

# SIDLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1068217

## Details

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**Other names** Heart of Sidley Community Association

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [03483327](#)

**Registered** 1998-02-18

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF SIDLEY AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND OTHER AREAS IN ROTHER DISTRICT AND IN EASTBOURNE AND HASTINGS BOROUGH, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; (11) TO ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A COMMUNITY CENTRE (PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS. (111) PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

**Activities:** Community Association provides services and activities for the local community including supporting other local groups.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **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

- **Area of benefit:** SIDLEY AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND OTHER AREAS IN ROTHER DISTRICT AND IN EASTBOURNE AND HASTINGS BOROUGHES
- East Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£218,419	£200,569	-	-
2024-03-31	£155,147	£154,772	-	-
2023-03-31	£79,799	£79,758	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Carroll	Chair	2025-02-13
Debbie Peters		2025-02-13
Helen Rosina Bridger		2025-02-13
Jimmy Carroll		2025-02-13
Linda Seddon		2020-10-13
Lynda Caroline Harvey		2025-02-13
Nicola Teresa Collins		2020-10-13
Sally Ricketts		2025-02-13
Stephen Paul Lucas		2020-10-13
Trevor Ramsden		2025-02-13



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# Accounts

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Company Registration Number: 3483327 (England and Wales)  
Registered Charity Number: 1068217

## **Sidley Community Association**

(a registered charity and company limited by guarantee)

### **Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

*Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd, The Old Court House, North Trade Road,  
Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EX*

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**FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

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Registered Company Number: 03483327 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1068217

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Name of Charity:** Sidley Community Association

**Other Names by which the charity is known:** (Heart of) Sidley Community Association (HOSCA)

**Registered Address:** C/o RVA, 47 London Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, East Sussex,  
TN39 3JY

**Registered Charity Number:** 1068217

**Registered Company Number:** 03483327

**Trustees:** Jay Carroll (Chair) (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Nicola Collins (Vice Chair) (re-elected 15/02/2025)  
Sally Ricketts (Secretary) (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Linda Seddon (re-elected 15/02/2025)  
Stephen Lucas (re-elected 15/02/2025)  
Lynda Harvey (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Jim Carroll (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Julie Norris (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Debbie Peters (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Trevor Ramsden (appointed 15/02/2025)  
Helen Bridger (appointed 15/02/2025)

**Bankers:** Lloyds Bank, Hastings Branch, 17 Wellington Place,  
Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1NX

**Principal Accountant:** McMath Accountancy Services  
25 Stirling Road  
Castleham Business Centre East  
St Leonards on Sea  
East Sussex TN38 9NP

**Independent Examiner:** Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd  
The Old Court House  
North Trade Road  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

The trustees of Sidley Community Association, a charitable company also known as (Heart of) Sidley Community Association (HOSCA), present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document**

Sidley Community Association is a charitable company limited by guarantee. Its governing documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 18<sup>th</sup> December 1997, as amended by resolution 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005. On 18<sup>th</sup> February 1998 the company became a Charity registered with the Charity Commission.

“(Heart of) Sidley Community Association (HOSCA)” is the trading name for the Sidley Community Association. In 2020, the Heart of Sidley partnership (a Big Local area) formally moved its work into the charity to revitalise its purpose. This has ensured the charity is ready to take on and are able to maintain community projects and local assets going forward, after the Big Local funding ended in 2025.

During the reporting period, HOSCA focused heavily on strengthening its governance structure in anticipation of taking on the lasting legacy of the Big Local programme.

**Trustee recruitment, appointment and governance**

The charity is managed by a committee of trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles. The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution. The trustees meet to consider the overall direction of the charity including the appointment of additional trustees, funding and decisions around the running of the project.

A key milestone for future sustainability was the formal appointment of 11 new trustees at the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This process secured a varied and skilled Board with a wealth of community knowledge and professional expertise, ensuring the Association is well-equipped for its next phase of growth. The Board initiated an ongoing programme of upskilling and standardisation of operational processes to ensure robust governance and effective collaboration among the trustees.

**Management and Financial Controls**

The charity maintained essential and professional bookkeeping support with McMath Accounting and utilised Xero software. This commitment ensures accurate record keeping, full compliance, and provides critical financial insights, which are paramount to achieving financial success and stability during this transition period. Ongoing structure and standardisation were applied to all administrative and project processes to provide a solid foundation for the charity’s increased activity.

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

### **Objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

- 1) to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Sidley and the neighbourhood and other areas in Rother District the charity can operate in, as set out in its governing document, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- 2) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (person or body) in furtherance of these objects.
- 3) to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The activities undertaken during the year meet these objectives by directly addressing community needs, particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis and improving the conditions of life for local residents.

HOSCA work in strategic partnership with local schools, businesses, residents, local authorities (including East Sussex County Council and Rother District Council), and other voluntary organisations to maximise impact and avoid duplication of effort.

### **Achievements and Performance (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025)**

The reporting period was defined by exceptional progress in capital development planning and highly successful community engagement, ensuring a strong transition from the Big Local programme.

#### **1. Delivering the Sidley Hub Community Centre**

This year saw the most significant progress to date on the flagship capital project: the Sidley Hub.

