

Company registration number: 5312954

Charity registration number: 1108312

The Bexhill Caring Community

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman	C Ashford
Trustees	P Donaldson C Ashford, (Treasurer) D Smith S Klein K Harmer
Secretary	P Donaldson
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Company Registration Number	5312954
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees, who are also directors of The Bexhill Caring Community for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below.

Chairman: C Ashford

Trustees:

P Donaldson

C Ashford (Treasurer)

D Smith

S Klein

G Matthews (Resigned 28/02/2024)

J Mattelaer (Resigned 05/09/2023)

K Harmer (Appointed 21/12/2023)

Secretary: P Donaldson

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on the 14th December 2004 and commenced to operate on 1st January 2005. Charitable registration was obtained on 25th February 2005.

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The day to day running of the organisation is under the control of the manager.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote within the former Borough of Bexhill, East Sussex, the welfare of the disabled, aged, housebound and lonely, in any manner which is now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.

The majority of the work of the charity is undertaken by a dedicated team of people who give their time and energy free of charge. Any out of pocket expenses which are incurred are reimbursed to the voluntary workers.

In setting the charity's objectives and planning its activities, the trustees have given consideration to the Charity commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The following activities were carried out throughout the year on a daily service: running one Day centre at St Peters Community Centre, selling donated second hand medical equipment, community car service (for medical appointments only), Dial A Ride (people unable to board a normal bus or taxi service), library service for the housebound and electric blanket testing. Help and advice is given to the elderly seeking to claim welfare benefits. Many of these people need a home visit. Vouchers are provided at Christmas for those in need.

Financial review

The total funds of The Bexhill Caring Community decreased in the year to £419,445. The market value of our investments listed on the London Stock Exchange decreased by £14,025. Resources expended on the charitable activities increased to £229,523.

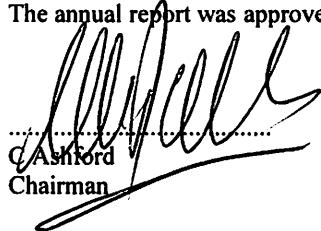
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Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods

The Trustees continue to look for ways to raise the charity's public profile and develop new services whilst continually reviewing existing activities. In this context, the main objective for the immediate future is to improve the organisation of the day centres.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 18/7/24 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
C Ashford
Chairman


.....
P Donaldson
Company Secretary

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Bexhill Caring Community ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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

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 Bexhill Caring Community 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.



A. Thomson FCA

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Date: 23 July 2024.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	71,164	-	71,164
Other trading activities	3	36,151	-	36,151
Investment income	4	23,203	-	23,203
Total Income		<u>130,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,518</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<u>(222,474)</u>	<u>(7,049)</u>	<u>(229,523)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(222,474)</u>	<u>(7,049)</u>	<u>(229,523)</u>
Net expenditure		(91,956)	(7,049)	(99,005)
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>(14,025)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,025)</u>
Net movement in funds		(105,981)	(7,049)	(113,030)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>516,495</u>	<u>15,980</u>	<u>532,475</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>410,514</u></u>	<u><u>8,931</u></u>	<u><u>419,445</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	68,758	-	68,758
Other trading activities	3	36,183	-	36,183
Investment income	4	16,664	-	16,664
Other income	5	3,284	-	3,284
Total Income		<u>124,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,889</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	<u>(192,308)</u>	<u>(7,267)</u>	<u>(199,575)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(192,308)</u>	<u>(7,267)</u>	<u>(199,575)</u>
Net expenditure		(67,419)	(7,267)	(74,686)
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>(64,906)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(64,906)</u>
Net movement in funds		(132,325)	(7,267)	(139,592)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>648,820</u>	<u>23,247</u>	<u>672,067</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>516,495</u>	<u>15,980</u>	<u>532,475</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 16.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

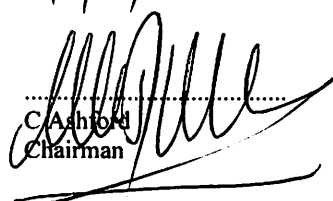
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,872	3,504
Investments	12	<u>278,460</u>	<u>370,485</u>
		<u>281,332</u>	<u>373,989</u>
Debtors	13		
- due within one year		1,360	1,281
- due after one year		3,300	-
Cash at bank and in hand	14	<u>147,288</u>	<u>165,296</u>
		151,948	166,577
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(13,835)</u>	<u>(8,091)</u>
Net current assets		<u>138,113</u>	<u>158,486</u>
Net assets		<u>419,445</u>	<u>532,475</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		8,931	15,980
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>410,514</u>	<u>516,495</u>
Total funds	16	<u>419,445</u>	<u>532,475</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.


Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 18/7/24 and signed on their behalf by:



 C. Ashford
 Chairman



 P Donaldson
 Company Secretary

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Bexhill Caring Community meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

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Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

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Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Garage	Straight Line Over The Life Of The Lease
Office Leasehold Improvements	Straight Line Over The Life Of The Lease
Community Rooms	Straight Line Over The Life Of The Lease
Telephone Equipment	25% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	25% Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	25% Reducing Balance
Bath Seats	2 Years Straight Line

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price.

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Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and
- 3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	34,607	34,607
Legacies	11,136	11,136
Other income from donations and legacies	25,421	25,421
Total for 2024	71,164	71,164
Total for 2023	68,758	68,758

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Local fundraising and street collection income	26,133	26,133
Lotteries and competitions income	1,353	1,353
Other income from other trading activities	8,665	8,665
Total for 2024	36,151	36,151
Total for 2023	36,183	36,183

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Income from dividends;		
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	19,162	19,162
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	4,041	4,041
Total for 2024	23,203	23,203
Total for 2023	16,664	16,664

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5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Total for 2023	<u>3,284</u>	<u>3,284</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Charitable Activity		92,971	-	92,971
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs		492	141	633
Staff costs		114,343	-	114,343
Allocated support costs		4,465	6,908	11,373
Governance costs	7	<u>10,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,203</u>
Total for 2024		<u>222,474</u>	<u>7,049</u>	<u>229,523</u>
Total for 2023		<u>192,308</u>	<u>7,267</u>	<u>199,575</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £10,203 (2023 - £7,211) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 7 for further details.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Charitable investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Share Revaluation	<u>(1,458)</u>	<u>(60,636)</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Legal fees	<u>7,683</u>	<u>7,683</u>
Total for 2024	<u>7,683</u>	<u>7,683</u>
Total for 2023	<u>7,211</u>	<u>7,211</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>633</u>	<u>825</u>

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9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	108,070	106,291
Pension costs	<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,577</u>
	<u>114,343</u>	<u>112,868</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	<u>89,433</u>	<u>27,120</u>	<u>56,381</u>	<u>172,934</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>89,433</u>	<u>27,120</u>	<u>56,381</u>	<u>172,934</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	89,433	25,207	54,789	169,429
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>633</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>89,433</u>	<u>25,442</u>	<u>55,187</u>	<u>170,062</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,678</u>	<u>1,194</u>	<u>2,872</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,913</u>	<u>1,592</u>	<u>3,505</u>

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12 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Other investments	<u>278,460</u>	<u>370,485</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 April 2023	370,485	370,485
Revaluation	(1,458)	(1,458)
Disposals	<u>(90,567)</u>	<u>(90,567)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>278,460</u>	<u>278,460</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	<u>278,460</u>	<u>278,460</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>370,485</u>	<u>370,485</u>

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	40	430
Prepayments	977	507
Other debtors	<u>3,643</u>	<u>344</u>
	<u>4,660</u>	<u>1,281</u>

Debtors includes £3,300 (2023: £Nil) receivable after more than one year.

	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>3,300</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	214	202
Cash at bank	1,786	4,114
Short-term deposits	<u>145,288</u>	<u>160,980</u>
	<u>147,288</u>	<u>165,296</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	473	784
Other taxation and social security	2,298	871
Other creditors	826	-
Accruals	10,238	6,436
	<u>13,835</u>	<u>8,091</u>

16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	516,495	130,518	(222,474)	(14,025)	410,514
Restricted funds	<u>15,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,049)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,931</u>
Total funds	<u>532,475</u>	<u>130,518</u>	<u>(229,523)</u>	<u>(14,025)</u>	<u>419,445</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Community Help

This fund is to provide assistance to people in need of community help.

Car Service

This fund is to provide patient transport to local hospitals.

Christmas Gifts

This fund is to provide Christmas gifts to the needy.

17 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>165,296</u>	<u>(18,008)</u>	<u>147,288</u>
Net debt	<u>165,296</u>	<u>(18,008)</u>	<u>147,288</u>