



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

Charity name: Sussex Bat Group

Charity registration number:

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | The Sussex Bat Group was formed in 1984 to help conserve bats in East and West Sussex. The Group is a registered charity made up of volunteers who share a passion for bats. We are affiliated with the Bat Conservation Trust. Bats are facing serious population declines across the UK. There is a bat group in nearly every county working to help reverse this decline. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>The aims of the Sussex Bat Group are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Help conserve bats and their habitat.▪ Raise awareness of bats and their conservation. <p>These aims are achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recording and monitoring bat populations in Sussex.▪ Assisting Natural England with roost visits where threats to bats may exist.▪ Carrying out conservation projects such as bat box schemes, improving roost sites or opening and protecting potential sites.▪ Organising talks and educational events throughout the year.▪ Providing a care and rescue service for sick and injured bats, with the backup of permanent bat hospitals.▪ Producing a regular newsletter - The Belfry |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees understand the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | Sussex bat group is entirely reliant and supported by volunteers including all committee members and trustees. Volunteers are vital to the conservation of bat in the UK, and we actively encourage volunteering in our group. |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>Sussex Bat Group (SBG) is affiliated to the Bat Conservation Trust. Its members are dedicated to the conservation of the bats of Sussex and to increasing general awareness of bat conservation.</p> <p>For many years, SBG has been monitoring the presence of small numbers of greater horseshoe bats in Sussex, primarily in hibernation sites, and it was SBG members who recently discovered this highly significant pioneering breeding colony.</p> <p>During the last century, greater horseshoe bat numbers fell by over 90% in Britain, by some estimates, and the species became confined to parts of Wales and south-west England. Today, however, there is some much-needed good news. The population is showing signs of recovery, with small colonies now found outside of this core area. This includes one pioneer breeding colony recently discovered in an old stable block in Sussex a sign of a possible eastward spread.</p> <p>In 2021 the Sussex Bat Group in partnership with the Vincent Wild Trust launched the Sussex bat Appeal. The two organisations were</p> |

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| | | <p>given nine months to raise the purchase price of £200,000 to secure ownership and £150,000 to fund renovation work.</p> <p>The West Sussex site will be owned by Vincent Wildlife Trust as a bat roost in perpetuity. It will be managed by the Trust in conjunction with the Sussex Bat Group. Right now, this is probably the most important greater horseshoe bat roost site in Britain and the most significant find since the group was formed in 1984.</p> <p>The halt of biodiversity decline and species recovery programmes benefit society as a whole,</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | N/A |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | N/A |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | N/A |
| Other | | N/A |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Balance Current A/C & Deposit Account £7,411.56 |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | We had a policy of holding between £5-£10k in reserve for a specific conservation-based project |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | Zero |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | We are currently holding no reserves as it has been donated to the Sussex Bat Appeal for the safeguarding of the Greater horseshoe bat roost in Sussex |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | Zero |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | Cost of living has seen donations decrease. Committee members are working as volunteers to operate the charity and we are very reliant on a few key members to keep fundraising, undertaking site visits and help manage the operation of the charity. Most committee members have full time employment. The passing of our founder in 2023 and a period of significant illness for a trustee, the resignation of a committee member following illness and Covid has meant more pressure on other committee members. Some committee members have also re-located. We are currently trying to actively engage new members |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | In 2021 / 2022 we launched a fundraising page via Just giving, had auctions, wrote to potential supporters Sussex Bat Appeal - Help us create a safe haven for horseshoe bats - JustGiving In previous years our income has never exceeded £3000.00 but in the last financial year it has increased to £45,478.13 and this year is has increased £26319.32. As a charity operated solely by volunteers this is a significant step change in terms of financial management and auditing. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | N/A |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | Lack of volunteers to help run the administration of a small charity which launched a successful appeal. This has meant some of our other routine activities such as website updates, newsletters and time for public engagement has been more restricted as we are focusing on the appeal. This is actively acknowledged through our regular committee meetings and lack of volunteer time is the main current risk. |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Sussex Bat Group Constitution |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | <p>The Committee; a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as the Officers of the Committee, plus as many ordinary members as required to perform the aims/objectives of the Group, all of which must be paid up members of the Group.</p> <p>All Officers and Committee members shall be elected at each AGM. Existing Committee members may stand for re-election.</p> <p>The Officers and Committee members shall be nominated and seconded by individual members and elected by a simple majority of those attending the AGM.</p> |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | <p>The AGM shall be held in November each year.</p> <p>Notice of the AGM shall be published to all members along with the Statement of Accounts, at least three weeks before the date of the AGM.</p> <p>There shall be at least three committee meetings in any calendar year, at which all members shall be welcome and allowed to vote on any resolution. All ordinary members have one vote. The Chairman shall also have an additional casting vote which he/she may, but is not required to use, to resolve any balanced vote.</p> <p>A quorum shall consist of four committee members.</p> <p>If the Officers of the Society decide that the Society is no longer viable, due to lack of members or, ideally no conceivable threat to British Bats exists, then the Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Twenty-one days' notice must be given to all members. A dissolution resolution shall be voted on at the EGM and shall be deemed to be carried by a two thirds majority of those members attending the EGM.</p> <p>The Society's assets, if any, shall be sold, all accounts closed, and the proceeds donated to a nature conservation organization, the precise organization to be agreed by a vote at the EGM.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | N/A |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | N/A |
| Other | | N/A |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | The Sussex Bat Group |
| Other name the charity uses | N/A |
| Registered charity number | |
| Charity's principal address | Little Barn Stream Farm Chiddingly East Sussex BN8 6HG |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Stephanie Murphy | Treasurer | 1.10.22 – 30.9.23 | n/a – See above |
| 2 | Amanda Millar | Chairperson | 1.10.22 – 30.9.23 | n/a – See above |
| 3 | Sheila Wright | Secretary | 1.10.22 – 30.9.23 | n/a – See above |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved.
N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity
N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

