CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period
From 1st Sept 2025 Period start date
To 31st August 2026 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 20thnd June 2026 Including our first ever march Smaller events throughout the year included 19th Nov 2025, Transgender Remembrance, a talk, readings and gathering of support. 22nd Jan 2026 Dry January New Year Queer Quiz. 6th Feb 2026 LGBT+ scientist talk and film night as part of History Month with Exmouth Library 22nd Feb 2026 Took part in a Reflection event on LGBT+ Visibility with Exmouth Quakers. 31st Mar 2026 Transgender Visibility, Live singing, a fun quiz and a bespoke cocktail evening 9th May 2026 Participated in Exeter Pride Parade. 13th June 2026 Participated in Torbay Pride Parade. 17th July 2026 Out Loud Poetry Event at Exmouth Library.
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** Exmouth Pride 2026 took place on Saturday June 26. It built on the work of more than a decade of Exmouth Pride and it marked a big step up for us with our first March. The March route was along the sea front from SideShore to Bath Road and from there up to the Manor Gardens. There were around 750 participants. Our main event was a huge success and ran from 11am to 6pm on 22nd June 2025. Our peak numbers were approaching 2,000 during the early afternoon with an estimate of over 4,000 passing through during the entirety of the event although we realise a number of these were people leaving and re-entering the site. 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, Trans support groups, LGBT+ inclusive 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 where there is still homo/bi/trans -phobia very evident. Prior to our event, we had three promotional banners stolen and there was on-line abuse, although both in traditional media and on-line, the over-whelming messages were of support. We were happily aware of a high level of diversity at this free-to-access event. There were people across the age range and neuro diverse spectrum as well as people with other SEND needs, demonstrating that this event provided a safe space for people. There were minor medical incidents and one concern for welfare incident. All were dealt with appropriately by the security and medical cover company Emrys. **LGBT+ History Month** In conjunction with Exmouth Library, we hosted a social event on February 6 with the films *Because I'm a Cheerleader* and *Swan Song*. We also had a talk on LGBT+ people in science with Issy Condron from PRISM, the Exeter University founded LGBT+ STEM organisation. **Social Events** We offered an alcohol-free drag quiz night as part of "Dry January" offering a social space and community focus as well as an event to mark Trans Day of Visibility on March 31 at local venue Temple Bar. **Summary** We are proud to report that we achieved our objectives and have had overwhelmingly positive feedback both in person and online.

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 unsuccessful in our small lottery bid this year and so there is a considerable drop in this year's income. This lack of income was mitigated somewhat by us having a £5000 surplus to put into this year's event. Our income from other sources such as sponsorship and pitch fees were on a par with previous years. Cash and contactless donations on the day were in line with last year. Our Gofundme donations jumped by over £1000 after a call out was made after our big day. Our merchandise sales this year were higher. Expenditure has increased by 11% on last year partly as we are now putting on more events during the year so there are additional venue and presenter costs. Our volunteer running costs have increased primarily as we are hiring a meeting space in addition to paying for storage. We also gave volunteers £5 food vouchers for the first time. Our main event costs have increased mainly due to increased security provision and did not pay for the PRS music licence last financial year and this has been moved into this. Although we spent more on merchandise this was more than covered by increase sales returns and leaves us with future stock. We were particularly frugal with performer costs and cut back on printed materials such as not purchasing flagpole flags nor volunteer t-shirts and using old stickers and correx boards. Overall we were in deficit by £4539. Moving forward we will be able to start the next financial year with £14,000 still held in reserve and £1097 In our current account which all come in under our annual expenditure.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Reserves are held up to 1 year's running costs They are held in reserve accounts linked directly to the current account
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)	Cash collections and donations from the public Sponsorship from local businesses Pitch fees from stalls Merchandise sales at Exmouth Pride (in previous years The National Lottery Community fund)
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.

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 relationships 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

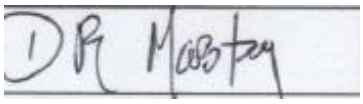
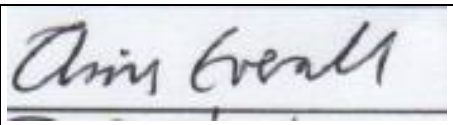
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	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		Resigned 14 July 2026	
5	Catherine Beharrel		Appointed 14 July 2026	Fellow trustees
6	Kathryn Valentine		Appointed 14 July 2026	Fellow trustees

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	23/09/2026	

Appendix 1

Income &Expenditure summaries for the Year 01.09.25-31.08.26

		2025	2026
Income			
	Sponsorship	£2,360	£2,450
	Pitch fees from stalls	£1,922	£1,833
	Merchandise sales	£1,317	£2,125
	Grants	£9,601	£0
	Cash collections on the big day	£1,971	£1,961
	Cash collections (other) inc GiftAid	£1,174	£2,228
	To be refunded or overpayments, eg deposits	£409	£191
	Reserve account interest 1 Sept 2025-31 Aug 2026	£313	£197
	Total income (inc Reserve account interest)	**£19,067**	**£10,985**
Expenditure			
	Performers&presenters&sound&PRS&BSL	£4,998	£3,943
	Event &venue costs (stage , insurance, security, licence etc)	£3,453	£6,647
	Volunteers and running costs (e.g. for storage thank you gifts)	£793	£1,430
	Media& publicity (e.g. web, banners, signs, tshirts)	£2,715	£986
	Refunds or deposits	£430	£0
	Our merchandise	£1,354	£1,795
	Other events (eg LGBT History month)	£257	£724
	Total expenditure	**£14,000**	**£15,524**
Balance Sheet			
	Current Assets		
	Reserve accounts 1 Sept 2024*	£13,000	£14,000
	Reserve accounts total 31 Aug 2024	£13,313	£14,197
	Current account 1 Sept 2024*	£1,567	£5,635
	Total income over expenditure	£5,068	-£4,539
	Current account 31 Aug 2025	£6,322	£899
	Total current assets	**£19,635**	**£15,097**
	Represented by:		
	Current Bank Account at 31st August 2026	£6,322	£899
	Reserve accounts at 31st August 2026	£13,313	£14,197
	Total at 31st August 2026	**£19,635**	**£15,097**

Please note: due to rounding to the nearest pound there might be small discrepancies between tallied figures totals. Dr Chris Everall (Treasurer)

Appendix 2

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of	Exmouth Pride		
On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2026	**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

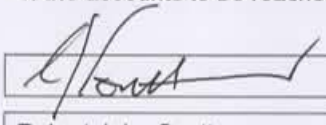
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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:**	5th September 2026
Name:	Robert John Soutter		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers		
Address:	12 Westlands, 25 Douglas Avenue, Exmouth, EX8 2AB		