

# SURVIVING CHRISTMAS

England & Wales - Charity number 1033117

## Details

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**Other names** SURVIVING CHRISTMAS (HASTINGS AND ROTHER DISTRICT)

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1994-02-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE IN CASES OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OF PERSONS WHO ARE RESIDENT WHETHER TEMPORARILY OR NOT IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF HASTINGS OR THE ROTHER DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF EAST SUSSEX AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT SO AS TO LIMIT THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE PROVISION FOR SUCH PERSONS OF FOOD AND SHELTER OR ALLOWANCES OR VOUCHERS THEREFOR, THE PROVISION OF SUCH PERSONS OF CLOTHING AND HEATING OR ALLOWANCES OR VOUCHERS THEREFOR

**Activities:** Each year, we organise a welcoming space over the two-day Christmas period, offering not just a meeting space but also meals, hospitality and essential services to individuals and families facing hardship. In addition to hospitality services, it undertakes the vital work of supplying, to those in need, hampers, filled with essentials and some treats.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF HASTINGS OR THE ROTHER DIS
- East Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£41,178	£41,463	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,846	£31,085	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,761	£27,366	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,537	£29,925	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,508	£24,524	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Newington		2015-01-24
Amanda Gillis		2026-04-14
Angus Warwick Peters		2024-02-05
Barry Elphick		2026-04-14
Caroline Kennedy		2023-04-27
Jan Murphy		2021-11-16
LIONEL REGINALD PARR		2013-08-24
Lorna Hilton		2026-04-17
Megan Skinner		2016-11-10
Rebecca Hall		2024-02-06
Samantha Louise Moss		2023-04-27
Sara Elizabeth Patricia Fox-Peters		2024-02-06
Stephen Alan Gillis		2026-04-14
Susan Caroline Peck		2024-02-01
Tina Friend		2023-04-27
Trevor Morgan		2024-05-02

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# **Accounts**

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**Surviving Christmas**

**Report and Accounts**

**31 March 2025**

## **Surviving Christmas**

**Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## Surviving Christmas

### Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### Reference and administrative details

##### The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Surviving Christmas

##### The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1033117

The trustees are all individuals.

##### The Trustees in office as at 31 March 2024:-

Sue Peck	Megan Nugent	Meghan Skinner
Trevor Morgan		Adam Newington
Rebecca Hall	Caroline Kennedy	Jan Murphy
Sara Fox-Peters	Samantha Moss	
Angus Peters	Lionell Parr	

Trustees discuss suitable Surviving Christmas members bearing in mind the legal rules on eligibility, skills and knowledge, who are approached and if the member is in agreement the recommendation is taken to general committee for proposal. The member is given induction material including the governing document, accounts and previous meetings minutes.

##### Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Trustees meet monthly during each year to discuss the performance of the Charity and make decisions as appropriate.

##### The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2025

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2025 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	<b>2025</b>
	£
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(285)</u>

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015 (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016) .

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

**Mrs S Peck**

**Treasurer**

**10th November 2025**

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Chair's Annual Report 31 March 2025**

Hamper Pack Project : 15-20 December

The Project actually began long before we packed the hampers – first, we had to find a new venue as the Salvation army (where we had been ensconced for over a decade) made it financially impossible for us to use their facilities at a cost of £4000 for the 8 days we required.

Fortunately, it did not take us long to find a new 'home' and this year we were hosted by Battle Abbey School, in the beautiful grounds of Battle Abbey.

The nominations from local agencies came through with 851 requests for hampers for families in need in the Hastings and Rother Districts.

We could not deliver this campaign successfully without the active involvement of our volunteers and our partnership agencies with support for the deliveries. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

An important part of the hamper project are the supermarket collections, the food and donations collected allowed us to pack an extra 53 hampers for which we had not budgeted. Late nominations and emergencies are to be expected.

At Battle Abbey we encountered another difficulty – access to the Abbey meant that our suppliers lorries could not deliver the food via the low portcullis. We arranged separate transport and delivery of 19 pallets and many volunteers arrived to manually carry the goods into the Abbey. Our thanks to Trustees, Volunteers and the Hailsham Young Farmers for their help setting the happy tone for the whole of the 2024 campaign.

