

Polish Social and Cultural Centre
in South Coast

Dorset Polish Centre

- previously known as Dorset Centre 4 Us -
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustee Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Charity number: 1166477

Date of constitution (last amended): 23 February 2016,
amended 30 March 2020
Incorporated and registered as a charity on: 12 April 2016

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STATUS

Dorset Polish Centre is the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO") registered and is established for charitable purposes for the public benefit. It has been entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1166477 on the 12th April 2016.

TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS

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Report of the Management Committee

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The organisation was registered as a charity on 12 April 2016. The Charity was established as a CIO under Constitution.
In the event of the CIO being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Trustees of the CIO are known as members of the Management Committee.
All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Trustee Induction and Training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. This covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Constitution.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future and objectives.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the charity commission guidance on public benefit.

ABOUT DORSET POLISH CENTRE

We are growing charity mainly based for and by Polish people at Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch area with future Dorset range. Our aim is bonding the Polish local community and at the same time create more opportunities for collaboration and dialogue for our nationality with homegrown communities at various levels.

We strive to improve the quality of life for all by building stronger, safer and sustainable communities in a respectful and just society where diversity is valued.

On the 30th of March 2019 we changed our name from Dorset Centre 4 Us to Dorset Polish Centre to better reflect who we are, to be more recognisable by local communities, organisations and as suggested by our members and supporters to Dorset Polish Centre.

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR 2023/2024

Our main activities were focused on organising events based on Polish culture and ceremonials open for all nations:

April 2023

Event/activity/project name: Sharing information about local communities' events, projects and support.

Event/activity/project name: EU Settlement Scheme support

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): ongoing support relating to EU Settlement Scheme; information sessions and application assistance;

Event/activity/project name: Angielski dla Senior (English for Senior Community Members)

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): "Angielski dla Seniorów" is a community initiative aimed at empowering senior members through English language learning. The purpose is to enhance communication skills, foster social inclusion, and promote lifelong learning among older adults. Participants will engage in interactive lessons tailored to their needs, led by experienced instructors. The event aims to attract senior citizens seeking to improve their English proficiency and connect with peers in a supportive environment. The outcome will be increased confidence in speaking English, expanded social networks, and a sense of belonging within the community

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May 2023

Event/activity/project name: Sharing information about local communities' events, projects and support.

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JUNE 2023

Event/activity/project name: Sharing information about local communities' events, projects and support.

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JULY 2023

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AUGUST 2023

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Event/activity/project name: Sharing information about local communities' events, projects and support.

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Event/activity/project name: Organisation of the Polish Parliamentary election in Bournemouth

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): The purpose of this event was to facilitate the official organisation and smooth conduct of the Polish Parliamentary election for the Polish diaspora in Bournemouth. The activity involved logistical coordination, volunteer management, and ensuring compliance with electoral procedures. The event was successfully completed with ballots securely submitted and reported, contributing to civic engagement and democratic participation among the local Polish community.

OCTOBER 2023

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Event name: Monthly meet up "Young BY Heart" group – St Andrews Day celebration

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Event/activity/project name: All Saints' Day

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): celebrated on November 1st, is a Polish tradition where cemeteries transform into seas of flowers illuminated by candlelight. As per custom, we visited nearby cemeteries, lighting candles at Polish graves to honor the departed. This annual event fosters community spirit, remembrance, and reverence for loved ones who have passed.

Event/activity/project name: Polish Independence Day lunch

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): The Polish Independence Lunch celebrated Polish Independence Day with the local Polish community. Attendees wore Polish accents, enjoyed a meal together, and participated in a historical knowledge competition about Poland's independence. Approximately 15 people participated in this engaging and festive event.

Event/activity/project name: Andrzejki 2023 – St. Andrew Day celebration

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): Traditional Polish Fortune-Telling event celebrated every 29th of November according to the Catholic calendar. Andrzejki ritual has a non-Christian background and is tightly connected to the pagan calendar and yearly rites. During this event we manage to grain about 25 people.

DECEMBER 2023

Event name: EU Settlement Scheme support

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): ongoing support relating to EU Settlement Scheme; information sessions and application assistance;

Event name: Monthly meet up "Young At Heart" group

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Event name: "Young BY Heart" group – Christmas Get Together

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JANUARY 2024

Event name: Monthly meet up "Young BY Heart"

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Event name: EU Settlement Scheme support

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): ongoing support relating to EU Settlement Scheme; information sessions and application assistance;

Event/activity/project name: WOSP Bournemouth

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): charity event organised to support the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity (WOSP). The event features various activities, performances, and auctions to engage attendees.

FEBRUARY 2024

Event name: Monthly meet up "Young BY Heart"

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MARCH 2024

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Event/activity/project name: International Woman Day event ~ Bournemouth

Event description (purpose, attendance, outcome etc.): We supported an event for women with Polish backgrounds organised by Balneo Lifestyle. This event included in program prelections about Endometriosis, basics of self-defense, and ecological cosmetics.

Future Plans

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory outcomes from the Polish and local community.

Responsibilities of Management Committee

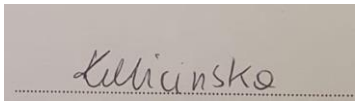
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Approved by the Management Committee on 31st March 2023

Ewa Zabarylo



Anna Kalicinska



FINANCE REPORT:

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Dorset Polish Centre	1166477

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.2023	To	Period end date 31.03.2024

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					
donation	754	-	-	754	1,188
grants DCG	6,500	-	-	6,500	2,300
returns / reimbursment	141		-	141	-
TOSH	-	-	-	-	8,243
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	7,395	-	-	7,395	11,731
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,395	-	-	7,395	11,731
A3 Payments					
insurance	126	-	-	126	126
venue hire	956		-	956	720
events & projects refreshments	529	-	-	529	184
travel expenses	320	-	-	320	659
evets & projects stationery / prizes	385	-	-	385	276
postage	3	-	-	3	54
events fees / subsbcribtions	438	-	-	438	1474
mobile phone	355	-	-	355	134
events & project profesional fees (mental support, english	867	-	-	867	3,380
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,979	-	-	3,979	7,007
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,979	-	-	3,979	7,007
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,416	-	-	3,416	2,036
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,259	-	-	2,259	223
Cash funds this year end	5,675	-	-	5,675	2,259

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B1 Cash funds

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
bank accout as of 31st March 2024	9,702	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	9,702	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Endowment funds**
	to nearest £	to nearest £	c
Details			