

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

FOR THE YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2023

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 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023

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 sixth year.

1. In terms of subscriptions I am pleased to report that membership has increased very slightly to 98 active subscriptions (last year 97 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 had 166 members during the year (last year 153 names).
3. There were 11 “child members” as at 30/06/2023 (the end of the year) 3 of whom have been invited to become a full member as they were aged 25+ as of 01/07/23.

The Trustees have carried out the following activities that contribute to the Society’s objects:

1. Discussions within the General Committee about Planning Applications to Dorset Council (Bunkers, Neptune House, RCC).
2. Attend the Osmington Parish Council meeting in Spring 2022 to offer mutual support.
3. Your Executive Committee have physically met once and had many ‘phone calls and emails to discuss various matters. However, we spent the majority of our time

responding to issues raised by one of our members regarding planning matters culminating with his complaint to the Society.

4. The society's website, www.ringsteadprotectionsociety.org.uk has been refreshed by Tim Williams and is where you will find Minutes of our Annual General Meetings and lots of other useful information – please have a look and recommend improvements if necessary.

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. 96 contributions were received during the year totalling £480 this year. Secondary sources of income are: -

- Gift Aid reclaim £101
- Bank account savings interest £327.

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 Redwood Bank ("Redwood") and a current account with Lloyds. The Redwood account is a 95 day notice account. Funds can be recovered from the Redwood account with no notice but an interest penalty would then be applied.

The main item of expenditure this year was £4,800 in relation to obtaining counsel's opinion regarding planning matters connected to the Creek Caravan Park.

As of the financial year end of 30 June 2023 the Society has funds of £13,465 of which £12,500 was held in the savings account, £662 in the current account, £101 due from HMRC as gift aid reclaim for the 22-23 year membership fees, and £202 as accrued interest in the Redwood account (the actual interest is credited annually on 15 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 (resigned in June)
Trustee	John Young
Trustee and Secretary	Vicky Banham
Trustee and Treasurer	Tim Pratelli

The principal office of the Society is: Sea Barn Farm, Holworth, Dorset DT2 8NJ.

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 Redwood Bank account is on line or by letter. In addition, the Redwood account is set up in such a way that all repayments of the savings (and any payments into the account) must be to/(from) the Society's nominated account, which is with Lloyds and that requires 2 signatories for all transactions. The bank signatories are Nigel Williams, Chairman; Vicky Banham, Trustee and Secretary; and Tim Pratelli, Trustee and Treasurer.

OTHER MATTERS

The Trustees confirm that: -

1. The financial statements have been independently examined by Rupert Edwards FCA. 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 other than reimbursement of expenses of £90.41 to Nigel Williams for direct expenses incurred by him on behalf of the Society.
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.

The Trustees declare they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees



Name	Nigel Williams
Position	Chairman & Trustee
Date	1 August 2023