The hamper packing week went very well indeed with the support of corporate volunteers from Balfour Beatty, Littlewoods Fencing, Triangle Fire systems and the Department of Work and Pensions Universal Credit Team, along with our steadfast regular volunteers and trustees.

We were supported again by SAICA in Reading with the provision of our hamper boxes which were collected the week before the packing began by our Trustee team.

We also received non-perishable food donations from schools, churches, local businesses and individuals which boosted our food supplies and added even more Christmas cheer to our hampers. Tesco kindly donated bags for life which were used to make up two bags of food for our homeless or transient clients without cooking facilities.

Over 1000 new toys were included in the hampers for the families with children and More Radio generously included us in their toy appeal. This, together with toy and purchases made it possible to ensure every child had a surprise on hamper delivery day.

Santa's Grotto : 21 December

Our Grotto, this year, was also in a new venue, His Place Community Church in Hastings – we invited, by flyer in each hamper, all children of those families nominated to bring their children along to meet our Santa. Our volunteers erected a Grotto and the children were given a Christmas present and a chocolate selection box along with a 'lucky dip' of little toys, games and books. This was a huge success.

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We were also joined after lunch, by Rosie the Little Grey Pony – the children were allowed to stroke her and were fascinated to have a live little horse in the Grotto with Santa.

#### Christmas and Boxing Day 2024

A team of volunteers went to His Place on Christmas Eve to set up the dining and serving areas making it festive and jolly. Both days saw volunteers and guests chatting, eating, playing board games, watching movies, joining in the entertainment, dancing and celebrating Christmas. We also had hairdressers on hand who were kept very busy, an optician and medical assistance.

100 lunches were served on Christmas Day and 110 on Boxing Day to the homeless, disabled, elderly and lonely. We thank our chef and Trustee Adam Newington, Hastings Catering College, Carrolls Greengrocery, Appleyards the Butchers for all their input with fresh, good quality ingredients.

We continue to be successful due to the hard work and dedication of the lead volunteers, local agencies, supporting organisations and the Trustees. The website team from FreshOnline are an invaluable source as they have supported our charity with the maintenance of our website, and continue to offer free guidance and support.

Our thanks to Angus Peters of Red Mist Services for all the print support and our accountants O'Connor & Co.

Susan Peck  
Chairman  
Surviving Christmas

10th November 2025

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention."

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 Examiners Report**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Miss Y O'Connor  
Accountant, FCCA**

**10th November 2025**

**O'Connor & Co Accountants Limited  
13 Meads Street  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
BN20 7QY**

Surviving Christmas - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income &amp; Endowments from:</b>				
Bank Interest	523	-	523	54
Business Donations	12,436	-	12,436	13,871
Charity Giving	2,711	-	2,711	1,620
Church Donations	200	-	200	1,384
Club and Society Donations	5,000	-	5,000	1,350
Collections/Tins	300	-	300	874
Fundraising Events	1,661	-	1,661	585
Individual Donations	12,726	-	12,726	5,717
School Donations	5,282	-	5,282	5,158
Gift Aid	339	-	339	233
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>41,178</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,178</b>	<b>30,846</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Catering Costs	357	-	357	368
Removal Costs	1,020	-	1,020	-
Equipment Purchased	3,822	-	3,822	2,342
Waste Disposal	-	-	-	574
Fundraising Event Expenditure	560	-	560	-
Hampers	32,546	-	32,546	22,750
Insurance	495	-	495	408
Postage	87	-	87	60
Advertising and Website	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment and Software	313	-	313	311
Staff Costs	287	-	287	918
Stationery and Printing	755	-	755	219
Sundries	-	-	-	41
Telephone	28	-	28	57
Bank fees	25	-	25	70
Utensil Hire	-	-	-	278
Vehicle Costs	168	-	168	190
Venue and Kitchen Hire	1,000	-	1,000	2,500
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>41,463</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,463</b>	<b>31,086</b>
<b>Net expenditure for the year</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>			-	-
<b>Net income after transfers</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>(240)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:-</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>			<b>68,704</b>	68,944
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,419</b>	<b>68,704</b>

**Surviving Christmas - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Gift Aid Receivable	339	231
Prepayments	60	60
Cash at bank and in hand	68,020	68,413
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>68,419</u>	<u>68,704</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	68,419	68,704
<b>The total net assets of the charity</b>	<u>68,419</u>	<u>68,704</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	<u>68,419</u>	<u>68,704</u>
	68,419	68,704
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>68,419</u>	<u>68,704</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

**Mrs S Peck**  
**Chairman and Treasurer**  
**Approved by the board of trustees on 10th November 2025**

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# Accounts

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Yvonne O'Connor	Judith Cooper
Lionel Parr	Jan Murphy
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##### Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Trustees meet monthly during each year to discuss the performance of the Charity and make decisions as appropriate.

