to the CIO took longer than anticipated and the new charity did not become active until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Work now concentrates on contacting donors to transfer their standing orders. Once this has been completed we will begin the formal process of closing the Unincorporated Association.

Hence, for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Dorchester Poverty Action CIO had no income or expenditure.



Peter See, Treasurer

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

January 2024