- **Planning Approval:** The planning application for the new state-of-the-art community hub at Sidley Recreation Ground was approved in July 2024. This was a landmark achievement that solidified the project's future viability.
- **Contractor Appointment:** Following planning success, the appointment of BMR Construction Ltd as the main contractor was secured, demonstrating the project's readiness to move into the physical construction phase.
- **Community Fundraising Success:** To support the future fit-out and sustainability of the Hub, the community-led 'Buy a Brick' fundraising campaign was highly successful, exceeding its initial £10,000 target by November 2024. This demonstrated overwhelming community support and enthusiasm for the project.
- **The Association maintained a positive and constructive working relationship with Rother District Council regarding the plans to establish the Sidley Hub as the local community centre, which is currently projected for completion in mid-2026.**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**2. Community Cohesion and Impact Programmes**

The Association secured substantial external funding to deliver a range of essential, high-impact community services:

- **Combatting Holiday Hunger and Isolation:** Funding was secured from East Sussex County Council (Holiday Activities and Food – HAF) for the Spring, Summer, and Winter holiday periods, providing crucial activities, meals, and support for local children.
- **Cost of Living Support:** HOSCA successfully administered funds through East Sussex County Council's Household Support Fund (rounds 5 & 6), directly assisting vulnerable local households with essential costs, mitigating the impact of the cost of living crisis.
- **Major Community Events:** The Sidley Summer Festival was a significant success, attracting sponsorship from various local businesses and social value support from Southern Housing contractors. The festival, along with the Winter Festive events, provided much-needed cultural and recreational opportunities for residents, fostering a sense of community pride and identity.

**3. Big Local Legacy and Transition**

The financial year culminated in the successful completion of the 10-year Big Local journey in March 2025. A dedicated Celebration Event was held to mark this incredible decade of community-led development and to share crucial information with residents on how HOSCA would continue this good work and cement the legacy. The establishment of the new, dynamic Board ensures that the momentum generated by Big Local is maintained and accelerated.

**Plans for Future Periods**

The charity's focus for the next financial year is centred on capacity building and capital delivery:

- **Sidley Hub Construction:** The primary goal is to oversee the efficient and timely construction of the Sidley Hub, preparing for its opening and ensuring that the internal operational model (cafe, function rooms) is financially sustainable.
- **Capacity Building:** The trustees are acutely aware of the continued capacity building required for the charity to manage the Hub and increased service delivery. The new Board will focus on volunteer retention, trustee development, and a focused funding strategy to move away from reliance on short-term project grants.
- **Service Continuation:** The charity will continue to seek funding to deliver vital services such as holiday activities and cost-of-living support, ensuring HOSCA remains reactive to the evolving needs of the Sidley community.

**Financial review**

The charity recorded total incoming resources of £218,419 (2024: £155,147) and total expenditure of £200,569 (2024: £154,772). At the year-end there were reserves of £18,825 (2024: £975).

This financial position ensured the charity was able to meet its core obligations and deliver significant community programmes.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

The primary sources of restricted and unrestricted funding during the year included:

- Local Trust (completion of the Big Local programme legacy fund)
- East Sussex County Council (Holiday Activities and Food – HAF and Household Support Fund)
- Arts Council England, Chalk Cliff Trust, Bexhill Town Council, and Rother District Council (supporting the Sidley Summer Festival)
- Sponsorship from local businesses and social value contributions from Southern Housing contractors.

**The charity's policy on reserves**

The charity's reserves policy is reviewed annually, and the Trustees confirm that the charity is financially sound and continues to operate as a going concern.

**Risk Assessment**

The trustees have identified and reviewed the risks both financial and non-financial to which HOSCA might be exposed and have taken steps to mitigate the impact of such risks.

**Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Under Charity law the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enables the Trustees to ascertain the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees 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.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

This report was approved by the Charity's Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

*Linda Seddon*  
Linda Seddon (Jan 23, 2026 08:23:20 GMT)  
Linda Seddon  
Trustee

*[Signature]*  
Steve Lucas (Jan 27, 2026 20:45:47 GMT)  
Stephen Lucas  
Trustee

*[Signature]*  
Nicola Collins (Jan 27, 2026 18:52:22 GMT)  
Nicola Collins  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SIDLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sidley Community Association, also known as (Heart of) Sidley Community Association (HOSCA) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 19.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

*Lorraine Brown*

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Lorraine Brown  
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Dated: 27/01/2026

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b><u>Current Financial Year 2025</u></b>						
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>						
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>						
Grants Received	2		-	198,703	198,703	151,844
Donations Received			-			
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>						
Fund Raising Activities						
Sponsorships Received	3	12,924	-	6,792	19,716	3,303
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>12,924</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>205,495</b>	<b>218,419</b>	<b>155,147</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>						
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>						
Charitable Activities	5	775	-	197,178	197,953	152,991
Governance Costs	4	2,616	-		2,616	1,781
Other Resources Expended						
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>3,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,178</b>	<b>200,569</b>	<b>154,772</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>9,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,317</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>375</b>
Transfers between funds	11	1,742	6,396	(8,138)	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>11,275</b>	<b>6,396</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>375</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
Total Funds Brought Forward		1,154	-	(179)	975	600
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>12,429</b>	<b>6,396</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,825</b>	<b>975</b>

