

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RINGSTEAD PROTECTION SOCIETY (Reg. No. 1173438)

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2019

CHARITY OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the charity is given below.

“The objects of the CIO are to protect, preserve and improve for the benefit of the residents and general public the area and surrounds of Ringstead and its Bay, to provide for enjoyment of it, to encourage appreciation of the tranquillity of the area and to care for its undeveloped character and for these purposes, but not otherwise, the CIO shall: -

1. inform and educate public opinion in order to ensure the promotion of the aforesaid objects;
2. make representations at public enquiries, consultations or similar or in such other ways as shall from time to time appear appropriate; and
3. take such other lawful action as shall be calculated to promote the aforesaid objects, and to consult and/or co-operate with any bodies or individuals concerned in the advancement of the objects of the CIO.”

CHARITY PROCESS

The Trustees consider that the majority of its objects are best achieved through gentle persuasion, discourse and influence on local councillors, landowners, residents and visitors.

CHARITY ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD FROM 1 JULY 2018 TO 30 JUNE 2019

The charity came into existence on 15 June 2017 when the Charity Commission registered the society with number 1173438. This report is for the society's second year, which is also its first full 12 months of operation. The society “took over” the activities of its predecessor charitable association (“CA”) also called Ringstead Protection Society.

A lot of effort has gone into persuading members of the CA to become members of this CIO and also into continuing the setting up of the administration of the new CIO. We can report overall that:

1. In terms of subscriptions I am pleased there has been no reduction:
 - a. In the last full CA year ending 31/7/17 there was income of £435.
 - b. In this first full year of the CIO income is £455.
2. The CIO has defined family membership as 2 adults and 2 children aged between 16 and 25. Counting all the names we have 150 members during the year. In the last full year of the CA we had 77 names on record
3. There were 13 “child members” as at 30/6/2019 (the end of the year) 1 of whom has been invited to become a full member as they were aged 25+ as of 1/7/19.

The Trustees have carried out the following activities during the year that contribute to the Society's objects.

1. Met an engineer from the WDDC (West Dorset District Council) in October who agreed to supply data giving an indication as to the rate of erosion at Ringstead.
2. Also discussed with the engineer the possibility of a new Beach Management Plan which was expected to be completed in the Autumn of 2018. We established that the funding is in place and is now expected to be commissioned in 2020/21.
3. Congratulated Nick Ireland (Chairman of Osmington Parish Council) on his election as a Dorset District Councillor representing our Ward - Crossways.
4. We can Report that the car parking meter at the National Trust car park at the top of the hill has not been replaced since it was removed two years ago.
5. Made members aware of and attended the Osmington Parish Council meeting concerning a planning application at Eweleaze Farm (subsequently refused by the council).
6. The society now has a website, www.ringsteadprotectionsociety.org.uk.
7. We have completed the project to examine and document our obligations in relation to the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) and we now have a Privacy Policy. The policy has been published on our website and forms part of the documentation and forms used when anyone applies for membership.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The main source of income that the charity receives is subscription contributions from its members. Membership is £5 per family or individual per year. 88 contributions were received totalling £455 this year.

Secondary sources of income are: -

- Gift Aid reclaim £99
- Bank account savings interest £205

The society has no assets other than cash and the Society's policy is to hold that cash with reputable institutions. As of the end of this year the cash is invested in a savings account, with the Hampshire Trust Bank (HTB) and a current account with Lloyds. The HTB account is a 120 day notice account. Funds can be recovered from the HTB account with no notice but an interest penalty would then be applied.

As of the financial year end of 30 June 2019 the Society has funds of £15,440 of which £13,000 was held in the savings account, £2,231 in the current account, £99 due from HMRC as gift aid reclaim for the 2018-2019 year membership fees and £110 as accrued interest in the HTB account (the actual interest is credited annually on 18 December).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") governed by its rules and registered with the Charity Commission. The Society's rules include the Society's objects given above. The Society is known as the Ringstead Protection Society and uses no other name.

The Society has 6 Trustees and 3 officers being the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The make up is as follows:

Trustee and Chairman	John Young
Trustee	Sue Kirkpatrick
Trustee	Ian Scott
Trustee	Nigel Williams
Trustee and Secretary	Vicky Banham
Trustee and Treasurer	Alastair Fisher

The principal office of the Society is the home address of the Treasurer: Toffee Trees, Waddock, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8QY.

The operation of the Society's Lloyds Bank account requires 2 signatures for all transactions whether made by paper cheque or by electronic activity using the Lloyds online banking system. The operation of the Hampshire Trust Bank (HTB) account is by letter only and any transactions require 2 signatures on the letter. In addition the HTB account is set up in such a way that all repayments of the savings held there must be to the Society's nominated account, which is with Lloyds. The bank signatories are John Young, Chairman, Nigel Williams, Trustee and Alastair Fisher, Treasurer.

OTHER MATTERS

The Trustees confirm that: -

1. The financial statements have been independently examined by Rupert Edwards of Edwards and Keeping, accountants in Dorchester. Rupert has certified that the accounts are in accordance with the notes and records of the society.
2. No payments have been made to any Trustees or to members.
3. There are no off balance sheet items in the Society's affairs or accounts.
4. No person or body holds any mortgage, lien or charge over the Society's assets.

Name Chairman & Trustee
 John Young

Signed:

