



Ashford and Tenterden Umbrella

Reg. Charity No. 1005517

A Community Resource for Ashford and Tenterden Area.

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The Thirty-Second Annual General Meeting held at the Parish Rooms **Ashford**

On the 11th October 2023 at 12.00 pm.

As chairperson of the Trustees, I would like to welcome everyone to our AGM, I will try to keep the proceedings as short as possible and there will be light refreshments available after the meeting closes. The minutes from this meeting will not be agreed on until the next AGM which should be held sometime after the end of March 2024.

Apologies for Absence

Mrs Rosemary Bartter.

Minutes of last meeting:

Copies of the minutes of the Thirty-First Annual General Meeting were distributed prior to this meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising. Therefore, would someone like to propose that the minutes be accepted as a true record of events.

Proposed by: Mrs Sandra Brett Gilbert.

Seconded by: Mrs Dorothy Boyd.

Accepted and Carried by a majority vote by all those present.

Chairperson's Report

In April 2022, since re-opening back in September 2021, Umbrella had been operating our usual three-day weekly sessions providing a variety of activities including our healthy eating cafe. Mark, a volunteer who we had taken on as a freelance assistant in January 2022, found he had important commitments and was therefore unable to carry on working with us for the time being. Therefore, it was decided that the position would be kept open for him to return later in the year. We had decided to provide more day trips chosen by our service users this year; and a list of the trips with a brief write up follows below:

The first day trip in April was on Wednesday the 6th and our service users visited Hythe, transport provided by Wealden Wheels. The weather was not good to us, it was cold with rain and very windy. April was living up to its reputation as the month of rain and more rain. Everyone took shelter in the charity shops and the Waitrose coffee shop. Most had lunch in the local cafés and the popular Torbay Fish Restaurant. The feedback was not positive to say the least, but nonetheless, it was a day out. Some of our users said they had a good day despite the weather.

Our next trip was on June the 21st, a group visited the RAF Spitfire Museum at Manston Kent. Firstly, we had refreshments in their pretty tea rooms, followed by a stroll around the exhibits in the museum. It brought back many memories to the more senior members of the group. After this, it was back on the Mini Bus for the journey to Broadstairs down by the seaside. Groups went off to have lunch, some had fish and chips, others more traditional lunches. The weather was glorious with lots of sun, and a great day was had by all.

In July, we visited the lavender fields out at Castle Farm in Kent. Here, users could walk through the lavender fields, buy gifts in the onsite shop, get a variety of hot and cold drinks or just sit in the available shade. It was very, very hot in the sun. Later we moved on to Lullingstone Country Park, where most had lunch in the onsite café, later returning to Ashford and drop off for our service users. All said that they had a wonderful day out.

On the 27th of July we had a day trip to Whitstable, famous for its fresh oysters and other sea foods. Whitstable was also the home of the late actor Peter Cushing. We were lucky to have sunshine all day. Some service users sought out the shade while others decided to take the short walk to the Harbour where they could browse the many stalls selling all manner of items, many being gifts or mementoes. Then, a walk along the sea front for some, until time for lunch at one of the many eateries in the town. Later meeting at the pick-up point to take the mini bus back home to Ashford.

On the 10th of August we paid for an afternoon trip to the Windmill in Willesborough, South Ashford, for afternoon tea and scones in the café next to the Mill. This was also an opportunity for people to take a look around the inside of the Mill itself. A pleasant few hours were spent socialising, drinking tea and eating fresh cream scones with strawberry

jam. Then, the short trip back into Ashford town Centre and drop off where people made their way home.

On 24th of August we paid for a trip to Margate. Firstly, we visited the Turner Gallery, where most of the party had a drink in the café before entering the main gallery. On exhibition was photographic work by Ingrid Pollard, with some really interesting photographs, well worth a visit. Then, most service users split into groups and made their way along the esplanade to enjoy the good weather before seeking out somewhere to have a bite to eat. Everyone then met up at the pick-up point for the return journey home.

At the beginning of September, Mark rejoined the team at Umbrella; the service users had missed Mark, he was well liked for his cheerful personality, thoughtfulness, and deep caring for the people attending Umbrella. Everyone liked him and his help had been greatly missed by all.

On the 14th of September we had a boat trip on the River Medway starting out at the Marina at Watlingbury. This trip is limited to twelve persons due to the size of the boat, so it is always fully booked well before that date. It is a gentle trip down the river, stopping at Teapot Island so people can stretch their legs and have a short walk to the Café for a slice of cake and a drink. After this we head back to Watlingbury on the bus and the return trip home.

On the 21st of December we held our annual Christmas Lunch at the Bowl Inn at Charing in Kent. The Bowl Inn is very spacious inside making the seating more accessible for our service users. Some of our members had the two course Christmas menu, and some the full three course. The food and service with all trimmings you would expect at Christmas, everyone said they had a great time. After lots of chatting, exchanging gifts and wishing each other a merry Christmas, it was time to return home. This was our last day opening before the Christmas break not returning until Tuesday the 11th of January 2023.

During 2022 the singing group was delayed in starting for a time due to the illness of our singing musical director Lizzie Stephens. However, later in March she was well enough to restart the sessions, and later the choir did take part in an evening fundraising event on the Isle of Sheppey at the Football and Working Men's club in Sheerness, with two other choirs. The event was well supported and the audience had their part to play, when they all sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas" It was a great success.

In addition to the above, we did add an extra activity, and that was on August the 4th, the start of "In a Space" (a small charity) providing an Art Therapy group on a Thursday morning from 11.00am to 1.30pm every week. All sessions and materials are free of charge and will continue to be throughout 2023.

Also in August we started serving main meals again in our Healthy Eating Café, besides all the other food items we had been providing including hot and cold items during the year. The new items added to the menu were a big hit with our service users, and this increased the weekly income from the Café, all monies taken are put straight back into providing

good healthy food for them. All the reports and feedback the trustees have received for the last nine months have been positive.

Back on the 20th of December 2022, Kevin Parry, the assistant to the late coordinator Val French, decide to resign his post. He had worked for Umbrella since 2006, however he informed the trustees that he could not carry out the duties of the coordinator. Therefore, the trustees decided reluctantly to accept his resignation, efforts had been made to recruit a new coordinator from within the services but these were unsuccessful. Kevin worked out his notice until the 25th of January 2023.

Starting back on Tuesday the 11th of January, we continued with providing our three-day service, including new and normal sessions. Also, our collect and deliver service using Wealden Wheels to bring people in to Umbrella from the surrounding area every week.

Once again service users decided on the day trips they would like to organise, the first being on the 15th of March to Maidstone and Notcutts Garden Centre for a shopping trip. On arrival, most everybody went off to have a tea or coffee and a bite to eat in the restaurant. Some just wandered off looking at gardening items, and some bought plants. All met up later on the mini bus for a short trip across to M&S to browse goods and to visit the café. Everyone reconvened back at the mini bus for the return journey to Ashford. Further outings are scheduled for later in the new financial year starting in April 2023.

In February, Mark who had been working freelance for Umbrella decided that he could no longer do the work because of other commitments, so ended his work with Umbrella. Kevin Parry's resignation and the loss of Mark, combined with the inability to find replacements within the services meant action was needed to recruit new staff. The trustees decided to advertise the coordinator's position in the press and also to use online recruitment platforms. In addition, we need extra staff if we want to move forward and expand the activities and service we provide.

Since Covid, the trustees have noticed that things have been slow in getting back to where we were before. This has also been voiced by many other charities during the year. Unfortunately, some charities have closed their doors due to a lack of funding.

We have been fortunate to have Kim Deshayes, our fundraiser who has managed so far to keep applying rigorously to potential funders on behalf of our service users and the services we provide to them. In addition, Kim has supported the trustees and Chairperson throughout all the changes that have happened over the last few years.

It has not been easy this last year, but the trustees and I are working diligently in your best interest, and hope to carry on doing the best we can. We are delighted when you, the people who come to Umbrella, take an active role in the sessions, it's beneficial to all our good health both physically and mentally. Our year ended officially on Thursday the 31st of March 2023

I would like to move onto A&T Umbrella accounts which this year have been examined by Mr James Hough.

Accounts:

Edwin Chambers (Chairperson) asked those present to look at the audited accounts.

The Chairperson went through each section pointing out the most significant parts of the accounts.

At the end it was put to the members and interested parties present, were there any questions regarding the accounts.

Are there any points anyone would like to question?

1)What costs are included in the Fundraising costs? Pay to Kim Deshayes.

2) What does the insurance cover? It,s Public Liability Insurance , the Certificate is on the notice board.

As there were no other questions regarding the accounts it was put to the vote, will someone like to propose that the accounts are a true record of A&T Umbrella's financial position.

Proposed by. Mrs Wendy Baker.

Seconded by. Mrs Emma Norrington.

Carried by a majority vote.

By all those present.

Before I move on to the election of officers. Mr James Hough has agreed to examine our books and records again for 2023-2024. I have sent him our thanks for Examining this year's accounts, and hopefully next years.

This was put to the assembly and was:

Proposed by. Mrs Ann Kent.

Seconded by. Mrs Alva Tucker.

Carried by a majority vote.

By all those present.

In accordance with our constitution, all the Trustees and Officers have stood down. We have not received any written requests for these positions, but Mr Edwin Chambers, Dorothy Clayton, Eunice Horton, Rosemary Bartter, Wendy Baker, are prepared to stand again in 2023-2024.

If there are no other nominations for these posts, would someone propose and second that all those Trustees and Officers who are prepared to serve this year to be proposed, seconded, and voted on.

Election of Officers:

Chairperson Mr Edwin Chambers.

Proposed by. Mrs Dorothy Clayton.

Seconded by. Mrs Sanda Brett Gilbert

Carried by a majority vote by all present.

Treasurer: Mrs Rosemary Bartter.

Proposed by. Mrs Dorothy Clayton.

Seconded by. Mrs Eunice Horton

Carried by a majority vote by all present.

Secretary: Mr Edwin Chambers. (Temporary Position)

Proposed by: Mrs Dorothy Clayton.

Seconded by: Mrs Eunice Horton.