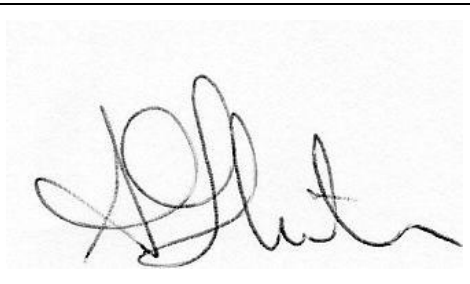
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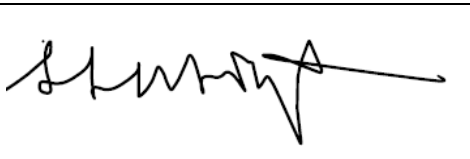
Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | STEPHANIE | MURPHY |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Treasurer | |
| Date | 20.9.24 | |

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | AMANDA | MILLAR |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | |
| Date | 21.9.2024 | |

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | SHEILA LEAH | WRIGHT |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | SECRETARY | |
| Date | 21,9,24 | |

20.11.23 To be circulated ahead of AGM (awaiting external audit)

Sussex Bat Group accounts 1.10.22 – 30.9.23

Welcome to the overview of our accounts for 2022/2023

This has been another exceptional year for the Sussex Bat Group in terms of income due to the Sussex Bat Appeal. Key highlights and explanations of the transactions are as follows:

Due to our income being more than £25,000 we need to implement the following to comply with the charity commission rules:

Income over £25,000

You must answer questions about your charity in an annual return.

You will need to get your accounts checked and provide copies of your:

- **trustee annual report** (this isn't just the treasurer (Stephanie Murphy, it will be a combined report by all trustees which includes Amanda Millar and Sheila Wright and will include a lot more detail on the Sussex Bat Appeal)
- **accounts**
- **independent examiner's report** (*this has been requested through an external source and upon provision of these draft accounts we hope to secure a suitable reviewer*). However, we welcome suggestions from bat group members.

Income

- Income from subscriptions and associated donations when members are renewing was **£1158**. Income from donations was **£111** and for walks and talks that was not specifically associated with the Sussex Bat Appeal. This is slightly less than last year. It is acknowledged that the separation of donations and subscriptions is tricky as members often round up their fee. Technically we should be able to attribute what proportion is subscription and which is donation. Members pay £8 if they have a paper copy Belfy and £6 if they have an electronic copy but often the fee is £10

or more. It has been discussed with the membership secretary the benefit of potentially switching to PayPal for subscriptions to reduce administrative burden and split out donations and subscriptions more adequately.

