

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04347767 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1091463

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025  
FOR  
SUSSEX LANTERN

Parkers  
178-180 Church Road  
Hove, East Sussex  
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## SUSSEX LANTERN

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are to relieve and improve the quality of life of the blind and partially sighted, and of disabled people within Brighton and Hove and in East and West Sussex. The year to 31 March 2025 was again another challenging year.

Sussex Lanterns Aim was to remain financially stable, to continue developing appropriate services suitable for our client base. To keep flexibility, to use spare capacity to help raise funds for the charities stated aims and objectives. For the second year running we have been thwarted by the weather. Whilst people were still visiting the site, we were not able to use any of our usual pitches as the ground was far too wet. We were only able to become fully operational on the 1st June, which swiftly ended at the end of September. Giving us only 4 months to secure an income to carry us through the winter months. We remained busy for the time available for us to use. The loss of income from the main site activity has been significant this year. We also must maintain the site and have had a considerable financial outlay to refresh some of the hard standing pitches, which are vital for our disabled visitors. So much so that the concern is that if this weather continues into next year, we may have to discuss the viability of the site as it stands.

During 2024 -2025 we established a working relationship with the architect Matthew Allchurch and Planning consultants Union 4 Planning who specialise in planning and design for lodges within National Parks. Because we are within Southdown's National Park, planning is known to be tricky to say the least. We want to give ourselves the best possible chance of getting full planning permission to put the lodges on site and offer more to our members, this is now imperative so that we can ensure the ongoing services to our members who would be devastated if the park closed. Having lodges onsite will provide a solid viable income for the charity. And having fully equipped lodges for disabled people will enable the disabled to holiday all year. We have put through the Pre planning application and have been given the go ahead to go for full planning.

The charity's main objectives for the year :-

- To maintain the recognition of excellence from the promoters of such facilities, which in turn encourages disabled people to use the park, which has a reputation of excellence. All facilities are maintained to a high standard, The Trees we have planted throughout the year with the help from the Charity the TreeApp are well established and are providing much needed screening and helping the environment and wildlife.

- To continue working towards getting full planning permission to move forward with the installation of the lodges in 2025 -2026. To focus on the upkeep of the land with as little major works carried out as possible. To continue to encourage our members to come and enjoy our peaceful surroundings. and protection of this stunning land

- By making the facilities available to the local community on a restricted and tightly controlled basis, we can continue to develop an income to ensure our charitable work is sustainable. It has been an extremely difficult year, but one in which the staff and volunteers can be justly proud.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Achievement and performance**

Throughout 2024/2025 we have continued to seek the funds for the development of the new centre and the site overall. We continue to fundraise to build but because of the economic climate prices for building materials have gone up tenfold, making fundraising almost unobtainable. The planned lodges will help with fundraising and helping disabled families and individuals.

-The Chief Executive Officer continues developing and supporting both the Leisure Park, its volunteers, and staff; she will continue to build valuable relationships with disabled groups, hospitals. The local community and local volunteers

-A successful Leisure Park is essential, during this period due to the almost stagnation of charitable fund-raising during these difficult times. It has provided all the finances for our work to date. It is also an exceptional financial asset, ensuring that we have the ability to develop and provide much needed, imaginative services to our client group into the future.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The funding sources so far is from the Leisure Park. A small number of grant making trusts have been approached regarding funding for the building of the new centre. These applications have so far been unsuccessful.

All costs are usually met from the earned income of the Leisure Park. However, this year due to the weather, forcing a reduced income. The increase in tax, wage bills, and utilities we have had to tap into our reserves, this is not something we did lightly, and we will look to replace that over the next couple of years. We can only hope for a better summer in 2025/26.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

Future income will provide steady savings to accumulate funds to ensure the future of the charity, its aims and objectives.

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

##### **Governing document**

Sussex Lantern is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4th January 2002 and registered as a charity on 27th March 2002.

Registered Charitable Company Number 43477767.

Registered Charity Number 1091463.

The charitable company emerged from its original foundation, the Brighton Society for the Blind, which was an unincorporated charity founded pre-1860 and all of the assets and reserves held by the Society were transferred to Sussex Lantern on the 1st April 2002.

Sussex Lantern was the original title of the charity which was nicknamed by the users and members as "The Lantern". The Charity has worked continually since its foundation pre 1860.

The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and is controlled by a board of trustees whose members are elected at the Annual General Meeting and are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the purposes of charity law.

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

New directors/trustees are selected on the basis of the contribution that they will make to the governance of the organisation and the skills they will contribute.

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

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

Directors/Trustees are introduced to the work of the organisation by an existing Director/Trustee. The story is told by the use of photographs of our work and the introduction to people partaking of our services .

If an applicant is successful, a copy of our governing document is given to them along with the Charities Commission Guidance to Trustees. All Directors/Trustees are kept up to date with external changes in governance, by the Chief Executive and Chairman.

##### **Risk management**

Financial controls are strictly enforced. Compliance requirements which are assessed annually, are met in full. The systems introduced over are monitored and working successfully.

