



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/09/2024 Period start date To 01/09/2025 Period end date

Charity name: Chat Cafe CIO

Charity registration number: 1200261

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit, by providing safe, social, local environments, thus preventing loneliness and social isolation, thereby improving individuals mental health and confidence.
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	The charity has, since 2022, formed an increasing number of safe, friendly cafe venues in Dorset catchment, where individuals are invited weekly, to meet up, feel welcome, make new friends and become involved in the Clubs social activities, thereby relieving loneliness and social isolation.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees and volunteers are driven by the return rate of beneficiaries to our regular clubs, and encouraged by their improved well being.

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		
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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	The Trustees continue to receive very positive feedback from our beneficiaries and the general public, on the importance of our free and friendly social clubs. The improvement in quality of their daily lives and increased confidence due to social inclusion, is measurable, together with the opportunity to share with others and make new friendships in a warm and safe environment. During the year the trustees have opened additional venues in areas not already covered to enable us to reach a wider membership. This was against the challenges the trustees managed with minimal finances.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See Above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	See Above.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the year, in light of our funding restrictions, essential administrative overheads were funded directly by the trustees and volunteers from their personal funds, showing the belief and loyalty of our supporters. This is due to the charity bank account being made inaccessible by the charity former founder. The Charity Commission is fully aware of this situation. This has resulted in zero operational expenditure passing through the Charity account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	No Reserves
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Charity is a Not for Profit organisation.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees are managing the charity's self-funding basic operation in the short term. The trustees are confident the Charity continues to remain viable and are confident of a positive outcome once the litigation is resolved.

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	The ability of the trustees to raise grants to achieve our higher goals has been difficult due to ongoing legal actions of the former founder of the Charity. However the trustees are managing the situation, and have a temporary mitigation strategy in place.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution Document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Election to Post

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 has relevant procedures and policies in place with support from*CAN when required.
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		* CAN Community Action Network.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chat Cafe CIO
Other name the charity uses	Dorset Chat Clubs
Registered charity number	1200261
Charity's principal address	

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	James Spark	Chair		
2	Alexis Boseley	Secretary		
3	Hazel Fay	Treasurer		
4	Margaret Anne Clarkson			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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 adviser	Name	Address

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

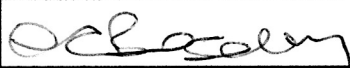
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

ALEXIS BOSELEY	HAZEL JUNE FAY
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

SECRETARY	TREASURER
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Date

24 JUNE 2026

CHAT CAFE Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING - 1st September 2025

	Item	Amount
	Receipts	£0.00
	Payments	£0.00
(2)	Net movement in funds	£0.00
(1)	Funds brought forward	£94.40
	Funds carried forward	£94.40

(1) The Charity's funds held in their bank account are temporarily inaccessible due to an ongoing unresolved legal issue. The funds remain the property of the Charity and are therefore included within the closing balance.

(2) For further clarification, we refer to Trustees Annual Report, Financial Review section.