- We had a large fundraising effort for the Sussex Bat Appeal again which included sales at the Southeast Conference, National Bat Conference through using Square (contactless payment) and cash and, also direct sales of merchandise commissioned through Creature Candy. We also had another group auction. Income to the current account that was specifically associated with the Sussex Bat Appeal was **£5,328.19**. All these funds were transferred to the Sussex Bat Group Deposit Account.
- Income directly into the Deposit Account for the Sussex Bat Appeal was **£19,582.43**. This was primarily from the Sussex Bat Group Just Giving Page and well done to those doing specific fundraising activities. Other sources of funding included CAF, Bat Groups and Social Media Fundraising via Facebook / PayPal.
- Sussex Bat Appeal has finished as of 13.9.23. VWT have a capital grant for the species recovery programme 'horseshoe heading east'. This project will facilitate range recovery and establish a viable population of greater horseshoe bats in suitable areas of south-east England, through a combination of roost creation, habitat enhancement and improved landscape connectivity to enable their dispersal, link maternity sites, hibernation sites and increase breeding success. The Lodsworth Sussex Bat Appeal Site was initiated by the late Tony Hutson, founder of the Sussex Bat Group in 1984. As part of our legacy to Tony, we will continue fundraising for the Hutson Hide, a bat visitor / education hide at the Lodsworth site as a legacy to Tony for all the work he has done for conservation of bats in Sussex, UK and worldwide.
- Total income for the year was **£26,319.32**.

Expenditure

- Our total expenditure for 2022_2023 was **£999.25**.
- This year was an anomaly. We didn't have Belfy expenses as due to unfortunate circumstances we were not able to provide one for our members, but we are working hard to ensure that publications of the Belfy for our members is a priority.
- We also have not funded the bat hospital as Amanda has been using money from running her courses (£745), HAO fundraising £300, HAO bat / bee talks £200, Knepp £150, Surrey Bat Group £200 to fund the hospital independently. Amanda has also received £295 misc. donations (people

bringing injured bats). This totals **£1890**. By contrast, Amanda has incurred expenses of **£2112** (vets fees, meal worms, kitchen towels and travel expenses). We would like to support Amanda more regularly given the amount of effort she puts into re-habilitating bats and will seek to discuss with Amanda how people can make donations perhaps via Just Giving for the bat hospital and we can re-imburse.

- This financial year SxBG will pay for the new Batzebo roof which is £182. Now the fundraising for the Sussex Bat Appeal is complete, we will see to integrate more fully again. It needs to be acknowledged that Amanda is now the only bat hospital in Sussex and Surrey, so her time and expenses are increasing significantly.
- We transferred, in total, to the Vincent Wildlife Trust £22,832.16 from the Deposit Account for the Sussex Bat Appeal.

The relevant paperwork including receipts and all bank statements are available for members' scrutiny at the AGM, can be presented online during the meeting or can be requested electronically.

Stephanie Murphy

treasurer@sussexbatgroup.org.uk

Summary

| | Date | Deposit Account | Date | Current Account | Combined Accounts |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Opening balance | 1.10.22 | £315.97 | 1.10.21 | £4,601.38 | £4,757.18 |
| Total funds in | | £19,576.13 | | £6,743.19 | £26,319.32 |
| Total funds out | | £22,832.16 | | £999.25 | £23,831.41 |
| Balance transfer in | | £3,295.69 | | £0.00 | £3,295.69 |
| Balance transfer out | | £0.00 | | £3,295.69 | £3,295.69 |
| Interest | | £6.30 | | £0.00 | £6.30 |
| Closing Balance | 30.9.23 | £361.93 | | £7,049.63 | £7,411.56 |
| <i>Bank Balance</i> | 30.9.23 | £361.93 | | £7,049.63 | <i>Reconciled to bank</i> |

Income Current Account

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| Donation / subscription /walks/talks/other |
| eBay auction - Sussex Bat Appeal paid into current a/c - to be transfer to deposit account |
| Money for Sussex Bat Appeal paid into current a/c - to be transfer to deposit account |
| Funds to gift for committee member |

