

# THE SUMNERS FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1063783

## Details

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Other names	THE MOUNTFORT TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1997-08-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	Flat 3 5 Portland Place London
Phone	01303265006

## Activities

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**Objects:** SUCH CHARITABLE OBJECTS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

**Activities:** Makes donations in accordance with other criteria recorded here

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£13,092	£25,692	-	-
2023-08-31	£41,813	£27,662	-	-
2022-08-31	£27,000	£30,554	-	-
2021-08-31	£5,000	£13,054	-	-
2020-08-31	£21,250	£23,808	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FRANCINE CECILE SUMNERS	Chair	

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# Accounts

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**Legal and Administrative Information**

**Reference and administrative information**

Charity name:	The Sumners Foundation
Charity registration number:	1063783
Correspondence address:	7 Shore Fisherman's Beach Hythe Kent CT21 6FN

**Trustees**

D C Sumners  
F C Sumners

**Bankers**

HSBC Bank Plc  
25 Islington High Street  
London  
N19LJ

**The Sumners Foundation  
Trustees' Report  
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

The Trustees are pleased to present our report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The accounts comply with current statutory requirements, including the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

**History, objectives and activities of the Trust**

Originally named The Mountfort Trust, The Sumners Foundation was formed by a declaration of trust on 27th June 1997. The Trust was started with an injection of cash of £30,000 from D C & Mrs F C Sumners and with various amounts since then. Both the initial donation and additional amounts donated since have been under terms which allow the trustees to either retain the amounts as capital or to spend them. No fund raising activity has been carried out by the Trust.

The Trust deed gives the trustees the power to apply the funds in such a manner as they think fit to or for the benefit of any charitable object or purpose.

The trustees identify projects and organisations they wish to support and the Trust has a policy of not making grants to people or organisations who apply speculatively.

**Management and governance arrangements**

The trust deed provides for no minimum number of trustees and a maximum of four. Currently there are two trustees and were there a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining trustees.

The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee which involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, the history and philosophical approach of the charity. A new trustee would receive copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know'. The existing trustees have all held office since the Trust was founded.

The trustees annually review the risks that the charity faces. To date these have mainly related to cash management and ensuring grants and donations made are put to appropriate charitable use.

**Procedures and policy for grant making**

A formal Trust review meeting of all trustees is held once a year. At other times the trustees hold informal meetings to make decisions on new grants and to review on-going regular grants and their effectiveness. In general these informal meetings occur approximately once per month.

Wherever possible grants are made to organisations working in the appropriate fields, which themselves hold charitable status and therefore have their own accountability procedures. Grants to other organisations, or to overseas non-profit organisations are made only when the Trust has personal contact and is able to verify the correct accountability for the use of the grant.

The Trust normally makes one-off grants.

**The Sumners Foundation  
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**Achievements and performance of the Foundation**

The charity sector is still facing challenging times and the foundation is committed to continue to help worthy causes. A sizeable donation was made to Charlton Athletic Community Trust, whose work empowers communities and changes lives by improving health, education and employment and reducing crime. We continued to support Acts435, an organisation that connects with people in need, with 100% of the donation going to the recipient. A new charity is The Listening Place, which provides free, face-to-face, ongoing support for those who feel that life is no longer worth living. A donation was also made to the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal.

**Financial review**

Donations of £27,000 were made by the Founders into the Trust during the year, tax refunds of £14,813 were received, and the Trust made charitable donations of £27,662. At 31 August 2023 the trust held cash of £14,828. The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

*Investment policy*

Under the Trust Deed, the trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. Cash levels held during the year did not justify separate investment.

*Reserves policy*

The Trust Deed requires the trustees to use the income and capital of the Trust in promoting its objects. The use of the Trust's reserves is therefore wholly at the discretion of the trustees, with no particular level of reserves required to be maintained.

**Future plans.**

We intend to maintain the funding at a similar level and are keen to identify new beneficiaries in these challenging times.

**Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Members of the Trustee Board**

Members of the Trustee Board, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 15th June 2024.

D C Sumners  
Trustee

**The Sumners Foundation  
Independent Examiner's Report**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Sumners Foundation**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Sumners Foundation (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**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 ('the Act'). 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**S Nathwani**  
For and on behalf of  
Count and See Limited  
219 Macmillan Way  
London  
SW17 6AW