##### The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2023

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2023 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>1,395</u>

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The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

**Miss Y O'Connor**  
**Treasurer**

**27th April 2023**

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Chair's Annual Report 31 March 2023**

This report is presented by the Chair for the year 2022-23

The main objective of the charity, Surviving Christmas is to relieve in cases of need, hardship or distress, persons who are resident, whether temporarily or not, in the county Borough of Hastings or the Rother District in the County of East Sussex.

We were relieved to be returning to some sort of normality following the Covid outbreak which meant we could plan ahead for the hamper provision and two day event over Christmas with less restriction.

Following consultation with the local Salvation Army leader, it was soon made clear that the demand for hampers would be in excess of 700 this year. We budgeted to that effect but the cost of living crisis was upon all local residents and us included. The need was certainly increased in the area, not only for local residents of Hastings and Rother but from the Ukranian refugees which have been accommodated in the area.

We had very successful collection days at Morrisons and Tesco supermarkets with the public being more generous than in previous years and recognising the needs of others.

We also held two successful fund raising events with a trend set to continue.

A hamper co-ordinator was employed for a few weeks in order to liaise with the local agencies, arrange deliveries, collections and details of recipients. Volunteers collected the donated hamper boxes from Reading and the local agencies collected and delivered hampers to their nominees personally. This was felt as a beneficial change to our normal delivery service not only saving our funds as we could manage with volunteers and their own transport, rather than hiring vehicles and paying for insurance, but also helped to build rapport between agency staff and clients.

The donations from schools, churches, local businesses and individuals, in the form of non perishable foodstuffs was heartily welcomed to make up the remaining hampers. Some £18,000 was spent on non perishable foodstuff from Morrisons who delivered on our first day. It was unfortunate that the weather turned to snow and made it difficult for volunteers to attend to make and pack the hampers. However, within a day our volunteers were back, packing with great enthusiasm.

Our toy appeal proved to be a great success with help from the Salvation Army and More Radio. This meant that on our Santa Day we were able to provide new toys to all the children brought along to meet Santa.

The Salvation Army have supported the toy appeal and are an ongoing support with the premises for the projects. This year we decided to purchase additional trestle tables for the hall to use for the prep and dining room and which of course will benefit the community throughout the year.

Feedback from hamper recipients is always uplifting and we received some great phone calls, texts, cards and messages saying how grateful they were to receive such an unexpected treat.

The Two Day Event on Christmas Day and Boxing Day provided refreshments, a two course Christmas lunch, medical assistance from our volunteer NHS doctor, haircuts, beard trims and lively entertainment. We had volunteers of all ages helping to serve, befriend, play chess, draughts, cards, scrabble etc., with our guests who were elderly, lonely, disabled and homeless.

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### **Chair's Annual Report 31 March 2023**

Boxing Day was party day with the Hastings Old Town Ukelele Band coming along to provide lively music and dancing.

Contributions and donations were gratefully received from schools, churches, businesses, individuals and local clubs which made it possible for Surviving Christmas to provide the level of support we have become known for.

None of this could be possible without the continued support of our Trustees, Lead Volunteers, Committee members and volunteers during the Christmas period.

We now have just under £69,000 in reserve for this year, which may seem a lot, but our Christmas relief costs on average over £40,000. By keeping a healthy reserve we can ensure that the charity can continue for at least two years, if no further funding is received. On that note we are looking also looking for a dedicated fund raiser to work with us to obtain grant funding from many different sources.