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| Sussex Bat Group Income Current Account | | | | | | | |
| Period October 1/10/2022 - 30/9/2023 | | | | | | | |
| Date | Subscriptions / Donations | Donations | Walks/Talks | Other | Sussex Bat Appeal | Notes | Totals |
| 2.10.22 | | | | £ 60.00 | | Funds R&R - o/s/b SM cover | £ 60.00 |
| 3.10.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 5.10.22 | £ 15.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 15.00 |
| 14.10.22 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 1.11.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 5.11.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 8.11.22 | | | | | £ 2.94 | Square - se Bat Conf - CC | £ 2.94 |
| 11.11.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 13.11.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 14.11.22 | | | | | £ 92.36 | Square - se Bat Conf - CC | £ 92.36 |
| 14.11.22 | | | | | £ 827.21 | Square - se Bat Conf - CC | £ 827.21 |
| 16.11.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 21.11.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 1.12.22 | £ 48.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 48.00 |
| 1.12.22 | £ 8.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 8.00 |

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| 1.12.22 | £ 192.00 | | | | | 32 x £6 Subscriptions | £ 192.00 |
| 1.12.22 | £ 32.00 | | | | | 4 x £8 Subscription | £ 32.00 |
| 1.12.22 | £ 4.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation 4 x £10 | £ 40.00 |
| 1.12.22 | £ 20.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 20.00 |
| 1.12.22 | £ 30.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 30.00 |
| 6.12.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 8.12.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 6.00 |
| 8.12.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 6.00 |
| 9.12.22 | | | | | £ 247.00 | SM Purchases | £ 247.00 |
| 12.12.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 16.12.22 | | | | | £ 937.65 | eBay | £ 937.65 |
| 19.12.22 | | | | | £ 178.71 | eBay | £ 178.71 |
| 20.12.22 | | | | | £ 664.08 | eBay | £ 664.08 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 48.00 | | | | | 8 x £6 subscription | £ 48.00 |
| 20.12.22 | | | | | £ 6.02 | eBay | £ 6.02 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 15.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 15.00 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 20.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 20.00 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 30.00 | | | | | 5 x £6 subscription | £ 30.00 |
| 20.12.22 | | | | | £ 132.63 | eBay | £ 132.63 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 20.12.22 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 23.12.22 | | | | | £ 25.45 | eBay | £ 25.45 |
| 23.12.22 | | £ 30.00 | | | | Donation | £ 30.00 |
| 28.12.22 | £ 72.00 | | | | | 12 x £6 subscription up to 10.1.23 | £ 72.00 |
| 29.12.22 | | | | | £ 87.63 | eBay | £ 87.63 |

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| 29.12.22 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 3.1.23 | £ 8.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 8.00 |
| 3.1.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 5.1.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 12.1.97 | | | | | £ 101.97 | eBay | £ 101.97 |
| 16.1.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 17.1.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 18.1.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 23.1.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 23.1.23 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 31.1.23 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 1.2.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 4.2.23 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 6.2.23 | £ 16.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 16.00 |
| 8.2.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 9.2.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 17.2.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 20.2.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 1.3.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 1.3.23 | £ 7.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 7.00 |
| 1.3.23 | £ 16.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 16.00 |
| 1.3.23 | £ 24.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 24.00 |
| 10.3.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 16.3.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 16.3.23 | £ 20.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 20.00 |
| 3.4.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 6.4.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 11.4.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |

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| 17.4.23 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 20.4.23 | £ 16.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 16.00 |
| 2.5.23 | £ 12.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 12.00 |
| 2.5.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 4.5.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 9.5.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 11.5.23 | | £ 50.00 | | | | Donation | £ 50.00 |
| 21.5.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 1.6.23 | | | | | £ 0.05 | Square | £ 0.05 |
| 1.6.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 4.6.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 8.6.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 11.6.23 | | | £ 50.00 | | | Patcham Gardening Network | £ 50.00 |
| 14.6.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 29.6.23 | £ 15.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 15.00 |
| 3.7.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 3.7.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 10.7.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Subscription | £ 6.00 |
| 10.7.23 | | | | | £ 19.64 | square | £ 19.64 |
| 15.7.23 | £ 26.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 26.00 |
| 27.7.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 1.8.23 | £ 8.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 8.00 |
| 4.8.23 | £ 20.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 20.00 |
| 8.8.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 14.8.23 | £ 10.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 10.00 |
| 24.8.23 | | £ 31.00 | | | | Donation | £ 31.00 |
| 1.9.23 | | | | | £ 491.21 | BCT - Sale of TH Books | £ 491.21 |

