

Trustees Annual Return 2024 -2025

FIRST STEPS NEW FOREST

Charity Number: 1037064

Submitted on 22nd January 2026

FINANCIAL YEAR

05 April 2024 - 04 April 2025

Next financial year-end:

05 April 2026

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Income and expenditure for the financial year 2024 - 2025

INCOME: - £31,240

EXPENDITURE: - £28,990

CHARITY CONTACT

Current contact is: -

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CHARITY WEBSITE

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www.newforestromanygypsytraveller.co.uk

www.firststepshealthandwellbeing.co.uk

CORPORATE TRUSTEE

The charity has no corporate trustees.

CURRENT AND NEW INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEES

Trustee 1

Title: - Chairperson

Display name: Daniel Nutbeam

Date of birth: - 1st July 2005

11 Slinn Road
Christchurch
Dorset

BH23 3AN

E-mail: - danieljnutbeam@gmail.com

Trustee 2

Title: - Secretary

Display name: Amy Pidgley

Date of birth: 14 February 1986

7 Whitelands
Thorney Hill
Bransgore
Nr. Christchurch
Dorset
BH23 8DY

Trustee 3

Title: Treasurer

Display name: David John Cook

Date of birth: 25 February 1959

79 Ash Grove
High Town
Ringwood
Hampshire
BH24 1XT

E-mail: - cookamon@hotmail.co.uk

Trustee 4

Display name: MR BRIAN GRUMBRELL

Date of birth: 1 Feb 1962

10 Moortown House
Christchurch Road
Ringwood
Hampshire
BH24 3AN

Trustee 5

Display name MR CHRIS COOPER

Date of birth: 04 September 1961

2 WHITELANDS
BRANSGORE
CHRISTCHURCH
BH23 8DY

E-mail: - info@firststepscharity.org

Trustee 6

Display name: Louisa Mobey

Date of birth: - 15th February 1977

38 Widbury Road
Pennington
Lymington
SO42 8EF

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Trustee 7

Display name: Kay Sanders-Fox

Date of birth: 3rd March 1991

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49 Stour Road,
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BH23 1LN

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LINKED CHARITIES

We have no active linked charities (subsidiaries or constituents) associated with this Charity.

AREA OF OPERATION

HAMPSHIRE/NEW FOREST

CHARITY CLASSIFICATION

General Charitable Purposes
Education/Training
Health/Sickness
Disability
Relief of Poverty
Accommodation/Housing
Economic/Community development/Employment

Other charitable purposes

Who the charity helps -

Children/Young people
Elderly/Old People
People with disabilities
People of a particular ethnic or racial origin

How the charity operates: -

Provides services
Provides advocacy/advice/information/support
Provides activities

CHARITY ACTIVITIES

We are a small, community-based charity that has been working for over thirty years with people of Gypsy origin who live in permanent housing in a

rural area. This community experiences significant disadvantage due to poverty, isolation, high unemployment, and serious health issues.

Through our long-term work and local research, we have identified a strong and ongoing need for our services. The individuals and families we support regularly ask for help with day-to-day tasks, and demand for our support is high. Many members of the community have low literacy levels, and there is also a high level of disability. Unfortunately, there are very limited alternative services available to meet these needs.

We work closely with a wide range of agencies, including housing providers, education services, the police, NHS services, social services, and other voluntary organisations. These agencies often rely on us to make initial contact and maintain community engagement.

A significant part of our work involves advocacy. We represent this ethnic minority by promoting their needs, rights, and cultural background, and by supporting individuals and families in their interactions with statutory and voluntary services.

By working directly within the community and advocating on behalf of individuals and families, we help to improve health, well-being, and overall quality of life. We also provide a varied programme of activities designed to increase independence, skills, and opportunities for personal development.

Our close partnership working ensures that health, welfare, environmental, social, and educational needs are met more effectively and efficiently.

The charity employs two part-time community care workers and is supported by regular volunteers. Our community workers provide one-to-one support for families and individuals, helping with issues such as housing, health, education, sexual health, young offenders, benefits, and debt.

In addition, we support a small group of young adults with moderate learning difficulties who require a high level of assistance. We provide these young people and their families with tailored support and activities that would otherwise be difficult for them to access.

UK VOLUNTEERS

We had 13 UK volunteers during the financial year.

CHARITY'S MAIN BANK/BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNT

Below are the current details for our main bank account.

Account details are not available to the public. For security purposes, we have not printed the full account number.

Bank name: CAF Bank

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 0****417

Account Name: - FIRST STEPS NEW FOREST

FIRST STEPS NEW FOREST

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 5 APRIL 2024 TO 04 APRIL 2025

Registered Charity No 1037064

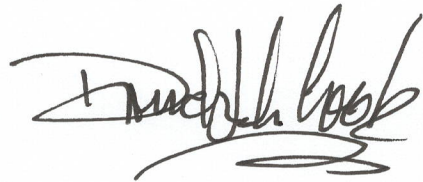
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Approval statement

We approve the accounts which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the applicable finance reporting framework and for providing Daniel C Short Ltd with all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Trustee

DAVID JOHN COOK



Trustee

Trustee

Date

5th November 2025

Report to the trustees/members of

First Steps New Forest

On accounts for the Extended Period:

5 April 2024 to 4 April 2025

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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 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:
examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners 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 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 matter has come to my attention
1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material aspect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Signed



Date

16/10/2025

Daniel C Short Ltd

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Southbourne
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH5 2HT

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the Period from 5 April 2023 to 4 April 2025

	Year Ended 04/04/2025		Year Ended 04/04/2024
	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	
INCOME			
The Lottery Fund	15,668		15,668
Hampshire County Council	15,569		3,808
Sovereign Housing			1,000
Enham Trust			5,390
Interest received		3	1
TOTAL INCOME	31,237	3	25,867
EXPENDITURE			
Rent, heating and cleaning	533		360
Salaries and NI	19,374		19,656
Pension contributions	45		425
Refreshments and consumables	260		452
New equipment	274		58
Postage	508		267
Printing & stationery	115		246
Temp staff & training	-		221
Travel & subsistence	2,204		2,112
Social & trips out	20		108
Legal & professional costs inc Insurance	1,604		1,331
Depreciation		17	21
Computer/Internet/website	238		199
Enham Healthcare - BJS comparative FBR			2,100
Hampshire County Council (LDT) - BJS	920		670
Counselling	90		670
Bank charges	95		52
Donations and flowers	328		-
Other expenditure	2,365		1,790
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	28,973	17	30,738
Surplus/(deficit) for this year	2,264	(14)	(4,871)

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BALANCE SHEET

04-Apr-25

	<u>04/04/2025</u>		<u>04/04/2024</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Fixed Assets				
Capital equipment		67		84
Current Assets				
Bank - after school club account	1		1	
Bank current account	824		1,300	
Cash at bank & in hand	32		32	
Debtors & prepayments	639		897	
Total Current Assets		1,496		2,230
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,563</u>		<u>2,313</u>
Liabilities: Current Liabilities				
Creditors		-		-
Loan from Erica Arnold		-		3,000
Total Liabilities		<u>-</u>		<u>3,000</u>
Net (Liabilities)/Assets		<u>1,563</u>		<u>(687)</u>
Funds				
Balance brought forward		(687)		3,514
For this year profit/(loss)		<u>2,250</u>		<u>(4,201)</u>
At end of Year		<u>1,563</u>		<u>(687)</u>

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Erica Arnold's e-mail address is: erica-arnold@tiscali.co.uk.

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