To avoid financial risk of deposits in the Bank we have spread the risk by opening a separate Bank "The Charity Bank" for our savings account.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

04347767 (England and Wales)

##### **Registered Charity number**

1091463

##### **Registered office**

Southdown Farm  
Lodge Lane  
Keymer  
Hassocks  
West Sussex  
BN6 8LX

##### **Trustees**

F Wright  
Mrs G D Wright Director and Company Secretary  
G Hill (resigned 10/12/24)  
S Guest  
R Swale-Pope (MBE) (resigned 10/12/24)

##### **Company Secretary**

Mrs G D Wright

##### **Independent Examiner**

Annette Watson FCA  
Parkers  
178-180 Church Road  
Hove, East Sussex  
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##### **Bankers**

Bank of Scotland  
38 St Andrews Square  
Edinburgh  
EH2 2YR

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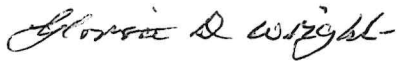
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Solicitors**

Griffith Smith Farrington Webb  
47 Old Steyne  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN1 1NW

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 Dec 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mrs G D Wright - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SUSSEX LANTERN**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sussex Lantern ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (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 charity'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**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

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.

*Annette Watson*

Annette Watson FCA

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Date: *5th December 2025*

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

		2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	227,942	244,099
Investment income	3	22,575	18,651
<b>Total</b>		<b>250,517</b>	<b>262,750</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	4	140,838	134,622
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5		
Members' services		149,923	152,967
<b>Total</b>		<b>290,761</b>	<b>287,589</b>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(40,244)</b>	<b>(24,839)</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		2,490,473	2,515,312
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>2,450,229</b>	<b>2,490,473</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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## BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	1,576,757	1,592,105
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	3,588	17,278
Cash at bank and in hand		889,556	897,001
		<b>893,144</b>	<b>914,279</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(19,672)	(15,911)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>873,472</b>	<b>898,368</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,450,229</b>	<b>2,490,473</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,450,229</b>	<b>2,490,473</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13		
Unrestricted funds		2,450,229	2,490,473
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>2,450,229</b>	<b>2,490,473</b>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

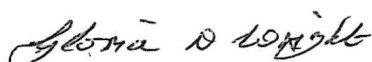
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... 31.12.2025 ..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
G D Wright - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(30,020)</u>	<u>(48,416)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(30,020)</u>	<u>(48,416)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(2,423)
Interest received		<u>22,575</u>	<u>18,651</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>22,575</u>	<u>16,228</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(7,445)</u>	<u>(32,188)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>897,001</u>	<u>929,189</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>889,556</u></u>	<u><u>897,001</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>(40,244)</b>	<b>(24,839)</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	15,348	15,348
Interest received	(22,575)	(18,651)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	13,690	(17,278)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	3,761	(2,996)
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<b>(30,020)</b>	<b>(48,416)</b>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	897,001	(7,445)	889,556
	897,001	(7,445)	889,556
<b>Total</b>	<b>897,001</b>	<b>(7,445)</b>	<b>889,556</b>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

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

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Expenditure on Charitable Activities includes the proportion of salaries, secretarial costs and other relevant expenses which relate to the planning, development and administration of these activities. Staff costs are allocated proportionally on a time spent basis. Other indirect costs are apportioned as the trustees deem appropriate from time to time.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- in accordance with the property
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost

##### **Taxation**

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

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Campsite income	<u>227,942</u>	<u>244,099</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>22,575</u>	<u>18,651</u>

### 4. RAISING FUNDS

#### Raising donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Campsite costs	<u>140,838</u>	<u>134,622</u>

### 5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Members' services	<u>41,133</u>	<u>108,790</u>	<u>149,923</u>

### 6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Manageme £
Members' services	<u>108,790</u>

### 7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>15,348</u>	<u>15,348</u>

### 8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 nor for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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**9. STAFF COSTS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<b>102,645</b>	107,126
Other pension costs	<b>6,145</b>	7,975
	<u><b>108,790</b></u>	<u>115,101</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	3	3
Administrative staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025	<u><b>1,743,923</b></u>	<u><b>118,871</b></u>	<u><b>249,577</b></u>	<u><b>2,112,371</b></u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st April 2024	<b>157,311</b>	<b>114,857</b>	<b>248,098</b>	<b>520,266</b>
Charge for year	<u><b>11,669</b></u>	<u><b>3,013</b></u>	<u><b>666</b></u>	<u><b>15,348</b></u>
At 31st March 2025	<u><b>168,980</b></u>	<u><b>117,870</b></u>	<u><b>248,764</b></u>	<u><b>535,614</b></u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31st March 2025	<u><b>1,574,943</b></u>	<u><b>1,001</b></u>	<u><b>813</b></u>	<u><b>1,576,757</b></u>
At 31st March 2024	<u><b>1,586,612</b></u>	<u><b>4,014</b></u>	<u><b>1,479</b></u>	<u><b>1,592,105</b></u>

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Other debtors and prepayments	<u><b>3,588</b></u>	<u>17,278</u>

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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	<b>1,368</b>	2,105
Accrued expenses	<b>18,304</b>	13,806
	<u><b>19,672</b></u>	<u>15,911</u>

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>2,490,473</b>	<b>(40,244)</b>	<b>2,450,229</b>
	<u><b>2,490,473</b></u>	<u><b>(40,244)</b></u>	<u><b>2,450,229</b></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>250,517</b>	<b>(290,761)</b>	<b>(40,244)</b>
	<u><b>250,517</b></u>	<u><b>(290,761)</b></u>	<u><b>(40,244)</b></u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>2,515,312</b>	<b>(24,839)</b>	<b>2,490,473</b>
	<u><b>2,515,312</b></u>	<u><b>(24,839)</b></u>	<u><b>2,490,473</b></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>262,750</b>	<b>(287,589)</b>	<b>(24,839)</b>
	<u><b>262,750</b></u>	<u><b>(287,589)</b></u>	<u><b>(24,839)</b></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.