

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

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2020

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 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020

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 third year. The society “took over” the activities of its predecessor charitable association (“CA”) also called Ringstead Protection Society.

1. In terms of subscriptions I am pleased to report that membership has remained stable with 89 active subscriptions (last year 88 active subscriptions).
2. The CIO has defined family membership as 2 adults and 2 children aged between 16 and 25. Counting all the names we have 153 members during the year (last year 150 names).
3. There were 12 “child members” as at 30/6/2020 (the end of the year) 1 of whom has been invited to become a full member as they were aged 25+ as of 1/7/20.

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

1. Met with a manager from Jurassic Coast Trust (Sam Scrivens) last autumn to discuss potential mutual support for protecting our stretch of coastline. Useful contact, but as our aims are not aligned there was not any tangible progress.

2. Plan to meet on 5th August with Henry Middleton and Alan Frampton who are Project Engineers from Dorset Council's Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management & Special Projects Team. Aim to discuss a new Beach Management Plan.
3. Attended the Osmington Parish Council meeting in late 2019 to offer mutual support.
4. Your Executive Committee has met twice to discuss various matters including, amongst others, car parking, potholes in the access road, signage, beach rubbish, provision of BT fast fibre and how the RPS should address Planning Applications.
5. The society's website, www.ringsteadprotectionsociety.org.uk is where you will find Minutes of our AGM Meetings and lots of other useful information – please have a look.

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. 89 contributions were received totalling £460 this year. Secondary sources of income are: -

- Gift Aid reclaim £100
- Bank account savings interest £228.

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 2020 the Society has funds of £16,228 of which £14,500 was held in the savings account, £1,506 in the current account, £100 due from HMRC as gift aid reclaim for the 2019-2020 year membership fees and £122 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	Nigel Williams
Trustee	Lucy Kirkpatrick
Trustee	Ian Scott
Trustee	John Young
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 Nigel Williams, Chairman, John Young, 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
 Nigel Williams

Signed:

