



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st Sept 2024 Period start date

To 31st August 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Exmouth Pride

Charity registration number: 1205352

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ACROSS EXMOUTH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY PROMOTING AND STAGING AN ANNUAL LGBT FESTIVAL WITH ADDITIONAL SMALLER EVENTS THROUGHT THE YEAR
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.	Main "Exmouth Pride" festival 22 nd June 2025 LGBT History Month 7 th February 2025 Some socials event invitations such as to see Suzi Ruffell, Out There Exeter events and Exmouth Quakers
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The full wording of our charitable objects was put together in consultation with the charity commission.
Contribution made by volunteers	We rely on volunteers to plan and organise our annual programme. The Committee that does this is entirely voluntary. We recruit additional volunteers for the main festival who act as stewards with various responsibilities.

Achievements and Performance

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.	Exmouth Pride Main Festival Our event was a huge success and ran from 11am to 6pm on 22nd June 2025. Our peak numbers were approaching 2000 during the early afternoon with an estimate of over 4000 passing through. During the day there were LGBT+ acts or inclusive acts on stage spreading the Pride message of tolerance, acceptance, visibility and equality. In between there were interviews with LGBT+ organisations and supporters including Amnesty International, the Intercom Trust and Eddystone Trust Sexual Health. This enabled us to inform and educate as well as entertain the wider population as well as the LGBT+ community. We are aware that there were many visitors to Exmouth from outside the area who also benefited. In the Manor Gardens we had representation from the Police and Army Diversity teams, SW Ambulance, Devon & Somerset Fire Service, Trans support groups, LGBT+ inclusive Sports groups and mental well-being groups. Families were included in our day with free activities and entertainers. The Esteem team and Hive Youth Services staff supported us. We are aware of the need for Pride events in towns like Exmouth. Although we hear about couples celebrating their anniversary after meeting at our event or coming out on the day (for example), there is still homo/bi/trans -phobia very evident. Prior to the event 5 promotional banners were knife slashed in the town and an intoxicated couple had to be removed after abusing a performer. The police were supportive with both of these incidents and they did not stop what was otherwise a fantastic day for all. LGBT+ History Month Readings were made from a wide variety of LGBT+ themed text including non-binary language, the importance of LGBT+ visibility, the HIV crisis and first pioneering lesbian relationships. This was done in an engaging manner by a local rising drag star with care and humour. The coming-of-age film "Sweetheart" (2021) film was shown with nearly 30 people in attendance and a chance to network with the local LGBT+ community. Social Events Although we have continued to grow our contact list for invitations we were unable to offer as many regular social meet ups due to time pressures and had to prioritise our main event. This has still been useful as a point of contact for the local LGBT+ community. Summary We are proud to report that we achieved our objectives and have had overwhelmingly positive feedback both in person and online.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Please see Appendix 1 for a full breakdown of this year's income and expenses and Appendix 2 for the Independent examiner's report on accounts. We were financially successful this year and are in a healthy position moving forward. A successful grant application was made to the National Lottery Community Fund for all our main event advertising and running costs. Both the 2024 and 2025 Gift Aid claims were included in this financial year. We also had a successful year with sponsorship, pitch fees and collections being in line or slightly up on last year. Merchandise sales were slightly down. Although there have been additional costs such as increased security provision and storage unit hire, we kept expenditure broadly in line with last year's expenses though we have not, as in previous years, paid for the following year's PPL/PRS (live music licence), which is about £530. All of these factors have combined to double our income over expenditure on last year to £5068. We are therefore able to top up our reserves to match this year's expenditure and are in the privileged position to have £5635.08 in the current account on 1st Sept 2025. It is recommended that these funds are earmarked for expenditure prior to or in conjunction with any further fundraising.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Reserves are held up to 1 year's running costs
Amount of reserves held	£14,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	n/a
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The National Lottery Community Fund Cash collections and donations from the public Sponsorship from local businesses Pitch fees from stalls Merchandise sales at Exmouth Pride
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Reserve accounts are with the same bank and linked directly to Exmouth Pride's current account. £11,000 is held in a higher interest 35-day notice account and £3,000 in an instant access account.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	CIO (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	Appointed by agreement of current Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Communications Policy Environment Policy (draft) Equality and Diversity Policy Resolving Conflict Safeguarding Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Trustees delegate logistical decisions to Exmouth Pride's Committee. Trustees are responsible for Committee membership and reserve the right to modify decisions if necessary.
Relationship with any related parties	We have working relationship with various organisations including East Devon District Council Events/ Licencing, Exmouth Town Council, the Intercom Trust and the LGBT+ Consortium.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Exmouth Pride
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1205352
Charity's principal address	1st Floor Exmouth Town Hall St Andrews Road Exmouth

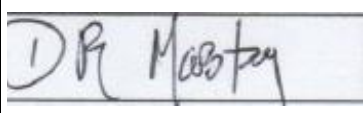
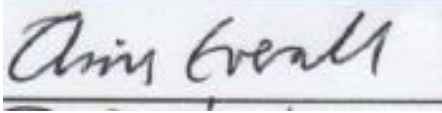
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Marston	Chair		
2	Collette Eaton-Harris	Vice Chair		
3	Christopher Everall	Treasurer		
4	David Emlyn James		Appointed 24 th Oct 2024	
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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)	David Marston	Christopher Everall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	23/09/2025	

Income & Expenditure summaries for the Year 01.09.24-31.08.25			
Income		2024	2025
	Sponsorship	£2,255	£2,360
	Pitch fees from stalls	£1,898	£1,922
	Merchandise sales	£1,591	£1,317
	Grants	£7,521	£9,601
	Cash collections on the big day	£1,704	£1,971
	Cash collections (other) inc GiftAid	£103	£1,174
	To be refunded or overpayments, eg deposits	£464	£409
	Reserve account interest 1 Sept 2024-31 Aug 2025	£311	£313
	Total income (inc Reserve account interest)	£15,846	£19,067
Expenditure			
	Performers&presenters&sound&PRS&BSL	£5,001	£4,998
	Event & venue costs (stage , insurance, security, licence etc)	£3,523	£3,453
	Volunteers and running costs (e.g. for storage thank you gifts)	£206	£793
	Media& publicity (e.g. web, banners, signs, tshirts)	£2,764	£2,715
	Refunds or deposits	£320	£430
	Our merchandise	£1,341	£1,354
	Other events (eg flags, bench, LGBT History month, carnival)	£264	£257
	Total expenditure	£13,419	£14,000
Balance Sheet			
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
	Reserve accounts 1 Sept 2024*	£11,000	£13,000
	<u>Reserve accounts total 31 Aug 2024</u>	<u>£11,311</u>	<u>£13,313</u>
	Current account 1 Sept 2024*	£1,140	£1,567
	Total income over expenditure	£2,427	£5,068
	<u>Current account 31 Aug 2025</u>	<u>£3,256</u>	<u>£6,322</u>
	Total current assets	£14,567	£19,635
	<u>Represented by:</u>		
	Current Bank Account at 31st August 2025	£3,256	£6,322
	Reserve accounts at 31st August 2025	£11,311	£13,313
	Total at 31st August 2025	£14,567	£19,635
Please note: due to rounding to the nearest pound there might be small discrepancies between tallied figures totals. Dr Chris Everall (Treasurer)			



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

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of	Exmouth Pride		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2025	Charity no (if any)	1205352
Set out on pages	As attached		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 7th September 2025

Name:

Robert John Soutter

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

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