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year, other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Cont'd.....)  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b><u>Prior Financial Year 2024</u></b>					
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Grants Received	2	-	-	151,844	151,844
Donations Received					
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>					
Fund Raising Activities					
Sponsorships Received	3	3,303	-	-	3,303
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>3,303</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,844</b>	<b>155,147</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>					
Charitable Activities	5	968	-	152,023	152,991
Governance Costs	4	1,781	-	-	1,781
Other Resources Expended					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>2,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,023</b>	<b>154,772</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(179)</b>	<b>375</b>
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(179)</b>	<b>375</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total Funds Brought Forward		600	-	0	600
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>1,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(179)</b>	<b>975</b>

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	0		11,555
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<b>80,235</b>		<b>38,445</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>80,235</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<b>(61,410)</b>	(49,025)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>18,825</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>18,825</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	11	<b>12,429</b>	975
Designated Fund	11	<b>6,396</b>	
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<b>18,825</b>	<b>975</b>

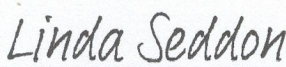
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025:

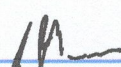
- the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and
- members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

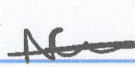
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes on the following pages form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies, were approved by the Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Linda Seddon (Jan 23, 2026 08:27:20 GMT)  
Linda Seddon  
Trustee

  
Steve Lucas (Jan 22, 2026 20:45:47 GMT)  
Stephen Lucas  
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Nicola Collins (Jan 22, 2026 18:52:22 GMT)  
Nicola Collins  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>Cash Flow from operating activities</b>	<u><b>41,790</b></u>	<u><b>(50,569)</b></u>
<b>Cash Flow from investing activities</b>	-	-
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>41,790</b>	<b>(50,569)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year</b>	<u><b>38,445</b></u>	<u><b>89,014</b></u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	<u><u><b>80,235</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>38,445</b></u></u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>80,235</b>	<b>38,445</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
<b>Net income for the year</b>		
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
(increase)/decrease in debtors	<b>11,555</b>	<b>(11,455)</b>
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>12,385</b>	<b>(39,489)</b>
Increase/(decrease) in reserves	<u><b>17,850</b></u>	<u><b>375</b></u>
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>41,790</b>	<b>(50,569)</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; Charities SORP 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, and UK Financial Reporting Standard applicable to charities effective 1 January 2019 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity becomes entitled to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### Expenditure and liabilities

- Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation of activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.
- The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice on governance or constitutional matters.
- Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Tangible assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life, based on standard rates used in the sector.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	33% on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% on cost

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Designated funds – these are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

**Prepayments**

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes small amounts of cash, and bank deposits repayable on demand in both current and deposit accounts.

**Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

Deferred income represents grant funding received in advance of performance-related conditions being satisfied.

**2. Grants Received**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Grants Received</b>				
ESS - ESCCHAF-01 -Summer		0	0	4,742
ESCC - HSF3-Household Support Fund		0	0	4,432
East Sussex County Council-Winter HAF		0	0	1,692
ESCC - HA23 - Easter		0	0	9,955
ESCC - HAF23 - Summer		4,103	4,103	15,517
ESCC - HAF23 - Winter		0	0	8,035
ESCC - HSF4 - Household Support Fund		622	622	103,359
Summer Events & Activities		48,859	48,859	2,859
ESCC HAF24 - Spring		4,808	4,808	200
Hub Fund Raising		976	976	55
PiLon Sponsorship		0	0	998
Winter Events & Activities		3	3	-
UKSPF - Youth Engagement		3,886	3,886	-
ESCC - HAF4 - Summer Grant		23,122	23,122	-
ESCC - HAF24 - Winter Grant		3,786	3,786	-
Sidley Street Games Project		6,333	6,333	-
Town Board Consultation Funds		4,069	4,069	-
ESCC - HSF5 - Household Support Fund		44,450	44,450	-
ESCC - HSF6 - Household Support Fund		50,600	50,600	-
ESCC - HAF25 - Spring Grant		3,086	3,086	-
	0	198,703	198,703	151,844

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**  
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**3. Sponsorship received**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
RVA -	12,924		12,924	1,500
Other Sponsorships		6,792	6,792	1,803
	<u>12,924</u>	<u>6,792</u>	<u>19,716</u>	<u>3,303</u>

**4. Governance Costs**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees	830		830	850
Accountancy charges	1,752		1,752	931
Filing fee	34		34	
	<u>2,616</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,616</u>	<u>1,781</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**5. Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Staff Costs</b>			0	0
<b>Project Costs:</b>				
ESCC - HSF3-Household Support Fund			0	654
East Sussex County Council -Winter HAF			0	650
ESCC - HAF23 - Easter			0	7,771
ESCC - HAF23 - Summer Costs			0	18,404
ESCC - HAF23 - Winter Costs			0	7,305
ESCC - HSF4-H/hold Support Fund - Costs		622	622	107,137
Summer Events & Activities - Costs		48,559	48,559	4,714
Winter Events & Activites - Costs		5,342	5,342	3,999
ESCC - HAF24 - Spring Costs		4,587	4,587	200
UKSPF - Youth Engagement		2,378	2,378	-
ESCC - HAF24 - Summer Costs		22,659	22,659	-
ESCC - HAF24 - Winter Costs		3,559	3,559	-
Sidley Street Games Project		6,333	6,333	-
Town Board Consultation Costs		3,836	3,836	-
ESCC - HSF5 - Household Support Fund		43,961	43,961	-
ESCC - HSF6 - Household Support Fund		50,600	50,600	-
ESCC - HAF25 - Spring costs		3,086	3,086	-
Fund Raising Spend		978	978	55
PiLon - Costs		0	0	1,095
Sponsorship cost - Festive event		678	678	0
<b>Admin Costs:</b>				
HOSCA - General Office & Staff Expenses	188		188	40
Website			0	250
Subscriptions	587		587	418
Management support			0	300
	<b>775</b>	<b>197,178</b>	<b>197,953</b>	<b>152,991</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	Total Fund 2025	Total Fund 2024
	£	£
<i>Trade creditors</i>	-595	1
<i>Accruals: RVA - HOSCA Admin Costs</i>	1,000	1,000
<i>Deferred Income:</i>		
UKSPF	0	10,000
Hub Funds	0	3,126
HAF (Holiday Activity Fund)	0	8,322
HSF4 (Household Support Funds)	0	4,889
Sussex Community Foundation	10,000	0
ESCC - HSF4 - Household Support Fund	4,268	0
ESCC HAF24 - Spring	884	0
Hub Fund Raising	14,067	0
UKSPF - Youth Engagement	6,114	0
ESCC - HAF4 - Summer Grant	1,847	0
ESCC - HAF24 - Winter Grant	908	0
Town Board Consultation Funds	930	0
ESCC - HSF6 - Household Support Fund	3,524	0
ESCC - HAF25 - Spring Grant	3,563	0
Other Sponsorships	14,900	0
<i>Total Deferred Income</i>	<u>61,005</u>	<u>26,337</u>
<i>Income received in advance:</i>		
Rother Voluntary Action	0	10,687
Sponsorship Community Projects	0	11,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>21,687</u>
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<u><u>61,410</u></u>	<u><u>49,025</u></u>

7. The charity does not employ any staff and therefore did not have any staff costs in the year.

**8. Trustees remuneration, expenses and benefits**

Nicola Collins, Trustee received £2,783 (2024: £3,460) remuneration and related expenses for her services as Project Coordinator for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

For the year no other Trustee received reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the course of carrying out charitable activities on behalf of the charity.

**9. Previous period comparison**

The financial year end of the charity is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The previous year's figures have been included for comparison.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

**10. Capital reserves**

Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the charity's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up and for the adjustment of the rights of contributors amongst themselves.

**11. Funds of the charity**

<u>2025</u>	Balance at 01 Apr 2024	Income & Gains	Expenditure & Losses	Transfers	Balance at 31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Retained Earnings	-179	1,921		-1,742	0
Restricted Funds		8,138		-8,138	0
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>-179</b>	<b>10,059</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,880</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	1,154		-1,154	1,742	1,742
RVA - unrestricted funds		10,687			10,687
Designated Reserve - Contingency				6,396	6,396
	<b>1,154</b>	<b>10,687</b>	<b>-1,154</b>	<b>8,138</b>	<b>18,825</b>

<u>2024</u>	Balance at 01 Apr 2023	Income & Gains	Expenditure & Losses	Transfers	Balance at 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Retained Earnings			-179		-179
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-179</b>

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	600	554			1,154
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,154</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
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**12. Related party disclosures**

There have been transactions with 3 related parties in the reporting period for year ended 31st March 2025

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transactions	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
J. Caroll	Carrolls Greengrocers	(1)	26,777	-	-	-
S. Ricketts	S R Virtual Office	(2)	5,444	-	-	-
S. Lucas	Cooking Pops	(3)	293	-	-	-

During the year HOSCA applied for and received Household Support Fund (HSF) grants to manage on behalf of the funders, the local government, Rother District Council and East Sussex County Council. HOSCA's role was to co-ordinate, manage and distribute the funds to the local residents of Sidley who met the eligibility criteria for the scheme, monitor and report back to the funders on the uptake and other key performance indicators as a condition of the grant. The funds were to be used to cover essential household costs including food, utilities, energy bills and fuel. HOSCA operated a voucher scheme in conjunction with the local shops and businesses whereby residents were given vouchers that they could use towards their shopping and pay for utility bills. All the local shops and businesses involved in the scheme were required to complete and sign an agreement vetted by the HOSCA committee; funds were paid into the relevant business account.

- (1) Carrolls Greengrocers, a local shop listed above is owned or operated by a Trustee of HOSCA. They received a total of £26,777 in voucher sales in the reporting period, from local residents being able to go along and spend their vouchers on household provisions.
- (2) S R Virtual Office is a business based in Bexhill that is also ran by a trustee of HOSCA. They received a total of £5,444 for the administration, co-ordination and support of the free Household Support Fund (HSF) programme, working alongside HOSCA to ensure tight operation, management and evidencing of the scheme.
- (3) Cooking Pots based in Bexhill, owned and ran by HOSCA's trustee, received £292.71 for providing food for attendees at the Sidley Festival in the Summer of 2024.

**SIDLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1068217

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# Accounts

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Company Registration Number: 3483327 (England and Wales)  
Registered Charity Number: 1068217

## **Sidley Community Association**

(a registered charity and company limited by guarantee)

### **Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

*Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd, The Old Court House, North Trade Road,  
Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EX*

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**FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

The trustees of Sidley Community Association present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Charity:</b>	Sidley Community Association
<b>Other Names by which the charity is known:</b>	Heart of Sidley Community Association (HOSCA)
<b>Registered Address:</b>	C/o RVA, 47 London Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JY
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1068217
<b>Registered Company Number:</b>	03483327
<b>Trustees:</b>	Nicola T. Collins (appointed 13/10/2020) Linda Seddon (appointed 13/10/2020) Stephen P. Lucas (appointed 13/10/2020)
<b>Bankers:</b>	Lloyds Bank, Hastings Branch, 17 Wellington Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1NX
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Lorraine Brown Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd The Old Court House North Trade Road Battle East Sussex TN33 0EX

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

The trustees of Sidley Community Association, a charitable company present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing Document**

Sidley Community Association is a charitable company limited by guarantee. Its governing documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 18<sup>th</sup> December 1997, as amended by resolution 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005. On 18<sup>th</sup> February 1998 the company became a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. "Heart of Sidley Community Association (HOSCA)" is the trading name for the Sidley Community Association.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The charity is managed by a committee of trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles. The trustees meet to consider the overall direction of the charity including the appointment of additional trustees, funding and decisions around the running of the project.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution.

#### **Objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

- 1) to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Sidley and the neighbourhood and other areas in Rother District the charity can operate in, as set out in its governing document, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- 2) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (person or body) in furtherance of these objects.
- 3) to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

#### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees have considered their duty set out in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and in their opinion the foregoing report on the achievements and performance demonstrates that they have complied therewith.

#### **Summary of the main activities and achievements undertaken for the public benefit**

Heart of Sidley Community Association (HOSCA) continues to be reactive to the needs of the community and is successfully maintaining its own reputation to ensure the continuation of events, support and community cohesion after the success of Heart of Sidley via Big Local.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

Achievements this year include:

- Maintaining essential, professional **bookkeeping support** with McMath Accounting and Xero software, continuing to ensure accurate record keeping, compliance, financial insights, helping achieve financial success and peace of mind.
- 3 trustees continuing to upskill & work together on all processes, including banking and actively **recruiting potential new trustees** to vote in next year.
- structure and standardisation to processes carried out by the charity.
- Securing substantial **external funding** for essential projects within the community, continuing to strengthen the charity's ability to deliver services in line with priorities and allowing additional activities to take place. Our main funders have been:
  - East Sussex County Council – Holiday Activities and Food - Spring
  - East Sussex County Council – Holiday Activities and Food - Summer
  - East Sussex County Council – Holiday Activities and Food - Winter
  - East Sussex County Council – Household Support Fund 4
  - Arts Council England, Chalk Cliff Trust, Bexhill Town Council & Rother District Council – Sidley Summer Festival
  - Summer Festival Sponsorship
  - Festive Sponsorship

These have provided a range of activities and opportunities to enrich and enhance the lives of those living within Sidley, including but not limited to children's holiday clubs, food vouchers, and seasonal / recreational events.

- Developing & maintaining a positive working relationship with Rother District Council around the charity's plans to establish a local **Community Centre**, to become a reality in 2025.

The charity works in partnership with local schools, businesses, residents, local authorities, and other voluntary organisations to advance community wellbeing, education, social welfare, and cultural recreation opportunities, with the aim of improving the conditions of life for local residents and assist with reducing the impact of the current cost of living crisis.

More than ever now, we are aware of the capacity building needed as a charity. We've been successful in retaining volunteers and planning further, focused trustee recruitment in the next financial year.

### Future plans

Success of a partnership **Levelling Up Fund** bid with the local authority, Rother District Council as the lead applicant, means the charity's plans to establish a **Community Centre** to further invest in and support our vision for the Sidley Community and wider residents of Bexhill will become a reality in 2025.

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

The charity works in partnership with local schools, businesses, residents, local authorities, and other voluntary organisations to advance community wellbeing, education, social welfare, and cultural recreation opportunities, with the aim of improving the conditions of life for inhabitants and assist with reducing the impact of the current cost of living crisis.

We are aware of the growth needed as a charity and have been successful in retaining volunteers and planning further trustee recruitment in the next financial year.

### **Financial review**

Total income for the year was £155,147 (2023: £79,799). Total expenditure was £154,772 (2023: £79,758). At the year-end the total reserve funds balance was £975 (2023: £600).

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

In line with guidance by the Charity Commission the trustees endeavour to build up its reserves to enable the charity to fulfil its objectives and financial plans.

### **Risk Assessment**

The trustees have identified and reviewed the risks both financial and non-financial to which HOSCA might be exposed and have taken steps to mitigate the impact of such risks.

### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Under Charity law the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enables the Trustees to ascertain the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees 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.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Nicola Collins  
Trustee/Director

Linda Seddon  
Trustee/Director

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SIDLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sidley Community Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 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 respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

Lorraine Brown  
Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd  
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Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Grants Received	2		151,844	151,844	75,192
Donations Received					
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>					
Fund Raising Activities					
Sponsorships Received	3	3,303		3,303	4,607
<i>Investment Income:</i>					
Bank Interest Received		-	-	-	-
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>					
Other Income					
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>3,303</b>	<b>151,844</b>	<b>155,147</b>	<b>79,799</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>					
Fund Raising and Publicity Costs					
Charitable Activities	5	968	152,023	152,991	79,160
Governance Costs	4	1,781		1,781	598
Other Resources Expended					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>2,749</b>	<b>152,023</b>	<b>154,772</b>	<b>79,758</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>554</b>	<b>-179</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1st April 2023		600	0	600	559
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024</b>		<b>1,154</b>	<b>-179</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>600</b>

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year, other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors		11,555	100
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>38,445</u>	<u>89,014</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>50,000</b>	<b>89,114</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>49,025</u>	88,514
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>975</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>975</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Restricted Funds		-179	0
Unrestricted Funds		<u>1,154</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u>975</u>	<u>600</u>

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

- the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and
- members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes on the following pages form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies, were approved by the trustees on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Collin  
Trustee/Director

Linda Seddon  
Trustee/Director

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Cash Flow from operating activities</b>	<u>-50,569</u>	<u>88,455</u>
<b>Cash Flow from investing activities</b>	-	-
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	-50,569	88,455
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year</b>	<u>89,014</u>	<u>559</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	<u><u>38,445</u></u>	<u><u>89,014</u></u>
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>38,445</b>	89,014
<b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
<b>Net income for the year</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
(increase) decrease in debtors	<b>-11,455</b>	-100
Increase (decrease) in creditors	<u><b>-39,489</b></u>	<u>88,514</u>
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>-50,569</b>	<b>88,455</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; Charities SORP 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, and UK Financial Reporting Standard applicable to charities effective 1 January 2019 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity becomes entitled to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### Expenditure and liabilities

- Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation of activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.
- The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice on governance or constitutional matters.
- Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Tangible assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life, based on standard rates used in the sector.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	33% on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% on cost

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**Prepayments**

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes small amounts of cash, and bank deposits repayable on demand in both current and deposit accounts.

**Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued amounts are normally valued at their settlement amount.

**2.**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants Received				
ESS - ESCCHAF-01 -Summer		4,742	4,742	9,913
ESCC - HSF3-Household Support Fund		4,432	4,432	55,568
East Sussex County Council -Winter HAF		1,692	1,692	8,216
ESCC - HA23 - Easter		9,955	9,955	1,495
ESCC - HAF23 - Summer		15,517	15,517	-
ESCC - HAF23 - Winter		8,035	8,035	-
ESCC - HSF4 - Household Support Fund		103,359	103,359	-
Summer Events & Activities		2,859	2,859	-
ESCC HAF24 - Spring		200	200	-
Hub Fund Raising		55	55	-
PiLon Sponsorship		998	998	-
	<b>0</b>	<b>151,844</b>	<b>151,844</b>	<b>75,192</b>

**3.**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Sponsorships				
RVA - Income for HOSCA Admin Costs	1,500		1,500	1,500
Sponsorship - General	1,803		1,803	3,107
	<b>3,303</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>4,607</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**4.**

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Independent Examiner's Fees	850		850	0
Accountancy charges	931		931	598
	<u>1,781</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,781</u>	<u>598</u>

**5.**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
<i>Staff Costs</i>				0
<i>Project Costs</i>				
ESCC - ESCCHAF-01 -Summer		0.00	0.00	9,913
ESCC - HSF3-Household Support Fund		653.70	653.70	55,568
East Sussex County Council -Winter HAF		650.00	650.00	8,216
ESCC - HA23 - Easter		7,770.60	7,770.60	1,495
ESCC - HAF23 - Summer Costs		18,404.08	18,404.08	
ESCC - HAF23 - Winter Costs		7,305.00	7,305.00	
ESCC - HSF4 - Household Support Fund - Costs		107,136.8 0	107,136.8 0	
Summer Events & Activities - Costs		4,713.94	4,713.94	
Winter Events & Activites - Costs		3,998.91	3,998.91	
ESCC - HAF24 - Spring Costs		200.00	200.00	
Fund Raising Spend		54.99	54.99	
PiLon - Costs		1,094.91	1,094.91	
Hosca - General Office & Staff Expenses		40.00	40.00	
<i>Admin Costs</i>				
Website	250		250	
Subscriptions	418		418	202
Management support	300		300	700
Sponsorship cost - Festive event	0		0	2,706
Holiday club - Nursery costs	0		0	360
	<u>968</u>	<u>152,023</u>	<u>152,991</u>	<u>79,160</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**6.**

<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>Total Fund</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	1		1	584
	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	584
<b>Accruals</b>				
RVA - HOSCA Admin Costs	1,000	-	1,000	700
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	700
<b>Deferred Income</b>				
UKSPF		10,000	10,000	-
Hub Funds		3,126	3,126	-
ESCCHAF-01 -Summer				4,742
HAF (Holiday Activity Fund)		8,322	8,322	6,553
HSF3 (Household Support Fund)				4,432
HSF4 (Household Support Funds)		4,889	4,889	54,124
	<b>0</b>	<b>26,337</b>	<b>26,337</b>	69,851
<b>Income received in advance</b>				
Holiday Activity Fund				1,692
Rother Voluntary Action	10,687		10,687	10,687
Sponsorship Community Projects	11,000		11,000	5,000
	<b>21,687</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,687</b>	17,379
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>26,337</b>	<b>49,025</b>	<b>88,514</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

7. The average monthly number of employees during the year were 2024: Nil (2023: Nil)

**8. Trustees' remuneration, expenses and benefits**

Nicky Collins, Trustee received £3,460 remuneration for her services as Project Coordinator during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

For the year no trustee received reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the course of carrying out charitable activities on behalf of the charity.

**9. Previous period comparison**

The financial year end of the charity is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The previous year's figures have been included for comparison.

**10. Related party disclosures**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**11. Capital and Reserves**

Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the charity's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up and for the adjustment of the rights of contributors amongst themselves

**SIDLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1068217

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# Accounts

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Company Registration Number: 3483327 (England and Wales)  
Registered Charity Number: 1068217

## **Sidley Community Association**

(a company limited by guarantee)

### **Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended**

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

*Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd, The Old Court House, North Trade Road,  
Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EX*

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**FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

The trustees of Sidley Community Association present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Name of Charity:</b>	Sidley Community Association
<b>Other Names by which the charity is known:</b>	Heart of Sidley Community Association
<b>Registered Address:</b>	C/o RVA, 47 London Road, Bexhill-On-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JY
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1068217
<b>Registered Company Number:</b>	03483327
<b>Trustees:</b>	Nicola T. Collins (appointed 13/10/2020) Linda Seddon (appointed 13/10/2020) Stephen P. Lucas (appointed 13/10/2020)
<b>Bankers:</b>	Lloyds Bank, Hastings Branch, 17 Wellington Place, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1NX
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Lorraine Brown Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd The Old Court House North Trade Road Battle East Sussex TN33 0EX

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

The trustees of Sidley Community Association, a charitable company present its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing Document**

Sidley Community Association is a charitable company limited by guarantee. Its governing documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 18<sup>th</sup> December 1997, as amended by resolution 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005. On 18<sup>th</sup> February 1998 the company became a Charity registered with the Charity Commission. "Heart of Sidley Community Association (HOSCA)" is the trading name for the Sidley Community Association.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The charity is managed by a committee of trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles. The trustees meet to consider the overall direction of the charity including the appointment of additional trustees, funding and decisions around the running of the project.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution.

#### **Objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

- 1) to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Sidley and the neighbourhood and other areas in Rother District the charity can operate in, as set out in its governing document, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- 2) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (person or body) in furtherance of these objects.
- 3) to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

#### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees have considered their duty set out in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and in their opinion the foregoing report on the achievements and performance demonstrates that they have complied therewith.

#### **Summary of the main activities and achievements undertaken for the public benefit**

Heart of Sidley Community Association (HOSCA) has been reactive to the needs of the community and is building its own reputation to ensure the continuation of events, support, and community cohesion after the success of Heart of Sidley via big local.

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

In accordance with its charitable aims and to further public benefit, HOSCA are pleased to report on its main achievements this year, to include:

- Establishing essential, professional **bookkeeping support** with McMath Accounting and Xero software. This has been a ground-breaking step for the charity in terms of setting the path for accurate record keeping, compliance, financial insights, helping achieve financial success and peace of mind.
- 3 trustees set up, trained and proficient in multiple step verification **online banking**, ensuring security and efficiency.
- Forming a full set of **policies and procedures**, providing structure and standardisation to processes carried out by the charity.
- Securing substantial **external funding** for essential projects within the community, strengthening the charity's ability to deliver services in line with priorities and allowing additional activities to take place -
  - East Sussex County Council – Holiday Activities and Food - Spring
  - East Sussex County Council – Holiday Activities and Food - Summer
  - East Sussex County Council – Holiday Activities and Food - Winter
  - East Sussex County Council – Household Support Fund 3
  - Festive Sponsorship

These have provided a range of activities and opportunities to enrich and enhance the lives of those living within Sidley, including but not limited to children's holiday clubs, food vouchers, and festive / recreational event/s.

### **Future plans**

Success of a partnership **Levelling Up Fund** bid with the local authority, Rother District Council as the lead applicant, means the charity's plans to establish a **Community Centre** to further invest in and support our vision for the Sidley Community and wider residents of Bexhill will become a reality in 2025.

The charity works in partnership with local schools, businesses, residents, local authorities, and other voluntary organisations to advance community wellbeing, education, social welfare, and cultural recreation opportunities, with the aim of improving the conditions of life for inhabitants and assist with reducing the impact of the current cost of living crisis.

We are aware of the growth needed as a charity and have been successful in retaining volunteers and planning further trustee recruitment in the next financial year.

### **Financial review**

Total income for the year was £79,799 (2022: £Nil). Total expenditure was £79,758 (2022: £Nil). At the year-end there were unrestricted funds of £600 (2022: £559), and restricted funds of £Nil (2022: £Nil).

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**The charity's policy on reserves**

In line with guidance by the Charity Commission the trustees endeavour to build up its reserves to enable the charity to fulfil its objectives and financial plans.

**Risk Assessment**

The trustees have identified and reviewed the risks both financial and non-financial to which HOSCA might be exposed and have taken steps to mitigate the impact of such risks.

**Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Under Charity law the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enables the Trustees to ascertain the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. The Trustees 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.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Nicola Collins  
Trustee

Linda Seddon  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SIDLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sidley Community Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 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 respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

Lorraine Brown  
Blue Ridge Accounting Services Ltd The  
Old Court House  
North Trade Road  
Battle  
East Sussex TN33 0EX

Dated: 23rd January 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>				
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>				
Grants Received	2		75,192	<b>75,192</b>
Donations Received				
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>				
Fund Raising Activities				
Sponsorships Received	3	4,607		<b>4,607</b>
<i>Investment Income:</i>				
Bank Interest Received		-	-	-
<b>Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities</b>				
Other Income				
<b>Other Incoming Resources</b>				
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>4,607</b>	<b>75,192</b>	<b>79,799</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>				
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>				
Fund Raising and Publicity Costs				
Charitable Activities	4	3,968	75,192	<b>79,160</b>
Governance Costs	5	598	-	<b>598</b>
Other Resources Expended				
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>4,566</b>	<b>75,192</b>	<b>79,758</b>
<b>Net Movement In Funds</b>		41		<b>41</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1st April 2022		559		<b>559</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST MARCH 2023</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>600</b>

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year, other than those included in the statement of financial activities.

Comparative figures for the previous year are not shown for the charitable company due to 2023 being the first year of operation after a period of inactivity.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	100	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>89,014</u>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	89,114	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6 <u>88,514</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>600</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>600</u></u>
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>		
Restricted Funds		0
Unrestricted Funds		<u>600</u>
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u><u>600</u></u>

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:

- the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and
- members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The notes on the following pages form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies, were approved by the trustees on 29th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Nicola Collins  
Trustee

Linda Seddon  
Trustee

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>Cash Flow from operating activities</b>	<u>88,455</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Cash Flow from investing activities</b>	-	-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>88,455</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year</b>	<u>559</u>	<u>559</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	<u>89,014</u>	<u>559</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	89,014	559
<b>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
<b>Net income for the year</b>	41	0
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
(increase) decrease in debtors	-100	0
Increase (decrease) in creditors	<u>88,514</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	88,455	0

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

### 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; Charities SORP 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, and UK Financial Reporting Standard applicable to charities effective 1 January 2019 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity becomes entitled to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### Expenditure and liabilities

- Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation of activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.
- The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice on governance or constitutional matters.
- Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### Tangible assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life, based on standard rates used in the sector.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	33% on cost
Computer equipment	-	33% on cost

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.  
Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes small amounts of cash, and bank deposits repayable on demand in both current and deposit accounts.

**Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued amounts are normally valued at their settlement amount.

**2.**

<b>Grants Received</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
East Sussex County Council - ESCCHAF-01 -Summer		9,913	9,913
East Sussex County Council - HSF3-H/hold Support Fund		55,568	55,568
East Sussex County Council -Winter HAF		8,216	8,216
ESCC - HA23 - Easter		1,495	1,495
	0	75,192	75,192
	0	75,192	75,192

**3.**

<b>Sponsorships Received</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
RVA - HOSCA - Income for HOSCA Admin Costs	1,500		1,500
Sponsorship - General	3,107		3,107
	4,607	0	4,607
	4,607	0	4,607

**4.**

<b>Governance Costs</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent Examiner's Fees			0
Accountancy charges	598		598
	598	0	598
	598	0	598

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

**5.**

<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Staff Costs</i>			0
<i>Project Costs</i>			
East Sussex County Council - ESCCHAF-01 -Summer		9,913	9,913
East Sussex County Council - HSF3-Household Support Fund		55,568	55,568
East Sussex County Council -Winter HAF		8,216	8,216
ESCC - HA23 - Easter		1,495	1,495
<i>Admin Costs</i>			
Subscriptions	202		202
Management support	700		700
Sponsorship cost - Festive event	2,706		2,706
Holiday club - Nursery costs	360		360
	<u>3,968</u>	<u>75,192</u>	<u>79,160</u>

**6.**

<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>Total Fund 2023 £</b>
Trade creditors	584
	<u>584</u>
<b>Accruals</b>	
RVA - HOSCA Admin Costs	700
	<u>700</u>
<b>Deferred Income (Projects)</b>	
ESCCHAF-01 -Summer	4,742
HAF (Holiday Activity Fund)	6,553
HSF3 (Household Support Fund)	4,432
HSF4 (Household Support Funds)	54,124
	<u>69,851</u>
<b>Other Income deferred</b>	
Holiday Activity Fund	1,692
Rother Voluntary Action	10,687
Sponsorship Community Projects	5,000
	<u>17,379</u>
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<u><u>88,514</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

7. The average monthly number of employees during the year were 2023: Nil (2022: Nil)

**8. Trustees' remuneration, expenses and benefits**

Trustees received no remuneration during the year.

For the year one trustee received £1,168 for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred during the course of carrying out charitable activities on behalf of the charity.

**9. Previous period comparison**

The financial year end of the charity is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The previous period's figures have not been included for comparison due to the charity being inactive since 2020.

**10. Related party disclosures**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

**11. Capital and Reserves**

Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the charity's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up and for the adjustment of the rights of contributors amongst themselves.