

The Charity Registration Number is :- 1033117

Surviving Christmas

Report and Accounts

31 March 2023

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Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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	Judith Cooper
Lionel Parr	Jan Murphy
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 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:-

	2023
	£
Net income	1,395

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to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102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

27th April 2023

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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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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
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Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, 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.

Mr D Talbot
Accountant, FCCA

28th April 2023

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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
	£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:				
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	-	-	-	-
Total income	28,761	-	28,761	23,537
Expenditure on:				
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
Total expenditure	27,366	-	27,366	29,925
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	1,395	-	1,395	(6,388)
Transfers between funds			-	-
Net income after transfers	1,395	-	1,395	(6,388)
Net movement in funds	1,395	-	1,395	(6,388)
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward			67,495	73,883
Total funds carried forward	1,395	-	68,890	67,495

Surviving Christmas - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

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