Susan Peck  
Chairman  
Surviving Christmas

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2023**

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have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mr D Talbot**  
**Accountant, FCCA**

**28th April 2023**

**Frampton and Co (Sussex) Limited**  
**37 Station Road**  
**Bexhill-On-Sea**  
**East Sussex**  
**TN40 1RG**

Surviving Christmas - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income &amp; Endowments from:</b>				
Bank Interest	33	-	33	4
Business Donations	9,550	-	9,550	2,201
Charity Giving	6,016	-	6,016	4,000
Church Donations	1,165	-	1,165	1,392
Club and Society Donations	1,362	-	1,362	1,100
Collections/Tins	471	-	471	273
Fundraising Events	1,122	-	1,122	-
Individual Donations	3,125	-	3,125	7,925
Legacies	-	-	-	-
School Donations	5,476	-	5,476	4,957
Gift Aid	441	-	441	1,685
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>28,761</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,761</b>	<b>23,537</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Catering Costs	256	-	256	724
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	2,500
Equipment Purchased	757	-	757	3,041
Waste Disposal	614	-	614	969
Fundraising Event Expenditure	260	-	260	-
Hampers	20,074	-	20,074	19,692
Insurance	403	-	403	373
Postage	163	-	163	165
Advertising and Website	229	-	229	-
Computer Equipment and Software	543	-	543	-
Staff Costs	1,102	-	1,102	580
Stationery and Printing	698	-	698	327
Sundries	-	-	-	99
Telephone	504	-	504	-
Bank fees	68	-	68	22
Utensil Hire	386	-	386	257
Vehicle Costs	189	-	189	176
Venue and Kitchen Hire	1,120	-	1,120	1,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>27,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,366</b>	<b>29,925</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>(6,388)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>			-	-
<b>Net income after transfers</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>(6,388)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>(6,388)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:-</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>			<b>67,495</b>	73,883
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,890</b>	<b>67,495</b>

## Surviving Christmas - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Gift Aid Receivable	400	386
Prepayments	60	60
Cash at bank and in hand	68,430	67,049
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>68,890</u>	<u>67,495</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	68,890	67,495
<b>The total net assets of the charity</b>	<u>68,890</u>	<u>67,495</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	<u>68,890</u>	<u>67,495</u>
	68,890	67,495
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>68,890</u>	<u>67,495</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

**Mrs S Peck**  
**Chairman**  
Approved by the board of trustees on 27th April 2023

**Miss Y O'Connor**  
**Treasurer**  
Approved by the board of trustees on 27th April 2023

**SURVIVING CHRISTMAS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1033117

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# Accounts

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**The Charity Registration Number is :- 1033117**

**Surviving Christmas**

**Report and Accounts**

**31 March 2021**

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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## Surviving Christmas

### Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### Reference and administrative details

##### The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- Surviving Christmas

##### The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1033117

The trustees are all individuals.

##### The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Sue Peck	Megan Skinner
Yvonne O'Connor	Delia Wentworth
Lionel Parr	
Adam Newington	

Trustees discuss suitable Surviving Christmas members bearing in mind the legal rules on eligibility, skills and knowledge, who are approached and if the member is in agreement the recommendation is taken to general committee for proposal. The member is given induction material including the governing document, accounts and previous meetings minutes.

##### Structure, governance and management of the charity

The Trustees meet monthly during each year to discuss the performance of the Charity and make decisions as appropriate.

##### The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2021

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2021 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>1,984</u>

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015 (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016) .

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

**Miss Y O'Connor**  
**Treasurer**

**23rd September 2021**

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Chair's Annual Report 31 March 2021**

This report is presented by the Chair for the year 2020-21.

The main objective of the charity, Surviving Christmas is to relieve in cases of need, hardship or distress, persons who are resident, whether temporarily or not, in the county Borough of Hastings or the Rother District in the County of East Sussex.

Throughout 2020 our charity, as with other charities, were unable to fundraise in view of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions which saw us through lockdowns and isolation. The pandemic affected everyone in the country and put pressure on those most vulnerable in our community with mental health issues. We adjusted to the restrictions by changing our 'modus operandi' - Trustees and lead volunteers were invited to Zoom meetings to discuss the way forward in the light of the Covid pandemic and how we could continue to support the community.

We managed to help other local charities and the food banks with supplies we held over from last year.

As Chairman I felt that our two day event over Christmas was definitely not possible and after liaising with the Salvation Army Captain and our Trustees we all voted, with heavy hearts, not to have the two day Christmas meals and associated support in the form of the clothes bank, hairdressing, showers, medical help and access to constant refreshments and entertainment as we normally do. It was with great regret as this was the first time in 35 years that we had not provided this very welcome support and assistance over Christmas. It would not have been possible to protect volunteers and guests from the virus and most certainly too big a risk to the local community. It would also have been a complete unknown as to how many guests we could expect as the lockdown restrictions were changing and restrictions put in place which would either prevent attendance or would increase our guests fear of the risks associated with Covid.