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| 3.9.23 | | | | | £ 785.44 | BCT - Sale of TH Books | £ 785.44 |
| 3.9.23 | | | | | £ 228.20 | BCT - Sale of TH Books | £ 228.20 |
| 5.9.23 | | | | | £ 500.00 | SM Associate - Survey donated fee GF | £ 500.00 |
| 18.9.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 6.00 |
| 19.9.23 | £ 4.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 4.00 |
| 19.9.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 6.00 |
| 21.9.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 6.00 |
| 21.9.23 | £ 6.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 6.00 |
| 26.9.23 | £ 8.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 8.00 |
| 26.9.23 | £ 16.00 | | | | | Misc Subscription & Donation | £ 16.00 |
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| | £1,158.00 | £111.00 | £50.00 | £60.00 | £5,328.19 | | £6,743.19 |

Income Deposit Account

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| Sussex Bat Group Income Deposit Account | | | |
| Period October 1/10/2022 - 30/9/2023 | | | |
| Date | From | Income | Notes |
| 1.10.22 | PayPal | £4.73 | transferred balance from PayPal account |
| 3.10.22 | JG | £29.23 | |
| 10.10.22 | Square | £1.96 | RG testing card reader |
| 11.10.22 | JG | £155.36 | |
| 11.10.22 | Square | £4.91 | Donation via RG |
| 15.10.22 | Santander | £0.07 | |
| 17.10.22 | JG | £68.27 | |

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| 22.10.22 | PayPal | £4.73 | transferred balance from PayPal account |
| 24.10.22 | CAF | £5,000.00 | Anonymous Donation |
| 24.10.22 | PayPal | £2.00 | SM testing donation link on web page |
| 31.10.22 | JG | £229.13 | |
| 7.11.22 | JG | £1,000.22 | |
| 14.11.22 | JG | £739.85 | |
| 15.11.22 | Santander | £0.06 | |
| 17.11.22 | Chaffins | £1,000.00 | Letter from SM-Tom Burk donation |
| 21.11.22 | JG | £340.19 | |
| 28.11.22 | JG | £490.30 | |
| 8.12.22 | D. Hargreaves | £264.00 | Sales from East of England conf |
| 8.12.22 | A. Millar | £47.00 | Direct sales of Auction items |
| 8.12.22 | PayPal | £206.43 | Steph Facebook Birthday Fundraiser |
| 11.12.22 | Tom McArthur | £36.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 2 Mugs & 2 Birthday cards inc. postage |
| 12.12.22 | Hannah Bilston | £40.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 3 Mugs & 2 Birthday cards inc. postage |
| 13.12.22 | Charlotte Wevill | £34.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 2 Mugs & 2 Birthday cards inc. postage |
| 14.12.22 | Partrick Austin | £98.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 7 Mugs (collection no post) |
| 14.12.22 | Tom Elliot | £30.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 2 Mugs inc. post |
| 15.12.22 | Santander | £0.49 | |
| 15.12.22 | Chris Agnew | £15.00 | SM WhatsApp Group 1 Mug (collection from SM) |
| 16.12.22 | Suzy Cardy | £14.00 | SM - Direct Sale at Brighton Ecology Xmas Drinks (collection SM) |

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| 16.12.22 | Rosie McLaughlin | £60.00 | SM - Hamper with Wine, Jug, Cards, Chocolates and Birthday cards - Direct Sale at Brighton Ecology Xmas Drinks - collection |
| 16.12.22 | Jules Ashmore | £45.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 3 Mugs inc. post |
| 16.12.22 | Ben Kimpton | £7.00 | SM - Direct Sale at Brighton Ecology Xmas Drinks (collection SM) |
| 17.12.22 | L. Barden | £50.00 | RW Talk given in October to Henfield Trefoil |
| 18.12.22 | Clara Gonzalez | £20.00 | Notebook & Jug |
| 19.12.22 | Cath Jackson | £15.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 1 Mug inc. post |
| 19.12.22 | JG | £379.43 | |
| 21.12.22 | Naomi Charman | £25.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 1 Mug and cards |
| 21.12.22 | Sophie Bracken | £10.00 | SM - Direct Sale at Brighton Ecology Xmas Drinks (collection SM) Jug & Card |
| 22.12.22 | Nick Betson | £33.50 | SM WhatsApp Group - 2 Mugs inc. post |
| 24.12.22 | Jon Riley | £20.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 1 Mug inc. post |
| 28.12.22 | JG | £131.83 | |
| 9.1.23 | Andrew Bryant | £30.00 | SM WhatsApp Group - 2 Mugs inc. post |
| 9.1.23 | JG | £244.99 | |
| 11.1.23 | PayPal (Balance) | £20.49 | |
| 11.1.23 | Stephanie Murphy | £23.00 | |
| 11.1.23 | Stephanie Murphy | £155.00 | |
| 15.1.23 | Santander | £0.38 | |
| 30.1.23 | JG | £205.77 | |

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| 1.2.23 | Clara Gonzalez | £30.00 | Sales of cards at Barcombe Shop |
| 7.2.23 | JG | £121.42 | |
| 13.2.23 | JG | £1,661.41 | |
| 15.2.23 | Santander | £0.13 | |
| 20.2.23 | JG | £194.99 | |
| 28.2.23 | JG | £97.90 | |
| 13.3.23 | JG | £1,263.68 | |
| 15.3.23 | Santander | £0.72 | |
| 20.3.23 | JG | £99.33 | |
| 22.3.23 | Ecological Consultancy Ltd | £350.00 | |
| 27.3.23 | JG | £1,023.14 | A lot of donations following TH celebration of life |
| 31.3.23 | Stephanie Muphy | £25.00 | Giving Force - cheque from SM associate |
| 3.4.23 | JG | £92.59 | |
| 13.4.23 | Giving Force | £300.00 | Giving Force - cheque from SM associate |
| 13.4.23 | CPRE Sussex | £50.00 | Amanda talk |
| 15.4.23 | Santander | £0.43 | |
| 17.4.23 | JG | £548.76 | A lot of donations following TH celebration of life |
| 21.4.23 | Ecology Co-Op | £628.68 | Fundraising Letter and comms with Paul Whitby |
| 2.5.23 | Giving Force | £500.00 | Giving Force - cheque from SM associate |
| 9.5.23 | JG | £504.61 | |
| 14.5.23 | Santander | £0.91 | |
| 30.5.23 | JG | £117.32 | |
| 5.6.23 | JG | £195.60 | |
| 15.6.23 | Santander | £0.72 | |
| 3.7.23 | JG | £97.90 | |
| 15.7.23 | Santander | £0.95 | |
| 14.8.23 | Surrey Hills | £40.00 | Private Donation |
| 15.8.23 | Santander | £1.19 | |

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| 21.8.23 | JG | £111.99 | |
| 4.9.23 | JG | £19.42 | |
| 15.9.23 | Santander | £0.25 | Money allocated for Hutson Hide |
| 25.9.23 | JG | £171.07 | Money allocated for Hutson Hide |
| | | £19,582.43 | |

Outgoing Current Account

| Exp No | BACS | Date | Belfry Expenses | General Expenses | other | Who | Notes | Grand Total |
|--------|------|---------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Y | 5.11.23 | | | Sussex bat appeal merchandise | Creature Candy | GHB Mugs, Cards, Notebooks | £999.25 |

Outgoing Deposit Account

| Date | To | Amount | Notes |
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| 1.10.22 | VWT | £ 215.97 | Sussex Bat Appeal - Just Giving |
| 2.10.22 | VWT | £ 100.00 | Buxted Park Hotel |
| 2.10.22 | VWT | £ 4.73 | PayPal Transfer |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 29.23 | JG |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 1.96 | Square |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 155.36 | JG |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 4.91 | Square |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 0.07 | Santander |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 68.27 | JG |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 4.73 | PayPal |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 5,000.00 | CAF |
| 24.10.22 | VWT | £ 2.00 | PayPal |

