



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5 December 2022 to 31 March 2024

Charity name: Climate Hub Bath & North East Somerset

Charity registration number: 1201216

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Bath and North East Somerset and its surrounding area by providing education, information, advice and support on climate and ecological issues and sustainable living.
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	Our main activities have focused on connecting with people in Bath and North East Somerset to support their engagement in positive actions that mitigate against and adapt to the climate and ecological crises. These activities have included information sharing, practical workshops and projects, seminars, creative opportunities and support to help people deal with climate distress. We engage with individual members of the public and work collaboratively with partner organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	As Trustees we have ongoing regard to guidance issues 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	N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have been supported in our activities by a host of volunteers, including ad-hoc support with specific matters and many volunteers who have helped regularly with our outreach and engagement events. Over the period we have been supported by 40 volunteers.
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	Between 05 December 2022 and 31 March 2024 we have: 1,500 people directly engaged; 241 people on our mailing list; 40 volunteers providing support 33 partners working collaboratively 17 engagement events; 4 radio interviews. Our engagement events and other activities have enabled us to engage with a large number of people, sharing information about different aspects of climate and biodiversity, and supporting people to engage in positive ways to reduce their carbon footprint, and support nature and biodiversity. People have benefitted by being able to take away information we or partner organisations have shared; to have 1-2-1 conversations and ask questions about aspects of climate change and environmental concerns, to try out plant-based food and to enjoy time making nature-based crafts. We also held a climate café providing a safe space for people to share their concerns and anxieties around the climate crisis. Examples of the feedback we have received are given below:

		"It's encouraging to see the Climate Hub in action - it makes me feel more able to get involved in positive actions for the climate" "Really exciting, difficult to hear, beautifully designed" "Amazing to see the work being done in the community! We'll circulate with members of the university" "Very good since I wasn't aware of all these actions / activities and organisations around Bath! Climate change is the human challenge" "Excellent space to learn about the climate and for our children to enjoy the outdoors" "We've come to get inspired. Thankyou" Activities within events have included: • Children's and adult nature craft activities; • Eye-catching installations and displays that highlight different aspects of the climate or nature crisis; • Vegan bakes and tasters; • Information, quizzes and practical 'top tips' about a range of issues; • Great Green Reads / library and upcycling / recycling clothes swaps; • Campaigns to support; • Time and space for 1-2-1 conversations. We share space wherever possible with other environmentally-focussed groups. For example, at our Springtime Assembly held at the National Trust Assembly Rooms in March 2024, we were able to share the space with 12 other organisations – enabling people to engage with a range of local organisations on a variety of climate, ecological issues and sustainable living.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In addition to engaging with a large number of people through engagement events and pop-ups, we have worked to
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		progress organisational aims which will help us to develop what we are able to offer to people in Bath and North East Somerset. These included: • winning a competition to develop a website; • receiving funding to enable us to recruit a paid worker to support our development; • continuing our search for central premises which will enable us to establish a more permanent presence in Bath. These tasks are in hand and ongoing into the following financial year.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our financial position is substantially stronger at the end of the period than expected due to a large and transformative donation from the PAR Charitable Trust. Our income for the year has been in excess of £67,000; our expenditure has been £6,217 of which running costs have consumed slightly less than £3000. We end the year with tangible assets worth £1,362 and cash in the bank of £61,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have no formal policy for the holding of reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Our cash in the bank far exceeds our current and expected operating costs for the next 12 months. We keep our outgoings under continual review and will develop a policy if and when it seems appropriate.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no such uncertainties at the present time.

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	PAR Charitable Trust Awards from All BWCE (Bath and West Community Energy) Fund
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As we have grown, we have taken on a small number of monthly overheads. By far, the largest of these is the hiring of a Development and Project Coordinator. We have sufficient funds to cover this cost for in excess of 12 months even if we are unable to obtain any fresh grants or donations. Hence, at present, we consider this a low risk exposure.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Association constitution
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	Our constitution sets out our rules for Trustees retiring by rotation, the number of terms Trustees are able to serve and the role of Climate Hub members in appointing Trustees, either at the AGM or at other times.

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 a 1-2-1 induction procedure with an experienced Trustee. All Trustees have access to all the training they might need.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is a stand-alone charity with no hierarchical organisational structure. We work with mutually-independent local partners and the local authority.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Climate Hub Bath & North East Somerset
Other name the charity uses	Climate Hub BANES
Registered charity number	1201216
Charity's principal address	24 Brookfield Park Bath BA1 4JF

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	Natalie Barnett			
2	Melanie Clarke	Chair		
3	Carmen Jones			
4	Amanda Lake			
5	John Leach	Treasurer		
6	Lin Patterson			
7	Sue Poole	Secretary		

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	There are none.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

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)		
Full name(s)	Ms Sue Poole	Dr John Leach
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date		



Climate Hub Bath & North East Somerset			1201216
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period	01/01/2023	to	31/03/2024

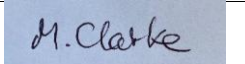
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Initial loan	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Grants	65,700	-	-	65,700	-
Donations	507	-	-	507	-
Bank interest	37	-	-	37	-
Sub total	67,243	-	-	67,243	-
A2 Asset and investment sales					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,243	-	-	67,243	-
A3 Payments					
Repay initial loan	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Equipment	362	-	-	362	-
Consumables	541	-	-	541	-
Running costs	2,949	-	-	2,949	-
SumUp fees	2	-	-	2	-
Sub total	4,855	-	-	4,855	-
A4 Asset purchases					
SumUp machine	95	-	-	95	-
Foldable tables	185	-	-	185	-
Display boards - two sets	1,082	-	-	1,082	-
Sub total	1,362	-	-	1,362	-
Total payments	6,217	-	-	6,217	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	61,026	-	-	61,026	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	61,026	-	-	61,026	-

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	CAFBank current account	61,026	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	61,026	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details None	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details None	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details SumUp machine	Fund to which asset belongs General	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Foldable tables	General	-	-
	Display boards	General	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details None	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by the Treasurer and one other trustee on behalf of all trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer			John Leach	
Chair			Mel Clarke	

THE CLIMATE HUB BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Climate Hub Bath & NE Somerset

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Climate Hub Bath & NE Somerset for the year ended 31 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 Climate Hub Bath & NE Somerset'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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:



Jocelyn Nichols
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Date: ... 10 September 2024.....