**14th June 2024**

**The Sumners Foundation**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2023**

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations received - D C Sumners	27,000		27,000	
Gift Aid tax recoveries	14,813		-	
Interest received	<u>46</u>		<u>-</u>	
		41,859		27,000
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable donations:</b>				
Aspire	75		-	
Charlton Athletic Community Trust	5,000		-	
Care for Calais	108		-	
Comic Relief	500		-	
Tenzin Palmo	291		287	
DEC Ukraine appeal	-		1,000	
With Ukraine	-		1,000	
Acts435	3,745		2,210	
Anne Frank Trust	2,000		537	
Just Giving	-		200	
A Leg To Stand On	1,000		-	
Macmillan Cancer	50		220	
Theodora Children's Trust	5,000		5,100	
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	-		50	
Nishtha	5,000		4,750	
Save the Children	-		50	
DEC Turkey/Syria appeal	500		-	
Pakistan Flood Appeal	500		-	
Afghanistan Crisis Appeal	-		1,050	
Tibet Watch	1,000		1,000	
Tibet Relief Fund	5,000		5,000	
Tibetan Children's Villages	1,214		1,251	
Company Three	-		3,000	
Teenage Cancer Trust	-		100	
Folkestone Rainbow Foodbank	-		3,000	
The Listening Place	500		-	
Dr Barnados	100		-	
Tibetan Nuns Project	579		567	
		<u>27,662</u>		<u>30,372</u>
Bank charges	401		182	
Amounts owed/paid to Trustees	480		-	
Accountancy fees	<u>810</u>		<u>-</u>	
	1,691	29,353		<u>30,554</u>
<b>Net income/expenditure for the year</b>		<u><b>12,506</b></u>		<u><b>(3,554)</b></u>

**The Sumners Foundation  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31 August 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>Assets</b>		
<i>Bank current account:</i>		
Balance at 1 September 2022	2,322	5,876
Net income/expenditure for the year	<u>12,506</u>	<u>(3,554)</u>
Balance at 31 August 2023	14,828	2,322
<i>Gift Aid recoverable</i>		
	-	8,000
	<u>14,828</u>	<u>10,322</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<i>Amount payable to trustees</i>	-	480
<i>Accrued expenses: accountancy fees</i>	<u>300</u>	<u>810</u>
	<u>300</u>	<u>1,290</u>

We, the Trustees approve the accounts and acknowledge our responsibility for them, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis adopted, and for providing all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Trustee

15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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**Achievements and performance of the Foundation**

As well as supporting previous beneficiaries, there were several new ones. These included those related to the situations in Ukraine and Afghanistan, and a foodbank on the Kent coast. We were pleased to support Acts435, an organisation which connects donors with people in need, with 100% of the donation going to the recipient.

**Financial review**

Donations of £27,000 were made by the Founders into the Trust during the year (no tax refunds were received), and the Trust made charitable donations of £30,372. At 31 August 2022 the trust held cash of £2,322. The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the Trust at the balance sheet date.

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**31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

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	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations received - D C Sumners	27,000		5,000	
Gift Aid tax recoveries	-		-	
Interest received	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		27,000		5,000
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Charitable donations:</b>				
Computers for Kids	-		1,025	
COVID Toolkits for India	-		390	
DEC India Appeal	-		500	
Hackney Foodbank	-		1,329	
Tenzin Palmo	287		273	
DEC Ukraine appeal	1,000		-	
With Ukraine	1,000		-	
Acts435	2,210		-	
Anne Frank Trust	537		-	
Just Giving	200		-	
A Leg To Stand On	-		75	
Macmillan Cancer	220		50	
Theodora Children's Trust	5,100		5,125	
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	50		-	
Nishtha	4,750		524	
Save the Children	50		500	
Bhopal Medical Appeal	-		500	
Afghanistan Crisis Appeal	1,050		-	
Tibet Watch	1,000		1,000	
Tibet Relief Fund	5,000		-	
Tibetan Children's Villages	1,251		1,093	
Company Three	3,000		-	
Teenage Cancer Trust	100		-	
Folkestone Rainbow Foodbank	3,000		-	
The Listening Place	-		50	
Islington Food Bank	-		108	
Tibetan Nuns Project	567		512	
		<u>30,372</u>		<u>13,054</u>
Bank charges	182		131	
Accountancy fees	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		30,554		13,185
<b>Net income/expenditure for the year</b>		<u><b>(3,554)</b></u>		<u><b>(8,185)</b></u>

**The Sumners Foundation  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31 August 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Assets</b>		
<i>Bank current account:</i>		
Balance at 1 September 2021	5,876	14,061
Net income/expenditure for the year	(3,554)	(8,185)
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Balance at 31 August 2022	2,322	5,876
<i>Gift Aid recoverable</i>		
	8,000	1,250
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	<u>10,322</u>	<u>7,126</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<i>Amount payable to trustees</i>	480	480
<i>Accrued expenses: accountancy fees</i>	<u>810</u>	<u>540</u>
	<u>1,290</u>	<u>1,020</u>

We, the Trustees approve the accounts and acknowledge our responsibility for them, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis adopted, and for providing all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

D C Sumners  
Trustee

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023