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| 5.11.22 | VWT | £ 229.13 | JG |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 1,000.22 | JG |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 739.84 | JG |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 0.06 | Santander |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 1,000.00 | Chaffins Letter to Tom Burk from SM |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 340.19 | JG |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 490.31 | JG |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 827.21 | Square - SE Conference |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 93.36 | Square - SE Conference |
| 8.12.22 | VWT | £ 264.00 | Sales from East of England conf |
| 8.12.22 | VWT | £ 47.00 | Direct sales of Auction items |
| 8.12.22 | VWT | £ 247.00 | Direct sales of Auction items |
| 8.12.22 | VWT | £ 206.43 | Steph Facebook Birthday Fundraiser |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 36.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 40.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 34.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 98.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 0.49 | Santander Interest |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 15.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 14.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 60.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 45.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 7.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 50.00 | Talk by Ryan |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 20.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 15.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 379.43 | JG |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 25.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 10.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |

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| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 33.50 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 20.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 131.83 | JG |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 244.99 | JG |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 20.49 | Balance PayPal |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 23.00 | SM purchases |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 155.00 | SM sales at ecology drinks (cash) |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 937.65 | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 664.08 | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 178.71 | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 132.63 | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 30.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 30.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 25.45 | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | VWT | £ 87.63 | eBay |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 0.38 | Santander Interest |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 101.97 | eBay |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 205.77 | JG |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 30.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 121.42 | JG |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 1,661.41 | JG |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 0.13 | Santander Interest |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 194.99 | JG |
| 5.3.23 | VWT | £ 97.90 | JG |
| 16.3.23 | VWT | £ 1,263.68 | JG |
| 16.2.23 | VWT | £ 0.72 | Santander Interest |
| 22.3.23 | VWT | £ 99.33 | JG |
| 22.3.23 | VWT | £ 350.00 | Ecological Consultancy Ltd |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 1,023.24 | JG |

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| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 25.00 | Stephaie Murphy |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 92.59 | JG |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 300.00 | Giving Force |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 50.00 | CPRE Sussex |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 0.43 | Santander |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 548.76 | JG |
| 1.5.23 | VWT | £ 628.58 | Ecology Co-Op - Extra Donation |
| 17.8.23 | VWT | £ 1,400.00 | Transfer by AM in SM absence |
| | | £ 22,832.16 | |

Transfer Current Account to Deposit

| Date | Amount | Reason for Transfer | Notes |
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| 7.12.22 | £827.21 | Sussex Bat Appeal | SE Conf Sales |
| 7.12.22 | £93.36 | Sussex Bat Appeal | SE Conf Sales |
| 8.12.22 | £247.00 | Sussex Bat Appeal | SM Direct Sales of Auction Items |
| 11.1.23 | £937.65 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | £664.08 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | £178.71 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | £132.63 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | £87.63 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| 11.1.23 | £25.45 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| 16.1.23 | £101.97 | Sussex Bat Appeal | eBay |
| | £3,295.69 | | |

Items sold at conferences/direct sale/events.

| Date | To | Amount | Source |
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| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 827.21 | Square - SE Conference |
| 7.12.22 | VWT | £ 93.36 | Square - SE Conference |
| 8.12.22 | VWT | £ 47.00 | Direct sales of Auction items |
| 8.12.22 | VWT | £ 247.00 | Direct sales of Auction items |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 36.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 40.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 34.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 98.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 30.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 34.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 98.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 0.49 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 15.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 14.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 60.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 45.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 7.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 20.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 15.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 25.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 10.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 33.50 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 20.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 30.00 | Direct sales of Auction items via SM |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 20.49 | Balance PayPal (Credit after post) |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 23.00 | SM purchases |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 155.00 | SM sales at ecology drinks (cash) |

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| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 937.65 | eBay |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 664.08 | eBay |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 178.71 | eBay |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 132.63 | eBay |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 25.45 | eBay |
| 11.1.22 | VWT | £ 87.63 | eBay |

£ 4,104.20



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE SUSSEX BAT GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011
("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable

Commented [SM1]: Delete as less than £250K

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

27.09.23

Name:

J WHEATLEY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

DIRECTOR / JP

(If any):
Address: STREAM FARM STABLES
DEAN LANE
CHIDDINGLY BN8 6HG

Section B: Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32: Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.