Carried by a majority vote by all present.

Election of Committee:

Committee voted en bloc:

Mrs Dorothy Clayton.

Mrs Eunice Horton.

Mrs Wendy Baker.

Proposed by: Mr Edwin Chambers.

Seconded by: Mrs Emma Norrington.

Carried by a majority vote by all present.

Proposed Amendment to Umbrella's Name:

The proposal is that we change the name "Ashford Umbrella" with our bank HSBC Account, and just "Umbrella" on the Charity Commission website to "Ashford and Tenterden Umbrella" this would make both congruent, thus eliminating any confusion for donations made by the public to the charity. In addition to change the details held by the Charity Commission from, "do not accept donations from the public" to "do receive public donations"

Proposed: Mrs Dorothy Clayton.

Seconded: Mrs Wendy Baker.

Voted: Carried by a majority vote by all Present.

Any other business:

As there was no other business, the Chairperson thanked the Trustee, Funders, and everyone who had worked endlessly to provide a service to the community of Ashford and Tenterden, throughout another stressful but successful year. He thanked all the service users present for their support, In addition he gave a very big thank you to Mr Kevin Parry, Mr John Binmore, Mrs Sue Horn, Mrs Laurel Taylor, Ms Lizzie Stevenson, for all their hard work and support over the last year. He also thanked Fundraiser Mr Kim Deshayé who has work extremely hard in securing funds for Umbrella, and also to Mr James Hough for examining our accounts. Lastly, this is dedicated to the memory of our late Coordinator Valerie French. The hope is for a better, brighter future for everyone whoever, wherever they may be, thank you.

Chairperson closed meeting at - 13.05pm.

Date and Time of next meeting - To be arranged.

Signed: Chairperson

E. J. Chambers



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2023

ASHFORD and TENTERDEN UMBRELLA

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ASHFORD and TENTERDEN UMBRELLA

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Address: 1 Harmers Way,
Egerton,
Asford,Kent
TN27 9DN

Officers: Chair	Mr Edwin Chambers
Secretary	Mr Edwin Chambers (Temporary Appt)
Treasurer	Mrs Rosemary O. Bartter

Bankers: HSBC UK
39 High Street
Ashford,Kent
TN24 8TG

Independent Examiner: Mr J.Hough
18 Harvestside
Horley , Surrey
RH6 9UH

**ASHFORD and TENTERDEN UMBRELLA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME:		
Grants from third parties	30242	40606
National Lottery	10000	10000
Donations	0	150
Fund raising events	2049	369
Interest on deposit accounts	30	2
Transport/Outings	1650	1334
TOTAL INCOME	43971	52461
EXPENDITURE:		
Fundraising costs	10710	5715
Salaries & National Insurance	7287	7599
Hire of halls	6625	3579
Insurance	333	0
Printing & stationery	701	149
I.T.Costs	6581	1152
Transport & Outings	4434	2198
Activities	1121	360
Telephone	356	554
Volunteer expenses	1683	434
Sundry	501	660
Professional Fee	150	150
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	40482	22550
TOTAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	3489	29911
ADD : GRANTS BROUGHT FORWARD	0	12500
	3489	42411
LESS : GRANTS CARRIED FORWARD	0	0
	3489	42411
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	117326	74915
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	120815	117326

ASHFORD and TENTERDEN UMBRELLA**GRANTS and FUNDING****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Kent Community Foundation:		
Core costs	6,500	10,896
Strategic Recovery Fund / Resilience Fund	0	5,000
Digital Inclusion Fund	5,000	0
Frank Brake Charitable Trust	5,000	0
Albert Hunt Trust	2,000	0
Henry Smith Trust	0	7,500
The Phillip & Connie Phillips Foundation	5,000	0
De Haan Charitable Trust	0	2,500
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	5,000	5,000
Cole Charitable Trust	0	1,000
National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	10,000
Whitehead Monkton Charitable Foundation	0	1,000
The Godinton Charitable Trust	1,000	0
Shaw Trust	742	3,710
R.G.Hills Charitable Trust	0	1,500
W.G.Edwards Charity	0	1,500
Tory Family Foundation	0	1,000
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	40,242	50,606
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**ASHFORD and TENTERDEN UMBRELLA
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Equipment at Cost		0		0
Less : Depreciation		0		0
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
				0
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank - No. 1 A/c	62510		58991	
" " - No. 2a/c	38546		38606	
" " - Deposit A/c	7726		7697	
" " - One year Bond	12033		12032	
	<u>120815</u>		<u>12032</u>	
				117326
LESS : Grants carried forward	0		0	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		120815		117326
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Represented by:				
Surplus brought forward		117326		74915
Add: Surplus for the year		3489		42411
		<u>120815</u>		<u>117326</u>
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Approved by 

on the 11/10/2023

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Independent Examiners Report

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

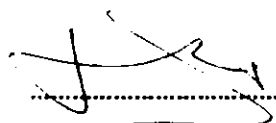
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent Examiners report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- a) Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- b) The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and 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.



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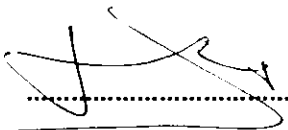
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