We did, however, decide to proceed with the provision of Christmas food hampers to those nominated by the local agencies and the team proceeded to make arrangements with those agencies. We estimated that a minimum of 700 hampers would be required and fortunately our box supplier came up trumps yet again by supplying the required boxes free of charge. The Trustees decided that we would not hire vans to deliver the hampers this year but just one to collect the boxes and distribute to those who were totally unable to collect or be delivered to, by the agency which nominated them.

Volunteers were kept to a minimum which was disappointing to those who really felt they wished to volunteer again this year but the risk of the spread of Covid amongst our volunteers was too great, to consider using too many different volunteers.

It was an emotional year with news of our dear Mrs Santa who lost her life to Covid along with her daughter. We all send our condolences to our Santa and hope that he will be able to continue with Surviving Christmas this year as Santa Clause, if we are in a position to resume our normal options for the local community.

We also negotiated a reduction in the cost of using the Salvation Army premises and saved over a thousand pounds in that area. We launched an online Crowdfunder appeal and received an amazing response with donations from schools, churches, societies and individuals. We also had a great response to written appeals to our regular donors and it was encouraging to see, at the year end, our reserves were back up to sixty thousand pounds even though we had had to purchase all the hamper contents.

Overall the project was a success and there were many changes made to our procedures which we feel could be implemented this year to save time and money. We certainly hope that the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted by December 2021 and we can once again return to 'normal service' and provide as much help and support to our local communities as we have in the past.

Susan Peck  
Chairman

## **Surviving Christmas**

### **Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2021**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention."

#### **Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 Examiners Report**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mr D Talbot**  
**Accountant, FCCA**

**29th September 2021**

**Frampton and Co (Sussex) Limited**  
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**Bexhill-On-Sea**  
**East Sussex**  
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Surviving Christmas - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income &amp; Endowments from:</b>				
Bank Interest	2	-	2	334
Business Donations	3,174	-	3,174	1,200
Charity Giving	5,000	-	5,000	6,562
Church Donations	686	-	686	1,125
Club and Society Donations	1,450	-	1,450	1,600
Collections/Tins	-	-	-	2,154
Fundraising Events	7,959	-	7,959	2,815
Individual Donations	5,609	-	5,609	9,413
Legacies	510	-	510	-
School Donations	2,056	-	2,056	2,486
Gift Aid	62	-	62	834
Sundry Income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>26,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,508</b>	<b>28,523</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Accountancy	-	-	-	-
Advertising and Website	-	-	-	2,000
Catering Costs	-	-	-	1,673
Charitable Donations	1,000	-	1,000	1,500
Computer Equipment and Software	-	-	-	95
Contract Hire	-	-	-	-
Equipment Hire	-	-	-	335
Fundraising Event Expenditure	-	-	-	966
Hampers	20,085	-	20,085	20,542
Insurance	346	-	346	336
Postage	95	-	95	97
Professional Fees	39	-	39	311
Staff Costs	1,280	-	1,280	3,770
Stationery and Printing	267	-	267	291
Sundries	131	-	131	132
Telephone	79	-	79	69
Uniforms	-	-	-	-
Utensil Hire	-	-	-	298
Vehicle Costs	202	-	202	1,476
Venue and Kitchen Hire	1,000	-	1,000	3,000
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>24,524</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,524</b>	<b>36,891</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>(8,368)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net income after transfers</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>(8,368)</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>(8,368)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:-</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>			<b>71,899</b>	<b>80,267</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,883</b>	<b>71,899</b>

## Surviving Christmas - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		
Gift Aid Receivable	1,676	1,613
Donations Receivable	-	929
Cash at bank and in hand	72,207	69,357
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>73,883</u>	<u>71,899</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	73,883	71,899
<b>The total net assets of the charity</b>	<u>73,883</u>	<u>71,899</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	<u>73,883</u>	<u>71,899</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<u>73,883</u>	<u>71,899</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

**Mrs S Peck**  
**Chairman**  
Approved by the board of trustees on 23rd September 2021

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